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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
Cinema Anime - Japanimation
Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - Cancelled this month
Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
FWEMS - Cancelled this month
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
Time Meddlers - Cancelled this month
TRIPE - Noon until whenever
TSPC - Cartoons featuring The Beatles

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

Thursday Program Items

August 3 - National Geographic "The Space Race"
August 10 - National Geographic "The Space Race"
August 17 - What Have You Been Reading?
August 24 - Meeting at Worldcon
August 31 - Post Worldcon Bull Session

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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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Stephanie Huffman

LASFS member Shephanie Huffman, formerly Stephanie Keith, has died of pancreatitis.

June Moffatt remembers her as follows, "We first met Steph at LACon II in 1984. She seemed very fannish, and my son Jay immediately took a liking to her. So did we. I understand that she didn't get along well with her own mother, but seemed very fond of both Len and me as sort of substitute parents. She was also a big Pogo fan. She and Jay broke up when he decided to go back to school, and subsequently moved to Oregon. We haven't heard from her in probably the last ten years."

Lee and Barry Gold Medical Recovery

An angiogram which was conducted on June 16 showed that Barry had one blocked artery. This was corrected by angioplasty, and Barry was home after one night in the hospital.

Lee had a hysterectomy on July 7. No evidence of cancer was discovered, and she has recovered successfully.

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous

There will be no home gathering in August because of all the filk activity at Worldcon. The regular gatherings will continue in September.

Worldcon Is Upon Us

[[If you aren't already aware of that, I fear there is no hope for you.]]

The August 24 meeting of the LASFS will be held at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel. LASFS members may attend the LASFS meeting without being a member of L.A.con. The meeting will be held at 7 pm rather than 8 pm and will be located in the Palos Verdes Room on the fourth floor of the hotel.

The most common way of reaching the fourth floor is by the escalator. The escalator does not run to the third floor, so it feels like you are on the third floor rather than the fourth floor. This can be a little confusing.

Because of worldcon, the following regular LASFS activities are cancelled for August; CFO, FWEMS, and Time Meddlers.

The Clubhouse will be closed except for worldcon related activity from August 18 to August 22. The Clubhouse will become a supply depot and staging area for the worldcon. If you drop by, you may be dragooned into helping load trucks and other needful activities. As the recruiting slogan would have it, join fandom and learn a trade.

Zines Received In Trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

Club Zines: BCSFAZine #398 (British Columbia Science Fiction Association), NASFA Shuttle, May 2006 (North Alabama Science Fiction Association),

Other Zines: Peregrine Nations V6#1 (J. G. Stinson)

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

LASFS Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2006

Karl Lemke, Presiding

George Van Wagner, Scribe

Attending Board Members: Karl Lemke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Brett Achorn (comptroller), Tadao Tomomatsu, Bill Ellern, Ed Green, Mike Thorsen (Vice Chairman), Bob Null, Liz Mortensen, Elayne Pelz
Absent, Cathy Beckstead, excused.

Others Attending: Fred Lazzelle, Milt Stevens, Joyce Sperling, Marty Cantor, Joe Zeff, Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin, Greg Barrett, Vanessa Van Wagner, Michael Pell

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:31.

Minutes: The May minutes were approved with minor changes.

Treasurers Report - The phone in the front building has been replaced. We should start to see some savings after the installation/service change costs have been amortized in a few months. A new trash service has been located that will save us \$50/month and we will be changing services. The treasure obtained a copy of the title to the clubhouse from the Country Clerk's office to make sure that we have one in the files. Because of the pending sale of the property to the west of the clubhouse, and their request for an easement by prescription, we are referring the issue to the club's real estate attorney for advice and recommendations. It was moved and seconded to spend up to \$1000 to accomplish this. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Members: Steve Loeb of Los Angeles was considered separately and approved for membership unanimously.

Facilities:

Furniture - We're auditioning some plastic folding chairs from Costco. They are agreed by those who

have beta tested them to be comfortable, sturdy, and inexpensive (~\$30/ea). As the furniture budget for the year has been depleted, the board suggested to the incoming president that the club be reminded of the long tradition of members donating chairs. Anonymous donations will be appreciated, but purchasers will be able to name the chair and receive a certificate of adoption for a donation of \$40. Adopted chairs are only deductible as dependents if you can get them a Social Security number *and* convince the IRS that it's valid. Bear in mind that although these chairs are imported, they are doing difficult work that no American wants to do - supporting the LASFS.

