

# OFF TRAILS

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DEADLINE FOR THE 70th JULY 1st 1973.

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total for the 69th mailing

166

10 items from 9 memberships(or 10 counting AE in OT).....

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suggest 25 copies will cover 70th mailing, unless convention attracts more members.

DEADLINE for the 70th, July 1st 1973.

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my apologies for not having a WHATSIT in the mailing again, (I suppose I should apologise when one's in anyway). I have a cover, and even a story, but with one thing and another, (feebly offers, "trying to move house", but not really believing its true excuse) I've not got round to doing anything about the contents... oh well. better luck next time.



Results of the voting on Constitutional amendments.

Name,	ammemrdment number.								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Terry Jeeves	y	a	y	y	y	y	y	n	n
Phil Spencer	y	y	a	y	a	y	a	y	y
Keith Walker	n	n	y	n	y	n	a	n	a
Ken Cheslin	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	a	a
John Coombe	y	y	y	y	y	a	y	y	y
Lynn Hickmann	n	a	y	y	y	n	n	y	n

(I have counted only returned voting forms...not remarks in zines...though it is worth mentioning, for instance, Jan Jansens comment that compulsory voting seems natural to him as thats the way it works in Belgium...(and I agree to a large extent with CV, as an effort at a solution...)

So.	For	Against	Abstain	Result
Associate members shall be allowed. ((((a))))	4	2	0	carried
AE non-vote, non officering.	3	1	2	carried
Compulsary votes for official posts.	5	0	1	carried
Compulsary EgobooPoll voting. ((((b))))	5	1	0	carried
Compulsary voting on const.ammendments.	5	0	1	carried
Sliding scale shd be introduced. ((((c))))	2	3	1	defeated
Penalties for late renewal of subscriptions,etc.	3	1	2	carried
Of 20pp activity, 5 should be mailing comments.	3	2	1	carried.
OMPA fees/dues based of year	2	2	2	tie..dead lettered.

- a. it may be, at the present dues rates, that "three times dues" are too much.
- b. it would be helpful if we could decide on categories.
- c. obselete in face of dues increase.

I think that it would be most useful if it could be made into a regular practice to have an OMPA meeting at the annual Easter Convention. (it would be most useful this year). I suggest that this is arragned..I'll do this myself come Easter...this year, and we can talk about continuing the idea. The awkwardness of some of those ammendments could quickly be ironed out if we had a regularly called meeting and votes at the con, this year. On some further reflection it might well be that OMPA could benefit greatly by the institution of a regular meeting. It may be desirable, for instance, to tie in the voting on officers and/or ammendments with the meeting..thus to a large extent facilitating those ammendments.,,hmm,we might have to make some sort of rule (another?) to make this meeting "legal" hereafter. But the idea has its attractions, a morale booster too..hey, how about an EGOBOO prize..er.....ken.

THE KINDLY AE...continues....

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NEXT mailing we should be voting, or thinking of voting, for the officers of the Association.

NOMINATIONS should be in by the deadline for the mailing, JULY 1st 1973, then we can vote, announce results in the October, with new AEs address etc. so that they can officially take over on November..er..31st?

Now I don't know how Terry or Darroll feel, though I've no doubt I'll find out at the con, about allowing themselves to be nominated again. Frankly its proved hard in the past to get people to serve..especially as Treasurer. I hope to organise a meeting at the con..

For myself I do not wish to serve another term as AE.

I've served so long that I'm becoming a fixture; I feel stale; it may be that I will be able to get bigger Whatsits out, more often, if I'm not doing the AEs job; OMPA would benefit for a change of personality in my chair, and maybe present a more attractive image to recruits. So, come forward you likely lads; and lasses of course.

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I havent time to reprint the ammended constitution this time round...and in any case we might chop things about a bit at the con..

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We might also be able to decide categories for the Egoboo Poll at this meeting....

for the moment I suggest you repeat the categories in last mailing, make your own form, and send it to Terry. VOTING in yr zine is NOT very helpful.

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Brighter covers..er..better image for OI. (was it Jan who remarked on this?) well, when I was AE yonks ago I tried to do that..saying that the OO had no need to be dowdy..and printed some with cover illos; etc., but the climate of opinion at that time was ag inst this.

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I'd like to propose a new constitutional ammendment....."all editors must have their zines in to the AE by the deadline. Late arrivin; zines shall be penalised as follows; for every day past the deadline the editor of the offendin; zine shall buy the AE a pint at the con....." (to make up for the wear and tear on his throat as he curses them.....) Seriously tho', whats the use of having a deadlune iff zines keep comming in late? This last mailing will be/has been an unusual one of course.(and you are a special case Joan & Roy). But it gives very little time for the AE to bundle up the zines; cutting the stencils for OI etc., if yr zine arrives right at the deadline...and of course PAST the dradline!.hmm.now what else can I say to fill the rest of this space up.. I have to take these in to school tomorrow to ryn them off...we're off to Bradford to see Jeans parents next week, we haven't been able to afford to go up to see them for many months..I have a good long half-term, but won't be able to use it on OMPA, being up in Bonnie Bradford, and we will be back here for just the one day before continuing on to Bristol. Its snowing now...grey skys and floating flakes..out daft cat won't come in, sits under the car on the drive being timid..mind you, Matthew and David have been a bit much for them recently, even though we are constantly saving the cats they continually sit in places where the children can get to them...and Matthew has long ago found out that he can poke sticks through the fire guard at Polly, in her favourite place and posture.

anyway, I wish myself and your good selves a happy Easter, similary for the convention if you can get to it.

Fandom Is.....?.

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