

**Minutes**  
CBA Board Meeting  
April 25, 2009  
Spring Conference, Petaluma CA

**Attendance:** Board Members present: Herb Upham, Lowell Chaput, Jennlyn Laughlin, Julie Henry, Paul Quyle, Dave Vogel, Eden Sanders, Merle Bashor, Laura Parker, Joe Koches, and John Crandall,

**Comments from Board Members:** It was noted that the Spring Conference was going great and Lowell and his team were thanked for their efforts.

The idea of entertaining a Lifetime Membership was introduced.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jennlyn Laughlin moved, Julie Henry seconded, the previous minutes were approved.

**Agenda:** The issue of Lifetime Membership was added to the agenda.

**Treasurers Report:** Julie Henry reported that the Spring Conference income is split through two reports. She noted that expenses are increasing specifically for the Magazine and Events and we face the possibility that we will be operating at a loss. She proposed that the board entertain an increase in dues. In the discussion it was suggested that board members express the reason for the dues increase to the general membership.

Budget: Many solutions to solve the Budget issues were put forward including the idea of cutting the number of issues of the CBA magazine. Herb Upham proposed that in order to move forward, that the board vote to approve the budget. He recommended that a committee lead by Julie Henry and including Eden Sanders, Paul Quyle, Merle Bashor and Joe Koches work through the suggestions and at the next meeting forward, a plan that can be put in place in 2010. John Crandall moved, Lowell Chaput seconded, the Budget was approved as presented.

**Correspondence;** John Crandall reported that the requirements for corporate address has changed.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Merle Bashor reported that 470 members have paid their dues by this date.

**Publications:** Paul Quyle reported that things are moving right along, the next issue is about to go in the mail and Eden Sanders should receive Kudos.

**Web and Library:**

**Web:** Whitney Potter reported that the forums are pretty empty and that he needs help getting it utilized. Herb Upham suggested that Whitney Potter write an article for the magazine introducing it to the general membership.

**Library:** We have the collection of Steven Bondi slides. They are being scanned and put on DVD. We will have a circulating copy but we cannot sell them for profit.

**Education.** John Crandall reported that the last year was a success and that he is working on next year's schedule. Herb Upham suggested using the webpage as a mechanism for events.

**Grants:** Kirk McNeil had nothing to report.

**Election Committee:** Merle Bashor reported that 780 ballots were sent out and that 340 were returned. The incoming board members, Laura Parker, Eden Sanders and Joe Koches were welcomed.

**Spring Conference Committees:**

**Conference 2009.** Is doing well and is deemed a success

**Conference 2010:** Joe Koches reported that he would like to start one day earlier with 10 to 20 workstations set up so that the public can be invited to experience blacksmithing. Food will be available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights with vendors for lunch. We will do the catering ourselves; volunteers are being recruited for that. All demonstrations will be presented by CBA members.

**Conference 2011:** Dave Vogel had no details yet but suggested that it could happen at Vista again, perhaps the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Committee:** No report was presented

**Safety Committee:** No report was presented

**Old Business:**

**Open Secretarial Position:** Herb Upham volunteered Russell Mortensen to become our next Secretary.

**Life Membership:** A number of ideas were put forth and after discussion, he volunteered to work with Merle Bashor to put forward a proposal at the July Meeting.

**Archiving of previous issues:** Paul Quyle reported that he found a company that would charge \$350 to scan our back issues and convert them to digital format. This would entail about 2600 pages. Herb Upham proposed that Paul Quyle be authorized up to \$500. Eden Sanders moved, John Crandall seconded, and the proposal was approved

**Kinks Book:** Eden Sanders reported that the Kinks Book project is moving along but that volunteers would be a help. She related that it will include a searchable index.

**New Business:** Since Herb Upham is at the end of his term limits, a new president is called for. And the vice president needed to be voted on. Herb Upham nominated Lowell Chaput for president and Kirk McNeil for vice president. Paul Quyle seconded. Eden Sanders nominated Laura Parker and Dave Vogel seconded. Jenlyn Laughlin requested a written vote. After the ballots were tabulated Laura Parker received the majority of votes for president, she accepted the position. There was a tie between Kirk McNeil and Merle Bashor for Vice President; Kirk McNeil declined the position of Vice President and Merle Bashor accepted it.

Herb Upham suggested that Walt Evans and Lance Jensen, runners up in the Board of Directors election be appointed to fill the Board of Directors positions vacated by Laura Parker and Merle Bashor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30.