Maintenance - There was some concern that potential storage problems may arise following LAcon IV for newly made art show flats and other convention supplies. We were assured that the ConCom will be making arrangements to distribute said supplies to other conventions and that the storage issues should not arise. Mention was made of the possibility of disposing of the old cash registers, as no cons have been using them. It was moved and seconded that Bob Null and Elayne Pelz be authorized to dispose of the cash registers as they see fit. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pubs Computer - It has not yet been purchased. We're waiting on the right sale price, but there are projects waiting that need the new computer, so the sense of the board was that we not spend so much time waiting for a special sale that things slip too far and projects get too piled up.

Hall Decoration - There will be some sprucing of the clubhouse pre-Worldcon.

Communications:

Trade and Service Marks - The comptroller reported that the PTO is requesting some additional supporting evidence for the Loscon and LASFS trademarks; specifically ads that promote Loscon with specific references to LASFS. The suggestion was made to look in old Westercon program books.

Gestetner - still reasonably healthy.

Video Projector - still jaundiced but holding. A hookup has been added to enable laptops with S-VHS connectors to connect directly to the A/V system.

Marketing Committee - There was some discussion of the Marketing Committee's proposed "wish-list" budget. The larger focus was on promotional items for the upcoming Worldcon. It was moved and seconded that the marketing committee be given an additional budget of \$800 for promotional items (pens, keychains, etc.) to be handed out at the LASFS table at LAcon IV. The motion was passed unanimously. Bob Null mentioned the possibility of finding some tabletop display cases. There was some discussion of general advertising (pro mags, local college newspapers, etc.). It was moved and seconded that the marketing committee be given an additional \$200 for advertising. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Library - The cleanup proceeds apace with 42 boxes of material designated for offsite storage. There is once again a visible floor (albeit a dusty one) in the library. Inventory may be possible later this year. As the former stacks area in the back room is now general circulation, it was suggested that the switch on the back room be changed from a timer to a regular switch. The Librarian and Library Liason extend thanks to all those who have been working on cleaning up the library. The chair seconded this and there was a brief round of applause for these worthies. It was mentioned that a number of DVDs from the video collection have gone 'walkabout' and the librarian is investigating.

Website - There are some versions of the new website visible at www.lasfs.info. There was some discussion of possible means of not having the posting of new material to the website bottlenecked by having more than one person able to update content.

LaLaCon - Final attendance figures were 56 paid members with a profit of \$381.40.

Loscon 33 and 34 chairs were not present, so there was no update.

Copiers - Arlene handed off the information she had obtained to the chair. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting. It was suggested that Arlene send the board links to the materials.

DeProf - The board discussed the possibilities of polling non-local members who receive DeProf as to whether they would prefer electronic distribution to hardcopy.

A final motion was proffered, and the meeting was adjourned at 13:10.

Meeting # 3590, June 1, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3590 to order at 20:12:18.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as "of service".

Registrar: We have no guests that the Treasurer knows of.

Patron Saint: Ed Baker: One saint Ed didn't know. Phil Castora recalls Ed Baker as one of our more unusual members. He was quiet and unassuming, and every place he went, things were a little more cheerful. He was one of the finest actors he'd ever seen. He'd put on this act of being not quite with it. Who else could put six spoonfuls of sugar in his coffee, and asked why he didn't stir it, reply, "Oh, I don't like it too sweet." He could also blush on command when a double-entendre of his was pointed out to him. Unfortunately, he was killed by person or persons unknown at 30 or so. Matthew Tepper joined shortly before he was killed. He was clever and witty, and a standout even for LASFS at the time. He may have been the one who gave the Treasurers report in various ways, including once in Esperanto. Karen Anderson believes Ed Baker really did speak Esperanto like a native. Phil adds that the LASFS has a saying, "Death does not release you, even if you die". The day after he was killed, his death was announced at the meeting. This surprised some members who were sure they'd seen him at the other end of the room.

Three cheers, and a green star.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a whole bunch of stuff.

Old Business: None,

New Business: Nominations.

Specifically, nomination for President.

George Van Wagner
Matthew Tepper

Nominations were closed until next week.

Reviews:

Mike Thorsen saw X-Men III, and there were things he really liked, and things he didn't really like, but he can't go in to it without giving away spoilers. The entire original comic book team does make it into the show, with the possible exception of the mimic. Michelle: Kelsey Grammar did a wonderful job as the Beast. And it raised ethical questions and made you think.

