

MARIN WCR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2009
Ping's Restaurant, San Rafael, 12:00 PM

Present: Alan Garber, Yoko Kasai, Judy LeMarr, Karen Strain, David Smadbeck, Dave Chiaretta, Liz McCarthy, Charlie Sleep, David Smadbeck, Kathy Yamamoto, Bal Claire, Sylvie Zolezzi, Judy LeMarr

Guest: Larry Spiteri of Better Homes Realty

Not Present: Shelly O'Sullivan, Kirsten Calegari

President David Smadbeck called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Minutes

The minutes of January 9, 2009 were approved as amended.

President

David discussed Forum 8 which will be held at Hiddenbrook Golf Club in Vallejo and John Gray will be the speaker.

The Annual Report was delivered to National and by David's accounting, the chapter should win Gold this year in Washington at the Mid Year meeting.

David urged everyone to sign in to the national web site.

President Elect

Liz requested items she needs for the 2009 Annual Report. She needs an approved budget for 2009, the programs by category, January board minutes. She reminded the board that she also needs 5 articles in the press (non WCR publications) and that committee members complete a task evaluation form during the year.

As State Web Site chair, Liz has set up Ning which is a social networking site. There is a subgroup for the Marin Chapter.

Vice President

Yoko discussed the Affiliate policy as our Platinum Sponsor wants to have two memberships and were told by National that it is OK. It was discussed and decided that Yoko would tell the Affiliate that we would look into making an exception because of the Sponsorship. It was then decided to review the Standing Rules regarding Affiliates and make the necessary changes in policy.

Treasurer

Bal informed the board that an attorney must fill out the 501c6 form (form 1026) for the feds. She and Kathy will look into it further.

We received notice from the state that our association status is accepted.

Hospitality

Karin said the first BRM went smoothly. She presented a BRM checklist to be utilized for each meeting to ensure that all items are completed. It was decided that Sylvie would create the meeting flyers and Debra Speer from Property ID has offered to distribute.

Membership

We have 89 members total.

Sylvie has uploaded the entire MAR list in Ebrite. There have some issues with the page being blank when pulled up online.

It is important that people who bring guests give their names when they RSVP for a smoother, more professional check-in.

It was discussed to get rid of the \$25 guest fee after the first 3 months and go back to \$35.

Charlie has asked that everyone make their 5 phone calls to members to check up in their membership renewal.

Bylaws/Standing Rules

Judy asked everyone to review the portion of the Standing Rules that pertain to their area of responsibility and let her know if anything needed to be corrected, added or deleted. She thanked Yoko for being the first to respond. The goal is to have all changes ready for approval at the next board meeting.

Education

Alan discussed the upcoming programs for BRMs.

Communications

David said he has 3 or 4 articles for the newsletter but is always to look at more. Judy is the photographer and has promised to send some recent photos to David. Liz is to forward the photos of the old and new boards.

It was discussed to have more photos of state and national leaders to show we are in touch with the important real estate leaders.

Budget and Finance

No report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2009 at Ping's Restaurant.