

Richard III Society Board Meeting – July 10, 2016

Present: Jonathan, Mary, Dawn, Joan, Sally, Lisa

Call to Order: 1:10PM

Jonathan said that the by-laws election had gone well, all the new by-laws had been approved.

There was a discussion on how to recognize large donor. Joan suggested creating a new award for them. Jonathan said that the proposal should be gotten to the people in Texas that make our awards.

The General Membership Meeting was discussed. Dawn said that Dominic and Christina Smee and three members of the Legendary Ten Seconds would be coming from England. Their expenses would be paid for by the Society. Dawn said that talks were done or being worked on. She said that they were working on raffle prizes. The menu from the hotel was taken care of, Dominic is vegetarian and cannot have gluten, his needs will be taken care of. Dawn said she had been told that the A/V equipment would be free, but apparently the hotel has gone back on this. There is currently no screen available, even though there is one in the room, it is not owned by the hotel. Joan suggested asking the hotel to provide the use of the screen for free in lieu of not providing the A/V equipment for free. There was a discussion of bringing dogs in medieval costumes to the meeting. Dawn said that Barbara Wilson was renting a 9 passenger vehicle and would be available to take our guests from England on a sightseeing tour. Lisa talked about the finances relating to paying the expenses for our guests from England. Jackie is buying gift bags for them. There was a discussion of transportation options for Dominic and Christina Smee. Jonathan mentioned possible problems they might run into at Immigration. Sally talked about a document that would certify that they intended to bring their equipment back to England with them and not sell it here.

The 2018 General Membership Meeting in Michigan was discussed. We expect that some Canadian members might come, they are not coming to the 2016 GMM as they are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Sally said that she has sent around the nominees for the new board. Lisa mentioned difficulties she had encountered with the transfer of accounts from old board members to new board members. Joan suggested having a primary signatory for the accounts that would stay the same. Jonathan said this decision should be left to the incoming board.

Lisa asked if letters were being sent to donors telling them what their donations were being used for. Sally said that anyone who donated more than \$75 was sent a letter telling them we were a 501(c)3 organization and their donation was tax-deductible.

Board reports should be ready by mid-August and sent to Joan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16PM.