



Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

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President's Message

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May-June President's Message

My comments this issue will be rather short and sweet as I will include the minutes of the board of directors meeting in Baltimore on March 1, 2008.

The EXPO 2008 at York, Pa. is shaping up very well so far. We have orders for 100 banquet attendees of the 250 available seats. The host hotel has only 30 rooms left so we are 70% sold out for rooms and 37% sold out on table reservations. This is with three and a half months remaining. We also have commitments for 17 seminars and specialty meetings. Items for the auction are being solicited. We are holding the auction to 100 items. It will be a live auction with the ability to make prior bids online. If you have any items that you wish to consign please get in touch with Randy Driskill at www.bottleauction.com.

We need to get the minutes here so that you will know that your board of directors is taking care of business. Dig hard or buy well and watch your collection grow.

J. Carl Sturm, President

Minutes: FOHBC Board of Directors Meeting March 1, 2008 Baltimore, Md.

President J. Carl Sturm called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Directors in attendance were Wayne Lowry, June Lowry, Richard Watson, John Pastor, Richard Siri, James Berry and Ed Herrold. Mr. Sturm took note that ten directors were necessary to form a quorum, eight were then present and three or four other directors would be arriving later that would be available to vote on matters requiring action. (Other directors arriving in time to vote were Bob Ferraro, Larry Fox, Ron Hands and Alan DeMaison) In the absence of Secretary Ed Provine, Ed Herrold was asked by Mr. Sturm to keep minutes of the meeting.

Convention Director Wayne Lowry reported on the financial results of the 2007 Collinsville, Ill. National Show, saying that while the books were still not closed out, the show would still net a profit of about

\$2,000, with the auction making the difference between profit and loss.

As for the 2008 Expo in York, Pa., we are prepared to offer up to 600 sales tables. Mr. Lowry said we needed volunteer help for setting up and he was going to ask for assistance from the Baltimore club. There was a discussion of possible auction arrangements for an auction to be held in connection with the show.

Mr. Lowry stated that there were 17 educational seminars and specialty meetings arranged and more were likely. Ed Herrold volunteered to be available August 8 to make sure that the presenters had the necessary audio/visual aids for their presentations. Carl Sturm and Richard Siri volunteered to assist in obtaining advertising for the show program and John Pastor volunteered to assist Bill Baab with articles for the program. In further discussion Mr. Lowry said he had developed a database of former club members, bottle collectors and others interested in the hobby of around 4,000 and suggested that we could use that as a mailing list to invite prospective members to join the FOHBC. He cited the success of a recent appeal to rejoin the FOHBC mailed to former clubs last fall. Since this would be a targeted mailing to "enthusiasts" we should expect a much more favorable return than the 2 per cent or so usually estimated for "blind" solicitations. John Pastor moved that the mailing be accomplished and Richard Siri seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.

The Federation received from Bill Baab, Mike Burggraaf, Mark Wiseman and the Iowa Antique Bottle Club the nomination of Katie Foglesong to the FOHBC Honor Roll, to be awarded posthumously. She became a member of the Antique Bottle Collectors Association of California in 1965, helped found the Iowa Antique Bottle Club in 1967 and served as club editor for 23 years. She became Treasurer of the FOHBC in 1970. She passed away in 1995. The

nomination passed unanimously, 12 votes to 0.

Next were two nominations for FOHBC "Hall of Fame":

The first considered by the board was that of Betty (Wilson) Zumwalt, nominated by Richard Siri, Bob Ferraro, Bill Ham and the Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association. Among other things, Betty co-authored with her husband, Bill Wilson, *Spirit Bottles of the Old West*, *Western Bitters*, and *19th Century Medicine in Glass*. Later, after her remarriage, Mrs. Zumwalt wrote, *Ketchup, Pickles, Sauces - 19th Century Found in Glass*. June Lowry moved for the acceptance of Betty (Wilson) Zumwalt for the "Hall of Fame". Richard Siri seconded the motion and it passed 12-0.

Next for consideration was the nomination of J. Carl Sturm, for "Hall of Fame" as submitted by Bob Jochums, Bill Baab, Junne and Norman Barnett. FOHBC President then recused himself and turned the meeting over to Second Vice President Richard Siri who assumed the duties as chairman. June Lowry moved for approval of the nomination and Richard Watson seconded the motion. The nomination was approved 11-0 with Mr. Sturm abstaining.

Following the preceding vote, Mr. Sturm returned to chair the meeting. He said a nominating committee was needed for elections for new officers and directors for 2008-2010. Mr. Herrold volunteered to chair the nominating committee and Jim Berry, Richard Siri and Richard Watson were appointed committee members.

The Board discussed the progress of the FOHBC magazine. During this discussion, Mr. Sturm said that it was in his opinion that the magazine has become the "best magazine in the hobby!!" and several others expressed agreement.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ed Herrold, Acting Secretary