

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

March 21, 2009

(10:00 a.m. - Marie Callendar's (Shaw & Brawley - Fresno, CA)

1. *Opening*

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

Meeting was called to order by President, Dawna Richard @ 10:43 a.m.

2. *Reading of minutes of last meeting (Secretary)*

Reading of the minutes was waived. Minutes will be submitted on website only for review by general membership.

3. *Correspondence*

4. *Reports*

- a. *General*

5. *Business*

- a. Unfinished/old business

1. Transfer of Chapter

- b. New business

1. Introductions

2. Speakers

- a. **Karin Tabke - It's Just Business, Don't Take It Personally – deep POV into publishing/in-depth Q&A; Monica McCarty, Linda Wisdom; Jessica Barksdale Inclan; Deb Salonen; Martha Engber - showing vs. telling**

- b.

3. Blog

Have a few volunteers to blog; if anyone else interested - the more the less each person has to do, i.e., if everyone does it, probably each member only once a month. - Send blogs in notepad or .rtf to Sandy and she can post for you if you have any problems posting. Sarah's entry was the learning curve. Check it out!

4. Newsletter;

Need items for the newsletter; Di needs material to replace Kur series - third part in his series concludes this month;

5. Workshops; Announce
6. Conference Committee

Andie presented an outline of the different jobs required to run a conference to the board; number one requirement - volunteers!

Open Floor;

- Attend as a guest twice and then you must join; RWA standard; cannot attend for the meeting for two consecutive without joining RWA national org;

- Mary Lou brought up issue with being qualified for PAN but books were disqualified when entered in RITA;

- Mary Lou would like to always have chili beans and cornbread on the menu!

Discussion re RWA mandatory membership for individual chapter members tabled until next meeting.

6. Activities

7. Announcements

Marilyn Meredith – how to create a mystery with romantic

a. April meeting –

elements- hands-on

Introductions:

Heather Gordon Tehachapi Mountains - Writes paranormal/romantica and romantic suspense; Courtyard Marriott NW on Connecticut Avenue

Mary Lou introduced June Kaligian; published short stories - Woman's World - June - True Confessions and True Love (June and her daughter used to write together; No recognition but they pay per article.) She and daughter wrote a novel together but not published.

Miscellaneous:

Possibly have mini workshop instead of speaker for July; everyone suggest topic, possibly faces

· Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.; Speaker and lunch followed

· Minutes submitted by Secretary, Donna O'Brien.

/s/ Donna K. O'Brien _____

Donna K. O'Brien, Secretary