

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010

Teleconference

Board members in attendance: Jerry Wolfe, Rex Anderson, Charles Pate, Jim Labolito, Ron Childers, Steve Bloom, Ralph Nettles, Kathy Thomas, Juan Holbrook, Lisa Anne Conner.

Board members absent: Mark Stone

Guests: John & Dot Butler, Clyde Payton, Jordon Thomas.

1. President Jerry Wolfe called meeting to order 6:08 PM.
2. Call made for additional agenda items: None requested
3. Call to approve Minutes of previous two meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved.
4. President's Report:
 - a) Spoke on his vision for the future.
 - b) Will be trying to attend meetings in all 4 regions.
 - c) Will be putting effort into increasing membership.
 - d) Brought up need request from John C. Campbell for donation of hand made pickets to create railing in new building.
 - e) Mentioned ABANA conference in Memphis, Tenn. On June 2-5 of this year.
5. Treasurer's Report: Juan Holbrook explained in detail the 4th quarter treasury reports.
Motion made – Kathy Thomas
Seconded – Rex Anderson
Passed - Unanimously
6. 2009 Conference Report – President gave a brief overview of Conference due to Coordinators absent.
7. Secretary Report: Jim Labolito gave a detailed report on conference registrations and shirt sales.
8. Renewal of Non-Profit Status – Clyde Payton explained the process and has filed the request for renewal with the paperwork and payment. Awaiting return from Dept. of State of Florida.
9. 2010 Budget Proposal – President Jerry Wolfe explained his proposed budget and will be monitoring the downward trend. Some discussion from the floor about ways to increase the income.
10. Trustee's Reports:
 - NE – Kathy Thomas addressed T-Shirt sales being down. Also, pasted the torch in creating a new brochure for FABFA to use as a recruiting tool. We will be following up on the possibility of Dot Butler and the company she works for doing the design and printing work.
 - NW – Ron Childers address several ways to increase interest in FABFA in recruiting new members.
 - SE – Ralph Nettles gave a good report on increase in attendance of the meetings in his region.
 - SW – Lisa Anne Conner reported on \$114 in T-Shirt sales and gave great report on latest meetings. Mentioned several opportunities to show off blacksmithing in her region.

11. 25th Anniversary Planning – President wants to create a committee to identify Ex-Presidents of FABA and original charter members. Several people made some ideas about items to sell for the 25th anniversary. President Wolfe made a request for people to act as members of a committee, a chairperson and ideas for the conference. Clyde Payton volunteered to be on the committee and Mark Stone was named to committee due to his involvement in the conference as Conference Coordinator.

12. Old Business:

- a) John Butler gave a reminder of June deadline for Walt Anderson Scholarship. Nathan Nettles was this past years recipient and will be going to a Uri Hoffi class in June
- b) Jerry Wolfe brought up the banner that was created by Nathan Nettles in a banner contest of several years ago. Jim Labolito to check with Vince Labolito on making design ready. Motion was made to check on pricing and availability and follow through if less then \$260 for design and four banners.
Motion Made by: Rex Anderson
Seconded – Ralph Nettles
Passed – Unanimously
- c) Clyde Payton gave details on forge on the grounds of the Antique Car Museum. Motion made to resign committee due to lack of interest on the part of the antique Car museum owner.
Motion Made by: Charles Pate
Seconded – Ron Childers
Passed – Unanimously
- d) Rex Anderson gave an update on storage shed at the Barberville Site. Due to a design change in the original building, the cost will come far under the original cost (\$1600) that has already been allocated.

13. New Business:

- a) After a great deal of discussion, Jordan Thomas was commissioned to teach at a Regional Meeting in the SW. This pre-paid fee to be used for a teaching class he will be attending with the stipulation of his willingness to demonstrate at the aforementioned SW regional meeting. Motion made to pre-pay \$377
Motion Made by: Charles Pate
Seconded – Lisa Anne Conner
Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
- b) Clyde Payton reminded all to attend March 13th Regional Meeting at his forge with special demonstrator Trenton Tye. He will be doing a memorial to Jay Rickard, to whom Mr. Tye was named understudy by Mr. Richard himself. There will be displays of many tools made by him, projects created by him who was at one time the residence blacksmith at Andersonville, GA.

14. Date and place of next quarterly meeting: Conference call April 15, 2010 @ 6 PM Teleconference.

15. Motion to adjourn made by: Ron Childers

Motion was seconded by: Lisa Anne Conner

Vote: Passed Unanimously

President Adjourns meeting at 6:06 PM