



## **The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Board of Directors Conference Call October 08, 2015, 8:00 pm CST**

Ferdinand Meyer, V, called the conference call of the Federation to order at 8:00 pm CST. There were many absences due to persons travelling and preparing for bottle shows on the upcoming weekend.

**Present:** Ferdinand Meyer V, President  
Steve Ketcham, Director at Large  
James Berry, Secretary  
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager  
James Bender, Historian  
Linda Sheppard, Membership Director  
Valeri Berry, Merchandise Director  
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director  
Ron Hands, Southern Region Director  
Martin Van Zant, BOTTLES and EXTRAS Editor

**Absent:** Sheldon Baugh, First Vice President  
Gene Bradberry, Second Vice President  
John Pastor, Director at Large  
Bob Ferraro, Director at Large  
Gary Beatty, Treasurer  
Louis Fifer, Conventions Director  
Rick DeMarsh, Public Relations Director  
Matt Lacy, Midwest Region Director  
Andrew Vuono, Northeast Region Director

### **Agenda 1: Draft Report of the 2015 Chattanooga National Antique Bottle Show | Profit and Loss Statement - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand e-mailed information to members previous to tonight's call. He explained that he did need to clarify a couple questions he has with John Joiner. He also noted that he would like to have the total amount taken in from the bottle auction - the statement only identifies the Federation's percentage. Other items listed on the statement were reviewed and board members had a few questions regarding the statement. It was pointed out that the souvenir program did very well due to a great quantity of advertisements.

Action Taken: Members were asked to review further and send questions/comments to Ferdinand if there are any. Ferdinand will follow up regarding the income from the auction sales.

### **Agenda 2: BOTTLES and EXTRAS - Ferdinand Meyer V, Martin Van Zant**

An update was given on the current status of the next issue of BOTTLES and EXTRAS which is the November | December issue. The magazine is in the process of final approval with 75% of pages reviewed at this time. It is expected to be ready for mailing by the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

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Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 3: 2016 Sacramento National Antique Bottle Convention and Expo Update - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand met with the show's team at the Lions Gate Hotel in Sacramento on September 11<sup>th</sup> to further discuss and plan the show and events. A detailed report was previously sent to board members and has also been added to the Sacramento Show site on the Federation's website. Information was briefly reviewed by Ferdinand.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 4: Hall of Fame/Honor Roll Nominations for 2016 - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Suggestions for nominations for the Hall of Fame and Honor Roll were briefly reviewed. Anyone can make a nomination and referred to the guidelines and requirements which can be found on the website. Submissions are due to the Business Manager by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Three nominations were discussed.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 4: 2017 Springfield National Antique Bottle Convention - Jim Bender**

Jim Bender reviewed information regarding the Northeast convention. After the Chattanooga show, he realized a few additional details needed to be addressed, such as temperature of show room, food concession having better food selections for breakfast/lunch, table layout (300/400 tables). Ferdinand noted that they did have a "debriefing" conference call (including Chattanooga show chairs, Sacramento convention team, Springfield convention chairs and Midwest team) to help discuss any issues/concerns that can be improved on for each show. Jim explained plans he and Bob have to prepare so those in attendance will have information to the "nearby streets" and what is available for eating, shopping, etc. He stated that in Chattanooga, it was difficult to find a moderate place to eat and ended up ordering pizza delivery at the hotel.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 5: 2018 Midwest National Convention - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Ferdinand reported on this in Matt Lacy and Louis Fifer's absence. Support has been given to Matt and Louis by both Ferdinand and Jim Bender on what to expect and negotiable items (such as rooms, banquet costs, etc.). A report is expected to be received soon from Matt and Louis.

Action Taken: No action taken.

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**Agenda 5: FOHBC Virtual Museum - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Alan and Ferdinand have held a couple conference calls regarding the Virtual Museum. Ferdinand stated that the VM raised quite a bit of donations at the Chattanooga show and this will again be done at the Sacramento convention, plus others. They are investigating the option of purchasing their own equipment for photographing our own spinners. The VM website continues to be a work in progress and it is hoped that it can be up within several months.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 6: FOHBC Membership Directory - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Gene Bradberry continues to be interested in publishing a Membership Directory. Ferdinand will follow up with Gene regarding this. The Board may need to re-look at this in the near future.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 7: FOHBC Financial Report - Ferdinand Meyer V**

Information was reported by Ferdinand in Gary Beatty's absence.

Action Taken: No action taken.

**Agenda 8: Other - Ferdinand Meyer V**

BOTTLES and EXTRAS articles are always needed. If you as board members have the opportunity, write something. Please also ask other FOHBC members, collectors, friends, etc. to write an article on whatever their interest is - collecting, attending shows, traveling to shows/bottle events, digging, bottle clubs, etc. Fiction or non-fiction. Thank you all for your efforts.

**The conference call was ended at 8:44 pm CST**

Respectfully submitted,

James Berry, Secretary