



**The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors  
FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
June 14, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Ferdinand Meyer V, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Richard Watson, Historian  
James Berry, Secretary  
Tom Phillips, Convention Director  
James Bender, Membership Director  
Martin Van Zant, B&E Editor  
Alan DeMaison, Business Manager  
Dave Maryo, Western Region Director  
Randee Kaiser, Midwest Region Director

**Absent:** Carl Sturm, Director at Large  
Sheldon Baugh, Director at Large  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Pam Selenak, Public Relations Director  
Ed Kuskie, NE Region Director  
Jack Hewitt, Southern Region Director

Gene Bradberry informed members that due to unforeseen circumstances, he will not be attending the Reno show in July. Dave Maryo also stated that he will be unable to attend the Expo.

**Agenda 1: Hall of Fame / Honor Roll Application**

Dick Watson discussed the Hall of Fame / Honor Roll application wherein it is stated that “No sitting member of the Board may be nominated for the honor while on the Board.” Dick feels that if the board member meets the qualifications, he/she should not be disqualified because they are on the FOHBC board. It is agreed that if nominated, the board member should be excused from discussion and voting. A brief discussion was held.

Action taken:

Dick Watson made a motion to remove the statement in the Hall of Fame and Honor roll application, “No sitting member of the Board may be nominated for the honor while on the Board.” Motion was seconded by Bob Ferraro and all were in favor.

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Hall of Fame / Honor Roll application will be revised and submitted for further discussion and approval at the Reno meeting.

**Agenda 2: Contract for Professional Bottle Auction for 2013 FOHBC Show**

Tom Phillips forwarded a copy of the contract submitted by Jim Hagenbuch for the 2013 Manchester Show to members. The contract was briefly discussed noting that it was written to include all offers from the initial proposal and specifying what Jim will provide as well as what is expected of the Federation.

John Pastor suggested adding a disclosure to the contract giving Jim Hagenbuch sole discretion if any dispute arises. Others agreed that this is implied, however, it should be noted in the contract. Can be stated in the announcement and advertising, on-line also.

Action taken:

After discussion, Dick Watson made a motion to accept the contract as presented for the bottle auction. Motion was seconded by Bob Ferraro. All were in favor. Tom will ensure that the disclosure will be noted through the auction process and through our promotion of the auction.

**Agenda 3: FOHBC Life Membership Cards**

Gene Bradberry discussed the issue of life membership cards. Gene explained the history when the Federation first started. As annual memberships increased, it became costly with the inability to produce the cards for annual memberships. Not sure when this procedure ended. Jim Berry explained the reason behind this matter saying that a life member had shown Pam Selenak and himself a worn out card at the Baltimore show at the Federation table. Jim said this issue was only brought up to replace a laminated Life Membership card for those requesting them. It is not expected that *every* member receive an annual membership card as this does not happen now. The group discussed.

Action taken:

Motion was made by Jim Bender to replace a Life Membership card to those who request it. Seconded by Bob Ferraro. As secretary, Jim Berry will complete the responsibility, only when requested. Roll call was taken for vote with ten in favor one against. Motion passed.

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**Agenda 4: Editorial Board for Bottles and Extras**

Ferdinand Meyer congratulated Martin Van Zant and Bill Baab for getting the magazine out on time. It shows that the efforts made to reach this level have been successful.

Ferdinand explained that we still have a major concern in obtaining articles far in advance for the magazine. We need to get a collection of articles to be kept available for use at any given time. An Editorial Board of 5-7 members was suggested with the responsibility of soliciting articles for the magazine. With improvement made in sending out the magazine earlier, having a collection of articles will alleviate the task for Martin of searching for articles. Articles written years back can be “recycled” as well.

Action taken:

A motion was made by Gene Bradberry to establish an Editorial Board of 5 members to assist the Bottles and Extras editor to procure articles as well as write articles for the magazine. This Board will report to the President and Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Bob Ferraro and all were in favor.

President Gene Bradberry and soon-to-be President Ferdinand Meyer will discuss further and appoint members to the Editorial Board. Ferd stated that when a board is put together, conference calls will be held with periodic reports given to the Board.

**Agenda 5: Agenda for the Reno Board Meeting**

Gene sent out the proposed agenda for the board meeting to be held in Reno with approximately 20 items. If there are any changes or additions, please let Gene know.

**Agenda 6: Question for Hall of Fame / Honor Roll Materials**

Gene stated that in the past there have been two Hall of Fame books and plaques made. The recipient received a book and plaque and the other was used for display at our shows. Since we are changing the way we display the Hall of Fame and Honor Roll material (developing a DVD), it was asked if we need to continue with the second copy?

Discussion held with members agreeing that we do need to keep that second copy for the Federation archives.

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**Agenda 7: Regional Reports - Dave Maryo**

Dave Maryo, Western Region Director, talked about the regional reports that were removed from the magazine and put on the FOHBC website. In looking at the website, he found reports from January. The regional editors are not contributing and Ferd stated that many times, this holds up production of the magazine. Dave was approached by his regional editor, Dar Furda, to see what else can be done.

It was suggested to discontinue issuing these regional reports and instead, has the regional editors solicit articles for the magazine or write some articles themselves. Some ideas are to write about bottle shows and other bottle-related events happening within the clubs (such as bottle digs, how collectors started their hobby, what collectors collect and why, etc.)

Discussion was held with member's thoughts given:

- Regions are not as organized as they have been in the past, i.e., no annual regional meetings are held
- News included 'trivial' information (i.e., someone's birthday, a picnic held, etc.) that may not be of interest to other regions
- Regional editions are capable of writing these types of articles
- Putting club newsletters on the website (if clubs approved). May be a club benefit for members, so they may not be willing to put their newsletter on the Internet.

As an alternative to putting regional club news on the website, a suggestion was made to offer to member clubs the option of putting their newsletter on the FOHBC website. This will help re-direct the responsibility of the regional editor to contribute to something we can use in the magazine.

Action taken:

Gene will follow up with Ferd and the regional editors will be contacted to inform them of this suggestion.

**Other Brief Discussion:**

Tom Phillips said that several time slots still remain available at the Reno Expo for Board members to help cover the Federation table. We should have two people to be present at the table at all times.

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Please let Tom know if anyone can volunteer and he will put them on the schedule.

**The conference call was ended at 10:10 pm EST**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Berry, Secretary**