

Minutes
CBA BOARD MEETING
November 3, 2007
Whitney Potter's Shop
Petaluma, California

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by President Herb Upham

I. ATTENDANCE: Board members present, , Joe Koches, Herb Upham, Lowell Chaput, Jennlyn Laughlin, Bret Martin, Julie Henry, Eden Sanders, Wayne Parris. Five members attended.

II: COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

III: AGENDA APPROVAL: Added 2009 Conference Site in New Business and approved.

IV MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

V: TREASURER'S REPORT: Lowell went over the financial report. Once again he stressed that our reserves are going down and that we need to conserve our resources. Julie Henry will begin training to take over Lowell's job as Treasurer. See complete report attached.

VI: CORRESPONDENCE:

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE TO HAVE THEIR REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

- A. MEMBERSHIP:** We have 911 members.
- B. Publication:** Eden introduced Peter Hooper who is an attorney. He feels that we need to rewrite and change our liability statements both in the magazine and release forms. He will review them and come up with some suggestions.
- C. LIBRARY:** The library purchased the 135 DVD's on blacksmithing that were suggested at our last meeting.
- D. GRANTS:** The grant to the little giant school was discussed again and since the date has passed for the scheduled instruction, they are requesting that this be resubmitted to them for a later date. The applicant will be so notified by the grant committee.
- E. EDUCATION:** John Crandall was at a previously scheduled education workshop. See his report and job description attached.
- F. ELECTION COMMITTEE:** No report.
- G. Conference 2008:** Wayne reported they are moving along with the conference.
- H. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** See under treasurer's report.
- J. SAFETY COMMITTEE:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Wayne's World IV:** Wayne reported that everything is progressing for the event. He wanted to know about purchasing a tent with sides for Southern California's use. His event takes place during the windy, rainy time of the year. It could also be used at Vista this April. The board advised Wayne to get some quote for the item and agreed that it would be beneficial. Wayne would provide storage for it.
- B. Liability Wavier:** see publication above.
- C. Conference 2009 & 2010:** Spring Conference 2009 will be in Petaluma and 2010 will be in Ferndale.
- D. Audit Committee:** The Finance committee will do a financial review rather than a full audit.. This is continued till next meeting.
- E. Chase Sculpture:** Joe Koches brought up the Chase sculpture made at Exeter Spring Conference. Joe wants to go down and pick up the sculpture. He feels that we should refund the \$3500 design fee. We need find some way to get it finished and out of storage. When it is returned, it will be finished at workshops. There are two groups in the

area who are interested in the sculpture as a piece of public art. The board approved Joe to go and pick up the sculpture and return the \$3500 to Christopher Dery.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Weaverville & Vista Projects:** Weaverville is putting up a new blacksmithing building. It has been framed and the roof is on. They need money to maintain what they have. They lost their funding and us to put our efforts and our support. Vista also has a building project going on. They will need to submit grant proposals for us to take any action. The grant committee will bring their proposals to the board for action.
- B. ABANA:** Eden brought up promoting ABANA. We will support ABANA projects and promote them. ABANA has asked that we stop passing around emails and publicizing items about ABANA. They will ask us when they need our help. They need us to pay our dues and support them in this manner.
- C. Bylaws:** Eden brought up that we only have 4 meetings per year and should have six. It was determined that she was reading an old set of bylaws. Whitney was asked to verify the correct ones are on the web site.
- D. Calendar:** Eden suggested that we schedule our meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. It was decided that we will all face a problems with the meeting times. Paul Quyle and Jim Austin have volunteered their shops for meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Laughlin

Pat Laughlin, Secretary

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