

CBA Board Meeting Minutes

August 2 2023, 7 PM teleconference

Officers and Board members:

- Dennis Dusek: President
- Victoria Patti: Vice President
- Bill Kasper: Treasurer
- Michael Suwczynsky: Secretary

Board Members

- Linda Mangum
- Chris Branuelas
- Karen Tappendorf*
- Carol de Maintenon
- Greg Hudgins
- Jonathan Lambert*
- Angelo Brusatory

*Indicates absent

Guests:

- Eric Stephens-safety*
- Paul Boulay-Policy and procedures
- Leah Aripotch-building relationships between CBA and Vendors
- Mort Mortenson-Travel Trailer
- Nancy Monger-County Fairs
- Andrew Pellissier-Reno 2025?
- Michael Bondi-Octoberfest
- Denis Murphy-Hard Rock Hammer in

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Agenda- Michael Suwczynsky**
 - a. Note start time 7:04 PM
 - b. Note Minutes from 6/7/23 meeting Chris B approves, Linda M seconds
- 2. Officer's Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**-ABANA and visas-Dennis spoke extensively with Abana about foreign demonstrators being paid fees, it's not legal but (Abana at least) isn't worried. Legal Visa payments are a '400 page

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paperwork nightmare'. He will keep us updated-mtg guest Mike Bondi chimed in "It's Not Legal"

- b. Relationship with NEB-Bob Menard-NEB has lots of grants and scholarships and his paid out \$3600 so far this year
- c. Dennis moving over the Conference Mode-Placerville 2024
- d. Promotion-Do we need a promotions budget? A Promotion Chair?
- e. Power Hammer Curriculum-Conference pushing on time for this-want to try for WinterBash
- f. **Vice President's report**-I'd like to add for discussion a report of new membership sign ups be added to these meetings.
- g. **Treasurer's Report**
 - i. Bill paid the CBA's Quarterly taxes. Spring Conference at Vista brought in \$90K, with \$43K in expenses, for \$46K of income
 - ii. **Action Item**-per the President, look at upping the dues \$10 next year (last increase in dues was 2010-2011)

3. Committee Reports:

- i. **2024 Conference** status? Greg Hudgins -Committee started meeting weekly on Tuesdays (CBA Zoom login to Linda, Paul, Greg, Dennis)-Budget in process-Demonstrators locked in-Haberman-3 pallets of coke from McLellen.
 - ii. **Hard Rock Hammer in** Report-Denis Murphy-It was a good time and brought in \$7600 on \$9200 in expenses. \$1600 in the hole, which mirrors the T shirt costs-a dozen "Twistys" from Jefferson Macks demo left over. Dennis/Dovid to assemble for auction, at SC? Insurance for Nevada Cty Fair? MS to do.
 - iii. **Winterbash '24**-Mark Aspery-Scrolls-finish Level II, John Williams, Power Hammer workshop-Shawn Lovell-bubble wands.
 - iv. **Reno/Tahoe, 2025?** Andrew P. possibly at the Livestock Event Center-Site of the Reno Rodeo. No tent camping, can we pitch tents in a livestock ring? Pictures of the site?
 - v. **Spring Conference-Vista 2023:** Why did we make so much?- only \$2500 paid to demonstrators, VOLUNTEERS, Well promoted (YouTube vids) Erica Hooperslee copy.
- a. Magazine Committee-(Bill K. Victoria R, Victoria P, Dennis D)

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- i. Editor-Mike Mumford-Mark Aspery Interim-Status of Process
- ii. Linda Murphy proposal-shelved for now
- iii. Denis Murphy as web designer? Under consideration
- iv. Mike Bondi-'we need to get production bids every 3 years"
- b. Website Committee
 - i. Chris, Mike, Paul-Website "Theme" update RFP. Paul's detailed email chain laid out the need to update our pages to a more current, mobile friendly layout. Chris and Julia would like to be able to track website traffic and calculate magazine archive visits -Chris B thinks he can run it, but not necessarily program it. VP Victora will look into the upgrade further.
- c. Membership and New Revenue Committee
 - i. Welcome letter based- on NEBA-still in draft format, needs social links
- d. Education Committee
 - i. Dan, Victoria, Mark-Instructor training Zoom (Can this Gate Latch be Saved?) was a huge success, dozens of participants and plans for another. EDU to gather 'cheat sheets' to assist instructors.
- e. Safety Committee-Eric Stephens availability? Backup?
- f. Grants committee
 - i. Beth-Carol to take over-Chris Crevalt grant approved by email

Promotions-discussion-

Leah-

Coallronworks as a sponsor, based in Indiana.Can bring presses to a demo-Placerville

Competing companies

Broadbeck Ironworks-2 x 72 Grinders/**Evenheat Kilns**-often 'sponsor' together

Ameribrade-Local to Vista

Bondi-"Invite both-let them compete" (like a trade show?) Also "Glen Gilmore is local and builds presses"

-Board consensus, invite one

Linda-will review the 2020 list of sponsors and vendors both for promotion ideas and SC 24. RE: Front Loaded CBA Mission Stmt/Slogan: will issue a final report to the Board.

Paul-Gallery space and CBA Sculptures CBA has a critical mass of artwork and a body of work to show, both in the Gallery space in Ferndale and around the State.

-Viscosity Glass in Boulder Creek-unknown artists

-show up at art fairs? Increase our public exposure

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-Sausalito Craft Fair-Juried, fine arts Bondi-"it's gonna cost \$100s a day for a crew and transport, loading and unloading"

-Kings Mtn Art Fair in Woodside

-Labor Day 2024-Registration 11/15-1/30/24. Low cost

-should sculptures go to the membership? Short term loan of art to members?

"It's up to the Board" Action Item: Paul to speak with Joey Koches re: Gallery

Nancy-County Fairs and Festivals

Ran the Placerville CBA site at the Fair, "Couple \$100 in donations-\$250 each to Knight's Foundry and CBA, Lots of homeschoolers from Sacto. Foundry is looking to partner with the Fairgrounds, CBA? Upcoming Butte Cty, Nevada Cty. Nevada City Fair -5 days

Mort Mortenson-CBA Help for a one man travel/education trailer-Ready by Spring, No overnights, days drive to start with. Looking at \$2200 from CBA to finish, maybe less, Mort to own it. MS to check with insurance broker about coverage for a 'roving ambassador of the CBA"

4. Next BOD meeting-Tuesday, 10/3/23 at 7 PM-SC 2024 Committee agrees to move their standing meeting to Wednesday, 10/4. (treasurer Bill on vacation 10/5.
5. Move for adjournment
 - a. **MOTION**, FIRST, Linda M. SECOND,Bill W. TIME:10:06 PM