



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors
Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes
May 08, 2012, 9:00 pm EST**

Gene Bradberry called the conference call of the Federation to order at 9:00 pm EST.

Present: Gene Bradberry, President
Bob Ferraro, 1st VP
Ferdinand Meyer V, 2nd VP
John Pastor, Director at Large
Gary Beatty, Treasurer
Richard Watson, Historian
James Berry, Secretary
Martin Van Zant, B&E Editor
Tom Phillips, Convention Director
James Bender, Membership Director
Alan DeMaison, Business Manager
Dave Maryo, Western Region Director
Randee Kaiser, Midwest Region Director
Pam Selenak, Public Relations Director (arrived late)

Absent: Carl Sturm, Director at Large
Sheldon Baugh, Director at Large
Ed Kuskie, NE Region Director
Jack Hewitt, Southern Region Director

Agenda 1: Professional Auctioneer for FOHBC Shows

As discussed previously, it would be a benefit to the Federation if an auction held at the FOHBC Expo and National Shows was given to a professional bottle auction company to plan and organize. To this effect, Tom Phillips sent letters of intent to several auction companies soliciting proposals for this responsibility. Proposal information received was forwarded to members for review.

Discussion on the benefits and pros and cons of each proposal was held amongst members.

Action taken:

After discussion, Dick Watson made a motion to accept the proposal of Glassworks Auctions. Motion was seconded by Gary Beatty. Roll call was taken, with one abstention, and the motion was approved. Tom Phillips will follow up with notification to the companies and will thank them for their interest. A contract will be developed.

Agenda 2: FOHBC Scholarship

Gene Bradberry brought up the suggestion of the Federation creating an annual scholarship of \$500. Members agreed it was a good idea but will need to look at our financial situation as well as develop criteria for such a scholarship.

Action taken:

A committee of three, Jim Berry, Pam Selenak and Martin Van Zant will work on this project and it was tabled for discussion at a future date.

Agenda 3: FOHBC Expo, Reno, NV Report - Tom Phillips

At this point, there are 265 tables, 95 banquet tickets, and 15 early admissions sold for the Reno Expo. Thirty ads have been placed in the souvenir program and 24 displays.

It was asked who would be covering the Federation table. Tom will create a schedule for volunteers. Alan DeMaison mentioned soliciting donations for the Virtual Museum as well as Federation memberships. He questioned where the Federation table should be located.

Ferdinand Meyer stated he will make sure the show is fully covered with articles and photos (including the show itself, the displays, banquet, speakers, shoot-off, seminars, etc.) of the Expo for Bottles and Extras September/October issue. We need to do lots of 'PR' before and after the Expo showing what someone will be missing or has missed by not attending the show.

Alan DeMaison explained that he would like to get each display in a 5-minute segment video. This wouldn't be for sale but possibly put on the website as a member's only viewing. Ferdinand Meyer agreed this could be done.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda 4: FOHBC 2012 Elections - Jim Bender

Jim Bender asked what the next step is for the 2012 election of officers. Alan DeMaison has sent Jim the most recent list of memberships. Gene Bradberry is in the process of getting a new seal and he will be developing the ballots - each region will

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be a different color with matching envelopes. Foreign members will received ballots based on the region closest to them, but will not be voting for the regional direction.

The mailing out of ballots will be done between June 1st to the 15th. Ballots are to be returned to Jim Bender postmarked by July 16th. They will remain sealed, forwarded to Reno and opened and tallied at the membership meeting. There have been no other nominations for offices.

The conference call was ended at 10:15 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary