



The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Conference Call October 09, 2014, 8:00 pm CST

Ferdinand Meyer V, called the conference call of the Federation to order at 8:00 pm CST.

Present: Ferdinand Meyer V, President
Gene Bradberry, 2nd Vice President
Gary Beatty, Treasurer
James Berry, Secretary
Val Berry, Merchandising Director
James Bender, Membership Director
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Bob Ferraro, Director at Large
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Martin Van Zant, *Bottles and Extras* Editor
John Joiner, 2015 Chattanooga National Co-Chair (part-time)
Jack Hewitt, 2015 Chattanooga National Show Co-Chair (part-time)

Absent: Sheldon Baugh, 1st Vice President
Richard Watson, Historian
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director
John Pastor, Director at Large
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director
Andrew Vuono, Northeast Region Director

Agenda 1: 2015 Chattanooga National Antique Bottle Show - John Joiner and Jack Hewitt, Show Chairs

A report was given on the current status of the 2015 national show. At this point, there are 22 dealers with 33 tables and 9 banquet tickets. John and Jack were able to acquire an auctioneer for the show. His name is Jim Daniel and he is an experienced auctioneer. It is expected that we will have the auction with approximately 100-140 items. Auctioneer will need assistance in obtaining antique bottle and glass consignments.

It was explained that John and Jack are planning to promote this show as a “vacation destination” trip noting there are many places to visit while in the area. They are working on developing a letter giving information to those coming in for the show, such as sightseeing tours, places to visit, renting a car, etc.

Action Taken:

No action taken.

Agenda 2: FOHBC National Shows and Conventions - Ferdinand Meyer V

Ferdinand discussed several FOHBC shows that have been held in the past few years. With each show, problems arose; and with each show, changes occurred to address those problems, which have improved shows and related events. Along with the Conventions Director and

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President, co-chairs and a committee have been used to coordinate shows. As a result, better communication and teamwork has helped make each show better.

Every FOHBC show is a growing experience and an effort is made to try to get better. Upcoming shows, including the 2015 Chattanooga National and the new format for the 2016 Sacramento Convention (3-day format), will continue to require communication and teamwork to be successful.

Action Taken:

No action taken at this time.

Agenda 3: FOHBC Shows - Ferdinand Meyer V

2013 Manchester National

Ferdinand reported that the final outstanding disbursements have been made. A financial report is being prepared and will be forwarded to board members as soon as possible.

2014 Lexington National

A final financial report is being prepared as well and will be reported by Sheldon Baugh shortly. It was noted that the checking account for the show has been closed.

2015 Chattanooga National

The financial aspect of this show has the FOHBC Business Manager, Elizabeth Meyer, included on the checking account along with the co-chairs, John Joiner and Jack Hewitt. Ferdinand commented that he had visited the Chattanooga Marriott Hotel and Chattanooga Convention Center. He was given a tour of the facilities and was impressed.

2016 Sacramento Convention

Ferdinand reported that he recently visited the location for the Sacramento show and met the venue hosts as well as a few local Federation members. He stated that it is a great location. At this point, Ferdinand needs to be kept up-to-date with all aspects of the show. Co-chairs and the committee will communicate with Ferdinand whenever necessary.

In the future, Treasurer, Gary Beatty, is requiring a formal process when he is requested to make any major payments, with the exception of the editor, Business Manager and typical postage requests. Requests for major payments should be addressed to Gary by Business Manager, Elizabeth Meyer with a copy to President Ferdinand Meyer.

2017 Northeast Region Convention

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In early August, solicitation letters for club hosts were sent to FOHBC club members in the Northeast Region. Interest is being shown in a couple areas already; Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

2018 Midwest Region Convention

Interest is being shown for this show including Wisconsin and Ohio.

Agenda 4: Regional Director Update - Meyer, McGuire, Hands, Lacy, Vuono

A conference call was held recently with the Regional Directors - Eric McGuire, Ron Hands, Matt Lacy and Andrew Vuono. Ferdinand as well as Gene Bradberry also participated in the call. Further information on this call will be included in Ferdinand's 'President's Message' in the next issue of *Bottles and Extras*. Ron Hands discussed his experience with contacting club members in his region. This information will also be incorporated in the 'President's Message.'

Action Taken:

No action taken at this time.

Agenda 5: Bottles and Extras Update - Ferdinand Meyer V and Martin Van Zant

This issue is running a bit late but should be out within the time frame. It was noted that there is a need for articles. When contacting member clubs, Ferdinand suggested that the Regional Directors encourage article writing; new members should also be encouraged to write. Ferdinand included this in the 'President's Message' as well.

Discussion was held regarding the many older magazines that Alan DeMaison (previous Business Manager) is currently holding. Both Elizabeth Meyer and Jim Bender have copies of old magazines. Some of the very old ones are given away and some of the more recent ones are being displayed and/or sold at shows.

Action Taken:

Ferdinand will contact Dick Watson to see what his intentions are regarding the older magazines.

Brief discussion was held regarding the discontinuation of sending the magazine to member clubs.

As Membership Director, Jim Bender felt that some people do not join the FOHBC for the benefit of the magazine if they are able to read it for free from their club. The bigger benefit of being a member club is insurance coverage for club events plus a 50% discount for advertising in *Bottles and Extras*.

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Research will be done on this topic by Jim Bender and Ferdinand Meyer before any action is taken.

Regarding the history of bottle collecting, Eric McGuire said he joined the Sacramento ABCA club in 1963. He explained that he had saved the newsletters (The Pontil) of his club for almost ten years. He was hesitant to throw them away as there was a lot of bottle collecting history in the newsletters. He decided to scan them and forward to Ferdinand. Some of this information can be put on the member portal of the FOHBC website.

Ferdinand then explained that Jim Bender and Dick Watson are working on a piece for *Bottles and Extras*, namely "*History's Corner*," giving bits of information on the history of the FOHBC. It is hoped that this can begin in the Jan/Feb 2015 issue.

Virtual Museum Update:

Work continues on developing a 3-minute video as a promotional attempt to gain funds for the Virtual Museum. Ferdinand is also working on getting a museum Board of Directors (an independent board) who would report back to the FOHBC Board.

Agenda 6: Treasurer's Report - Gary Beatty, Treasurer, Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager

Gary gave a report on the current status of the FOHBC checking account. Elizabeth and Gary are now officially FOHBC representatives for Franklin/Templeton Investments.

Action Taken:

No action taken at this time.

Agenda 7: Pam Selenak Resignations (Conventions Director and 2016 Sacramento Convention Chair) - Ferdinand Meyer V

Ferdinand gave a report on the resignations given by the newly elected Conventions Director, Pam Selenak. The position will be filled. Pam has also relinquished the position of show chair for the 2016 Sacramento Convention. All confirmations, schedules and other specifics regarding the 2016 show will be obtained and reviewed further when a replacement is selected.

Action Taken:

No action taken at this time.

Other:

Gene Bradberry reported that the appropriate paperwork for the state of Tennessee has been filed.

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The conference call was ended at 9:31 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary