

Richard III Society Board Meeting Sunday Feb. 27th 2011

Present: Jacqueline Bloomquist, Jonathan Hayes, Wayne Ingalls,
Amber McVey, Diane Hoffman, Joan Szechtman, Nita Musgrave

This meeting was called before the next scheduled meeting in answer to a letter received from UK Chairman Phil Stone about unpaid publications for which we had been unable to get invoices.

The meeting was opened at 4:10pm ET by Chair Jacqueline Bloomquist

The minutes were approved after a correction.

Diane stated that we have sufficient funds to cover our UK debts and also money owed to Word Catering. During Carole's illness we were unable to get invoices from Carole.

Amber pointed out that Zoe no longer has access to Word Catering records so we have only received one bill although there have to be others outstanding. She spoke to Robbie last night when he told her that Zoe was very ill and so he is resigning. He feels he cannot take care of our business whilst taking care of Zoe and trying to get his new business up and running.

Our mail permit is on hold because the primary address was the same as Word Catering. Amber has now changed it to the P O Box # Money has to be sent for the permit and then the Registers will be shipped. At this point we are not sure whether subsequent issues will have to be shipped from OH or not.

Joan will contact Bookmaster and find out if they can handle our printing and shipping, including receiving and shipping publications from the UK.

Apparently Bookmaster also has a presence in the UK. Joan thought maybe we could have our UK publications shipped to the other company in the UK who are associated with Bookmaster and have them ship to Bookmaster in US. This could mean getting away from the shipping company used by the parent society which has not proved satisfactory in the past. Jonathan and Jacqueline both commented that they frequently receive publications and mail from overseas without problems.

It was brought up that the cost of membership of the UK society will go up to 18 pounds in October.

UK society said that Homeland Security is said to be opening packages which may account for some of the damage. However it is our understanding that anything opened by Homeland Security has to have a sticker or similar explaining what happened. Amber will ask Robbie if the last lot of boxes were sturdier than the previous ones.

Wayne said there was a big change in 2007 when the cost of publications from UK went to 16 pounds per person. He pointed out that we pay 10 pounds less per member than people in UK. We also pay less than other branches. The rate is slated to increase to 18 pounds in October of this year. Phil Stone stated in his letter that they had been unable to verify membership numbers for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 which is why they did not invoice us for subscriptions. We need to agree on numbers for these years so that Diane can obtain an accurate invoice and so pay what we owe. However Amber sends in membership numbers before each shipment and it is also included in the annual report so we don't understand why Phil was unable to find them. Their year begins on 10/02, so, is the first publication of the year the Autumn or Winter Bulletin? Diane will ask for this on the invoice.

Since our memberships run from the date of joining it is difficult to give a yearly membership number in October, therefore Joan suggested changing to the October renewal system. Everyone would receive a renewal notice for October, but they would be credited for months still left on their membership dues. Amber told us that some people give a \$500 gift in December with their renewal and wondered if this would affect them.

It was decided that an article should go in the Register to explain the new renewal system and also keep people up to date on problems with the Register. Since we are getting non-profit postage rates for the Register, when we get a new printer we will probably need a new permit for the city it is shipped from. Diane will contact Phil Stone and tell him our membership numbers for 2008, 2009 and 2010 which the Board has agreed upon. Diane will also ask for information as to whether the year begins with the Autumn or Winter Bulletin. Wayne believes it starts with the December Bulletin.

Jonathan reminded us that we need to inform the UK society as soon as possible of the new address to send the next Bulletins.

Jacqueline said we should e-mail Phil and tell him to hold the shipment of our Bulletins until we can provide an address.

Joan will contact the Board letting us know what she has found out, about a new printer, hopefully before the next Board meeting on March 13th.

Diane stated she will pay the whole bill on receipt of a correct invoice instead of taking advantage of the UK Society's offer to pay in 2 installments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm ET. The next meeting had been previously scheduled for March 13th at 4pm ET.