**Officers and Board members:**

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

**Board Members**

* Linda Mangum-1. Does CBA have a Mission/Vision Statement? If so, what is it? Does it need to be updated? If not, we need to create one.
  + 2. I want to revisit the topic of smiths who are working the county fairs and events and seeking CBA funds for materials. I know we settled on a one time funding for Dennis, but I have some ideas for CBA as a whole.
* Bill Kasper
* Gary Standke
* Jeff Hunter \*\*
* Chris Branuelas
* Karen Tappendorf
* Michael Suwczinsky-I’ve gotten more than one call from people who find CBA and are looking for a smith to handle jobs, most recently someone in Richmond trying to match work by a now deceased smith. How to handle?
  1. Michael Bondi’s Ukraine proposal

**\*Indicates absent**

**Guests:**

* Mike Mumford
* Dan Perkins
* Dave Carroll
* Greg Hudgins
* Denis Murphy
* Angelo
* David Carroll
* David Thayer
* Evan
* JC
* Leif Bennett
* Dennis Dusek-Hi CBA board and Vista conference. I am putting a team of smiths together to build a project that we would like to auction off and send the money to the Ukraine humanity relief. One question I am coming to the board / conference team is can we put this piece in the Vista auction and have the funds earmarked for the Ukraine relief? Michael Bondi is working on a account that he can wire the funds directly. I can see this taking away from the bottom line of the auction profit. I just need to know incase I need to find another vehicle to auction this piece off. The piece is a screen with sunflowers and little animals.

Michael Bondi is trying to get some Ukraine demonstrators at his shop to raise funds. He is not sure if it will actually happen. This is just talk for the moment. If Michael can put this off, this event may be the perfect vehicle to sell this piece. Just want to keep options open to best raise funds.

**Minutes**

1. **Attendance and Minutes- Craig Litwin**
   1. Note start time
   2. Note attendance
      1. Introduce and welcome guests
   3. Additions to the Minutes
   4. Note Minutes from previous meeting
      1. **ACTION REQUESTED** **review, amend as needed, and adopt the minutes for publication on our website.**
         1. Michael Suwczinsky moved and Bill Kasper seconded approval of the minutes. Passes unanimously.
2. **Officer’s Reports**
   1. President’s Report
   2. Treasurer’s Report
      1. Take ACTION to formally publish financial reports, confirm which reports
      2. **ACTION REQUESTED to receive the reports, adopt them into the record, and post them on our website**
         1. Paul Boulay Moves, Linda Mangum seconds
3. **Denis Murphy, Hard Rock Hammer In 2023**
   1. Schedule is May through June for hard rock up north, to get us together again. Covid has been weird and make things hard for us. The original intention was to ask about the size of the event, which could be cheesecake size at his place, or bigger at the Grass Valley’s location.
   2. Expect 100-150 place, or 40 people if it were smaller.
   3. Before it was right around 100 people
   4. This time it would not be surrounded by other events
   5. Planned for the last week of June, the 24th and 25th
      1. Friday, Saturday, breakdown on Sunday
   6. ACTION: Denis to provide budget scenario of 60 attendees to Executive Committee for final review and consideration for approval to move forward
4. **Mission Statement**
   1. Call to make it higher up on the webpage
   2. ACTION: Craig to add it to an electronic newsletter
   3. ACTION: Linda to look at our Mission Statement and see if we can sharpen it up.
   4. Victoria moves to empower a core values statement assessment by Linda Mangum and subcommittee with David Thayer and Dennis Dusek volunteered to help on this as well. Paul Boulay seconds. Passes unanimously.
5. **Two bbq grills have come in from Greg, one from up north and one down south**
   1. Thank you Greg Hudgins!
6. **Committee Reports:**
   1. 2023 Spring Conference Committee
      1. Dave Carroll
         1. Review of what is in store presented by Dave Carroll. Schedules shared. Teaching area will be outside to the south of the barn to allow forges going all the time inside while instructions are outside.
   2. Merchandise Committee
      1. Jeff, Dan, Michael
   3. Magazine Committee
      1. Editor-Mike Mumford
         1. See Editor’s Report below
   4. Website Committee
      1. Chris, Mike, Paul
         1. Brief discussion about estimates to move us to another web format, the limitations of Wild Apricot, and alternatives to our existing web hosting.
         2. ACTION: Miguel to see if he has professional web developers to assist us.
         3. ACTION: Paul Boulay and Chris Branuelas to outline what we need after summer, after conferences
   5. Membership and New Revenue Committee
      1. Craig, Paul
         1. Craig gave an update on the annual donation appeal.
   6. Education Committee
      1. Dan, Victoria, Dennis, Mark
         1. Dan and Victoria gave an update and to discuss teacher training that was in late June needed to be moved to later in order not to be on the same day as the hammer in
   7. Safety Committee
      1. Needs Chair. But we will all work together at events to manage each forging area.
   8. Grants committee
      1. Beth
   9. Finance Committee
      1. Miguel and Victoria
   10. Zoom Committee
       1. Victoria and Michael
7. **New Business:**
   1. Ukrainian relief project
8. **Future Minutes:**
   1. Policy on grants to organizations
   2. County fair sponsorships to promote blacksmithing education at fairs
      1. **ACTION:** Greg Hudgins to put together a group to outline the policy or policies. Linda Mangum will help assist with writing this policy.
9. Next BOD meeting
   1. March 22, 2023 7pm
10. Move for adjournment
    1. **MOTION**, Bill Kasper moved and Linda Mangum approved to adjourn

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**1. March-April Editions & SC Program:**

The March-April editions are being finalized now, closing date is Jan. 20. These editions will focus on Spring Conference - the print edition will be nearly all info about SC2023. Similarly to the March-April 2022 print edition, the 2023 print will contain conference info, demonstrators, education opportunities, and other details such as contests.

The online edition will include technical articles by or related to SC demonstrations and education efforts.

We will also be preparing the SC Program. This should be completed and delivered to the printer by late March or early April. It's content should be similar to, but updated from, the March-April print magazine edition.

**2. Recent Editions**. Recent editions all went out on schedule. Special thanks to Craig for getting the E-Dition out.

**3. May-June Edition**. The article plan is in place for May-June 2023. In fact, I have a plan written out thru May-June 2024.

**4. Photographs.** I want thank the photographers in 2022, who submitted almost 4000 photos. John Graham gets credit as having submitted the most.

**5. Reprints:** In 2022, we had articles reprinted 51 times in other newsletters.

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

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.

**8. Retirement.**  I have let Miguel and the leadership know that I intend to retire from this job by the time I turn 75 next November. It's time for new, younger blood with new ideas and energy.