

## **Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS**

### **Meeting #4496**

Oct. 12, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

Susan Fox stood in for Nick Smith.

#### Hatchings

- Author Lester Dent (b. Oct. 12, 1904; d. March 11, 1959)
- Former senator and astronaut Jake Garn (b. Oct. 12, 1932)
- Actor Hugh Jackman (b. Oct. 12, 1968)

#### Dispatchings

- Costume designer Shawna Trpcic (b. Oct. 18, 1966; d. Oct. 4, 2023)
- Comic book artist and writer Keith Giffen (b. Nov. 30, 1952; d. Oct. 9, 2023)
- Actor Phyllis Coates (b. Jan. 15, 1927; d. Oct. 11, 2023)

#### Media anniversary

Douglas Adams's *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* was first published in England on Oct. 12, 1979. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* was originally released on Oct. 13, 1993. And on Oct. 12, 1964, the U.S.S.R. launched the first multi-person spacecraft, Voskhod 1.

### **Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)**

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- Sept. 28: None
- Oct. 5:
  - Charles Lee Jackson II clarified that Sventoonie, the red tuna of terror, is one character on *Sventoonie*, not two. Music Choice will play Halloween music through dawn Nov. 1. And the special effects of *The Lost Missile* were inexpensive but elegant.
  - Rob "Gizmo" Powell specified that he works for Ground Data Systems.
  - Nola Frame-Gray requested that "to her destination" be changed to "back to the convention hotel."

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Matthew Mitchell bid \$6, won, and named the Condensed Cream of Menace for Sept. 28, 2023,

“Please Give in Support of Out-of-Work Robots.”

Simmie Noble Collins bid \$5, won, and named the Condensed Cream of Menace for Oct. 5, 2023, “These Took Way Too Many Minutes.”

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept Sept. 28, 2023, as read, and approved.

Moved to accept Oct. 5, 2023, as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Beverly Kanter was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Chris Marble. Kanter received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

- Programming (Eylat Poliner):
  - October 19: The Big Auction
  - November 2: Board of Directors nominations
  - November 9: Meeting #4500. Board of Directors election
  - November 16: History of the LASFS with historical LASFSans
  - November 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
  - December 7: Nominations for President
  - December 14: Procedural elections
  - December 28: Loscon Retrospective
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
  - Cathy Johnson reminded members that there’s a staff meeting at noon on Oct. 28 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. It will be a hybrid meeting.

### **Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII’s Hallowe’en Haunts, Highlights, and High-jinks.  
(<https://www.facebook.com/HalloweenHauntsHighlightsAndHiJinks>)

### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests.

### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues—and to make donations.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

### **Old Business**

None

## New Business

None

## Time-Bound Announcements

- Tad Daley reported that the Worldcon in Chengdu, China, begins next week, and he will speak virtually on the topic of world government next Friday evening.  
(<https://en.chengduworldcon.com>)
- Rob “Gizmo” Powell: The NASA Psyche space probe launch that was scheduled for this morning was postponed because of weather on the east coast. It’s been rescheduled to Friday or this weekend.

## Special Event: Forry Award Nominations and Vote

- Charles Lee Jackson II explained the Forrest J Ackerman Award. It will be presented officially at Loscon.
- Previous recipients are not eligible for nomination.
  - <https://lasfs.org/the-forry-awards> and Ursula K. LeGuin in 2022
- Chris Marble nominated author Vernor Vinge.
- Eylat Poliner nominated Susan Fox, who wanted to decline but could not.
- Tad Daley nominated author Jack McDevitt.
- Peter Santell nominated animator, filmmaker, and artist Hayao Miyazaki.
- Willard Stone nominated artist Charles Vess.
- Gregory Lipscomb nominated animator and director George Pal.
- Matthew B. Tepper nominated author, editor, and educator Jack Dann.
- J.P. Van Gordon nominated author Henry Kuttner.
- Cathy Johnson nominated author and screenwriter Peter S. Beagle.
- The membership voted with several successive rounds.
- The Forry Award winner for 2023 is Peter S. Beagle.

## Moments of Science

- Lee Grixit: The most recent television version of *Brave New World* featured people wearing contact lenses with augmented reality displays. Contact lenses like that are now in possible development. They’re powered by tears.  
(<https://interestingengineering.com/innovation/contact-lens-battery-charged-by-tears>)
- Dean Johnson: There will be a partial solar eclipse Saturday. It only happens every 30-40 years. Start looking around 9:13 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Be sure to use eclipse glasses.
  - Susan Fox suggested that you can also stick a pin in a piece of paper, or use a colander to project crescent shadows on the sidewalk.
  - Nola Frame-Gray remarked that tree foliage can also create such patterns on the ground.
  - Charles Lee Jackson II said that if all else fails, watch the TV news.
- Tim Friedline: OSIRIS-REx landed on an asteroid, gathered samples, and returned. Its payload offers a treasure trove of early solar system remnants.

## Regular Announcements

- None

## Reviews

- Matthew B. Tepper just finished reading *Mining Heinlein* by Mark West. A married couple invents a way to travel to parallel universes, go to used bookstores, and find books written by Heinlein in that universe that weren't written in ours.  
(<https://www.amazon.com/Mining-Heinlein-Mark-West-ebook/dp/B09T5MWP9L>)
- Charles Lee Jackson II: The 1939 Bob Hope film *The Cat and the Canary* is currently on YouTube with strange act breaks but no commercials. It's from an excellent print and is funny, scary, and mysterious.
- Chris Marble went to Star Wars Day at the Upland Public Library. Shawn Crosby, Craig Miller, and Genny Dazzo send their regards, but the Ewoks do not.
- Lee Grixit indicated that the successor to *The Boys, Gen V*, is now available.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.

## Miscellaneous

- None

## Call to Adjourn

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