

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

FOHBC Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Conference Call / Zoom Meeting

16 March 2022, 7:00 pm CST

President John O'Neill called the video conference call to order at 7pm CST.

Present: John O'Neill, President
Richard Siri, Director-at-Large
Ferdinand Meyer V, Director-at-Large
Eric McGuire, Western Region Director
Jake Smith, Southern Region Director
Michael Seeliger, Second Vice-President
Jeff Wichmann, 1st Vice President
Jim Berry, Treasurer

Absent: Elizabeth Meyer, Business Manager
Steve Lang, Midwest Region Director
Fred DeCarlo, Eastern Region Director

1. John O'Neill welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was taken for board members. There were no guests present.
2. Jake Smith, Fred DeCarlo, and Jim Berry stepping down from board positions was briefly noted.
3. Ferdinand presented an updated "The New FOHBC." File attached to this report. The "12 Step" presentation was initially presented at the 13 March 2021 Board Meeting ([see meeting notes at FOHBC.org](#)). Each step was updated to show various levels of progress from "completed," to "in progress" or "just getting started."
4. Most of the discussion centered around "Step 10 – Restructuring the Board." Good discussion occurred. Most favored a restructuring of some sort. Board to reconvene in a few weeks after they have more thoroughly reviewed the presentation and thought about the options. Important to comply with 501(c) to maintain non-profit status. Richard to send related 501(c) book to Ferdinand.
5. Creating non-voting representatives and ambassadors discussed. (Step 10)
6. Scheduling of board meetings was discussed. (Step 10)
7. Having a FOHBC National Expo every four years was briefly discussed. (Step 3)
8. New FOHBC Membership Tiers was briefly discussed. Special dedicated meeting required for this component. (Step 11)
9. Michael Seeliger was discussed as a possible new FOHBC president. Michael to think on the matter.
10. Creating seven regions with two or three "floating" representatives for each discussed. Non-voting.
11. High turnover of board members is a concern.
12. Connecting with the regular collector a must.



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13. Putting too much on one person discussed ie. Ferdinand. What happens if?
14. FOHBC showing good progress with membership, advertising sales, donations, Reno 22 etc.
15. Elizabeth overworked and over-extended performing Business Manager, Membership Director, and some Public Relations roles such as sending out show packets to regional directors.
16. Send request for FOHBC name badge to Jim or Val Berry. Jake Smith did not have one.
17. “Nuclear” options were presented and discussed. (Page XX)
18. FOHBC Bylaws would be updated upon board approval. FOHBC Membership has to approve. Schedule discussed. (Page YY)
19. John and Ferdinand wanted to achieve the presented work and obtain all approvals before John steps down as president, which is at the conclusion of Reno 22.

The conference call ended at approx. 8:00 pm CST. The next conference call date is undetermined.

The foregoing conveys our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached during this meeting. The FOHBC will assume these notes correct and as a matter of record unless notice to the contrary is brought to our attention within one (1) week of the issue date of these meeting notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferdinand Meyer V, Director at Large