

Minutes of LASFS Meeting #4431  
July 14, 2022 Call to Order at 8:00 p.m

Brett Brezniak long-time employee of Iliad Bookstore in North Hollywood has passed away

Reading of the minutes

Additions/Corrections: Pronunciations issues with the reading, they are spelled correctly.

Bid to name the minutes, Lynn Maners \$5 "Happy Bastille Day" Moved to accept, seconded accepted

Honor Guard, CLJII Karl Lembke is honored for the month of July

Patron Saint: Marc Schirmeister, artist and writer

CLJII: Marc was once described as a young "coot", with the most distinctive art style of science fiction fan artists, several passes at the animation industry, but none came to fruition because his work is hard to reproduce, Spongebob is similar in a simple way. Lives over near the Rose Bowl where he had good parties, good to be around for his quirky sense of humor and talent.

Chris Marble: fond memories of collecting xerox art, before we had access to the internet, "Schirm" tried to collect it all.

Nick Smith: In the 80's he did some work for me for a fantasy book, his attention to details and styling was amazing. He did a lot of work in the animation industry.

Susan Fox: he illustrated her one and only fantasy story sale, "Indistinguishable from Magic"

Marty: He was probably one of the first 10 artists to create work for fanzines, and just about everything else in fandom. Fabulous work and never won an award, one of my favorites, always got appreciation, done on linoleum block with a different color on every block. Absolutely fantastic artist, great dinosaur-y characters, His sense of humor was just as wonderful as his hard work. He always brought ice cream for his saint's night.

Michelle Pincus: Marc was a very nice person to be around, would always show up around Christmas time and shared his unique holiday card.

Release the "was", Marc IS still around

Charles: His work is featured in a book on Science Fiction Films. He has a set of Chapter illustrations that are delightful to watch. With the help of Karl Lembke I created a presentation project of the best of Schirm's work. He was pleased with the production, we have it saved and can share it again someday.

3 rousing cheers for our patron saint, Marc Schirmeister

Treasurer's report: Lots of people caught up with their dues, thank you...for those in the meeting tonight, PAY your dues, We pay more than \$1000 a month to maintain the club insurance/storage.

Registrar: Guests: 2 new guests. Thank you to Cathy Johnson for creating the online "green form" Phoenix, they live in Santa Barbara, into all of it of the fandoms, grew up in the LASFS, now joining us as an adult. Happy to be more involved.

Victor, lives in Northridge, found out about LASFS as a panelist at Loscon, he makes Media, does panels at conventions and has been conscripted as a con staffer.

Susan Fox: We are super glad you are here!

Programming Eylat:

Upcoming

Tonight, Loscon 49 bid

Aug 11, Tim Griffin, music

Aug 18, Steven Barnes

Sep 22, Larry Niven

Sep 29 David Gerrold

Loscon 48 report Nick, Zoom staff meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am on this zoom channel for details that are in the works.

Marketing Michelle is focused on Loscon with Krystal's help

Board, Michelle Board of Directors next meeting will be Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am on this Zoom channel.

Old Business: presentation and voting on Loscon 49, Gavin reported that the membership should vote within 30 days of the LASFS board approval which would have been last week. The board re-approved the submitted bid, so that tonight's vote meets the requirement.

Michelle Pincus did her presentation on why she would like to be a Loscon 49 Chair. She is willing and prepared with guests of honor and a team and is most excited that Phoenix has agreed to be vice-chair with her bid which will reach out into other communities to expand Loscon's reach.

CLJII oversees the vote proctoring for Loscon Bid.

Checking on voting members with treasure, with overwhelming majority of votes cast, Michelle, will you accept the chairmanship of Loscon 49 and she does

New Business: None

Time Bound:

Kevin Segall Ozcon International in Pomona this year

Nick Smith New venue for fanish films, Laemmle in Glendale showing Cosplay Universe, about the culture of costuming and cosplay that has developed.

American Cinematheque showing, Mad God, a stop-motion adult animated horror film written, produced and directed by Phil Tippett. Released in 2021, it was produced over a period of 30 years.

Phil has a long history of work in the fanish genre.

New Beverly Cinema showing Back to the Future

Dark Delicacies signings

Moment of Science

Lynn Maners: Okay, last week, we were talking about stratigraphy and evolution. I will explain sample size to my students. Suppose you are a future archaeologist. And you find two skeletons with no cultural artifacts. On one continent is the skeleton of Peter Dinklage the actor on the other continent in different deposition, the basketball player, Britney Griner. So what if you only had those two samples? What was homosapiens? This is why a lot of things in common evolution are so controversial because we have such tiny sample sizes.

Lee Grixit: Most ambitious forensic excavation ever, a meteor found on the Sahara years ago, it is sedimentary, older rock glued together, researchers determined it was from Mars, after analysis of photographs of Mars, they believe they know what spot on Mars it is from.

Matthew

Thank you very much Lee. given my understanding of the definitions of the various words. It's a meteorite if it has completed falling to Earth. It was a meteor if it is in the act of falling, and it is a meteoroid if it hasn't fallen yet. Then what do I know I'm only musician.

Tom Safer: Grand Duke Ferdinand II de Medici: 1610-1670 Italian monarch and science patron, supported Nicolaus Steno and Galileo. He also devised a sealed thermometer.

Charles Benjamin Dudley, 1842-1909 Chemical engineer who supported standardization and material

testing in industry. He was a chemist for the railroad and researched the metallurgy of steel railroad tracks finding an enormous variation in the quality of steel. He founded the American Society of Testing and Materials.

Florence Bascom, American Geologist was the first woman to receive a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. 2 years later she launched the geology department at Bryn Mawr. First woman to work as a geologist for the US Geological Survey. She was an expert in crystallography, mineralogy, and petrograph.

#### Announcements:

Eylat: Charles Lembke Memorial August 7, 2-6pm at Krystal and Richards Please donate to the porta potty fund.

Chris Marble: Blood test, 65 months cancer free, covid free  
George is doing well, hopes to be home by Labor Day. He is able to sit up on his own.

#### Reviews:

Cathy we have watched through all Strange New Worlds, wow, amazing if you liked Original Series, you will love this, we've gone back to watch and compared. No spoilers, just sharing.

Lynn Strange New Worlds, just at 4<sup>th</sup> episode, it sort of seems to be 55 minutes of something happening and then five minutes of the government saying Can we all just get along?

Eylat: Mark and I were ecstatic about Strange New World, and had to go look at the old original series and they got EVERY detail right. Looking forward to season 2.

Lee Grixit: New Show Moon Haven, 2200, earth is a wreck, slum with a cyberpunk veneer, but the moon colony, is advanced

Tom quick sports review attended the Dodgers/Cubs game and something that never gets old is watching your home team come from behind and win.

#### Misc:

After meeting zoom hosted by Cathy and Dean all are welcome with a special invitation to the new folks at the meeting.

CLJII remark that Richard Matheson, from various books, film and tv, was a wonderfully versatile writer but did not like to be picked at a horror specialist.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and moved.

Thank you to Susan Fox for recording the meeting and Eylat Poliner for transcription support  
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#### Additions/Corrections:

Lynn (Stratigraphy) basketball player is Britney Griner