



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting December 8, 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
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Jim Berry, Treasurer
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Steve Lang, Midwest Region Director
Fred DeCarlo, Northeast Region Director
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director
Val Berry, Secretary, Merchandise Director

Absent: Jeff Wichmann, First Vice-President
Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large

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.

Design Presentation

As discussed in the previous call, Ferdinand Meyer gave a presentation of the proposed *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* cover designs/logo he, along with Elizabeth Meyer, has been working on for the merger conversion of the magazines scheduled for the March/April 2022 issue. He has also presented and discussed the designs with John Pastor.

During the presentation, illustrations of each subject matter was shown.

Ferdinand reviewed the history of the Federation's magazine with changes that have made throughout the years. In 1969, the magazine was called *The Pontil*, a black and white publication. Issues of *The Pontil* is now available through the Member's Portal, thanks to Federation officer, Eric McGuire, for scanning them. After *The Pontil*, *The Federation Journal* was done and managed by Gene Bradberry. These issues will be scanned and placed in the years after 1970 up to 1985.

In 1988, Scott Grandstaff and Kitty Roach started *Bottles and Extras* magazine with the first edition published in 1989. In 1995, the publication grew too big for them to continue. They turned over the

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magazine along with a subscriber list to the FOHBC at no cost. The first FOHBC issue of *Bottles and Extras* was March 1995.

Since 1995 and throughout the years, several variations and other changes were made to the magazine. Some years the magazine was printed 12 times a year; or 4 times a year; and now 6 times a year. *Bottles and Extras* cover logo designs also went through some changes including color, placement, and size.

Ferdinand went over the format used in John Pastor's *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine including his logo and page layouts. Several variations of the new designed logo were shown with descriptions and reasonings explained by Ferdinand. He compared several of John's page layouts versus *Bottles and Extras* page layouts going through each page and segment of the magazine. Ferdinand reminded all that the new design was taking favored elements from both magazines creating a new design that would be familiar with FOHBC members and AB&GC subscribers. Ferdinand stated that the cover design was essentially the same as previous FOHBC *Bottles and Extras* cover designs with the exception of design elements pulled from AB&GC. An illustrated comparison example was presented. Ferdinand said the next 72 pages followed the *Bottles and Extras* format and sections including inside and back covers. As with the cover, a refreshed design was presented for the inside page headers and footers.

Most comments regarding the new designs and formats by Board members were positive. However, one felt that *Bottles and Extras* was completely wiped out and replaced with the *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine design and format.

John O'Neill concluded the meeting stating that the consensus is that we are headed in the right direction and efforts regarding the merger of the magazine should continue.

The conference call was ended at 8:50pm EST
The next conference call/Zoom meeting be held January 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Berry, Secretary