

Minutes  
CBA BOARD MEETING  
April 22, 2005  
Spring Conference, Petaluma Fair Grounds  
Petaluma, California

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Toby Hickman

- I. **ATTENDANCE:** Board members present, Pat Laughlin, Lowell Chaput, Herb Upham, Bill Roberts, Toby Hickman, Georg O’Gorman, Dave Vogel, Joe Koches, Anastatia Waterfield, Eric Lander, & Eden Sanders, Editor and approximately 10 members were present.
  
- II. **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS :** Toby opened the meeting with a gavel made by Larry Stevens. The Brazeal brothers thanked the association for their support on their European tour. Joe Koches questioned giving more than one grant to each member. Toby stated that the people we support are ones that produce results and information to the membership. We may need to put a notice in the magazine to make more people aware of our grant program. We put \$7000 into the grant fund.
  
- III. **MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.  
  
**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Lowell gave a verbal report as he is working on the year end report. We are very stable at the moment. The report will be published in the magazine.  
**CORRESPONDENCE:** Pat reported one of the members we comped last year has paid his dues and is teaching blacksmithing in the public schools as a volunteer. The comping of our older members due to health and financial reasons seems to be working.
  
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **MEMBERSHIP:** We have 1073 members. We have steadily grown.
  - B. **PUBLICATION COMMITTEE:** No report Herb brought up a premium to be given to those who write articles. Herb complimented the conference web site.
  
  - C. **LIBRARY:** No report. Steve purchased \$900 in new books for the library. We will have 100 copies of the Carl Jennings video to sell. Chuck Simonian spoke to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. We have about 400 copies to sell. Chuck suggested we give one to our demonstrators, as premiums, or other promotions. It was decided to keep the price at \$40 per copy. It was suggested that we run an ad in the magazine. We will work out who will take care of the sales of both the books and the other products.
  
  - D. **GRANTS:** Brent Bailey returned his grant funds as he was unable to complete his grant. We will add Lowell to the bank accounts. We will mention the grant program as the general meeting tomorrow night.
  
  - E. **MEMORIAL FUND:** No report.
  
  - F. **EDUCATION:** The forge workshop was very successful. We may do another one at Oktoberfest. Herb will write up a report for on going workshops. We have three level 3 and we will give the certificates at lunch tomorrow. We need more instructors and we need to work on getting more workshops going. We will have a new site in Riverside area.
  
  - G. **ELECTION COMMITTEE:** We will put up at new election committee, we need a committee of at three individuals..
  
  - I. **CONFERENCE 2006:** no report.

- J. FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We will receive the year end report by mail. We do not want them on the web site. The board voted not to have them on the web page but they will be published in the magazine once a year. It was so ordered.
- K. BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE:** The bylaws will be presented at tomorrow nights meeting for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Hammerfest 2005:** It is moving along well, we have a demonstrator, menu and a budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** The Georg O’Gorman, Herb Upham, Lowell Chaput, Carl Bloomfield & Merle Bashor were installed as new board members. Toby Hickman was reelected as president for the next year. Bill Roberts was elected vice president.
- B.** Lowell stepped down from the board position and is continuing as treasurer. Dave Vogel was appointed to replace him on the board.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12: 15 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Laughlin, Secretary  
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