

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of Brandywine Crucible, Inc.**

Chairman Joe B. Cox, Jr. called the thirteenth meeting of the Board of Directors of Brandywine Crucible, Inc. to order at Lampasas, Texas at 3:30 P.M. on May 14, 2010. The meeting recessed 6:00 P.M. The following directors were present for either the initial or reconvened meeting or both:

Arlee Gowen  
Joe B. Cox, Jr.  
Bob Cox

Linda Atkins  
Les Sutton  
Ada Stump

Missy Jones

On motion by Bob Cox and second by Missy Jones, the minutes of the director's meeting held on May 15 & 17, 2009 were approved.

Ada Stump gave the treasurer's report and presented an extensive, detailed financial record to each director. Our balance at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, 2009 was \$6,253.25. Our interim balance as of May 1, 2010 was \$7,196.61. Results of the annual meeting will affect the final 2010 balance and even then are not usually fully reflected in our end of fiscal year results since some of our meeting expenses are paid after the end of the fiscal year. The State of Texas requires that non-profit organizations keep their books on a cash basis. The Harlan book has been reprinted, 12 additional books are available to donate to libraries and the remainder can be sold for \$30. On motion by Bob Cox and second by Les Sutton, the report was accepted.

Les Sutton gave the Secretary's report indicating that a new filing requirement, the Federal Electronic Notice was filed and acknowledged by the IRS. By motion and second, the report was accepted.

After an extensive discussion, including the cost of mailing, it was agreed that we would publicize the newsletter on the internet and only send hard copies to those that requested them as a result of the card Bettye will send out. This card also needs to solicit membership and information for the newsletter.

Joe Cox reported on his continuing efforts to revive the family line liaison project, which has a liaison representing each child of Solomon and Naomi to work with their particular branch of the family, building enthusiasm, attendance and support among that branch as well as giving periodic reports on the status of their efforts. The liaisons will work with the Chair of the Research Committee to further document each family line. Les reported that he had sent each liaison a notebook including a list of known descendants in that family line and addresses where we had them. Liaisons were authorized to spend up to \$100 for research materials. Marie Polly submitted a written report and Lisa Sullivan will make an oral report. Les will send Joe and Arlee a story about Francis Marion and Thomas Cox that he and Marie discovered.

The family line liaisons are as follows:

Martha & Solomon Jr. Melinda Lambaren

Absalom – Mary Lou Hudson

Christopher – Lisa Sullivan

Thomas Isaac - Marie Polly

Stephen – Ladean Bowman - will also be the liaison for Naomi "Amy", Ruth and Ann.

Joe has followed up with about 27 libraries as well as the Center of American History in Austin and the Texas Collection at Texas Tech and confirmed that they have received and kept the Harlan book. He has also sent X B Cox's book and the WWII supplement to 26 libraries as well as the A&M library and the National Sons of the American Revolution Library in Louisville, KY.

The Publications Committee met on Saturday May 15 and reviewed Arlee's draft of standards and procedures for the publication. It was agreed that our primary role would be to assist authors to publish material pertinent to our family. Once it is revised, it will be sent via e-mail to the entire board.

Various ways of increasing membership were discussed. We have 60 to 75 dues paying members out of 800 or so, on our mailing list. Money has not been a problem, but Chairman Cox pointed out that if we could attract 400 to 500 new members at average dues of even \$15, our financial future would be secure. We need a strategy for increasing paying membership. It was agreed that an attractive appeal for membership and contributions be placed on the website, in the newsletter, on Bettye's card and in the reunion announcement. Increasing paying membership was discussed. It was also agreed that a more obvious effort to solicit financial support was necessary. It was decided to make better use of the Internet, Google, Face Book, etc.

Les reported that the DNA project had matured and expenditures are likely to be less in the future and the \$1,279 we have designated for DNA should be adequate for this year. The New England Genealogical Society periodically publishes DNA results of Family DNA projects. Les will write up a statement on our project and submit it.

Joe encouraged the Board to continue to push the biography project to help capture a broad spectrum of our rich family history.

