

Minutes of LASFS Meeting #4430
July 7, 2022 Call to Order at 8:00 p.m.

Deaths/Anniversaries/Birthdays Shared by Krystal LASFS Scribe
Acclaimed fanzine fan Robert Lichtman died July 6 at the age of 79. He was the creator of the award winning fanzine Trap Door,

James Caan died yesterday, known for his Godfather role, he was in the Science Fiction film, Alien Nation. He was also in Rollerball and Countdown. He was 82

Author Ni Kuang died on July 3rd. He was a Chinese author, fleeing to Hong Kong in 1957 after being accused of counter-revolutionary activities, he was a prolific writer. He is best known for his 156 volume Wisely series.

The memorial for Karl Lembke has been postponed to August 7th, same time and location.

Robby the Robot, July 1st, 1955 Debuted in Forbidden Planet, he also made appearances in The Invisible Boy (1957), Invasion of the Neptune Men (1961), The Twilight Zone, Lost In Space, Ark II, Space Academy, Project UFO, Wonder Woman, and Gremlins.

Today's birthdays of note: David Eddings and Robert Heinlein.

Marty Cantor knew Robert Lichtman, in LASFS 1975, and he was involved with LAPA, in the 1950-60's was the Director of LASFS (previous title for President of LASFS) currently lived in the Bay area. Very nice gentleman, had 4 sons, two were with him, he had cancer and had survived covid. He will be missed my many around the world. Matthew Tepper Called for a moment of silence in his memory

It is traditional when we move from one scribe to another for the new one to give what is called a cold and unsympathetic reading. Minutes from last meeting read by Krystal Rains, Added the changed date of Karl's memorial to Aug 7th,2022. to the minutes

Matthew did a Fritz Feld impression.

Tad Daley: Thank you. Mr. President is not strictly about the minutes but I'm gonna get that straight about the Karl Memorial. It's offered this Saturday, but it's the seventh of August, same time, same place. Yes that is correct, Tad

Auction to Name the Minutes: Lynn Maners, "Belated Happy Birthday to Tad Daley"
Call for Approval Eylat moved to accept, seconded, all said aye!

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard (CL) - CLII this month is sponsored by the Friends of Karl Lembke, we are pleased to remember him. This is a fundraising opportunity for the club, as a monthly offering.

Registrar (Eylat) We have a guest! Kurt Phillips, friend of Marty's Visiting for the first time, curious and decided to attend, Longtime Fan in Virginia, Fanzine fan, 2014 TAF delegate, East Coast convention goer, book collector and dealer. Registered Nurse as an occupation. Welcome to LASFS, Eylat shared all the pertinent details about club membership and hopes that since we are online, that he will join us.

Celebration of Patron Saint - Marty explains the "Patron Saint" This evenings patron saint is Doug Abe Marty, Said Doug was an Interesting person, Japanese and born in Hawaii, and was sent by his employer to Japan and he didn't speak Japanese. We had interesting times, when he came to LASFS, he always brought a box of books for people to peruse and enjoy.
3 Cheers for our Patron Saint Doug Abe.

Treasurer Elayne Pelz

Treasury needs more money, pay your dues, you can pay by the month as it is the first of the month. \$4 a week, \$12 a month, some are remiss in paying dues. Zelle or Paypal She needs someone to cover for Worldcon. Susan Fox volunteered.

Loscon 48 report: Insert the funniest line from the voice to text transcript, "And now is the time to launch rockets me dance." which I believe is Matthew asking for the Loscon report.

Nick was at WesterCon promoting Loscon, and shared with many who either didn't know about or hadn't been in years. Westercon was much smaller, only 160 of the 300 paid attendees were there. Tonopah was very remote.

Board Report — Michelle P Board meeting on Sunday, with this same Zoom meeting

Old business - none

New business - none

Next meeting:

14 July - presentation and vote on Loscon 49

Programming: Eylat has stepped up to help coordinate Programming.

11 August - Tim Griffin, music

18 August - Steven Barnes, reading

22 September - Larry Niven, reading

29 September - David Gerrold, presenting

I am asking members if you know somebody who was interesting and has like an interesting hobby or an interesting job and or you yourself would like to present to the club or do a reading please email me Eylat, whose contact info is in the chat.

Time-bound announcements

Eylat, Mark got Covid on Fri/Sat, she was confirmed positive on Sunday. They are doing okay

Nick: Dark Delicacies upcoming events this weekend: signings

New Beverly Cinema showings this weekend.

