

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

February 1, 2022 8:00 pm EST

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

Present: John O'Neill, President
Jeff Wichmann, 1st Vice President
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Steve Lang, Midwest Region Director

Absent: Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director
Jim Berry, Treasurer

Agenda 1: Opening Remarks, Roll Call (O'Neill)

John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was taken for board members. There were no guests present. John utilized Microsoft Teams for this meeting but will switch back to Zoom for future meetings. The January 5th FOHBC minutes were approved and posted to the website. John noted that since Val Berry resigned, he would be taking notes. The Secretary position will need to be filled.

Agenda 2: The Death of Johnny Fletcher (F. Meyer)

The death of FOHBC Hall of Famer Johnnie Fletcher has been posted on FOHBC Facebook and FOHBC News and a follow-up written piece is scheduled for our website. It will also be reported in our May-June 2022 issue of our publication.

Agenda 3: FOHBC Publication (F. Meyer)

The March–April 2022 issue of *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* (AB&GC), our inaugural issue, was sent to the printer on 01 February, ahead of schedule. Our May–June 2022 issue of AC&GC is approx. 80% done (not including ads, pres. message, VM news, etc.) We continue to receive new articles for the balance of the year. Two recently, from Mike Seeliger and Ralph Finch.

John Pastor is sending the FOHBC an initial check and spreadsheet for subscriptions and display ads paid to him. A USPS package is in transit to Elizabeth to review and process.

We sold out all advertising in our magazine for the first time in a decade or so. We are working on a report to raise our low advertising rates and re-assess discounts.

Agenda 4: FOHBC Virtual Museum (F. Meyer)

The online Virtual Museum History Timeline has been updated. We are working on the online FOHBC History too at FOHBC.org.

The first two books have been added to the VM Research Library. We are adding more. This includes historical images and captions.



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Agenda 5: FOHBC Membership Payment System (E & F. Meyer)

We are working to overhaul the online payment system on FOHBC.org. See study chart.

Agenda 6: FOHBC Marketing (F. Meyer)

FOHBC News Blasts continue to go out. We have not added the Pastor or Wichmann emails just yet, so they are only going to 660 individuals or so each MailChimp transmission. We have changed the sender from fmeyer@fmgdesign.com to fmeyer@fohbc.org. See latest blast.

Jeff Wichmann confirmed that he could bring much to the process with his experience. All agreed.

Agenda 7: FOHBC Board Position (J. O'Neill & F. Meyer)

John and Ferdinand stated that they had some individuals in mind and would contact them. We need to go to Reno with full slate of officers confirmed for each position.

The conference call ended at 9:00 pm EST. The next conference call/Zoom is as yet undetermined.

The foregoing conveys our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached during this meeting. Please send any notes to the contrary by 20 February 2022, otherwise, these notes will be assumed correct and will be posted online at FOHBC.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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