

RICHARD III SOCIETY BOARD MEETING 07-17-2010

Present: Wayne Ingalls, Diane Hoffman, Susan Higginbotham, Bonnie Battaglia, Nita Musgrave, William McVey, Amber McVey

The meeting was opened at 4:03pm ET by Chairman Wayne Ingalls.

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The minutes were approved as written.

Update: No Bulletins have yet been sent from UK. Wayne has contacted Diana Lee but as yet no reason has been given.

Carole was contacted about 10 days ago, at that time she promised to send on the files as soon as possible.

Wayne's letter to the membership has been received by all members of the Board except for Diane. It appears the letter prompted several renewals. Wayne today received an e-mail with an offer to volunteer.

Diane stated she is still needing invoices from Word Catering. She has sent another e-mail and left a voice mail.

The subject of the Gillespie Fund was raised. This is money which came from the White Hart Society to be used for small scholarships to recipients of their choosing. Diane has been unable to find any notations of donations on spread sheets although tax returns from previous years show grants have been made. Diane would like to know the amount of the initial

deposit and where it was put. Bonnie believes she was treasurer when this fund was started. Diane wishes to find out exactly how much money is still owed to them so that we may have a proper accounting of funds. Bonnie believes it was originally deposited in the Paine Weber checking account; Paine Weber was merged into UBS.

Diane asked anyone who may have information to check their files and contact her with the information.

Diane will call Word Catering again tomorrow.

She stated she has paid the bill for the 2008 Ricardian Journal after determining that we received 522. (We ordered 525.)

Since the last meeting Diane's messages have been acknowledged by Paul Fox (UK treasurer) Diane has also asked him to explain the large shipping charges asked for a very small number of publications on the invoices from September 2009. She is still waiting for his reply.

Wayne stated there has still been no response to our registered letter to Charlene. Peggy Allen will be asked to contact her.

Susan reported that she has not received any files from Carole. Also stated that she purchased an editing program for \$80 which will enable her to send a PDF directly to the publisher.

Apparently the UK Society want to bill us, not put the charges on our debit card. Diane asked Wayne to e-mail Diana Lee and ask if it will be UPS used for shipping and not Pitney Bowes. We will use Paypal to pay shipping.

AGM 2011 Nita reported that the Illinois chapter is still exploring hosting the 2011 AGM but is pretty sure they will

decide in favor. Nita asked the board to confirm that the society will pay for the mailing, room and expenses for the speakers including banquet. The chapter has been thinking that we should try to get someone well known for the keynote speaker to encourage attendance. The hotel under consideration is offering a room rate of \$95 and is only requesting a food and beverage guarantee of \$1500.

Amber reported she sent out renewals along with Wayne's letter and most have renewed. She has sent out mailing labels to the Michigan Chapter and they expect to get the AGM info out by the end of July. Amber also reported sending an updated list to Carole for mailing the Register.

In future this will be sent to Word Catering as well.

Board reports are due to Janet Trimbath by the end of August at the latest. Her e-mail is treenbagh@gmail.com

If Michigan will send a PDF of the AGM to William then he will put it on the society's website.

FYI from Diane: She has transferred \$51,000 from Chase to Vanguard Bond Index Fund. She is also reviewing other accounts to see which ones should be closed. Putnam Funds are still above their value at the end of last year.

VBIF yield is just under 3% per year.

Wayne confirmed that Carole is stepping down as VP and Jonathan has agreed to take the vacant position.

Wayne will call the Michigan chapter and ask for a representative to call in at our next meeting and give a report on

plans for the AGM.

The meeting ended at 5:22pm ET. The next meeting will be held on August 22nd at 4pm ET.