Jerry Pournelle was reminded of a book by Dr. David Friedman. This is a fantasy land where there's no magic. It's a medieval culture in a parallel universe. *Harald*. Very readable. Karen Anderson: SCA members will know him as Cariadoc of the Bow.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Jerry Pournelle: Sometime in the past 30 million years, the arctic ocean was tropical. Lowest land point in world is interior of Greenland – pushed down by ice. 450 feet below sea level.

Bill Ellern forgot he had a review: Wintersmith, Terry Pratchett, due out in October. Will auction off the advance copy next week. It's about a witch who entrances an elemental called Winter, with results sometimes strange, sometimes devastating. It's a good read.

Michelle demonstrated her prize, a perfect ripe lemon, an eighth of an inch across.

Tom Safer reports on a man on trial for murder, who tried to strangle his lawyer – in the courtroom, in front of the judge. (The jury will disregard...)

Miscellaneous:

Phil Castora has another Special Order. The place he was going to move to has become unavailable. He needs a place to move to REAL fast, for a few days until something comes available. Phil Castora wanted to add: he can pay up to \$400/month to anyone who puts him up – or puts up with him, whichever is more apt.

Mike Bloom's Sister passed away last Friday.

In the absence of objections, the meeting was adjourned at 20:59:04.

Meeting # 3591, June 8, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green rang meeting number 3591 to order (you should live so long, said Phil Castora) at 20:18:02.

Special Orders of Business:

Fern Tucker, wife of 90-year-old Bob Tucker, has died. She was receiving hospice care, and all her family was with her.

Another: English Fan Dave Wood, also has cancer, but that doesn't stop him. He's still posting in an e-list and writing fanzines. He mentioned he hopes his latest short story develops into a trilogy. His cancer is apparently intractable, but so is he.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as "Jury will disregard these minutes".

Because of today's nonsense, we'll be on Agenda Sideways.

Patron Saint: Saint Jim Glass.

Jerry Pournelle mentioned that he was the librarian, and won the Evans Freehafer award for being so. After winning it, he promptly resigned. He worked very hard and was a good man. Phil Castora never got to know him, but he [[Glass]] stayed at the booby hatch [[A Slan Shack]] for 2 months, and was a nice person. George Van Wagner notes Jim's motivations were quite transparent. (What? No Scientology jokes?)

Jim Glass was given three cheers, and a bibliophile cabinet.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a pen. Then auctioned off another pen to the man with a ravioli on his head.

Appointed Committee Reports: George Van Wagner: On the treasurer's desk is a sign-up sheet for any who want to get DeProf electronically. This will save the club money, and save paper.

Tiny wanted to mention the existence of the cake. That was from John Arruda's memorial on Saturday. Thanks to the club members who attended.

Reviews:

Bill Ellern reviewed the items the President and Scribe are sitting on. These are chairs. They're pretty rugged chairs, and reasonably comfortable.

Martin Young [[The man with ravioli on his head]] gave a talk at the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and he was wonderful.

George Van Wagner: National Geographic TV – “The Space Race”. Dramatic rendition of US and USSR space programs. Features many interesting events heretofore suppressed.

Old Business: Nominations were re-opened.

Already nominated were George Van Wagner and Matthew Tepper. New nomination for the week: Joe Zeff

New Business: Elections.

President: George Van Wagner.

Vice President: The current tag team was railroaded into office once again.

Scribe: Nominations were Martin Young, Matthew Tepper, and Joe Zeff

Registrar: Nominations were Tiny Korp Hare Hobbs Michelle Pincus and Peggy Newvine

Treasurer: Liz Mortensen

Miscellaneous: Cathy Beckstead announced that next week, Patrick Beckstead will graduate from high school.

In the absence of objections, the meeting was adjourned at 21:56:46 Beep.

Meeting # 3592, June 15 , 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3592 to order at 20:12:18.

Menace: The menace were read and approved as “Gibberings grim and ghastly.”

Old and Evil Business: After many years, Sam Void returned with the topic which may not be mentioned and really shouldn't even be thought about very much.

Two members screamed and lost their minds entirely. After that, they rushed home to watch the shopping channel. One other member lost his dinner. The entire clubhouse began shimmering as if the laws of physics were about to be revoked. Bob Null moved that this meeting and all memory of it be stricken from the physical universe. A chorus of eldritch wailing was interpreted as an aye vote. A gurgling sound was heard as the meeting and all memory of it were sucked into the Chorp Dimension.

The meeting would have been adjourned if there had been any meeting.

Meeting # 3593, June 22, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3593 to order at 20:13:16.

