



The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Meeting - Chattanooga National July 31, 2015, 8:00 am EST

Ferdinand Meyer V called the Board Meeting of the FOHBC to order at 8:00 am EST.

Present: Ferdinand Meyer V, President
Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President
Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President
John Pastor, Director at Large
Bob Ferrara, Director at Large (via phone)
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large
James Berry, Secretary
James Bender, Historian
Linda Sheppard, Membership Director
Valeri Berry, Merchandising Director
Louis Fifer, Convention Director
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director

Others: Mallory Boyle, FOHBC Photographer (part-time)
Jack Hewitt, Co-Chair, Chattanooga National Show (part-time)
John Joiner, Co-Chair, Chattanooga National Show (part-time)
Helen Forbes (part-time)
Alicia Booth (part-time)

Absent: Gary Beatty, Treasurer
Andrew Vuono, NE Region Director
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director
Martin Van Zant, Bottles and Extras Editor
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director

Agenda A: Welcome - Ferdinand Meyer V, President

Ferdinand welcomed everyone to the FOHBC Board Meeting. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Jack Hewitt, John Joiner and Mallory Boyle, (FOHBC Photographer) were also introduced.

Agenda B: 2015 Chattanooga National Antique Bottle Show

Co-Chairs Jack Hewitt and John Joiner welcomed everyone to Chattanooga. Jack explained that this show was merged with the Atlanta show. It was highly publicized as a “vacation” trip with many sites to see and things to do.

John reported statistics on the Chattanooga show:

260 Sales Tables

170 Dealers

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130 Banquet tickets

350+ Hotel rooms

Coverage for the appraisal table is needed.

He stated there is paid 24 hour security throughout the conference center.

The Souvenir Program has set a record for advertising. Bill Johnson, John, Jack and Ferdinand worked extremely diligently on procuring ads for the program. The program looks great. Thank you Bill, John, Jack and Ferdinand for a job well done.

With so much happening this weekend, Ferdinand reviewed the schedule of events. We want to make sure that all schedules, time frames, coverage, help, etc. is ready. All FOHBC officers are asked to help where ever they can. He did report that there would not be a bus tour due to the lateness of trying to schedule.

Review of Friday, July 31st:

Dealer Registration

Cocktail Reception (with hat contest; prize railroad bottle donated by Alicia Booth)
Banquet (featuring Tom Hicks as the featured speaker) (Club Contest award winners announced)

“Battle of Chattanooga” Bottle Competition

Saturday, August 1st:

FOHBC General Membership Breakfast (event for FOHBC members only)

Dealer Registration, Dealer Unloading and Display Set Up

Seminars (six – 9am to noon)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Dealer and Early Buyer Admittance (2 lines will form – one for dealers who will be allowed in first; second line is for the Early Buyers)

Auction Preview and “Rolling Thunder” live auction

Sunday, August 2nd:

Ticket sales – both early buyer and general admission

Show Opens with Dealer and Early Admission; general admission

Prize drawings (gift certificates to be spent at the show) will be held.

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Action taken:

All involved with the show were thanked for their dedication and efforts to plan a great show. If anyone has any concerns, comments or suggestions, please let the co-chairs and convention director know.

Agenda C: 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention - Ferdinand Meyer V, Eric McGuire

Contracts for the 2016 Sacramento Convention are now online and will be available at the Chattanooga National Show. Ferdinand reviewed schedule of events, contracts, costs etc. This is our first "convention" so we may find a couple changes on the schedules/events. A few 'glitches' we find in Chattanooga will be addressed and corrected for Sacramento.

Ferdinand and Eric reviewed some highlights of Sacramento. There will be 235 (more or less) dealer tables with a limit of two per dealer. Cost for the first 8' table is \$85, second will be \$75. There is also a stipulation that at least 75% of the sales table must be antique bottles, jars, blown glass, insulators, stoneware, marbles, related advertising and new items to assist in the hobby of bottle collecting.

A reception will be held for registered dealers, displayers and early admissions on Thursday, August 4th. This is a new event. The Sacramento Shootout bottle competition will follow.

