

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4483

July 13, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Norvell W. Page (b. July 6, 1904, d. Aug. 14, 1961)
- Actor Steven Marlo (b. July 13, 1927, d. Nov. 7, 2019)
- Actor Sir Patrick Stewart (b. July 13, 1940)
- Actor Harrison Ford (b. July 13, 1942)
- Actor and voice actor Kari Wahlgren (b. July 13, 1977)

Dispatchings

- Animator Randy Fullmer (b. April 27, 1950, d. July 10, 2023)
- Actor and voice actor Jimmy Weldon (b. Sept. 23, 1923, d. July 6, 2023)
- Screenwriter, director, and producer Hector Manuel Koto (b. June 10, 1961, d. July 9, 2023)
- Swedish fan Hans Sidén (b. 1935, d. June 24, 2023)

Media anniversary

- Two films debuted on this date, Irwin Allen's *The Lost World* in 1960 and *The Island of Dr. Moreau* in 1977. (IMDb indicates the latter first screened Dec. 31, 1977, while Wikipedia suggests July 13, 1977.)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for July 6, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- Susan Fox corrected the name of the kingdom of Caid's new queen
- There was some speculation about whether J. Michael Straczynski would appear at Comic-Con because of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox and Dean Johnson each bid \$5. Fox yielded to Johnson, who won, and named them "I Don't Know."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Marc Schirmeister was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, and Nick Smith. Schirmeister received three cheers—and a cartoon.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The con is coming along.
 - Heide Nichols commented that The Fallen Stars, an Americana band inspired by *Firefly*, will perform at Loscon 49.
- Loscon 50-52 (Elayne Pelz): Loscon 50-52 will be held at the LAX Hilton. This year's con will be the last at the LAX Marriott.
- Programming (Susan Fox)
 - Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
 - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*
 - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
 - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation
 - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on music in *Star Trek*
 - Oct. 14: Forry Award nominations and vote
 - Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
 - Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
 - Nov. 16: History of the LASFS with historical LASFSans
 - Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
 - Dec. 7: Nominations for President
 - Dec. 14: Procedural elections
 - Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We welcomed new member Jean-Paul Garnier.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Donations are always welcome.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - At Dark Delicacies on Saturday, *Subspecies V: Bloodrise* Blu-ray signing with

Director Ted Nicolaou, and on Sunday, *Kolchak Nosferatu* anthology signing with Christopher Sequeira and Gerry Huntman

- New Beverly Cinema matinees of *Fifth Element* and *Frozen*
- American Cinematheque showing Tuesday of *Humanoids from the Deep* at the Los Feliz Theatre
- Tom Safer will screen Blake Edwards's *A Shot in the Dark* on Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library
- Chris Marble reported that the North American Science Fiction Convention, Pemmi-Con, is next week in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- Damon Brown said that his meeting with the Arkansas Free Thinkers went well and that he'll propose a Center for Inquiry to the full group.
- Susan Fox dished that the Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) will dine July 23 at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant in Sherman Oaks.

Special Event: Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*

Miller told personal stories about working in publicity for *Star Wars*, his anecdotal memoir *Star Wars Memories*, and other experiences. Topics included the 1976 teaser trailer, *Damnation Alley*, alternate versions of the movie's opening crawl, the meaning of the term "parsecs," Carrie Fisher's wrap party, and the choreography for a *Star Wars* Underoos commercial.

LASFSans asked questions about the radio spots, Miller's inspiration for writing the book, feeding the rumor mill in the pages of *Starlog*, and other topics.

Regular Announcements

Tad Daley mentioned a congressional candidate, George Whitesides, founder of Yuri's Night, former chief of staff at NASA, and CEO of Virgin Galactic.

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II recommended the Joel Magee Disneyland Collection exhibition running until July 16 at the Burbank Town Center Mall.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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