

CBA Board Meeting Agenda and Approved Minutes

April 21, 2021 teleconference 7-830pm

Officers and Board members:

- Miguel de los Rios: President
- Paul Boulay: Vice President
- Victoria Ritter: Treasurer
- Craig Litwin: Secretary

Board Members

- Gary Standke
- Jeff Hunter
- Eric Chang
- Greg Hudgins
- Michael Suwczynsky
- Dan Perkins
- Celeste Flores *

Board Members Elect

- Linda Mangum
- Bill Kasper

***Indicates absent**

Guests:

- Mike Mumford
- Eric Stephens
- Julie Henry

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Agenda- Craig Litwin

- a. Note start time
 - i. 7:02pm
- b. Thanking outgoing board members Celeste Flores and Dan Perkins
- c. Seating of new board members

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- i. Linda Mangum
 - ii. Bill Kasper
 - iii. Continuation of Gary Standke
 - iv. Continuation of Michael Suwczynsky
 - v. Continuation of Jeff Hunter
 - vi. **Motion to seat new and continuing Board members.** Moved by Paul and seconded Miguel. Passed unanimously
 - d. Note attendance
 - i. Introduce and welcome guests
 - e. Additions to the Agenda
 - f. Election of Officers
 - i. President
 - 1. Miguel de los Rios was nominated and supported unanimously
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. Paul Boulay was nominated and supported unanimously
 - iii. Secretary
 - 1. Craig Litwin was nominated and supported unanimously
 - iv. Treasurer
 - 1. Victoria Ritter was nominated and supported unanimously
 - g. Minutes from 3/17/21
 - i. **ACTION REQUESTED review, amend as needed, and adopt the minutes for publication on our website.**
 - 1. Gary moves to accept and Eric seconded passes unanimously
- ## 2. Officer's Reports
- a. President's Report
 - i. Verbal report provided.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. -End of year finance reports
 - 1. Motion by Pual and Bill seconded by to accept the Treasurer's Report and post online for our membership.
 - ii. -Budget comparison of budgeted to actual for last fiscal year, 2020/2021

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1. Motion by Greg and seconded by Miguel to accept the estimate versus actuals for last fiscal year and post online for our membership.
- iii. -Fiscal year 2021/2022 budgeted
 1. Motion by Miguel and seconded by Greg to adopt the budget for this fiscal year and post online for our membership.
Passes unanimously.
- iv. -Scholarship and grant fund replenishment
 1. Direction provided for the Finance Committee to review how much we should budget for this fund via a line item.
Consideration of a range was suggested, and utilizing a fundraising campaign in order to build member support.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. 2022 Spring Conference Committee
 - i. Julie Henry, Paul Boulay
- b. Merchandise Committee
 - i. Jeff, Dan, Gail, Michael
 1. Bill Kasper has volunteered as the primary Ebay overseer!
- c. Magazine Committee
 - i. Editor-Mike Mumford
- d. Website Committee
 - i. Mike, Paul
- e. Membership, Fundraising, and New Sources of Revenue Committee
 - i. Craig, Paul
- f. Marketing Committee
 - i. Needs Chair
- g. Education Committee
 - i. Dan Perkins / South ed Chair
- h. Safety Committee
 - i. Eric Stephens
- i. Grants committee
 - i. Beth
- j. Finance Committee
 - i. Miguel and Victoria
- k. Zoom Committee

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4. **New Business:**

a. **Best source for coal and coke: request for a CBA branded pdf to share**

b. **Open Time: Comments and Questions:**

5. Next BOD meeting

6. Move for adjournment

a. **MOTION**, FIRST Paul, SECOND Bill, TIME: 9:23

Editor's Report - Board meeting 21 Apr 2021

1. **May-Jun edition:** I'm writing this on the Sunday before the meeting, the print magazine mailing is pending.

This edition is a special-focus edition on tongs.

The print edition should be ready to mail on Tuesday. The proof was approved by Barbara last week. The print edition continues the 12 interior page structure, with content mainly "take-it-to-the-forge" projects. With leadership approval, we are changing to a gloss cover stock, from the matte paper we had switched to. This should give us a better-looking magazine; but interior pages will continue to be B&W on matte stock, to save money.

The online edition (58 pages total) is ready, and should be posted on Monday or Tuesday (Apr 19 or 20).

I'm trying a new layout strategy for the online, one which I think will be more readable on handheld devices. It's a switch to primarily a two-column format, so that you read down before reading across to the second column.

2. **Future Editions:**

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I'm hoping that we keep the print edition stable at 12 interior pages (16 pages total), with 4 color (front cover, inside front cover, inside back cover, and back cover) plus 12 B&W pages. I think we should minimize changes to our membership for a while now.

Special-focus editions coming up:

July-Aug - hammer-making

Sep-Oct -- more from Vista and SC2017

Nov-Dec -- tongs

There are also a number of articles from "authorities" in my files, which I'll be cycling through, including

Mark Aspery

Mike Chisham

John Williams

Flavio Parra

Erin Simmons

I would like to do some bladesmithing and chasing/repousse articles, but need help finding sources/authors for these.

3. **Reprints:** Thus far in 2021, we have been reprinted 14 times in other blacksmithing newsletters.

4. **New Articles:** As always, I would appreciate help finding articles. If you know of something that would make a good article, let me know so that I can chase it down.

I do need help getting screenshots from the online events. Those of you who participate, please grab a few representative shots and forward, so that we can show that CBA is doing things. And show our members participating.

5. **Website:**

Event announcements are getting posted as they show up. Things slowed down since the initial rush of online events.

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After I write this, we are having a video conference about adding links to the zoom videos to the website.

Respectfully,
Mike Mumford, Editor