

RICHARD III SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010

Present:- Wayne Ingalls, Jonathan Hayes, Diane Hoffman, Bonnie Battaglia, Nita Musgrave.

The meeting was opened at 4:05pm ET by Chairman Wayne Ingalls.

The minutes (second draft) were approved as written.

AGM. No representative from the Michigan chapter was able to attend. Wayne had spoken to Diane Batch who told him the registration forms were sent out on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Some people (including 2 board members) had not received them.

Wayne will contact William McVey and ask him to post the form on the website. Michigan needs 40 people attending to fulfill their obligation to the hotel.

Wayne reminded everyone that their annual reports were due by the end of the month and should be sent to Janet Trimbath.

Jonathan had trouble booking a room with extra nights and getting the same rate for the 2 extra ones. He finally booked through an internet site but is wondering if his rooms now will count in the total needed by the hotel.

Diane suggested that an e-mail should be sent out about the AGM as well as putting it on the website.

Diane questioned how the hotel will be paid. Wayne said that the

Michigan chapter would like the bill to be paid by the society and they will reimburse us. Diane said that she had paid the deposit some time ago but has heard nothing since. She stated that when we held the AGM in Las Vegas the hotel had started debiting from our card before we even arrived.

Diane questioned Wayne as to when the last big shipment of publications was sent from UK. He responded that Diana Lee had sent a copy of a tracking slip showing that copies had been sent to and received in New Orleans on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Diane has not received any response to her messages to Word Catering.

Diane has received invoices from the UK Society which do not make sense. Invoices sent in September 2009 list small quantities of publications with large shipping costs. (These invoices have been brought to the attention of the Board several times already.) The most recent invoice lists only shipping charges and does not charge for the publications at all. Diane is wondering if this means we will be charged at the end of the year for all the publications or whether they think we have paid in advance for a set number of copies. We should be billed and pay for the actual number of publications shipped to us. Paul Foss (UK treasurer) did respond to a couple of Diane's e-mails. He stated that he did not have anything to do with the bills or invoices and would look into it. Diane needs the names of the people in the UK society who decide what the charges are. Diane is concerned because the money spent on printing and publishing goes on our tax return and since we are not getting accurate invoices, we have not paid them, and nothing was listed on the 2009 tax return for printing and publishing. This makes it

look as if we are not fulfilling our educational mission, which is the reason for our tax exempt status.

Jonathan mentioned that he was aware that Australia and New Zealand are also having problems with publications mailed from UK. Apparently the parent society is having organizational difficulties at the officer level.

An e-mail from a member in New Zealand suggests that all the branches should group together and ask the parent society to rethink their prohibitions against electronic editions of the Bulletin and Ricardian.

We wish to keep Word Catering as our publisher and we will ask Robert to start sending out UK publications as soon as possible and not to wait until the next edition of the Register is ready. To contact them we can use the e-mail addresses [robert@wordcatering.com](mailto:robert@wordcatering.com) or [zoe@wordcatering.com](mailto:zoe@wordcatering.com) Their phone # is 504-897-9673

Diane will contact Robert and ask him to start sending out publications and will also ask Amber to send the up to date member list.

Diane has been researching the White Hart Fund and trying to establish exactly what we currently hold in that fund.

Apparently it was established in July 2000. In August of 2004 there was a balance of \$4,682. Tax reports of 2004 - 2007 each show a \$250 grant.

The Schallek Fund was established with the Medieval Academy in 2004. We believe Laura Blanchard was responsible for setting it up. Paul, of the Medieval Academy will be contacted and

asked to send the year end statement to our treasurer.

Diane said that she has closed out one of the DWS mutual funds - the Capital Growth fund - and transferred the money to the Vanguard bond fund. She will probably close out a second fund fairly soon, probably the other DWS fund or the Franklin Templeton fund, but it depends on the fund behaviour and the stock market.

Wayne reported that he had signed the contract with the Doubletree Oakbrook Hotel and sent it in. He filled out the debit card information and the hotel will take the \$500 deposit.

Ballots will need to be sent out soon. Amber will be in charge of that and Bonnie is in charge of assembling the content. All candidates should send a short biographical 'blurb' to Bonnie at [mjbatt@mindspring.com](mailto:mjbatt@mindspring.com) as soon as possible.

Bonnie brought up the subject of the Dickon award. She will talk to former recipients.

The next meeting will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3PM ET.

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