Special Orders of Business:

Ed announced one special order: George Scithers has sent the club a change of address. HE was around when they invented fiction. He is no longer at 123 Crooked Lane, King of Prussia, PA.

Menace: The menace vanished during a computer glitch or possibly some other disturbance in the fabric of space-time, and after some discussion, the discussion was tabled for a week. The treasurer offered a zucchini for consideration, and the Scribe moved to squash the motion. The President was accepted as confused with a side of eggplant.

The Scribe was then impeached for malfeasance, misfeasance, disfeasance, unfeasance, and lack of feasance. The question was called at once, and the Scribe was summarily impeached.

Karl Lembke was then appointed to the committee to record the LASFS, and with a cry of “Feasance don't fail me now”, he fell to his task.

There was then a motion to host a bunch of puns based on fruit, but it was ultimately overturned on appeal.

Registrar: We have a guest. Aaron Eliahu was introduced by his mommy.

Patron Saint: Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was honored by the club. Scratch started off with “a wonderful person, wish he was still around. Ted is a writer, teller of stories, and a friend.

Len Moffatt rose to speak. He met Ted Johnstone before he came to LASFS. He and two friends phoned him and his first wife and wanted to know if they could come over and find out about LASFS. The first time he met the man, he was impressed. The other two were interesting, but Ted was the most interesting. Len eventually learned his real name, David McDaniel, which he used as his professional name. Len has been missing him for many years. His only complaint is that Ted was not more prolific. He called himself Len's protege, because Len taught him how to slipsheet on a mimeograph machine. Len was always proud of having taught him that skill. He did not teach him how to write. That was innate talent. Matthew Tepper: Some fans look up to other, older fans as their fannish parents. Matthew felt his parents were Lee Gold and Dave McDaniel as his fanparents. He learned much from both of them. He was a funny, charming person, even when teaching a lesson he didn't think Matthew would like. Milt Stevens notes that in fan publishing, he was one of the omni-APAs. He, Bruce Pelz, Jack Harness, and Norm Metcalf were members of all the SF APAs in existence. This lasted until some joker started APA-X or Apex which was founded to exclude the four of them. Ted did a bunch of Man from U.N.C.L.E. novels, along with other fans. Kay Shapero says, she actually discovered his UNCLE novels before joining the LASFS. She was amused to meet these people whom she had assumed were safely fictional. Bill Ellern: Ted and the other high school crew were instrumental in the survival of the LASFS. They created a hot bed of APAs and fanac, and started a number of things. Of note: here in the LASFS, they started the first LOTR fan club, and published several fanzines on the subject. They also got into all kinds of other things, and it was a particularly happy and carefree time. Charlie Jackson notes that although Dave was a rather entertaining writer, he was actually nearly a genius with a cinema camera. He was a great shooter and cutter. He could take film and assemble it in ways that highlighted anything that was good about an individual shot and connected it with the surrounding footage. Dan Alderson notes that in comics, no one ever dies. They just go to limbo. (But how low do they go?) This is a great consolation, since Dan, Bruce Pelz, Jack Harness, and David McDaniel have all been in comics. They continue their hijinks in Limbo. Three cheers for patron saint Ted Johnstone.

We have a new patron saint. In honor of his birthday, one of his family has made him a patron saint. Hare Hobbs. His patron saint's gift shall be caffeine.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off some boxes, some pens, and an ID card from Mars.

Registrar introduced Christian Carpenter. He was bicycling by, and thought he'd drop by and see what was going on. "That'll teach you!" - Ed

Old Business: None

New Business: There's some new business. The mailing list issue reared its ugly head. Galaxy Press wants to use the LASFS mailing list on a one-time basis to mail out invites to the Writers of the Future Award ceremony.

We won't release the list. WE will consider:

- ! Putting an ad in DeProf
- ! Including a flyer
- ! Coming up with an e-mail address to be published at the club and in DeProf

Bottom line: we made a commitment never to use the mailing list for commercial purposes.

Counter proposal: Galaxy press comes up with invites and hands them to us stamped. First response, it still looks like we gave away the list. During discussion, it was suggested we bring it to the membership. This is being brought up for a discussion.

Glenn noted that if we do accept stamped flyers and apply labels, the return address should be the club, not Galaxy Press. Check and see if there's a charge for attendance.

After considerable discussion, a straw sense-of-the-club vote was taken. The question was asked three different ways.

1) Those in favor of letting Galaxy Press use the LASFS mailing list to mail out the flyer raise your hand. It failed.

