

## **VIBA minutes June 30, '13**

Show and Tell: Dave brought 4 fish hooks, 4 fish key fobs, 4 ram head hooks, 5 hooks made out of wrenches and a barbecue grate lifter made from stainless steel. The plain steel things were mostly coloured with gilder's paste, though the fobs were heat coloured. He brought in the tools to make the various things. They are made from spring steel, and not heat treated, as they are never used on cold material.

Charlie L brought 2 ceiling hooks just made this morning and not fully finished.

Minutes from last meeting: no amendments.

New business: Neil suggested we offer to help Leslie clean up. It was also suggested that we send her a thank-you for letting us buy a lot of Dennis' blacksmithing things. She donated his books to the library, and sold us a great deal of steel, a miller mig welder, a sandblasting outfit, some post vises, several welding helmets, safety glasses and drill bits.

- It was suggested that we get Dennis' name off the website and have someone else act as host along with Evelyn. John and Neil volunteered.
- The agreement with the MFI is still not complete, but there will be a meeting this week and Neil feels that it should be finalized then.
- Neil has some work to do on the flying forge, primarily to make sure the brakes work.
- The newsletter is coming closer to reality. Charlie D was talking to Tim and reports that there is one issue ready to go to the printer and one close to ready.

### **Fairs:**

Coombs will be Aug 10 and 11.

Nanaimo will be Aug 16 to 18

Cobble Hill will be Aug 24. Raynier will want entries for judging. This is also when the Western Blacksmiths will be meeting at Mt Hood, Oregon, and several of the regulars will be there, so if you are not going to Mt Hood, plan to go to Cobble Hill.

Saanich will be Aug 31 and Sept 1 and 2

Luxton will be Sept 13 to 15, and Saltspring Island will be the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Langford days is probably sometime soon, but the management has recently changed hands and we are having difficulty communicating with them.

We are planning to set up a display at the Luxton fair, and will want exhibits, so dig through all your accumulated blacksmith art and plan to bring some of the best to show off.

New members: John Wawrysh, Shawn Golinewski. Cam Scott was visiting from Nanaimo.

Coal: Brodie has a friend in Parksville with a truck, and as soon as he has a day clear he will bring a load of coal for us. We will have to get the rest of the fence posts out of the coal bin and, hopefully, remove the roof so the coal can be dumped in the bin rather than nearby and then shovelled. John A would like to move the coal that is presently there to one side, so the new coal can then be put alongside and both types would be accessible.

And with that we adjourned. After adjournment, Dave did a demo, using plasticine.