

Richard III Society –American Branch Board Meeting – August 11, 2013

Present: Jonathan Hayes, Wayne Ingalls, Diane Hoffman, Mary Retallick, Sally Keil

Call to Order : 1:00PM PDT

Jonathan said that so far 19 people were coming to the AGM. Sally said that she would send a reminder via email to the members .

Jonathan said that Jacqui Emerson of the Parent Society had requested a report on branch activities by September. Sally recommended preparing a report on the expected activity at the AGM ahead of time and updating it after the AGM to send in.

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed. Corrections had already been proposed by Diane and Sally. Mary said that she would submit a revised version. It was decided to table the approval of the minutes until Mary had submitted a revision.

Diane suggested that Mary record the conference call in the future. Mary said that she had a recording device she could use.

A Facebook page for the American Branch was discussed. Diane said that there was once a blog done by the Branch that had gotten nasty comments. Mary suggested making it a closed group so that only people who had been approved for membership could post on it. Wayne agreed that restricting users would be a good idea. Diane asked about who would be responsible for maintaining the page, Wayne offered to do this. Sally said that we should wait until Lisa and Joan are available to talk about it. Jonathan agreed and suggested that we table the discussion until they are able to speak to the idea. Diane suggested that Wayne continue the discussion via email so that Lisa and Joan would be included.

The situation of the person who belongs to the Parent Society and wants to join the American Branch was discussed again. It was mentioned that there are some academic libraries have memberships and Diane said that these have regular memberships, not simply a membership that gives them the publications. Sally said that persons who live in the United States should belong to the American Branch (this person lives in Britain). Jonathan said that we have a member who lives in South America. Diane said that we should offer digital copies of the Register to members of other branches of the Society.

Jonathan discussed the situation regarding proxy voting at the Parent Society's AGM. The Parent Society has been against this in the past. He asked that the board vote on whether or not to tell the Parent Society that proxy voting should be allowed. Sally asked why the Parent Society was against this. Jonathan said that Phil Stone had told him that they wanted to postpone the discussion at this time because the Parent Society was busy with the tomb and re-internment business. Jonathan said he thought that proxy voting could take place if technology was used to do it. He suggested that Skype be used to allow people to participate in the Parent Society's AGM. Diane said she thought it was ridiculous that people were required to physically be present to vote. She said that we should band together with other non-UK branches to get proxy votes or Skype participation. Jonathan called for a vote, it was unanimous that we ask the Parent Society to allow proxy voting. Diane said that our branch used mail

ballots for voting on the by-laws and the board. Sally suggested that we offer to help the Parent Society contact our members as the Parent Society doesn't have our members' contact information.

Jonathan said that people should bring silent auction items with them to the AGM. Mary said that she had been contacted by Karen Strangeby about this.

Jonathan said that Dr. John Ashdown-Hill would be appearing at the AGM via Skype. Jonathan will go to the AGM site a day before to set things up and test the system. Sally said that she had a projector that Dr. Ashdown-Hill could use for his PowerPoint presentation. Jonathan listed a number of things that would be provided to AGM attendees in their welcome packets, including tourist information. Sally asked if there would be handouts from the speakers. Mary said that at a recent conference she had attended, the speakers provided a file with their handouts and posted them on a webpage so that people who wanted a hard copy could print them out. Diane said that the welcome packet usually included reports from board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25PM PDT

Next meeting: September 15,,2013 – 1:00PM PST

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Retallick, Secretary