

CBA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 7:00 PM Zoom meeting

Officers and Board members:

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

Board Members

- Linda Mangum
- Chris Branuelas-had to leave 8:20 PM
- Karen Tappendorf
- Carol de Maintenon
- Greg Hudgins
- Jonathan Lambert
- Angelo Brusatory*

Guest-Paul Boulay-Policy and procedures

*Indicates absent

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Agenda- Secretary

- a. Note start time 7:03 PM
- b. Note Minutes from previous meeting-Linda Approves,Karen Seconds
8/2/23 Minutes to be published to the website

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President's Report**-CBA events of the past few months, as long as everyone has a good time, we are not concerned about making a profit beyond our costs. Karen talked about the IVBA (Illinois Valley Blacksmith Assoc) 1st Saturday of the month meeting since moving, and there is very little hands on forging in Illinois. Unique to CBA?

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b. **Vice President's report**-On our Socials, 109 new Instagram members to the CBA IG account since last meeting (940 membership in CBA) Website upgrade-VP reached out to the vendors to get new quotes (\$5K/\$2500) going with a company called Marque-Paul reached out to 3 yrs ago. They suggest we 'build out the members area' more magazine and zoom video links. A search function.Choose a vendor.

c.**Treasurer's Report-Octoberfest** \$9700 at Auction, \$1800 IITH.

Roaring Camp-Approx \$2000 made-spent more on food with leftovers, Need more merchandise to see (t shirts, hoodies etc) Members were asking for it at O'Fest.

3. **Library report**-Carol has the library now and is sorting and organizing. Perhaps the final inventory can be listed in Member Svcs on the website? Brainstorming ideas to make the library accessible to the membership-book reviews on FB and IG? In the magazine?

4, Magazine Committee.

- i. Editor-Mark Aspery-Interim editor-Good thru Spring Conference
- ii. Go to 4 issues/year instead of 6? How many pages? (NWBA Mag is 39 p. quarterly) Advertisers? (Nancy M to coordinate?)
- iii. If 4 times per year, an additional Spring Conference Pamphlet should be planned for.
- iv. Committee to divy up the editor's tasks?
- v. Would our out of copyright library materials be good for reprinting in the magazine?

b. Website Committee

- i. Chris, Paul-Addressed in VP report-Improve search?

c. Membership Committee

- i. Secretary report -as per VP, there are 597 lapsed members on the rolls. We should reach out to them, either thru a post card or email.
- ii. Sec'y to generate a mass email-treasurer to help with the language.
- iii. Chris/Greg-QR codes for FB/IG to add to post cards. Paul has the postcard image file.

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d. Education Committee

- i. Dan, Victoria, Chris, Dennis, Mark
- ii. Working on standardized project sheets for a consistent look
- iii. Marciano Grabato Zoom 12/10, Inst. Cert. Demo
- iv. Zoom instructors meetings seem successful. Teasers for FB/IG planned for next meetings
- v. Big hand to Dan, Marc Kochan, Greg Hudgins for the trailer (6k lbs +); And Victoria R is "Awesome!"
- vi. Greg H to undertake a CBA tool inventory-perhaps a spreadsheet so conference chairs can request a specific tool set-along with a 'bring these basic tools to..' notice for registration next event. The CBA gas forges (3?4?) are too heavy to go in the trailer.

e. Safety Committee

- i. We need to ID a safety officer at each event and include a check box on registration for events to see who can act as SO.
(EMT/Firefighter training)

f. Grants committee

- i. Carol-katie appelbaum possible grant application (the one for \$2K) for personal equipment to bring to the CalArts program supporting student work.
- ii. Next meeting-Board needs to discuss grant applications and procedures. To other orgs?
- iii. Bedayn-Thomas Grant (BTG) Fund was exhausted in '21. Seeded by \$30K in 2011. Remaining funds to a CBA General Grant Fund.

Finance Committee-nothing to report

g. Zoom Committee

- i. Victoria and Michael-10/26/23 Instructors Zoom-Caitlin Morris Guest
- ii. Sunday 12/10/23 10 AM WHAT: Christmas Tree ornament by Marioano Garabato

4. Open Time: Comments and Questions:

- a. January-February Zooms-Lets Talk Design-Christine Habermann/Michael Budd. Visa issues-We can't pay a wage. Requires a class O visa, \$7K/6 months to process.

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- b. Spring Conference Placerville-Site inspection in January. Fairgrounds has the first check-Sec'y to F/U on insurance. Eric Lander-Electrical chair?
Everyone is invited to the bi weekly SC 2024 meetings.
- 5. Next BOD meeting Wednesday, 12/6/23 7 PM
- 6. Move for adjournment **MOTION**, Bill, with a race to , SECOND, by Linda and Greg **TIME:8:54 PM**