



The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Conference Call February 13, 2014, 9:00 pm EST

Ferdinand Meyer, V, called the conference call of the Federation to order at 9:00 pm EST.

Present: Ferdinand Meyer V, President
Bob Ferraro, 1st Vice President
John Panek, Director at Large
James Berry, Secretary
Richard Watson, Historian
Gary Beatty, Treasurer
James Bender, Membership Director
Tom Phillips, Convention Director
Pam Selenak, Public Relations Director
Alan DeMaison, Business Manager
Martin Van Zant, *Bottles and Extras* Editor
Randee Kaiser, Midwest Region Director
Ed Kuskie, Northeast Region Director

Absent: Jamie Houdeshell, 2nd Vice President
John Pastor, Director at Large
Gene Bradberry, Director at Large
Sheldon Baugh, Merchandising Director
Jack Hewitt, Southern Region Director
Dave Maryo, Western Region Director

Agenda 1: Baltimore Show and Board Meeting - Ferdinand Meyer V

Ferdinand reviewed the schedule for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting at Baltimore on March 1st. The meeting will be held at the La Quinta hotel. The meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am to noon; however, the room is reserved for 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Polycom phone system will be set up for a conference call for those board members not able to attend. Other equipment needed will be made available.

A table at the Baltimore show will be set up for the FOHBC and Pam Selenak will schedule coverage.

The Baltimore meeting agenda will include an update on the Lexington show. We are currently behind in table sales and displays. Members are encouraged to work on selling memberships and have face-to-face contact with vendors at the Baltimore show to ensure they reserve a sales table for the Lexington show in August.

Action Taken: Ferdinand requests if board members would like items included on the agenda for the Baltimore meeting, please let him know. He will be forwarding via e-mail, a suggested agenda within the next 7 days.

Agenda 2: The National Show at Lexington, KY, August 1-3, 2014 - Tom Phillips

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Tom reported that table sales for the Lexington show are lower than expected at this point in time. We have a limit of 325 sales tables with over 250 +/- remaining available. The national show will be promoted at the Baltimore show to help increase table sales. Board members are encouraged to distribute show contracts to vendors at other shows they attend. Tom stated that bulk mailings and e-mails would be done after this show to capture those who haven't reserved their table yet. Tom is working on encouraging bottle auction companies to purchase a sales table as well as advertising in the souvenir program. (Member clubs will be solicited to purchase an ad in the program, as this was not done last year.) Another option for payment was briefly reported.

As discussed previously, it was suggested to contact specialty groups, i.e., insulators, milk bottle, fruit jar collectors, poison, perfume (plus many more) etc., to nest their dealers for their groups at the Lexington show. Tom has contacted several of these groups with positive responses. It is hoped that this would increase attendance and help bring in all types of collectors including the younger generation.

Other events (seminars, Run for the Roses, Displays, etc.) continue to be a work in progress and were reviewed by Tom.

Action Taken: No action taken.

Agenda 3: Chattanooga Show Update - Tom Phillips

Progress on the 2015 show continues. It is expected to have contracts/flyers ready for distribution at the Lexington show.

Action Taken: No action taken.

Agenda 4: 2016 Western Region Convention Update - Tom Phillips and Pam Selenak

The 2016 National Antique Bottle Convention is scheduled to be held in the Western Region. Pam explained the proposals she has received. She and Tom will be attending one location a week following the Baltimore show.

Action Taken: Discussion will continue at the Baltimore Board meeting. Following the on-site visit, a conference call will be held.

Agenda 5: Board Election Updates - Ferdinand Meyer V and Pam Selenak

Election of offices is scheduled for this year. The Election Committee has presented its slate of officers and has been published in the Jan/Feb issue of *Bottles and Extras*. As noted previously, several positions remain open; however, there may be possible volunteers.

Additional nominations for positions on the Board can be received by the Federation until April 1st. Ballots are to be disseminated to FOHBC members whose dues are current as of May 1st. Member clubs are entitled to one vote per club.

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Ferdinand mentioned that Ron Hands had contacted the Federation in hopes of running for the Southern Region Director. His bio was read to the group with favorable results.

Action Taken: Jim Bender will contact Gene Bradberry to help with preparing the ballots.

Agenda 6: *Bottles and Extras*: Ferdinand Meyer V

Ferdinand reported that the March/April issue is in process and should be out on time.

Action Taken: No action taken.

Agenda 7: Open Discussion

Gary Beatty gave a brief update on the finances. A complete up-to-date financial report will be given in Baltimore.

No other discussion.

The conference call was ended at 9:50 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,
James Berry, Secretary