

# INSTANT MESSAGE

INSTANT MESSAGE #16 - the NESFA Newsletter - 7 June 1968

## Minutes of the Meeting of 2 June

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm at the residence of Henry Stubbs. The minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurer objected to reporting so early in the meeting, but, not being late, had to report that; the NESFA has \$801.83 in total assets of which \$368.41 is in the Index fund, \$217.87 in the Convention fund, \$4.03 in the Refreshment fund and \$211.52 in the General fund. The Treasurer was informed of their receipt of more Index money, the bill from Spaulding - Mors for the last of the Index, and, finally a bill for the tea got at the Georgetown Hoyer Tea. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Publishing Committee reported that Leslie and Fuzzy are typing away. There seems to be material and proper Bostonian may be out this month. Report accepted as given.

The Index Committee complained that the Index stuff had not been turned over yet but an order had been received.

The Membership Committee reported favorably on and recommended for membership: Mitchell Chaffin (Regular), Garrison Lind (Associate), and Sherna Comerford, Bruce McHoe and Susan Paulk (Corresponding). The report and new members were accepted.

The Convention Committee reported on talks with the hotel. We can get Rm 437 (where the Tolkien Meeting was held) Fri-Sun for hospitality and luncheoning and Stubbs Hall on the Merrimack Sat-Sun for sleeping room. Resisting in bigger rooms for longer than before, and also for more money. An estimated budget indicates we can afford it. The Hotel thinks only 6 rooms were taken for Redstone V so reduced rates are a problem. We will print our own reservation forms this time both to get them out and to insure a proper count. Restaurant questionnaires have been made up for a guide to Boston area eating. Su Ford readily offered to head the Hospitality subcommittee. It was suggested that the Georgetown Hoyer Tea be made both more private and self-supporting. Also something should be done to give Tolkien fans more for their money than just the NESFA meetings.

## Old Business

DAVEON was discussed. The convention hotel is sold out and people are being backed into inns by hotels at the convention rates. There is some question as to how many by inns will be at home after a party.



News of the Hugo nominations for short story category are rumored to be: 'I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream' by Harlan Ellison, 'Aye, and Gomen' by Samuel R. Delany and 'Jigsaw Man' by Larry Niven. This rumor is from a reliable source. AHL is already compiling a list for the next round. In the ambient discussion it was pointed out that Van Rijn is pronounced 'van Rhine' not 'van rin'.

Bill Donahoe's letter in SF Times was read. Baycon seems to be confusing 'a cut of the profits for the privilege of selling' with the 40% profit reflected in dealer's rates. That 40% is what any dealer, professional or amateur is dealing for. If the con wants that NO dealer can economically sell there. There was some question about the number of 'professional' dealers there are in SF. The general consensus was that the con had little or no business mucking around with the Art Show. They also seem unaware of the Art Show rules dividing work into categories. The idea of judging art as professional and amateur instead of good or bad art was also criticized.

Asimov has published a straight mystery: The Death Dealers, Avon, pb. The question was raised whether there existed anyone at all who made their entire living in SF writing or painting... anything? Asimov doesn't, certainly not Hal Clement quote Harry Stubbs, ..... maybe Heinlein .....

The economics of the Index market and Metcalf's Index were discussed. Consensus was 'we'll believe it when we see it.'

The lead time for reserving a convention hotel was discussed. The supply of hotel space is lagging the demand and some time in the 1970's this will mean SF cons with their short (relative to business cons) notification period will have difficulty. Also the growing size of a con restricts the range of choice. The problem is worldwide. Hotels available to other con bidders discussed. Theory proposed that Baycon was stuck with their too small hotel because they were not a serious bid at first and did not start looking around soon enough.

Now Business Puissant Pussycat Press announced that its mimeo is go. Members wishing to have things run off, bring stencils. Paper and ink also if the run is large. (paste ink) A schedule of charges will be worked out eventually.

Don Cochran is pubbing a zine.

Mike Symes is pubbing a zine.

William H. Desmond is pubbing a zine.

WOWEE!!!

Locus is out. This is #2.

The Society for Creative Anachronisms is forming an East coast branch. This very day a Tournament and Coronation is being held in New York. Scholarship, sewing and tournament weapons fabrication are among their activities also singing and dancing of the period, that's pre 1650.

Incorporation needs only a notary to go forward. Then we can get a sales tax exemption as a non-profit corporation.

