

CBA Board Meeting Agenda and Approved Minutes

January 12, 2022 teleconference

Officers and Board members:

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

Board Members

- Linda Mangum
- Bill Kasper
- Gary Standke
- Jeff Hunter
- Eric Chang
- Greg Hudgins
- Michael Suwczinsky

***Indicates absent**

Guests:

- Mike Mumford
- Eric Stephens
- Julie Henry
- Michael Bondi
- Dennis Dusek—

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Agenda- Craig Litwin**
 - a. Note start time 7:03
 - b. Note attendance
 - i. Introduce and welcome guests
 - c. Additions to the Agenda

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- d. Approval of November 2021 Board of Directors minutes (Draft minutes sent in email) **ACTION: Motion to approve by Bill Kasper and second by Linda Mangum for a second.**
- 2. Officer's Reports**
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a. 2022 Spring Conference Committee
 - i. Julie Henry
 - 1. Discussion about Covid health order and how we are planning to proceed. It is agreed that we will be providing refunds to anyone with Covid who cannot attend. We do not want people ill at the conference. We also discussed if Claudio can make it and alternatives if he cannot. Jan 20 is the deadline for publicising any updates in the next print magazine.
 - b. 2023 Spring Conference- It will likely have to be at a different place than Vista since they want to see a successful Spring Conference before hosting Spring Conference. Considering CBA needs as much runway as possible to organize Spring Conference we must take action right away to find a new place.- Perhaps a Junior College or a County fairgrounds would work. Ventura County Fairgrounds were mentioned as a fantastic area. CSU Monterey Bay could be considered. CBA would like to have it in the South if we can find a place.
 - b. Merchandise Committee
 - i. Jeff, Dan, Gail, Michael
 - 1. Jeff gave us an update on the status of our store. He asked the board to promote the Ebay store through Facebook and other networks.
 - 2. **ACTION: Craig to work with Jeff on the next Enewsletter promotional piece.**
 - 3. **ACTION: Store put on the ribbon on the top versus threaded within or more prominent location. Craig to talk to Jeff about its placement.**
 - c. Magazine Committee

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- i. Editor-Mike Mumford
 - 1. See Editor's Report below
 - d. Website Committee
 - i. Mike, Paul
 - 1. **ACTION- Get Spring Conference to the top**
 - 2. **ACTION- Craig to contact Paul about website support through Spring Conference**
 - e. Membership, Fundraising, and New Sources of Revenue Committee
 - i. Craig, Paul
 - f. Marketing Committee
 - i. Needs Chair
 - g. Education Committee
 - i. Dan, Victoria, Dennis, Mark
 - ii. The President has moved forward with the education committee being comprised of three different leader focused on:
 - 1. Education and Curricula
 - 2. Events and Equipment
 - 3. Professional Blacksmiths
 - b. Safety Committee
 - i. Eric Stephens
 - 1. He will be back in mid-February
 - h. Grants committee
 - i. Cova Conference in the Ukraine
 - ii. Date is October 14, 15, 16
 - i. Zoom Committee
 - i. Victoria and Michael
 - 1. There are many different classes coming up. Darryl Nelson, an American blacksmith icon, will be interviewed!
4. New Business:
- a. Library Business
 - i. **ACTION: Craig to create an invoicing system for folks who do not return materials on time, email the lender, and call them to ask if they intend to return the item.**
5. Next BOD meeting
- a. February 23, 2022- 7pm

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- b. Next meeting after that is Wednesday April 20, 2022 7pm
- 6. Move for adjournment
 - a. **Miguel moves and Greg seconds motion to adjourn. Passes unanimously.**

Editor's Report - Board meeting 12 Jan 2022

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1. **Jan-Feb Editions:** All went out, roughly on time. Craig did a good job putting the E-Dition together and getting it out.

2. **Mar-Apr Editions:**

The Mar-Apr edition will close inputs on Jan. 20. I'm tentatively planning (subject to re-direction from the officers/board) that the Mar-Apr edition will mostly contain Spring Conference info - conference details, education activities, schedule, etc. Much SC info is promised, and will be needed soon.

The online edition will contain feature articles looking back to the 2017 Spring Conference at Vista.

Most of the Mar-Apr online articles are done, or nearly done. I'm looking for a couple of late-comers that I'm expecting. The period from now through late January will be very busy, getting everything ready.

3. **Reprints:** In 2021, we were reprinted 44 times in other blacksmithing newsletters. In addition, several articles by Mark Asperry were printed that were credited to CBA - I think most of these came directly from Mark.

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.

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I would like to do some 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.

5. **Website**: Event announcements are getting posted as they show up.

Respectfully,
Mike Mumford, Editor