

Lowell C.

Minutes
CBA Board Meeting
February 27th, 2010
Riverside, CA

1. Attendance

*CBA Board of Directors: Laura Parker, Russell "MORT" Mortensen, Julie Henry, Lowell Chaput, Joe Koches, Eden Sanders, Dave Vogel
Committee Members: Josh Buhlert, Anne Monroe, Beth Holmberg
CBA Members: Van Watt, Wayne Parris, Bill Stone*

2. Approval of minutes of 10/03/09

Motion to approve: Julie Henry, 2nd: Lowell Chaput

3. Treasurer's report, Julie Henry

Julie presented a 5 page report. Discussion of Oktoberfest attendance being lower and event not making money. How to make more money? Maybe more auction items promoted from members. CBA events have variable income to pay for fixed costs. Maybe raise dues in 2011....put off until 2012. Consider a student membership/event rate. Discussion of Education Budget not spending very much, \$1308 vs. \$7500. "Where can we spend the money?" What events, classes are covered. Discussion of how Education Committee gets more equipment for workshops, donations for a tax write off, should we have a Quartermaster? Does CBA really want to "own equipment"? Lowell C gave history with loss of equipment due to items spread out through out the state and no control. Should we get trailers set up to haul equipment? Education committee to come up with a plan. (Topic should be raised during Education committee report)

Library budget: Motion to give library \$500 annual budget: Lowell Chaput, 2nd Joe Koches, Passed unanimously. (Discussed last October meeting but no \$ amount specified)

Magazine budget: Motion to lower from \$30,000 to \$25,000: Eden Sanders, 2nd Joe Koches, Passed unanimously.

Motion to file for audit pending discussed corrections of Magazine and Education.

Lunch Break

Committee Reports:

4. Spring Conference 2010 Joe Koches

Joe K. needs a lot of help. Conference to start Wednesday only for local school students, Jay Kidwell to coordinate. Joe submitted a 27 item list of tasks and assignments. Food: Breakfast & lunches will be available for a fee. Moonlight Catering to prepare Saturday dinner. Need Equipment chair (Joe Felber not available) Power hammers need to be transported from Oakland, Westport. Boy Scouts to help with clean up. Need Safety representative. Need "Iron in the Hat" committee for Dutch Auction, maybe Brett Martin, Gallery help needed. Champaign opening of gallery. Tour of the Victorian House, fee required. Thursday night slide show needs person to take charge. Friday night to be social/party night. Saturday night: short meeting to hand out certificates from Education Committee and introduce new BoD members.

5. **Spring Conference 2011** Dave Vogel
Site chosen, Vista Museum. Lowell to assist with getting demonstrators. Will need help with education portion due to Beth Holmberg unavailability. Dave V. expressed frustration with no support for seed money.
6. **Membership** Merle Bashor-Absent, No Report
736 members
7. **Publication/Web** Eden Sanders/Paul Quyle
*Paul Q to step down, Eden to take on Publication committee
Mort to draft a letter and get a card of thanks to Paul Quyle for all his years of supporting the CBA. Mort to bring these to next meeting for signatures.*
8. **Magazine** Eden Sanders
Eden S reported on the high production costs of the magazine and the idea of deleting pages by taking out the vendor list, except for the July issue and relocate the list to the website.

Discussed selling advertising. New editor possibilities: Mark Kochan, or the team of Anne Monroe and Mark Aspery. Ann Monroe reported and gave handouts of their ideas. Laura recommended keeping it in house by using our members. Committee of Lowell C., Eden S. and one other to submit decision to be made by April if possible or July for sure. Mort raised discussion of the difficult task of sending out past magazines to late renewing or new members as not part of the secretary's duties. Eden S. proposed this should be done by the Membership committee.
9. **Website** Julie Henry
New Webmaster Stu Henry
10. **Library** Whitney Potter-Absent, No report
11. **Archives** Paul Quyle-Absent
Eden S. spoke of Archives, 19 years of magazine issues now available on line, by September all 31 years should be on the website. Paul has all hard copies. Password protected with password on Magazine label to be changed periodically.
12. **Grants** Daniel Dole /Kirk McNeill-Absent, No report
Eden Sanders to submit a grant proposal
13. **Education** Josh Buhlert, Anne Monroe, Dennis Dusek, Greg Santa Ana, Beth Holmberg-
Josh B. spoke of several Northern Ca clinics, Weaverville training, Erin Simmons workshop not CBA event but will be available for members. More discussion of Education Committee budget and travel expenses, reimbursements or comps for event fees. Education Committee to come up with a plan on what they would like.
14. **Election Committee** Merle Bashor-Absent,
Mort reported per bylaws, no vote is necessary since there were 4 vacating Board positions and only 4 interested candidates. Winning by default are: Reuel Darling, Alan Drew, George Dunajski, and John McLellen. They will be installed at the Spring Conference BoD meeting.
15. **Finance Committee** Georg O'Gorman-Absent, No Report

16. Safety Committee Georg O'Gorman-Absent, No Report

Julie H. recommended finding new persons to take over for Georg O. Lowell to provide job descriptions.

17. Old Business:

None

18. New business:

- Proposed budget for the next fiscal year:
Discussed earlier
- Announce new Board members and pair them with outgoing members for transition education
Lowell has copies of "Master Calendar" "We need to get back on track"
- Additional pledge to ABANA 2010 Memphis Conference (Eden Sanders)
Eden suggested raising our commitment from \$600 (voted on at the July BoD meeting) to \$1000. Also suggested CBA support the ABANA conference physically by donating auction items or by Contributing to the "Ring Project" Eden S. later retracted her monetary suggestion.
- Board meeting travel reimbursements (Eden Sanders)
Discussed with no resolution
- New BOD positions
Not discussed
- The election procedure: The number of candidates vs. openings and the need for mailings if equal (Russell Mortensen)
Resolved earlier per bylaws 7-08
- Possible vote via website (Russell Mortensen)
Discussed, but not acceptable
- Foreign membership fees (Eden added the higher price on the Spring Conference / Membership form but I don't remember the BOD voting to raise it.)
Motion to raise Canadian/Mexican memberships to \$60 and other International memberships to \$75: Eden Sanders, 2nd Lowell Chaput, Passed unanimously
- President nominations
*Lowell Chaput nominated Laura Parker for a second term as President
Laura Parker nominated Lowell Chaput for Vice President*

Editor position- Eden Sanders to retire as CBA Editor effective November 1, 2010

Eden S. confirmed this

19. Correspondence

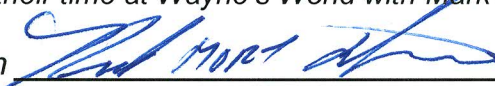
Mort reported sending sympathy cards to the families of Al Pine and Gerry Anderson and passed a copy of Al Pine's obituary as well as a photograph of Gerry Anderson and Jimmy Fisher, taken at an Oktoberfest submitted by Patricia and Steve Volz

20. Comments and questions:

Dave Vogel reported a lot of blacksmithing activity in Vista at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum with more students (25) than forges (17) so they are dividing the Basic 1 classes into 3 sessions with 6 students per session starting in February. More instructors needed. Can this energy be spread to the rest of California? The permanent location is a real draw. Joe Koches shared the idea of a possible permanent site at the fairgrounds in Ferndale.

Members continued to enjoy their time at Wayne's World with Mark Aspery demonstrating.

Russell "MORT" Mortensen



Your CBA Secretary