

CBA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 06, 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*
- Karen Tappendorf
- Carol de Maintenon
- Greg Hudgins
- Jonathan Lambert*
- Angelo Brusatory
- **Indicates absent*

Guests: Paul Boulay, Victoria Ritter

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Agenda- Secretary

- a. Note start time 7:04
- b. Note attendance
 - i. Introduce and welcome guests
- c. **Additions to the Agenda**-Linda and Karen are working on thank you for the SC 24 BBQ Crew-like the laser cut chimneys at Vista.
- d. Note Minutes from previous meeting-**Bill motions, Karen seconds.**

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President's Report**-1. Board elections: Our largest participation to date has been 80 votes cast for BOD elections. (usually closer to 50) so the goal is 180 votes, happy with 160. Weekly or bi weekly emails to the membership, with biographies and pictures? We have 5 Candidates and need 3 spaces filled. Chris B, Karen T and Carol dM are all up. Karen declines having moved to Indiana. Chris B will run again.
 - i. An Election Pull Out for the next magazine? (**MS Contact Print House-Find prior example**) Sample ballot and SASE? Reach out to Candidates for Picture and Blurb

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- ii. When does voting end? Can we vote at SC23? Board members are seated at SC. *Can we add a voting link to Spring Conference Registration?*
 - b. I think drafting a membership email with bios / picture and a link to the website to vote. Any thoughts ? Paul told me that is the way we did it last time and we got more members voting.- ***We'll do a combination, paper ballot in the mag, electronic voting on the website, links in email and Event registration.***
 - c. Craig would send out a request for donations letter. Do we want to do this again? ***Sec'y to contact Dean at the printhouse, updated donation/membership envelopes to go in the next magazine.***
 - d. Let's Talk Design Zoom. Be nice to have a domestic demonstrator (**Logan Hirsch?**) do a zoom workshop / talk. Anybody willing to help with that? Victoria P and I are on overload. **No volunteers, but non present BOD Member Jonathan Lambert was 'volunteered' by the Pres. as Logan Hirsch's site manager at SC. Bill 2nd'd the motion. VP to help with this**
 - e. Need to find a replacement for Chris on helping with the website. Any ideas?*Current Webmaster Julia S uploads the content but a gatekeeper is needed. The website, now updated, is stable.* No volunteers,
 - f. For the finance committee . *Vote to increase CBA Dues across the board by \$10 starting 4/1/24. Will it cost us membership? Maybe.Dues have not been increased since 2010-2011. If we lose..10%? 80+ members, we still get additional \$8K/year from the remaining members increase to put back into the magazine. Bill Motions, Linda 2nds, VP third.*
 - g. **Vice President's report-Rodney Wise's update to better utilize cell phone usage is done. Training session with Rodney is set Monday, 12/11 at 11:30 AM** small invoice after training session. Main invoice paid.
 - h. **Treasurer's Report**
 - i. **Octoberfest, made upwards of \$6K. Costs up \$2800 over last year, Demonstrator lodging and travel wasn't clear. Contracts to the treasurer next time.**
 - ii. Financial reports, Q1-4, Annual Stmt of Accts to the website.
 - iii. Actual Tax forms to be "held in minutes" and not published, but available (on the Drive?)
- 3. Committee Reports:**

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Spring Conference Committee-report

Catering decisions, is it always BBQ? Committee to expand options, including vegetarian/vegan choices. Budget set at \$7500

Nancy and Linda are canvassing Placerville for sponsorships from local vendors for Auction/IITH donations

CBA Member Rick Gerow has paid to sponsor the coffee tent.

Randy Augsburg and John West will run the Friday night Taco Bar at SC

Mission Statement Update-*CBA is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to educating smiths and preserving the art and craft of blacksmithing. Started in 1977. by a group of 17 California blacksmiths. CBA has developed into a thriving group of over 650 blacksmiths and enthusiasts. We are a diverse group of men and women whose common interest is a passion for working metal. Our non-profit, volunteer organization is dedicated to keeping the tradition, art, and craft of blacksmithing alive. CBA welcomes anyone interested in blacksmithing. from beginners to professionals. Be sure to join us so you can enjoy the people, events and resources that make the CBA a valuable organization.*

Vote to adopt-Sec'y Motions, Linda M-Seconds, Bill K.-Thirds.Motion carried, to be added to the "about us" page on the website

Librarian Report-Carol is cataloging and and looking into digitizing the video content of the Library, now in her possession

Weaverville Instructor Training-with the Weaverville Group's decision to end the non CBA Event, Education is bringing the instructor training to Folsom Forge, same weekend. CBA Instructors-Level 1-21/Level2-2/Level 3-3.

Grants committee-Carol de Maintenon-After extensive discussion with Paul B, and former CBA Grants Chair Beth Holmberg, Grant Applications have been updated and clarify requirements and expectations: **Motion to Adopt-Carol, Sec'y-Seconds, Motion approved-**Updated forms to Julia for the website.

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b. Merchandise Committee- continuing attempts to get Merch from Jeff Hunter to Loomis containers

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- c. Membership Committee**
 - i. Secretary report -Current membership numbers, Next Board Elections
 - d. Education Committee**
 - i. Dan, Victoria, Chris, Dennis, Mark-Templeton Historical Museum Society (THMS) MOU for teaching-Review/Approve
 - e. Zoom Committee**
 - i. Victoria and Michael-Sunday 12/10/23 10 AM Christmas Tree ornament by Marioano Garabato (Holding this early as Mariano lives in Denmark!)
- 4. Next BOD meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7 PM**
5. Move for adjournment
- a. **MOTION, Sec'y FIRST, Bill K. SECOND, Karen T.TIME:9:04 PM**