The FOHBC will hold its second general membership meeting on Friday, August 5, 2016; seminars will be held in the morning. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in early afternoon for dealer and early admittance. The cocktail hour, hat contest, and banquet will be held in the evening.

Saturday, August 6th will have early admission, plus general admission. The auction will be held in the evening. The final day, Sunday, August 7th, will have early admission plus general admission with closing of the convention at 3:00 pm.

Sheldon Baugh suggested ending the show on Sunday at 2:00 pm rather than 3:00 pm since it is now a 2½ day show. Brief discussion was held; the end time will remain at 3:00 pm for this show.

Ferdinand reminded all that updated information is posted on the FOHBC website continually. It was also noted to reiterate that the convention is open to everyone - you do not need to be an FOHBC member to attend the show.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the required sales tax for the state of California. It is required by the state that vendors have a Seller's Permit, Temporary Seller's Permit or B.O.E. Form 410-D exemption. Vendors are able to apply for the temporary seller's permit online. This information is explained in detail in the contract and will be emphasized.

Action taken:

An upcoming meeting in September will be held in California regarding the show. Further discussion will be held with Ferdinand and show chairs regarding the sales tax requirement.

Agenda D: 2017 Northeast National Antique Bottle Convention Update - Jim Bender

Jim reported on the status of the Springfield, Massachusetts show for 2017. At this point, he is looking at having up to 400 sales tables; he reserved 425 room nights. Jim also talked about the hotel, restaurants, stores, all within walking distance, as well as a mall in the lower level. He has been in contact with Dick Watson's family regarding having a power point program of Dick's collection. This would be projected on a big screen at the banquet with narration done at the time. Other events are in the process of being organized, such as the shootout, auction, convention logo, seminars, etc. Again, all updated news will be posted on the website.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda E: 2018 Midwest National Antique Bottle Convention Update - Louis Fifer, Matt Lacy

Louis and Matt Lacy reported on the status. Proposals for interest in hosting the show have gone out in June. They have had only one response. Matt and Louis are in the process of researching venues particularly in Ohio.

Members discussed the current "regional boundaries" of the Federation.

Action taken:

A suggestion was made to relook at the boundaries. Ferdinand has agreed to research this and further discussion on this topic will be held in the future. Louis and Matt will provide a report for the 2018 Convention within 90 days.

Agenda F: Financial - Ferdinand Meyer, Elizabeth Meyer

In Gary Beatty's absence, Ferdinand gave a brief financial review and members were given a financial report hand-out. Elizabeth noted that there has been issues with the mailings of Bottles and Extras, resulting in additional costs, as well as receiving late renewals and donations in the mail. Ferdinand talked about other options for generating revenue for the FOHBC - advertising, merchandise - as well as looking at obtaining alternate proposals for printing.

The concerns involving the cost of publishing Bottles and Extras was reviewed with board members. Options and other suggestions were given, including cost of ads, printing, club benefits for advertising, etc.

It was questioned on who is currently overseeing the Federation's investments. Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager, has formally requested Sheldon Baugh oversee the investments and he has accepted.

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Members agreed with the approval of Sheldon Baugh to oversee the Federations' investments.

Agenda G: FOHBC / Next Generation - Ferdinand Meyer V, Jim Bender

As noted in previous months, increasing membership rates and re-instituting Life Members has been approved by the board as follows:

Regular Standard Membership	\$40
1 st Class Membership	\$55
Canada Membership	\$60
Other Countries	\$80
Clubs	\$75
Three-Year Membership, Standard	\$110
Digital Membership	\$25

(Associate membership will continue at \$5; Not available with Life or Digital Membership)

Re-Institution of Life Membership –

Three levels of Life Membership for single members only:

Level One or A \$1000 Includes all benefits of a regular membership. No promise of a printed magazine for life.

Level Two or B \$500 Includes all benefits of a regular membership but you will not receive a printed magazine, but rather a digital subscription. Note - in the future, a Level One could become a Level Two.

Level Three or C Earned or Honoree. The Board would have the option of bestowing an honorary Life Membership. This person would continue to join the FOHBC at the regular membership rate. The Board will determine how this honor is earned.

