



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
May 21, 2015, 8:00 pm CST**

Ferdinand Meyer V, called the meeting of the FOHBC Board of Directors to order at 8:00 pm CST.

**Present:** Ferdinand Meyer V, President  
Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President (part-time)  
Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President (part-time)  
John Pastor, Director at Large (part-time)  
James Berry, Secretary  
James Bender, Historian  
Valeri Berry, Merchandise Director  
Martin Van Zant, Bottles and Extras Editor  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director  
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director

**Absent:** Steve Ketcham, Director at Large  
Bob Ferraro, Director at Large  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
Linda Sheppard, Membership Director  
Louis Fifer, Conventions Director  
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director  
Andrew Vuono, Northeast Region Director

**Agenda 1: BOTTLES and EXTRAS - Ferdinand Meyer V, Martin Van Zant**

It was reported that the next issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS (July/August issue) will be forwarded to the printer by this upcoming Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are ahead of schedule. It was also noted that there have been concerns with the postal service as mailings are slow, or magazines are received in rough condition. Articles have been doing well lately and this issue will have six pages regarding the upcoming Chattanooga National show, plus other interesting articles. Members are asked to continue to submit articles.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 2: Update on the 2015 Chattanooga National - Ferdinand Meyer V**

A brief update was given by Ferdinand. He reports that at this point in time, there are:

- Tables - 182; 110 dealers
- Banquet tickets - 96
- Early Admissions - 18
- Hotel rooms - 352 plus an additional 56

Ferdinand discussed the general membership meeting being moved from Friday to Saturday morning, August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed by the Board to have a buffet breakfast one half hour prior

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to the meeting – breakfast 7-7:30 with meeting beginning at 7:30 and ending at 8:30 am. This is an important meeting for the membership as we will be voting on increasing dues, digital membership and life membership.

Action Taken: This information regarding the breakfast, change in date for the general membership meeting and voting information will be posted on the FOHBC website and with BOTTLES and EXTRAS.

Ferdinand then reported that the change in the general membership meeting leaves some time on Friday open. He talked about a local bus tour he looked into and gave details. The time for the bus tour is usually a 5-hour minimum; a cost of \$73 per person (includes admission into sites), with a minimum of 35 required. After discussion, it was noted that this would not leave much time to prepare for the cocktail hour/banquet; then the shootout. It was also questionable whether we could get 35 people committed.

Action Taken: No action taken at this time and this topic was tabled.

Jim Bender briefly reported on a commemorative Chattanooga show stoneware jug that is being made. This will be a show raffle item and will be posted on the website when ready.

**Agenda 3: Update on the 2016 Sacramento Convention & Expo - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Progress is moving along for this show. Sales table contracts will be available on July 25, 2015 and is currently being drafted. Other show events continue to be worked on such as the auction; banquet speaker, seminars, etc. Eric McGuire did report that he is working on seminars and would like to post advertising for this on Ferdinand's Peachridge site and the FOHBC site. He is hoping to solicit interest nationwide, not just the West, to those who may be willing to put on a seminar. At this point in time, he is having a difficult time getting commitments.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 4: Update on the 2017 Springfield Convention & Expo - Jim Bender**

Jim Bender reported on where things stand with the 2017 show. He has finalized the contract with the MassMutual Center. Four hundred rooms have been allocated. Ideas are needed for seminars, shoot-out (suggested Saratoga type mineral water bottles), etc. Jim is hoping to get some help from some of the people from the Northeast clubs, which, in turn, would encourage their groups to attend.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 5: 2018 Convention & Expo - Midwest Region - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand briefly reviewed the RFP (request for proposal) process to Matt Lacy for the Midwest Region. Matt and Louis Fifer are working on RFP's for the 2018 show and should be sent out within a week or two. Region clubs will be sent proposal letters looking for

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interest in hosting the show. However, it was noted that the letter should be addressed to a person, not the club. When the deadline for return of proposals has been met, Matt and Louis will follow up.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 6: Other Discussion**

FOHBC Raffles: Ferdinand questioned members as to their thoughts regarding Board members participation in raffles that are held at the national shows. Opinions given were that if you had to purchase a ticket(s), then it was alright for board members/family members to purchase them. Door prizes (that are given when an admission is purchased or for dealers), should not participate; however, if a board member buys a sales table, they should be eligible.

Also discussed was the issue of whether board members who do not have tables are paying admission to the show.

Action Taken: Ferdinand will follow up with this issue.

Jim Bender said the National Bottle Museum is lacking three state bottles to complete their collection - North Carolina, North Dakota, and Alaska. He asked if anyone has a bottle from Alaska. Jim has NC and ND; however, they need one from Alaska. Jim Berry will look for one in Alaska when he is there next month.

**The conference call was ended at 10:12 pm CST**

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary