

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4511

Jan. 25, 2024

Scribe: Heath “Scribbles” Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Members applauded the in-person meeting.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor and director King Donovan (b. Jan. 25, 1918; d. June 30, 1987)
- Filmmaker Tobe Hooper (b. Jan. 25, 1943; d. Aug. 26, 2017)
- Comic book writer, screenwriter, and producer Geoff Johns (b. Jan. 25, 1973)

Dispatchings

- Actor Gary Graham (b. June 6, 1950; d. Jan. 22, 2024)
- Filmmaker Norman Jewison (b. July 21, 1926; d. Jan. 20, 2024)
- Composer and bandleader Laurie Johnson (b. Feb. 7, 1927; d. Jan. 16, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1971, the pilot for *City Beneath the Sea* debuted on television.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Jan. 18, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Charles Lee Jackson II clarified the pronunciation of the character name Ayesha.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Matthew B. Tepper bid \$20, won, and named them “Welcome Back to Live, In-Person Meetings.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as mispronounced, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Gail Selinger was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Larry Niven, and Leigh Strother-Vien. Selinger received three cheers.

Rick Sneary was celebrated and recognized by Craig Miller and Matthew B. Tepper. Sneary received three cheers—and a “Southgate is Nifty in 5050,” and a mimeograph.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
 - The con is happening over Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.
 - Guests of honor include writer Spider Robinson, artist Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, artist ghost Frank Kelly Freas, musician Kathy Mar, and fans Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller.
 - Michelle Pincus: We'll table at Strategicon and Gallifrey One.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Tonight's aftermeeting has been pre-arranged at the North Hollywood Diner.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Scifi.radio.

Members bid on what would be recognized in February. Eylat Poliner bid \$20, won, and dedicated it to Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have a couple of guests: Dr. Susie Searight and John. John's father was a member in the 1970s, and John attended Loscon as a teenager. Dr. Searight went to Gallifrey One in 2016 and got bit by the convention bug. She heads the auction for Gallifrey One, serves on the board for WhoCon, and runs a nonprofit called the Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System. (<https://www.browncoatsupport.org>)

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

A stock of membership cards was located in storage. If you'd like one, Cathy Johnson or a former president can sign them.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board met a couple of Sundays ago. The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson asked members if they enjoyed the in-person meeting and want to do it again. Charles Lee Jackson II suggested that we consider scheduling in-person meetings to align with elections in June, November, and December. Craig Miller recommended we vote on meeting face to face monthly and scheduling such meetings based on venue availability. Johnson indicated that Nick Smith will look into availability and cost, and report back next week.

Gavin Claypool also brought up a nearby Denny's that has a banquet room available for \$50.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Krystal Rains has copies of the Loscon 50 flier if you'd like some to help promote the con.
 - A new shipment of logo pins came in, and she'll bring them next time.
- Francis Hamit's new novel *Starmen* is now available. (<https://amzn.to/484BL9M>)
- Charles Lee Jackson II: Due to technical difficulties, he does not have a new book out this week.
 - He recommended that the club make a list of everyone present at the in-person meeting.
- Joshua Sky seeks to buy used video games and vintage comic books.
- Marc Schirmeister is writing a novel with Mel White.
- Kristine Cherry reminded members about the Web site, seeking contributors to the blog.

Special Event: The Big Auction

- Christian B. McGuire led the auction of 15 items.
 - Three novels in S.M. Stirling's Nantucket series: Matthew B. Tepper bid \$6 and won.
 - 1991 print of artwork by Gary Montalbano: Eylat Poliner bid \$10 and won.
 - Toshiba DVD/VCR player: Joshua Sky bid \$20 and won.
 - Disneyland Mickey Mouse T-shirt: Hare Hobbs bid \$10 and won.
 - *Battlestar Galactica* Cylon Raider: Genny Dazzo bid \$5 and won.
 - Two small illustrations by Joe Pearson: Scribbles bid \$10 and won.
 - LASFS paperweight: J.P. Van Gordon bid \$40 and won.
 - Solar system T-shirt: Joshua Sky bid \$11 and won.
 - Lobby cards for Walt Disney's *Scandalous John*: Gavin Claypool bid \$5 and won.
 - Sealed ILO Technologies DVD recorder and player: Joshua Sky bid \$17 and won.
 - Hiroshige: Visions of Japan print: Cathy Johnson bid \$15 and won.
 - 1997 and 1998 *Babylon 5* calendars: Hare Hobbs bid \$20 and won.
 - 2000 *Fantasia* Imax Experience T-shirt: Eylat Poliner bid \$8 and won.
 - *Dragon Writers* anthology ed. by Lisa Mangum: Krystal Rains bid \$5 and won.
 - *Alien Nation* keyring and CD: Scribbles bid \$10 and won.

Moments of Science

- None

Regular Announcements

- Chris Marble: George Mulligan hopes to be in good enough shape to get a day pass in March so he can visit home for his birthday.

- Susan Fox indicated that 58 people are online and in the room.
- Hare Hobbs expressed concern about meeting online because of troubles using Zoom. He'd be willing to host people to watch movies in his home. He also asked for help figuring out Zoom so he can join meetings online.

Reviews

- None

Miscellaneous

- None

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.