

# Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

## Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

### Teleconference Call

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

**Board members absent:** Kathy Thomas

**Guests:** Clyde Payton, John Butler.

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I. President Jerry Wolfe called meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

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

1. Information about absence of Kim Wendt (Pneumonia) would have the CB out by the 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Get Jim Labolito, as Secretary, added to those who can sign checks.

III. Call to approve Minutes of 10-08-2010 meeting.

Motion Made by: Mark Stone

Seconded – Dorothy Butler

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

IV. Old Business:

1. Dot Butler updates us on the ability to take credit cards for dues, conference fees, merchandise, etc. We are set up to use Visa, MC and Discovery with a use cost at 1.5% – 3.5%
2. Dot Butler informs us of the difficulties in getting set up with Pay Pal.

V. Clyde Payton gives report on the Tax Exempt status of FABA. Notice was given to Clyde by said agency that all filing would be done in the future online and they would no longer accept mailed in forms. Clyde felt that with the situation as it was, and having spoken with the Treasurer, he believes it best for Dorothy Butler to become Registered Agent in all dealing with the Florida Secretary of States office:

- a. Filing Annual Report with Secretary of State's Office
- b. Certificate of Status
- c. Florida State Sales Tax Exemption Certification
- d. Compliance of Section 501(c)3 of I.R.S. code
- e. Federal Exemption Status
- f. Documents of annual fee payments

Motion Made by: Rex Anderson

Seconded – Ron Childers

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

VI. President's Report:

1. Announcement of Barberville being out of coal. Promised to let all know if and when they had coal. There was discussion about several options in purchasing large quantities of coal.
2. President tells us that we now have 230 members and our challenge is to retain our old members and keep working on bringing in new blood!
3. President tells us it is his honor to appoint Regional Coordinators and all four of the past Coordinators have agreed to retain their position.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Dot Butler stated our 990 form has been filed and accepted for 2010 and we are up to date with the IRS, she reiterated the ability to use credit cards, difficulties with Pay Pal, we are now using our Non-profit mail out status, again, and she is preparing to turn over her records to Vi Payton for last years audit. Dot also submitted the following reports, via email, to the Board Members:

- a. Balance Sheet as of Dec 1, 2010
- b. Profit & Loss Detail Jan to Dec 2010

Motion to accept made by: Jim Labolito

Seconded – Charles Pate

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

1. There was also a motion made to allow Jim Labolito to be the third name able to sign a check in the absence of one of the other usual signees. That would give us three names to get two signatures for check writing; Jerry Wolfe, Dorothy Butler and Jim Labolito.

Motion to accept made by: Dot Butler

Seconded – Charles Pate

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

VIII. 2011 Budget Report – President stated that by using the figures from our new treasurer he was able to give us an actual expense from years 2009 and 2010. Using these as a guideline, he was able to give a proposed budget for the 2011 year. This budget will either be in an edition of the Clinker Breaker or can be gotten by a request to the Secretary.

Motion to accept made by: Lisa Anne Conner

Seconded – Dot Butler

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

IX. Conference Report – Mark Stone informed us that we had a final expense on the 2010 Conference of \$8304 which was considerably lower than the \$11,000 budget. By changing the beginning and intermediate classes to volunteer teachers, and most all have shown an interest in doing the same next year. We give many thanks to those who stepped up to help keep the trade alive. As a small show of gratitude, Mark offered meal tickets to the teachers and will do so again this coming years conference. It would appear that we made approximately \$4600. There was some discussion about not charging Conference fee for the teachers

X. Trustee Reports:

NE – No one available

NW – Ron Childers mentioned the input by some the NW members building the storage shed at Barberville and various accomplishments at the Panhandle Pioneers Settlement in Blountstown. Jim Croft spearheaded an auction project for the conference which brought in good revenue. He also mentioned our first monthly meeting (hope it will not be the last) at the Bo Turner Youth Conservation Center in Lamont, FL.

SE – Ralph Nettles spoke about the work at the fair, the work going on at the park and working on getting members.

SW – Lisa Anne Conner gave a report on some upcoming classes on their Saturday meeting with an example of forge repair. Membership has grown some with the influx of some new members and rekindling the interest in some past members. Good idea!

## XI. New Business:

1. Discussion to have a membership list posted either in the Clinker Breaker or on the Website. Motion to publish a list (Names, Addresses, Phone # and Email addresses) in Clinker Breaker with a two month opportunity to opt out of having ones name included.  
Motion Made by: Ron Childers  
Seconded – Mark Stone  
Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
2. SBA Conference in Madison, GA – This happens every two years, this year being on May 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, and we will have the responsibility of maintaining the Gallery, organizing the space and securing it. President Wolfe calls for volunteers to man tables, sign objects in and so forth. President Wolfe will attend a meeting in February to iron out the details and logistics. We also have the responsibility to do the publication and we are fortunate to have Dot Butler to take on the Lion's share of that job.
3. Steve Bloom has asked for an official Board notification on when to post the Clinker Breaker on the FABA Website. Through discussion we came to the decision to make the time lag on printing and sending out the Clinker Breaker versus adding to the Website no earlier than three months and no later than six months. This is what we believe that Dr. Bloom has done in the past.  
Motion Made by: Dot Butler  
Seconded – Ron Childers  
Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
4. Mark Stone, Conference Chairperson, informs us of some modifications he would like discussed on upcoming conferences:
  - a. Option to turn part or all of our conference into a teaching conference. By hiring an instructor and paying them similar to a demonstrator while raffling off class spots or charging a nominal fee as with beginning or intermediate classes. More details can be thought out and discussed at later board meeting. Motion made to have two demonstrators and one teacher at the 2011 conference.  
Motion Made by: Mark Stone  
Seconded – Rex Anderson  
Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
5. President asks to approve expenses for Trez Cole to have Brian Brazael in at the SW Regional Statewide meeting on March 26th. \$705 will be the expense.  
Motion Made by: Dot Butler  
Seconded – Charles Pate  
Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance
6. Audit Committee – Vi Payton and Skeeter Prather will be doing the Audit for last year.
7. Training – President would like to see a more organized plan for training. He is looking for input on more teaching at the monthly meetings. Perhaps, trustees could include monthly meeting results on teaching in their quarterly reports.

12. Date and place of next quarterly meeting: Conference Call, Thursday, April 21, 2011 @ 6:15 PM.

President calls for vote to adjourn meeting at 7:29 PM

Passed – Unanimously by those in attendance

Respectfully submitted by Jim Labolito - State Secretary, FABA