Minutes CBA BOARD MEETING June 7, 2003 Dave Anton's Shop Riverside, CALIFORNIA

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM by President George O'Gorman

- I. ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Georg O'Gorman, Dave Vogel, Pat Laughlin, Jim Joyce, Lowell Chaput, Erik Lander, Herb Upham, Merle Bashor, Keith Foster & Bill Roberts. Education Committee Chairman, Mark Aspery and approximately 11 members were present.
- II. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: Mark Aspery made the suggestion to look for an assistant editor to help Bob Thomson and to train someone in how the magazine is created. It was suggested that Georg discuss this with the publication committee chairperson.
- **III. MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.
- **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Since we have not closed the books the figures listed at approximate:

\$29,000 in reserves 14,000 in a CD 50,000 in the checking account 93,000 total

The treasurer will prepare a tentative budget for our annual operating expenses. He suggested we set aside enough for the balance of this year and next. By setting aside next years operating expenses it will allow the board to have an amount for discretionary funds.

There was also a discussion on which would be the best Saturday to hold the board meetings as our bank statements come in after the meetings and the treasurer's report is not current. No decision was reached.

- V. CORRESPONDENCE: None
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. MEMBERSHIP: No reportB. NEWSLETTER: No report
 - **C. WEB SITE:** Bill Roberts reported that he has updated part of the web site. He has created a memorial page to Carl Jennings and is working on a 4th of July site. We have had problems with the billing of the server and the URL. He suggested that the bills be sent to the treasurer for payment. It was so agreed.
 - **D. LIBRARY:** Jim Joyce reported that Steve Volz has requested a supplement of \$500.00 for purchasing materials. It was so moved. It was also suggested that the deposit of \$50.00 per item rented be reduced or put on a credit card. This was tabled until the next meeting.
 - E. GRANTS: Lowell Chaput presented a Bedayn scholarship proposal from Jon Lustig. The request was for a \$400 grant to attend the Highland Forge School of Blacksmithing in Westport Ontario, Canada. The total cost of the eight week course is \$2500. Mr. Lustig will write an article covering the Anatomy of Hammering, Common Blacksmith injuries and Daily Practices for Sustaining Your Blacksmithing. He feels this article will bring about a greater understanding of the body mechanics of blacksmithing.

It was agreed that the grant be given.

F. MEMORIAL FUND: The memorial fund is approx. \$4000 and at current interest levels is not earning enough to fund a scholarship or grant. Merle and Keith are to set up guidelines for the use of this fund, present them for board approval and publish an article in the newsletter for the membership. It was also suggested that the article request bequeaths and memorial donations.

G. EDUCATION

CONFERENCE 2003	Chuck Simonian
CONFERENCE 2004	Dave Vogel

OLD BUSINESS

A.	By-Laws Change re: definition of meetings	Merle Bashor
B.	Approval of Conference Guidelines	Pat Laughlin
C.	Schedule of Meetings	Phil Manning
D.	Gallery Proposal in Ferndale	Lowell Chaput
E.	Establish Sexual Harassment Policy and Newsletter statement	Georg O'Gorman

NEW BUSINESS

Α.	Establish a policy and procedures Committee	Georg O'Gorman
B.	Establish a policy for Spring Conference and collection of dues	Georg O'Gorman
C.	Spring Conference 2005	Georg O'Gorman
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E. Other

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

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