

R3 Minutes 10-04-08

Meeting opened by Deb Guptil at 1:14pm.

Members present: Jane Munsie, Janice Weiner, Deb Guptil, Mary Ann Vissers, Joyce Tumea, Kate Skegg and Nita Musgrave.

Treasurer's Report by Mary Ann Vissers showed current balance to be \$570.47

Kate Skegg had attended the AGM and reported on the experience. The dues have been increased to \$50.00 annually and most members were unhappy with this although they understood the Board had little choice as the parent society is driving the decision.

There was discussion also at the AGM on attracting new members especially in the younger age groups.

Recruiting via the internet and videos were suggested. Our group wondered whether a reduced student membership would attract more people. This membership could be without the publication from England which apparently accounts for much of the cost. Also some people thought that if our group were recruited more as a group interested in and researching into the mediaeval period in England since many young people do not know who Richard 111 was.

There was discussion on the feasibility of producing a computer game based on the Ricardian era / Wars of the Roses since most games involve war and fighting.

Kate reported that The Lincoln Companie, a group interested in the Wars of the Roses attended the AGM wearing their armor / costumes all weekend and were very well received. They gave a presentation on Saturday morning with each of the seven members describing what his role would have been at the Battle of Barnet.

On Saturday morning the first speaker was Frank Weber, the Show Director for Mediaeval Tomes, Kissimee Castle. He gave an interesting talk on how they produce their show. He also answered many questions.

Dave Luitweiler gave a presentation on Oxford University and the Wars of the Roses.

Ed Klenk gave a presentation of several mediaeval musical instruments including the recorder , he also played during the social hour prior to the banquet.

Apparently there were only 32 registrants which is rather disappointing considering the amount of work required to put on an AGM.

Kate showed us a tote bag she bought at the AGM. It was much admired with 2 or 3 members expressing an interest in buying one. Nita will post a message on lstsrv asking if this is possible. Kate also showed us slides on her laptop which she had taken during the AGM.

The meeting concluded with election of new officers. The results are:

Chairman	Jane Munsie
Treasurer	Mary Ann Vissers
Secretary	Marie Stanley
Membership	Kate Skegg
Newsletter	Janice Weiner
PR	Joyce Tumea

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 23rd at Joyce Tumea's home. It will be a pot luck and Joyce or Deb will contact you to coordinate dishes.

If you have them, please bring mediaeval music or poems for entertainment.