Ed Hooper: Next Wed is the 6th and final episode of Ms Marvel

Tad Daley: time bound moment of science, Webb telescope on July 12th

Moment of Science,

Nick Smith: Science news, CalTech, New Covid vaccine that is predictive vaccine, multipart that works on earlier versions and should be available next year, they are in the second phase of trials

Lee Grixit: Discovery of stem cells from urine, bladder is shedding them, not as potent.

Researcher has a new synthetic skin, dead white substance that works over jointed mechanics, hands will be able to grip objects when wet or dry and it is self repairing.

Lynn Maners Archeology: long running excavation in Sweden, and they uncovered a Viking dry dock and workshops, first time found on how they built the longships

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/viking-shipyard-discovered-at-birka/>

Using new carbon dating method. That has dated things 3.4-3.7 million years, pushed dates back by a million years.

<https://www.sciencealert.com/cradle-of-humankind-fossils-may-be-a-million-years-older-than-we-previously-thought>

Tom Safer shared some Scientists born on this day:

Joseph Murray 1752- 1834 French weaver who invented the first programmable loom and basis of the future textile industry and predated the use of punch cards for the census.

Rudolph Wolf 1816-1893 Swiss astronomer and astronomical historian Wolf's main contribution was the discovery of the 11 year sunspot cycle, and he was the CO discoverer of his connection with geomagnetic activity on Earth. His system to number sunspots is still in use today.

Regular announcements

Eylat shared that Karl's memorial has been changed from July 9th to August 7th, due to covid, same time and location

Reviews -

Eylat reviewed last week's Strange New Worlds, and it was too much for her to handle., Be prepared. We are sad that Obiwan is over and still enjoying Oroville.

Nick basically reviewed Westercon earlier, Movie Lightyear deserves better than the reviews it is getting, it is really science fiction. Not a fun movie, it is serious science fiction, not Toy Story. Oddly moving.

Tom DC Animated movie Catwoman Hunted: Clever story, Fun film, fun characters but no spoilers

Cathy: Final two episodes of Stranger Things, streamed at Westercon, homage to the horror films of the 80's not the SF genre, we enjoyed them.

Lee: Fanish based things for Children/Adolescents: First: Valley View, family of super villains trying to get along with their neighbors, Second: Overworld/underworld. Family has a guest that is an interstellar conqueror and says things like, "so this volunteer work is to catch people off-guard before we stick it to them" Third: Ultraviolet and Black Scorpion, a young woman finds a Luchadore mask that makes her a superhero and she finds an adult superhero that understands his obligation to mentor her, but hates it, because it's too much like Adulting.

Miscellaneous -

Cathy Johnson: Westercon: review/info had a good time in the wilds of the desert. On the way back they visited the Western Film Museum. Iron Man and Tremors were filmed at the museum. Westercon 2024 bid in SLC. Westercon 2023 is in Anaheim chaired by Arlene Busby and Michelle Dane. Leftovers from Westercon 2022 Free ice cream for the kids at the Free movie showing on Friday courtesy of Westercon, all 10 of them! The mayor of Tonapah wants everyone to come back next year, but we had to tell him that it moves around every year.

After meeting info hosted by Cathy and Dean

Nick Westercon 2024, seems to be well organized, not the same folks as Spikecon.

Mama Bear has covid, positive test on Tuesday after Westercon.

Cathy and Dean are testing negative after Westercon.

Virtual Westercon was hybrid/recorded earlier for later sharing online.

Tech convo about Westercon, that they were able to provide tech for someone who didn't expect it.

Matthew was reminded of a situation at the 1974 Worldcom in Washington DC where Harlan was screening the movie based on his A Boy and His Dog and one of the projectors broke down or was not available. So they had to show each reel and then rewind it because you have to do that and then mount the next reel and show that and repeat the process. At least Harland entertained us in between but it did lead to a long evening and very memorable one.

Tom Safer, last minute moment of science, regarding his father's sculpture that is used as the award

for the Michael Collins award, this years Lifetime Achievement Award went to Wally Funk for ingenuity Mars helicopter team, more info on National Air and Space Museum website.

Call to adjourn Eylat motioned, seconded. Moved.

Additions: CLJII Western Film museum/ Filming location is located in Lone Pine, CA