Joe reported on Ladean's efforts with the military and Missy has lots of military information on the military history of the Christopher branch of the family.

Joe reported that he had spent lots of time and effort getting the Cemetery listed in the Historical Register. A mid sized marker cost \$1,000 which has been paid in advance. When the Historical Society gets to our project, they will send a draft narrative of the wording on the marker. After that is approved, they send the orders to a foundry en masse and we will have the marker in hand in time for the meeting next year. It will be a bigger deal than the announcement with hopefully several County officials involved.

Judd Burton made one trip down here. He will not attend the meeting because he is working on his doctoral dissertation. He has identified a possible site for the Presidio which will be examined on his next trip.

Ada previewed her nominating committee report that will be given at the membership meeting. The recommendations will be to reelect Arlee Gowen and Joe B. Cox and elect Gary Sutton to the remaining position.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P. M. May 16, 2010.

On motion made by Arlee Gowen, and second by Missy Jones, the existing officers were re-elected. The officers are:

Joe B. Cox, Jr. President,  
Ada Stump, Vice President & Treasurer, and  
Les Sutton, Secretary,

Other committee chairs and office holders are:

Mary Lou Hudson and Les Sutton, co-chairs – DNA Project  
Arlee Gowen – Communications Committee Chair  
Thelma Burchfiel – Newsletter Editor  
Mark and Katelyn Werner – Webmasters  
Scott Cox – Counselor

Chair Joe B. Cox suggested that budget requests for projects during 2010 and 2011 be submitted by June 15 so that the budget could be completed by June 30, the date which we have previously agreed to have the budget completed. Ada or Joe will send out a reminder. Ada will compile the requests and send a draft budget to directors.

Due to the significance of the golf tournament next year a budget request will probably be submitted for trophies. Linda also suggested that we may need to budget for entertainment. We do pay out of family speakers and use discretion regarding travel expenses for in family speakers.

The Cox Cemetery needs to be cleaned including the remaining stones. It also needs a sign above the gate and a sign listing the people who we believe are buried there needs to be erected. The grave dowser has identified a lot of additional graves which he says are children's graves, but there is no written record of that many children being buried there. Texas Historical Commission has ground penetrating radar and we are on the list to use it. They cannot give us a date and we have no idea whether it will be done by next May, but we really need to have that done. There is a program of the Texas Historical Commission called RIP. It is fairly formal and they may assist with the cost. Joe will decide whether or not to recommend it by next year.

The cemetery marker project which came out of our visit to Kentucky, where we had observed supplemental markers that had been placed where the original markers were badly deteriorated, will eventually need significant funding, but that is not expected to be implemented until next year. The group thought that this might be a worthwhile project for Brandywine. Gibby Bailey has agreed to Chair the project and do some preliminary investigation including determining the cost of the markers. Bob will join Gibby on the Project. Missy mentioned a retired Comanche County Commissioner that was marking unmarked and inadequately marked graves in Comanche County – he might be a resource for this project.

While in Kentucky, the tour group also visited the town of Harlan, Kentucky which was named for one of our ancestors. They have a statue of him, but not a marker. Ada has a book about him.

The children's program was also discussed. Missy Jones had prepared a children's program but was not given the opportunity to present it. It was agreed that next year a time and facility will be provided and it will be advertised on the website, newsletter and registration forms.

Joe will check on including an announcement in the radio station brochure that is handed out free at trailer parks and other venues.

There was a consensus that presentations would be shortened. Joe will work with the blocks of time to shorten the time of most presentations.

Joe will work on getting his lapel mike to work with the central sound system. If needed, Bob can bring a mike.

Les reported that our web site continues to receive effusive praise and asked that Joe pass that on to our webmasters Mark and Katelyn Werner. A few years ago we adopted a policy of sending all Cox inquirers to the website rather than answer them directly. That policy has been extremely effective.

It was agreed by common consent to hold the 2011 meeting at Lampasas on May 20-22, 2011.

There being no further business, on motion by Arlee Gowen and second by Bob Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe B. Cox Jr., Chair

L. E. Sutton, Secretary