

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

November 15, 2008

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

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order (President/Vice President)

Meeting was called to order by President, Dawna Richard @ 10:36 a.m.

2. Reading of minutes of last meeting (Secretary)

Minutes read by Secretary, Donna O'Brien. (Posted to Website for review by general membership)

MOTION MADE:

Sheri Humphreys moved that the minutes of the meetings be posted to the Website or e-mailed to the members instead of being read at every meeting; President Dawna Richard seconded the motion; vote to members - motion carried.

3. Correspondence

Not applicable.

4. Reports

Not applicable.

5. Business

- a. Unfinished/old business

1. Transfer of chapter/bank account/Paypal
Incorporation of Yosemite Romance Writers, Inc., has been completed. Bank accounts were transferred to Union Bank of California. RWA has been notified and contacted regarding final requirements for compliance.

- b. New business

Mary Lou McCaffrey asked for report on funds already raised and in our bank accounts and the purpose for same;

Sandy and Dawna reported that we currently have approximately \$900 in YRW account; and about \$2,900 in the Wine County Romance Writers account. (WCRW account will be closed and transferred to the YRW account)

We established a new Paypal Account; Yosemite Romance Writers Paypal is an organization, accepted by many online vendors, that allows you to pay by logging into their website instead of providing each different vendor with your credit card/debit/bank information.

Report on website given; www.yosemiteromancewriters.com. Still a work in progress but membership and class workshop forms are up and available as well as blog, calendar and member forum.

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops are conducted online. Once you have signed up, you are included in a group and will be e-mailed. Once you have confirmed participation, the instructors post/e-mail assignments. (Instructional paragraph to be added to workshop page.)

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS: *Silent Auction can be pursued as a way to raise more funds for our group. The proposal is tabled for the next couple of months.*

PAPERBACK SWAP: www.paperbackswap.com

Means to raise funds and trade in your old paperbacks. Account has been opened by YRW - You list 10 books initially and get two credits; thereafter you get a credit each time you send a book; the more books you list the more requests you will receive. Can be any genre, hardcover, softcover and audio. (Media mail is only \$2.23 to send out the books when they are requested.)

6. **Newsletter/Flyers**

Per Judith Gallardo, she was able to contact Karen Roberts who originally volunteered for Newsletter (She's had issues, including health, etc.,) Until we have confirmed whether or not Karen will be able to assist with newsletter, Sandy and Dawna will be in charge of the Newsletter; JoAnne introduced Cora Ramos, former President of Sisters in Crime and editor of their newsletter as a resource for Sandy and Dawna; Judith offered a spreadsheet re info on conferences to be included in newsletter;

7. **Committee meetings (with Board)**
N/A

8. **Christmas Potluck:**

*No formal meeting in December. Afternoon/lunch/exchange gifts/writing activity. (Steal a gift, etc.) Potluck @ Mary Lou's - 11:00 to 2. Spouses are welcome; Bring a short Christmas story;
White elephant gifts; two steals and then gift is frozen - \$15 limit*

9. **Advertising - Online/Local - 2009**

*We make our money with online classes; advertisement - critical
Forward original message for online classes to any online membership groups
Money will be used for speakers and we would like to eventually host a conference - (Andrea Vetter ran Conference)
Notify prior class takers of name change
Coalition of writers groups
E-mail suggestions for future classes such as classes you've seen through other groups and would like to take but time not available
Normal price for classes is \$20 for members and \$25 for non members; Class price is pretty consistent
Micole volunteered to be a moderator for class - Moderators get class for free (moderators - remind cut and paste before forwarding - welcome; find out why e-mails not getting through, etc. Will definitely need moderator help throughout next year. First month next year is February for three classes)
Tried to diversify interest/genre of classes*

10. **Open Floor**

Highs and Lows: Highs and Lows were shared by all and Chocolate was enjoyed!

· Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.; Speakers and lunch followed
· Minutes submitted by Secretary, Donna O'Brien.