Discussion: A vote for final approval will be taken at the Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2015. If approved, the FOHBC By-laws would then be amended as necessary, with above rates to begin on September 1, 2015. Per the Federation By-laws, this information has been made available to each member in advance either directly by mail or by timely notice in the Federation's official periodical (Bottles and Extras) or on the Federation website.

Membership Director, Linda Sheppard, and Elizabeth Meyer will review time frames for mailing of postcards (revisions will be made based on changes) for memberships that will be expiring as well as other pieces (welcome, welcome back letters, etc.). Ferdinand will ensure that membership brochures will be printed with new rates as soon as possible.

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No action taken.

Agenda H: Bottles and Extras - Ferdinand Meyer V, Martin Van Zant

Improvements are being made in the time frame for getting the magazine out as early as possible; however, the September/October issue may be a little late. Articles, pictures, etc. from this show will be in this magazine. Ferdinand asked members to get any articles they write to him immediately.

Elizabeth Meyer will discuss with Linda Sheppard regarding when renewal postcards go out. Elizabeth needs to get the updated membership list to the printer before the magazine is mailed out. There seems to be a lapse in time resulting in Elizabeth having to mail out the magazines. Linda and Elizabeth will work on this.

Ferdinand reported that we do have a backlog of articles; continue to submit both short and long (within reason) articles. He noted that one or two additional people is needed to be on the editorial committee to review the magazine. A pdf will be sent to you with review completed within 24 hours.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda I: FOHBC Web Site - Ferdinand Meyer V

Updates/revisions are quickly put on the website. Anyone with information (regarding shows, deaths, news, etc.) that needs to be placed on the website, please notify Ferdinand who will be able to get it on almost immediately.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda J: FOHBC Virtual Museum - Ferdinand Meyer V

Ferdinand said that Alan DeMaison will be staffing the Virtual Museum table. Donations will be accepted with donors receiving a button. Those who previously donated will be getting a button and all are asked to wear them. A new video will be presented showing the progress of the virtual museum.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda K: Hall of Fame - Ferdinand Meyer V

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The presentation by John Pastor of the newest Hall of Fame member will be done at the banquet. A plan to do a group photograph of all Hall of Fame members present.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda L: FOHBC Merchandise - Val Berry

Val gave a brief review of the merchandise (shirts, hats, mugs, UV flashlights, women's denim shirts) that will be available for the show. Ferdinand did purchase "Chattanooga show" t-shirts that will be available as well. With the addition of new items, the Merchandise web page will be revised.

Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda M: FOHBC History – Jim Bender, Ferdinand Meyer V

Jim Bender, Historian, continues to write the "History's Corner" piece for the magazine. He has gone to Dick Watson's home to pick up all the FOHBC material (magazines, letters, pictures, newsletters, etc.) that Dick has collected over the years. Jim plans on sorting out the items by year, starting with 1969. He hopes to then create a directory of "who's who," "who did what" as well as other information/changes/events that has occurred with the Federation over the years. He noted that since he has become the Historian, several people have contacted him regarding information they have.

The FOHBC History page on the website is listed as "being developed." As new information is found, Ferdinand is able to easily add it and the site continues to be a work in progress. Old magazines will be available via the member's portal.

Discussion was held regarding the appropriate storage of historical material as well as other FOHBC information. Several options were given such as finding a suitable storage area or getting it digitally online, so it is not forgotten and information needed can be accessed.

Action taken:

In the future, an inventory of all historical material will be completed, however, it is expected that this will take some time to do.

Agenda N: FOHBC Elections - Ferdinand Meyer V

The year 2016 is scheduled as the next election of the FOHBC. Ferdinand will soon need a non-board member committee to begin the nominating process of a candidate list.

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Action taken:

No action taken.

Agenda O: General Discussion, Conclusion

Gene Bradberry noted that the FOHBC's corporation has been approved for another year.

The collection of five sets of Bottles and Extras magazines continues; however, we still have some needed. It was noted that the Jan/Feb 2012 magazine's cover states "2011" and as a result, we only have one. The cost of the current magazine is \$7, others are \$5.

Members are again asked to help anywhere needed for the show; appraisal table, registration, merchandise, helping vendors, etc.

Action taken:

No action taken.

The FOHBC Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary