

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2010

Teleconference

Board members in attendance: Jerry Wolfe, Rex Anderson, Charles Pate, Jim Labolito, Ron Childers, Steve Bloom, Ralph Nettles, Mark Stone, Lisa Anne Conner, Dorothy Butler.

Board members absent: Juan Holbrook, Kathy Thomas

Guests: Clyde Payton, John Butler

1. President Jerry Wolfe called meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Call made for additional agenda items: None offered.

3. Call to approve Minutes of 04-15-2010 meeting.

Motion Made by: Ron Childers

Seconded – Lisa Anne Conner

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

4. Old Business:

a) Due to the absence of the Juan Holbrook, the President asked for a motion to approve the first quarter's financial statement as submitted.

Motion Made by: Rex Anderson

Seconded – Charles Pate

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

b) President asked for update 2010, 25th anniversary shirts. Jim Labolito gave report of pre-orders so far - \$588.

c) President asked about Logo Banners update. All but S.E. have their banner in place.

d) President asked for update on Shed in Barberville from Rex Anderson. Rex gave details on progress. Asked for shelving for shed. Should be done before the conference.

5. President's Report:

a) President stated that he was the Representative for the Southern Blacksmith Association conference. This has been scheduled for May 19-21, 2011. FABAA is responsible for organizing and manning the gallery as well as the brochure production and mailing.

b) Stated that he has tried to give personal greeting to all new members. Encouraged Regional Trustees and coordinators to be sure to do the same.

c) Brought up Quarterly meeting August 28th, in the S.W.

6. Treasurer's Report: Due to Juan's absence, President Wolfe went over the second quarter's treasury report.

Motion Made by: Charles Pate

Seconded – Mark Stone

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

7. Acceptance of Treasurers Resignation - President offers Juan Holbrook's resignation as Treasurer and calls for a motion to accept as submitted.

Motion Made by: Rex Anderson

Seconded – Charles Pate

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

8. Election of new Treasurer – Secretary asked to give details of procedure and results to give official record in the minutes explain how all transpired. With the volunteering of Dorothy Butler, willing to step into the Treasurers position, we employed a ballot system, sent out to all the Board Members, and the outcome was unanimous for Ms. Butler for the remainder of 2010.

9. Treasurer Expenditure – The new Treasurer is seeking the ability to purchase Quicken Books Premier for Non-Profit Organizations. At a cost of \$273.16, this will bring FABA into the 21st Century in Bookkeeping and simplify many of the annual duties involved as treasurer.

Motion Made by: Lisa Anne Conner

Seconded – Charles Pate

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

10. Audit Report – President states that we have been attempting to get the books audited for some time; we have now been able to get the 2007 books audited by the audit committee, made up of Vi Payton, Patty Draper and Charlton Prather. The findings, with recommendations, as stated in the review are as follows: Expenditures need additional documentation and because of a lack of said documentation on some items, a complete reconciliation was unable to be reached. Efforts will be made to complete 2008 and 2009 before Dorothy Butler takes over the Treasurers job and will start with a new slate. Motion to accept as stated with possibility to update after further attempts to reconcile reports.

Motion Made by: Dorothy Butler

Seconded – Ron Childers

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

11. Tool Donation – Review of donation from Hugh Meuller of blacksmithing tools to FABA to be used for teaching and promoting blacksmithing. Clyde Payton was willing to take the lead in this venture and to catalogue, give values to and disseminate the kindly donation. FABA was gifted with 32 items, the majority of these being commonly used in the blacksmith trade. President calls for a motion to officially accept these item form Hugh Meuller.

Motion Made by: Charles Pate

Seconded – Ralph Nettles

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

- a) Discussion on use and dissemination of tools. Motion is made to authorize Clyde Payton to distribute tools as best fit using criteria stated by donor; 1st as teaching and promoting blacksmithing; 2nd for sale to help FABA in its mission. Clyde will also be responsible to determine whether to give or loan tools to recipients, using Jerry Wolfe as a backup in making decisions.

Motion Made by: Ralph Nettles

Seconded – Ron Childers

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

12. Scholarship Committee Report: John Butler presents three applicants out of five received. Susan Lambert, Will Manning, Jim Croft. After much discussion – Will Manning receives scholarship.

13. 25th Anniversary Committee report:

- a) Clyde Payton gave update on Prather History of FABA Program.
- b) Clyde also stated his intent to send a letter to all charter members.
- c) Clyde stated his concerns on time crunch on Friday of Board meeting, History Presentation, Honoring of Charter Members. President and Program Chair to work this out.
- d) Decision was made to give Charter Members a certificate of recognition, to be done on site in calligraphy by Lisa Anne Conner.
- e) Budget for 25th Anniversary was set at a starting point of \$500. Due to cost of 25th Anniversary Commemorative Pins being \$575. Motion for budget to be raised to \$1000.
 Motion Made by: Dot Butler
 Seconded – Charles Pate
 Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
- f) Clyde offered to raffle off a day in his shop.

14. 2010 Conference Report: Mark Stone gave update on plans, teachers and classes. Ken Durham lined up as Bladesmith, Clay Spencer as Traditional Blacksmith demonstrator. So far, Keith Ivey, Mike Murphy, Scott Purvis, Jordan Thomas, Ron Childers lined up as teachers. Dates set and Pioneering Settlement reserved.

15. Trustee's Reports:

- NE – Kathy Thomas was not available for comment.
 NW – Ron Childers reported to signing some new members.
 SE – Ralph Nettles gave report on Loxahatchee River Park in Jupiter, FL and setting up a permanent on site blacksmith shop. Demonstrations, classes and monthly meetings to be held.
 SW – Lisa Anne Conner gave a report on Jordan Thomas demo on Saturday, August 28th.

16. New Business:

- a) Use of Pay Pal for membership fees. This has been shelved until the October Conference.
- b) Resolution called for by President Jerry Wolfe for both he and Treasurer, Dorothy Butler be the signers on all bank accounts, including checking, savings, Merchant and Vanguard Accounts. Motion made to accept:
 Motion Made by: Steve Bloom
 Seconded – Lisa Anne Conner
 Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
- c) Elections are coming up and we need nominations for the offices that will be open.
- d) Compensation of \$250 for Vince Labolito for the designing of the 2010 Tee Shirt.
 Motion Made by: Dot Butler
 Seconded – Charles Pate
 Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance.

Date and place of next quarterly meeting: Barberville Pioneer Settlement, Friday, October 8 @ 5 PM.
 President Adjourns meeting at 8:01 PM

Submitted by Jim Labolito
 State Secretary, FABA