2) Those in favor of letting GP use the list for an event they're charging for, raise your hands. It failed.

3) Those favoring giving a free ad in DeProf for an event they're charging for, raise hand. It failed.

Reviews: George Mulligan reviewed a new straight to video film, Brianiac Attacks. If you have fond memories of the old animated show, don't bother.

Fannish Committee Reports

Doug Crepeau notes the agency responsible for helping people with ID theft is the FTC. Two of their computers with lots of IDs have been stolen.

Hare Hobbs: USDA thinks the reason why bears and deer are getting into pools and jacuzzis is not arthritis

or some other reason. The chlorine may be chasing off the bugs.

Miscellaneous: Rob Cole had a committee for surrealism report. From Ft Lauderdale. Thieves left valuables, and took the box of gray powder. Police think it was mistaken for cocaine. The ad the family bought said, in part, "Please return the cremated remains of my sister Gertrude."

Eylat Poliner: received a bill from ATT – According to them, she owes \$65 past due. Someone has taken her info and used it for a phone number in Orange County. Doug Crepeau: he has a fictitious name statement for his comic strip. He received a letter in the mail from someone trying to get him to pay him to renew it.

CLJII: For those following the details of his quest to get a diploma, Spring grades just came out. Another "A". For all his hard work, it raised his GPA 1/7 point.

Dan: Costco has light saber replicas for \$80.

In the absence of objections, the meeting was adjourned at 21:39:48.

Meeting # 3594, June 29, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3594 to order at 20:14:27.

Special Orders of Business: Jerry Pournelle rose to announce that Jim Baen died last night. Tony Weisskopf, his longtime companion, and his daughter were with him at the time. There is a long obituary which has been linked all over fandom. Jerry Pournelle worked with Baen for a decade and a half. Check Jerry's website for his observations. We observed a moment of silence in the memory of Jim Baen.

Menace: The Menace for last week did exist this time, and were read. They were approved as "A. A. Wyn is a tightwad."

Registrar: We have guests. Theresa Anderson has made it to the club, brought here by Crystal Sheean. She's never been to LASFS before. She's a literature fan and a science teacher.

Patron Saint: Alan Frisbie. Larry Niven said he's an entertaining friend. Joe Zeff notes, once when he was scribe, a certain president had to ask him to come back into the room after telling him to get out. Alan finds it a very funny story.

Charlie Jackson counts among talents, he's a fine party host. He raids a nearby store for bizarre sodas, so everyone has at least one thing there they can't drink. Fred Patten recalled his pet rat that had been made the Mascot for L.A.con 2. Does he still have pet rats? Michael asked, isn't he one of our rare sacred objects? Charlie Jackson – as a saint, you get the honor of being talked about. If you fork over for a sacred object, you get the honor of not being talked about.

Old Business: We have some. In reviewing the records of the LASFS last week, it has become obvious that the impeachment of the Scribe was not properly consulted. It has been decided that the impeachment is hereby vacated. Mr Lembke is able to serve the remainder of his term. Jerry Pournelle asked, "Can't we impeach him just a little bit?" Because of the club's disregard of the rules, it was moved that the club be expelled from the LASFS. There was a motion to table the motion. After that, there was a motion to table the motion to table. Charlie Jackson moved to abolish seconds to motions. This was promptly seconded. In regard to the longstanding tradition, Ed Green noted the president would pardon people for various crimes. No luck.

Appointed Committee Reports

Arlene reported on the reading last night. David Gerrold read, and did a wonderful job, even though he was mistaken for Jerry Pournelle. On the 25th of July, a reading of Gene Wolfe, *No Planet Strike*. Paul Macauley, *All Tomorrow Parties*, and *Jennifer, Just Before Midnight* by William Sanders. The readings are wonderful, there's free food, and donations are accepted.

Reviews: CLJII reviewed Disneyland on birthdays. They have secret ways of knowing it's your birthday. He was directed to City Hall, and got a phone call from Goofy. Cast members wished him a happy birthday, because he was wearing the sticker they gave him. Also, at the new Pirates ride, the lines were impossible. Fortunately, some cast members grabbed him, brought him in through the exit, and put him in the ride, bypassing the lines.

George Van Wagner reviewed something about guys with red capes. National Geographic, Science of Superman. It's a press release for the movie. It's not that well done. A lot of the material is stolen from Science of Superheroes, without credit.

In the absence of objections, the meeting was adjourned at 21:39:48.



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