

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4492

Sept. 14, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Susan Fox called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor and screenwriter Walter Koenig
- Writer and producer Bryan Woods
- Author Justin Richards

Dispatchings

- Manga artist Buichi Terasawa (d. Sept. 8, 2023)

Media anniversary

The Mysterious Island premiered in New Jersey on this date in 1929.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 7, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- Susan Fox clarified the date of the Worldcon at which Arthur C. Clarke appeared on video.
- Charles Lee Jackson II clarified the use of Edith Head's costuming in a couple of films.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them "I Don't Know What to Call Them."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Dale Hales was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Hales received three cheers.

Michael Thorsen was celebrated and recognized by Heide Nichols and Eylat Poliner. Thorsen received three cheers—and a mahjong starter set.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
 - Oct. 12: 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 featuring longtime 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 have three guests tonight. Sharon Goldstein came across the club's 2002 Recommended Reading List. She's working on a mystery with sf overtones and is shopping a fantasy trilogy. She also once had dinner with Isaac Asimov.

Kathleen Madsen is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism. She and her husband met through the University of Maryland's sf club. She makes cheese.

Aldo Spadoni is our featured speaker tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Susan Fox reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board of directors meeting is Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - Dark Delicacies will host a Saturday signing for David J. Schow's *The Outer Limits at 60* and a Sunday signing for John Shirley's *SubOrbital 7*.
 - The New Beverly Cinema will show *The Powerpuff Girls Movie* and a double feature of *The Crow* and *The Crow: City of Angels* on Saturday. On Monday, they'll screen *Spider Baby* and *The Incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies!!?*

- The Nuart Theatre is showing *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* again on some Saturdays. Tomorrow night, they'll screen the final cut of *Blade Runner*.

Special Event: Aldo Spadoni, on conceptual aerospace design in science fiction

Spadoni gave a presentation to LASFS members about engineering and art, aerospace and entertainment, and some of his recent projects. An engineering graduate from MIT, Spadoni worked for Hughes, TRW, and Northrop Grumman before retiring about 10 years ago. He now focuses on blending engineering and artwork with a small company called Aerospace Imagineering. His work has included jobs for Hot Wheels, Estes, video game developers, and consulting for Hollywood. He's worked on a dozen movies, including *True Lies*, *Apollo 13*, *Titanic*, *Supernova*, *Stealth*, and *Iron Man*. Spadoni also walked through several examples of artistic concepts focusing on mission-driven design, cruise ships and skyscrapers, vanity-driven design and helmet lights.

LASFS members asked questions about the role of a technical adviser, amateurs critiquing the accuracy of his artwork, and how changes in staff can affect ongoing projects.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith told members about a scientific study of birds and bird songs. Female birds tend to choose mates that sing elaborate songs, a sign of a higher intelligence.

Call to Adjourn

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