



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting December 1, 2021 8:00pm EST

President John O'Neill called the conference call/Zoom meeting of the Federation to order at 8pm EST.

Present: John O'Neill, President
Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President
Jim Berry, Treasurer
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Steve Lang, Midwest Region Director
Fred DeCarlo, Northeast Region Director
Val Berry, Secretary, Merchandise Director

Absent: Jeff Wichmann, First Vice-President
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director

AGENDA 1: Opening Remarks; Call to Order (O'Neill)

John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance for the conference/zoom meeting. Roll call was taken for board members. There were no guests present.

John thanked those in attendance for taking the time attend these meetings. He noted that the donation given for the Auction Price Report (APR) has been documented with information sent to Jim Berry, Treasurer, for the Federation records. The information will be sent to the accountant to ensure the paperwork is appropriate.

AGENDA 2: Bottles and Extras (Jan/Feb 2022); Magazine Extra Copy Distribution (Meyer)

The editing/publishing schedule for the Jan/Feb 2022 Bottles and Extras was shown. Ferdinand said that sometimes this schedule is not followed resulting in the late delivery of the magazine. At this point in time, we are ahead of schedule for the next issue. The magazine will be sent to Modern Litho five days ahead of schedule; however, he noted that Modern Litho will be adding 3 days to every process due to worker shortage and paper shortages. If we can get it out before the 15th of December, we should be okay.

Ferdinand reported that the Jan/Feb issue of Bottles and Extras has several pages of significant information regarding the merger, the upcoming elections and election process, the APR, all benefits that are 'hidden' on the website that you can find in the members portal, etc. With all this information in the magazine and rather than republishing it in the next issue, Ferdinand is suggesting several

options to offer this issue to subscribers of the current Antique Bottle & Glass Collector magazine. We could print an extra 1500 copies and (1) have John Pastor include with his January issue; (2) send links digitally to his members or (3) do nothing. One concern would be the extra cost for printing.

Other ideas given is to (1) have the Federation print and mail to subscribers of AB & GC; (2) print and send 1500 copies to John to be included in his next mailing; (3) see if Modern Litho could mail if we send the AB & GC mailing list to them. Again, the cost of postage would be an added expense for the FOHBC as well as the printing. It was suggested to see if John would help cover the extra costs as his subscribers would certainly benefit from receiving this issue. It was noted that he continues to receive subscriptions.

Ferdinand has not discussed this topic with John Pastor; however, he does have an upcoming conference call with him. John O'Neill said we will defer any decision at this time until after the call. He also said he is willing to discuss this with John Pastor and John O'Neill will offer to pay for the extra printing and ask John Pastor to pick up the extra cost of postage.

AGENDA 3: Antique Bottle & Glass Collector (Mar/Apr 2022); Merger Status

Ferdinand discussed and showed the cover designs/logo he is working on for the change due in March/April. He will go over the designs with John Pastor and is still working on this. Designs and variations will be presented to the Board for final approval.

Ferdinand continues to work on the Mar/Apr issue and will send the board a list of what both sides should be doing in the schedule. By December 1st, the FOHBC was to send a letter to all members explaining what has happened regarding the magazine merger either through email, put on the website or mail a letter. John O'Neill said we should not do anything until the conference call between Ferdinand and John Pastor is concluded.

AGENDA 4: Hall of Fame

Board members were informed that a nomination has been received for the 2022 induction. Elizabeth Meyer will review the application to ensure that requirements for Hall of Fame membership are met. All information regarding the Hall of Fame/Honor Roll guidelines and procedures are on the website.

AGENDA 5: Auction Price Report Update

Ferdinand noted that work continues on the project; however, reported an issue with one auction house. He thinks this may be resolved. More material is still needed and they are working on that. Initially, it was hoped that it would be ready by January 1st, however, the new goal is March 1st.

Membership Benefits of the FOHBC is written in the magazine towards the back. With the changes and additions the Federation has made (most recently the merger and APR), Ferdinand has updated the piece. He would like board members to read and review these membership benefits so it is as complete and up-to-date as possible.

AGENDA 6: Reno 2022 Update

Ferdinand reported that table requests are coming in. Other aspects of the show are being done; advertising for the Souvenir program will begin soon. Richard Siri is getting a commemorative poker chip made (at his own cost). At this time, there does not seem to be any issues with the Covid pandemic.

Other Information:

Ferdinand talked about the Facebook page – members should go on and ‘like it.’ Steve Lang has now been made an administrator and traffic has picked up. Bottle groups are following and we should follow them back. Instagram should be viewed as well. These pages are linked to our website.

John O’Neill will send information on the next call for a short follow up with the magazine merger Antique Bottle & Glass Collector design presentation to Board.

The conference call was ended at 9:02pm EST
The next conference call/Zoom meeting be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Berry, Secretary