

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF
RWA CHAPTER: YOSEMITE ROMANCE WRITERS**

October 18, 2008

(10:30 a.m. - Yosemite Falls Café (Ashlan & 99 - Fresno, CA))

Agenda:

1. **Opening**
 - a. Call to order (*President/Vice President*)
Meeting was called to order by President, Dawna Richard @ 10:35 a.m.

2. **Reading of minutes of last meeting** (*Secretary*)
Not applicable.

3. **Correspondence**
Not applicable.

4. **Reports**
Not applicable.

5. **Business**
 - a. Unfinished/old business
 1. Transfer of chapter/bank account/Paypal - treasurer
President, Dawna Richard stated that progress was being made in this respect but that we needed to formalize the name, file articles of incorporation and obtain an EIN before transferring accounts.

 - b. New business
 1. Officers – Secretary, Donna O’Brien; Treasurer, Judith Gallardo; Membership Liaison, Kimberley Smith
Confirmed new officers - list read. Officers introduced.

 2. Name change – New name
**Results read: *Yosemite Romance Writers 33% confirmed
Sierra Romance Writers 16%
Sierra Gold Romance Writers 16%
Gold Valley Romance Writers 16%
Sequoia Romance Writers 8%
Awahnee Romance Writers 8%***

 3. Incorporation

With name confirmed, we will be able to complete incorporation and obtain an EIN. General procedures discussed

4. Dues - outstanding
List of those paid; Those who have not paid, will be taken off membership list. Segregate members who have joined just for class discounts, possibly designating them as Associate members.

5. Committee: Newsletter/Flyers
Karen Roberts originally volunteered for Newsletter (no contact since last meeting - need to follow up and form committee) Newsletter will be utilized to distribute information about our Chapter, general news, speakers, and also as an advertising tool for classes and meetings/membership.

6. Committee: Writing Contest
Potential: Need to come up with logistics and plan for the future.

7. Committee meetings (with Board)
N/A

8. Committee: Christmas Get-together
No formal meeting in December. Afternoon/lunch/exchange gifts/writing activity. (Steal a gift, etc.) Potluck @ Mary Lou's - Possibly - 11:30 to 2.

***Menu: Post on group and let members sign up for dishes.
2nd Saturday - December 13th proposed date (to be confirmed by Mary Lou)
(Couple of Bottles of Champagne - no other alcohol)***

9. Advertising – Online/Local -- 2009

Online class slots are fully scheduled through 2009. By 2010, goal is to have 3 classes per year. All classes offered, please forward info. Copy and paste in new e-mail and send through groups, and post. Anybody can take online classes, RWA membership not required. Classes are four weeks long. Can be on your own or send in work. Classes can be paid for by Paypal. Members can pay by any method.

(June had two membership checks cashed after Joan stated one was lost. June said to apply credit to next year's membership.)

Melissa will create a Yosemite Romance Writers, My Space page. Send Melissa URL's for personal spaces.

Donna to get domain name

10. November: Speaker? Activities?
November 15th @ 10:30 a.m. - Bonnie Hern Hill, speaker
- If Speaker not available - writing activities.
Speakers set through May, except for January. No December meeting.
Book exercises
Craft enhancement - particular area specialized expertise
Joan***

***Suggestion for January by June: UFO Unfinished Objects -
Make list of goals for the year, unfinished projects, contacts, follow up in February and December. Tentatively agreed upon - Will confirm at next meeting.***

***Suggestion by Kathy Angelos: Aspects of writing: i.e.,
development of characters - Hazel Dixon Cooper; have someone come in such Dixon Cooper to talk about personality characteristics, etc.***

Stacey Kane will be here next month. She will also be speaking at one point regarding characterization, POV

11. Open Floor

Micole: Introduced WIP Notebook

6. Activities

- a. Door Prizes
- b. Writing Activities – Ghost Stories/Word Basket

- Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Donna O'Brien.

/s/ Donna K. O'Brien
Donna K. O'Brien, Secretary

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