

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4499

Nov. 2, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 3:20 into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor and producer Burt Lancaster (b. Nov. 2, 1913; d. Oct. 20, 1994)
- Actor Warren Stevens (b. Nov. 2, 1919; d. March 27, 2012)
- Comic book artist and writer artist Steve Ditko (b. Nov. 2, 1927; d. June 29, 2018)
- Author Lois McMaster Bujold (b. Nov. 2, 1949)
- Fan and LASFSan Don Fitch (b. Nov. 2, 1928)

Dispatchings

- Actor Tyler Christopher (b. Nov. 11, 1972; d. Oct. 31, 2023)
- Actor Matthew Perry (b. Aug. 19, 1969; d. Oct. 28, 2023)
- Astronaut Ken Mattingly (b. March 17, 1936; d. Oct. 31, 2023)
- Actor Richard Moll (b. Jan. 13, 1943; d. Oct. 26, 2023)
- Fan and artist Carolly Cristin Hauksdottir

Media anniversary

On this date in 1924, the silent sf movie *The Last Man on Earth* was released.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Susan Fox stood in for Scribbles and read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Oct. 26, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Gregory Lipscomb bid \$10, won, and named them "Happy Halloween 2023."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Francis Hamit was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Matthew B. Tepper. Hamit received three cheers.

Bill Rotsler was celebrated and recognized by Tony Benoun, Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, Matt Mitchell, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Rotsler received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - 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
 - Cathy Johnson added that the Loscon meeting during the con will take place on the 16th floor at 8 p.m. There will be a Big Auction, so bring money.
 - Christian B. McGuire won't be there, and Johnson will take the lead. 10-20 items will be offered for auction, including another copy of Karl Lembke's recipe book.
 - Johnson asked Susan Fox if she'd serve as scribe for that meeting because Scribbles is out of town.
 - Fox said she would determine whether she has any conflicts and asked if it'd be done on Zoom.
 - Johnson indicated she didn't plan to offer a hybrid meeting.
 - Fox agreed to serve as scribe, but she won't enjoy it.
 - McGuire will provide a list of items, the physical items, and an actual auction sheet.
 - Eylat Poliner volunteered to record the auction results.
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
 - Your last chance to make hotel reservations is approaching. Our room block closes Nov. 8.
 - The online membership rate will close soon, and it'll cost more at the door.
 - Heide Nichols: The music room will be on the 16th floor. Concerts featuring Tim Griffith and the Fallen Stars will take place on the main stage.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There are no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's a new month, so pay your monthly or weekly dues. It's also November, so start thinking about yearly dues, which you can start paying

next month: \$135 for 2024.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Only standard, regular members who have paid their dues can vote in elections. Next week, when we have an election, anyone who's delinquent in their dues won't be able to vote.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Nominations for the board elections (Charles Lee Jackson II)

- Jackson explained the purpose and structure of the board of directors, as well as the requirements for a member to serve on the board as documented at <https://lasfs.org/lasfs-by-laws>. He then described the nomination process.
- Cathy Johnson clarified which seats are up for election: those currently held by Nick Smith, Christian B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz, and Rob Powell.
- Jackson listed the people who are ineligible for nomination because they're currently on the board or are otherwise unable to be nominated.
- Nominations were opened
 - Christian B. McGuire nominated Elayne Pelz, who accepted the nomination enthusiastically.
 - Eylat Poliner nominated Rob Powell, aka Gizmo, who accepted the nomination with beautiful articulation.
 - Cathy Johnson nominated Christian B. McGuire, who accepted.
 - Heide Nichols nominated Tony Benoun, who declined.
 - Eylat Poliner nominated Debra Levin, who declined.
 - Christian B. McGuire nominated Nick Smith, who accepted, suggesting that if elected, it would be his last term on the board.
 - Susan Fox nominated Heath Row, who isn't present. Jackson asked Scribbles to confirm whether he accepts or declines the nomination. Elayne Pelz confirmed that Scribbles is eligible to serve.
 - Eylat Poliner indicated that Scribbles had informed her that he could serve on the board or as scribe.
 - Fox withdrew her nomination.
 - Jackson asked Scribbles to confirm regardless.
 - Lee Grixit nominated Matthew B. Tepper, who accepted the nomination.
 - McGuire moved to close the nominations.
- Next week, we will hold the election of directors. Jackson will describe the procedure then.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with Peter H. Brothers for *Citizen Kong: A 90th Anniversary Appreciation* and Steve Niles for the *30 Days of Night* Deluxe Edition hardcover. On Sunday, there's a signing for the *8 Found Dead* DVD.
 - The New Beverly Cinema's Saturday matinee is Charlie Chaplin's *The Gold Rush*. Adult programming includes *Touch of Evil* and *The Lady from Shanghai*.
 - The American Cinematheque is finishing its run at the Los Feliz Theatre with John Carpenter's *Prince of Darkness* and Rob Zombie's remake of *Halloween*.
 - There's a full day of animation features at the Aero Theatre in Santa Monica.
 - Landmark's Nuart Theatre will show *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.
- Charles Lee Jackson II: Beginning Saturday morning on Facebook, another page of mine will make its debut. It's called CLJII's Your Best Entertainment Companion. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081418001578>)
- ????: A time change goes into effect Saturday evening. You don't want to be late to the stuff you're going to on Sunday.

Moments of Science

- Lee Grixit: Chinese scientists have figured out how to use an artificial virus to change someone's genetics. One application could help children who are deaf because they can't grow the correct cells in their inner ears.
- Dean Johnson: The second person who's ever received a pig heart transplant died. He only lasted six weeks.

Regular Announcements

- Matt Mitchell: Gallifrey One announced its newest guest, actor Billie Piper. It will be her first con appearance in 10 years.

Reviews

- Heide Nichols: The quirky *Upload*, a very weird series, is back. It's a comedy, and it's currently on Prime Video.
- Victor Khaze has been enjoying the urban fantasy slice of life anime *The Masterful Cat Is Depressed Again Today* on Crunchyroll.

Miscellaneous

- Christian B. McGuire: Last week was this year's Worldcon in Chengdu, China. They built a floating museum and a brand new convention center. Bay Area fan Richard Man won the Best Fan Artist Hugo award. A Midwest fan, Chris M. Barkley, won the Best Fan Writer Hugo award. And Bobbi Armbruster received the 2023 Big Heart Award.
 - Cathy Johnson: Also, Seanan McGuire won the Hugo Award for Best Novella.
 - McGuire: The average age of members was 18.
- Cathy Johnson reminded people of the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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