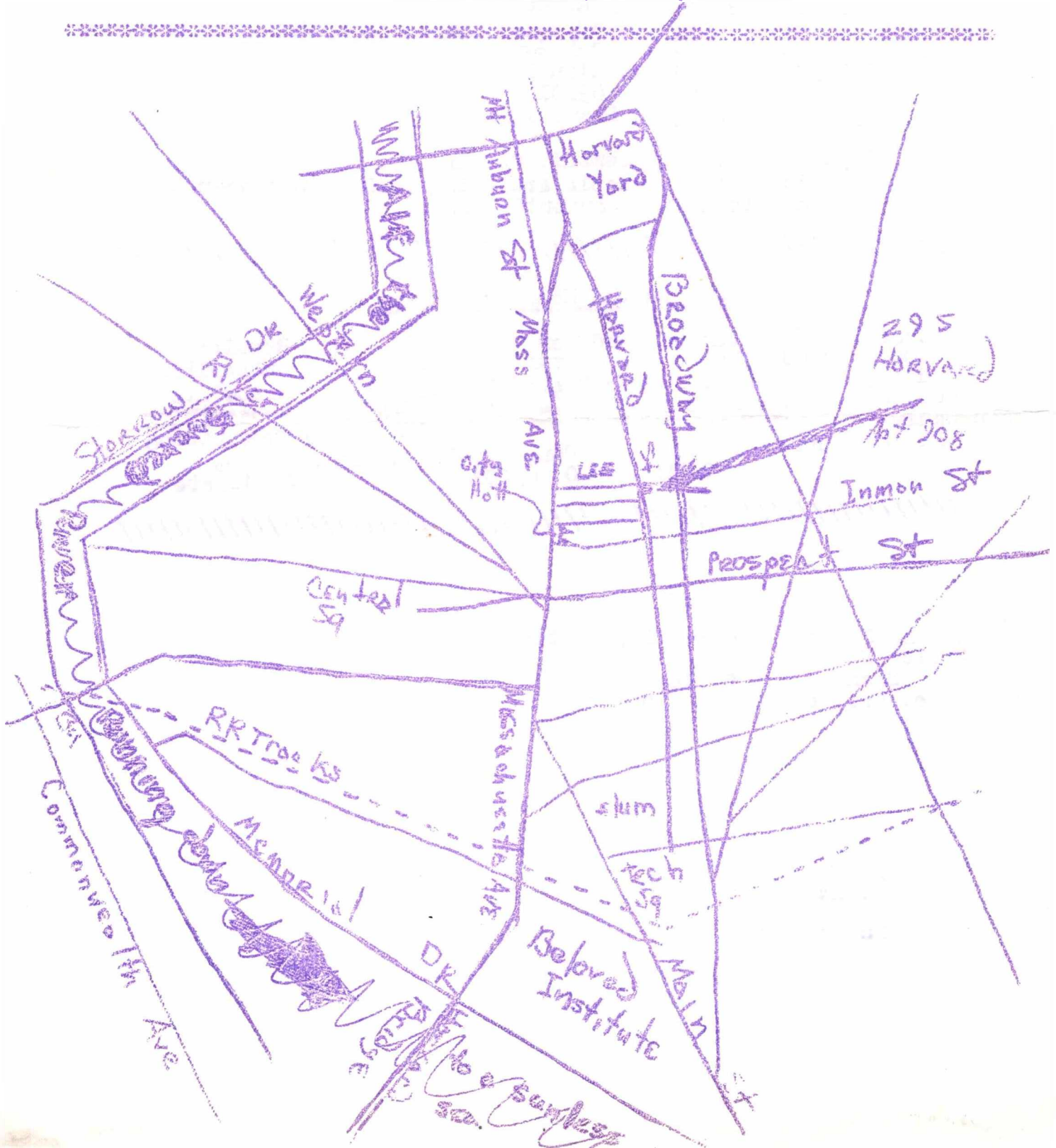
Fuzzy Pink (Marilyn Wisowaty) is leaving for Las Vegas or Los Angeles around August.

The June 23 meeting cannot be held at Andrew Whyte's as planned. Fuzzy volunteered. The June 23 meeting will be at 295 Harvard St, Apt 908, Cambridge. (see map) Anyone wishing to bring food in lieu of the usual 50¢ refreshment fee please call Fuzzy at 547-8147 (in the evening).

Refreshment money was collected and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Lewis, Clerk, NESFA





Calendar of Events

- Jun 21-23 Dallas Con at Hotel Southland, Dallas Texas
- Jun 23 NESEA meeting at Fuzzy Pink's at 295 Harvard St, Apt 908, Cambridge, MA. Those wishing to bring food call Fuzzy at 517-8147 in the evening.
- Jun 28-30 Midwestcon at the North Plaza Motel, 7911 Reading Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45237
- Jul 4-7 F-UN Con in Los Angeles at the Statler Hilton Hotel
- Jul 8-13 International SF Film Festival Trieste, Italy
- Jul 13-14 NESEA weekend meeting at Ed Mesky's in Center Harbor NH. Transportation arranged, bring sleeping bags, room but no beds. *to be*
- Jul 26-28 Ozarkon 3 at Ben Franklin Motor Hotel, 825 Washington, St. Louis MO 63101
- Aug 23-25 Deep South Con 6 in New Orleans
- Aug 29- Sep 2 BAYCON at Hotel Claremont, Oakland Calif. The Claremont is full but people are being booked into near by hotels at the convention rate



Additions to the Membership List

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| Mitchel Chefitz  | 5 Porter Rd, Andover MA 01810  | Regular     |
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| Susan Nault      | 131 North Main St, Andover MA 01810                                  | Subscribing |
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