

CBA Board Meeting Agenda and FINAL Minutes

6/22/22 teleconference

Officers and Board members:

- Miguel de los Rios: President
- Paul Boulay: Vice President *
- Victoria Ritter: Treasurer
- Craig Litwin: Secretary

Board Members

- Linda Mangum
- Bill Kasper
- Gary Standke
- Jeff Hunter
- Chris Branuelas
- Karen Tappendorf
- Michael Suwczynsky

***Indicates absent**

Guests:

- Mike Mumford
- Eric Stephens *
- Julie Henry
- Dan Perkins
- Dave Carroll
- Greg Hudgins
- Michael Bondi *
- Dennis Dusek

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Agenda- Craig Litwin**
 - a. Note start time 7
 - b. Note attendance
 - i. Introduce and welcome guests
 - c. Additions to the Agenda

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- d. Note Minutes from previous meeting
 - i. **ACTION REQUESTED review, amend as needed, and adopt the minutes for publication on our website.**
 - 1. **MOTION: Bill moves and Michael seconds approval of the minutes. Passes unanimously.**
- 2. Officer's Reports**
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Provided report of Spring Conference BBQ provided by Vista as a nice feature of the family feeling of the CBA, getting us through the tough times. Thanked all who supported the conference.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Spring Conference Report
 - 1. Spring Conference brought in \$24,449 net income. What an incredible job!
 - 2. Books are being submitted to the accountant
 - a. Due date for signatures on paperwork filing by board declaring no profiting realized from board participation are due by the next board meeting.
- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a. 2023 Spring Conference Committee
 - i. Dave Carroll, Chris Branuelas
 - 1. **DATES April 13, 14, and 15 2023**
 - 2. They are meeting every week to organize and are preparing to get demonstrators aligned with workshops. There will be a bladesmithing area, an education area, and more. Hotels under \$250/night are currently not available. They are on track with their budget, and will plug in numbers in a few weeks. Contracts are being sent out to demonstrators. We need a person to haul the CBA trailer down from up North.
 - b. Octoberfest update
 - i. Craig
 - 1. Chairman is Dave Noroe
 - 2. July 20th is Sept and October edition and we can publicize then.
 - c. 2024 Spring Conference Discussion

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- i. Greg Hudgins
 - 1. Looking at Placerville. Site visit was conducted. Dates, half day on the 17th, 18, 19, 20, and half day on the 21st for breakdown. Working on Demonstrators. Dates are solid and ready to promote, and once they receive a check for \$200 it is locked in place.
 - d. Roaring Camp
 - i. Looking at bringing in food trucks to keep it easy. Need someone to bring the trailer of equipment. There are 3 spots left for camping, and 30 spots left for registration.
 - e. Merchandise Committee
 - i. Jeff, Dan, Gail, Michael
 - f. Magazine Committee
 - i. Editor-Mike Mumford
 - g. Website Committee
 - i. Chris, Mike, Paul
 - h. Membership, Fundraising, and New Sources of Revenue Committee
 - i. Craig, Paul
 - i. Education Committee
 - i. Dan, Victoria, Dennis, Mark
 - 1. **ACTION:** Dan and Jeff Hunter to come up with a DRAFT equipment use agreement to share with Board and officers for consideration to adopt
 - j. Safety Committee
 - i. Eric Stephens
 - k. Grants committee
 - i. Beth
 - l. Finance Committee
 - i. Miguel and Victoria
 - m. Zoom Committee
 - i. Victoria and Michael
 - 1. Working on gate presentation and go date still to be determined
4. New Business:
- a. Jake James Workshop, plans and art discussion

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- i. Dennis Dusek
 - 1. **ACTION:** Templates to be offered to team assemblers to duplicate at John McLellans.
- 5. Future Agenda:
 - a. No items at time of agenda
 - i. Obtain a phone number landline for the CBA
 - ii. Selling the piece to Joe Koches
 - 1. **ACTION:** Paul to call Joe Koches to ask about the price
- 6. Next BOD meeting
 - a. August 10, 2022
- 7. Move for adjournment
 - a. **MOTION**, Paul motion, and Miguel seconded adjournment at 8:55pm

Editor's Report - Board meeting 22 Jun 2022

19 June 2022

1. July-August Editions: As of today, the online editions have been posted. The print edition is scheduled to go into the mail on Tuesday, June 21 - after Monday's holiday. The E-Dition should go out next week.

The July-August online edition has an extensive section on Spring Conference. The print edition has shorter sections on SC.

I appreciate the help of Russell (Mort) Mortenson, for getting the photos for the Blacksmiths of Sonoma County to me.

Speaking of photos, I received about 2000 photos from Spring Conference.

2. Expanded Print Edition. With CBA leadership's concurrence, we have expanded the page count for the July-August print edition to 16 inside pages. This will give us a firm grasp on the affordability of expanding the print magazine.

3. Print/Online. I'm continuing to play with this mix and structure. Recently I've gotten subscription access to the Los Angeles Times online - I think they are close to having this structure and design figured out. For both the LA Times and the Wall Street Journal, the subscription cost for online-only is nearly the same as print + online.

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4. Hephaistos. I've been working with the editor of Hephaistos, to co-publish articles. We had intended for the Patrick Beck book review to be simultaneously published, but then the book publisher told us to wait for a German-language translation that is due out.

We expect to have an article in the July edition of Hephaistos about our 2022 Spring Conference.

5. September-October Edition: I've started working on this. I have two possible focus areas, and am still undecided as to which to pick. I'll have to make that decision in the next few days.

6. Reprints: So far this year, we've had 27 articles reprinted in other newsletters.

7. New Articles: I'm considering a new series, The Afternoon Blacksmith. This would be projects which a Level 1 student could likely complete in an afternoon. I'm thinking of using the projects taught at our teaching forges as examples.

As always, I would appreciate help finding articles. If you know of something that would make a good article, let me know so that I can chase it down.

I would like to do some bladesmithing and chasing/repousse articles, but need help finding sources/authors for these.

I do need help getting screenshots from the online events. Those of you who participate, please grab a few representative shots and forward, so that we can show that CBA is doing things. And show our members participating.

8. Website: I think everything but the home page is up to date. Photos from Spring Conference have been posted on the home page.

Respectfully,
Mike Mumford, Editor