

Minutes of July 4th 2024, meeting number 4534

Call to order by vice president Eylat Poliner at 8-ish pm

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

We celebrated the 1883 birth of the artist and inventor who would be known as Rube Goldberg. Also the birth anniversary of actress Gloria Stuart, best known for her roles in *The Invisible Man* and *Titanic*, more than 60 years apart. It was also the birthday of graphic novelist David Petersen, creator of *Mouse Guard*.

Media anniversary was Independence Day, ironically debuting in England on this date in 1996, but it was also the anniversary of the end of the first World Science Fiction Convention in 1939.

Two passings, both actors. Actor and screenwriter Robert Towne and actor and comedian Martin Mull.

Reading of the previous minutes

Bid to name the minutes: Susan Fox bid \$5 to name them the Czech phrase for “thank you.”

Approval of minutes voted by the members.

Welcoming of guests would have happened here, but there weren't any.

Patron Saints: Doug Abe. He donated books to the club and gave them away to club members.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II explained the “spot of honor” and mentioned that he is working on plans for a version of it at the in-person location, once we're there. This month's spot of honor is held by LosCon 50.

Treasurer: pay your dues and please donate beyond your dues.

Board of Directors: Board of directors will meet on Bastille Day, July 14th at 11 am on Zoom.

Loscon: November 29 to December 1st at the L.A.X. Hilton

Programming: Susan read the list of upcoming programs. Next week at the Denny's we will host Jasmine Sov, one of the teen writers who won a recent Omega award, and she will read her story to us.

Fannish wellness: No Chris Marble, so no report

Old Business, none

New Business, none

Moment of Science:

Tom Safer reported that this is the birth anniversary of John Alan Palos, mathematician who tried to explain math and why it's important. Also, the birthday of Rube Goldberg, and 18th century hot air balloonist Blanchard who crossed the English channel. Notable event on this date is the Mars Pathfinder, which reached Mars in 1997, to study the ground on Mars.

Lee Grixit reported on the development of a synthetic glassy substance made of peptides, and it can be poured into a mold in the way plastics are made.

Timebound announcements

CometFest 2024 -- on July 11th at the Fine Arts Theatre in Beverly Hills.

The free event, hosted by CometTV, includes:

- a panel discussion with Writer/Producer Glen Mazarra, and AI expert Sumeet Batra on AI in the movies
- a screening of Terminator 2: Judgement Day
- free popcorn, drinks, swag and a chance to win door prizes
- free parking at our designated lot at 115 S Willaman Drive during the event

Event Details:

CometFest 2024

Doors Open: 5:30pm

Panel Discussion: 6:30pm

Terminator 2 Screening: 7:00pm

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/4c00TBp>

Gregory mentioned Anime Expo, which is actually sold out, even for day memberships, but that they will be broadcasting some of it on YouTube.

Nick Smith reported on movie screenings planned for American Cinematheque, Brain Dead Studios, the New Beverly Theater and Vidiots in Eagle Rock, but those have already happened.

Regular announcements: none

Reviews:

Derek watched Problemista, streaming on MAX. It has some sci-fi elements involving cryogenics, and is worth watching.

Eylat reviewed the newest season of Doctor Who, and said that it's worth bingeing.

Lee Grixit mentioned that Star Trek: Prodigy is back, but on a different network. The second season is on Netflix, and the tone is slightly more mature.

Miscellaneous: Eylat was chairing the meeting so she couldn't move to adjourn. It happened anyway, and we did.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm