

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4501

Nov. 16, 2023

Scribe: Heath “Scribbles” Row

Call to Order

Scribbles presumes that Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order before the video recording began.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Singer and actor Richard Hale (b. Nov. 16, 1892; d. May 18, 1981)
- Actor and filmmaker Burgess Meredith (b. Nov. 16, 1907; d. Sept. 9, 1997)
- Actor and director Clu Gulager (b. Nov. 16, 1928; d. Aug. 5, 2022)
- Author Robin McKinley (b. Nov. 16, 1952)
- Fan Milt Stevens (b. Nov. 16, 1942; d. Oct. 2, 2017)

Dispatchings

- Author Michael Bishop (b. Nov. 12, 1945; d. Nov. 13, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1961, *Hercules in the Haunted World* debuted in Italy. It was released in the United States in April 1964.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles is still missing. Susan Fox reported that he hasn’t had a chance to transcribe last week’s minutes yet. We will continue to record, and he will catch up.

Auction to Name the Minutes That Weren’t Read

Gavin Claypool bid \$45, or 4,500 pennies—one for each meeting—won, and named them “4,500 Down, 500 to Go, to Infinity and Beyond.”

Susan Fox commented that Meeting #5000 will occur June 9, 2033.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Milt Stevens—also a sacred object and heavenly body—was celebrated and recognized by Maryann Canfield, Charles Lee Jackson II, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, Matthew B. Tepper. Stevens received three cheers.

John Trimble was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, Craig Miller, and Nick Smith. Trimble received three cheers.

Eylat Poliner was celebrated and recognized by Tad Daley, Susan Fox, Nola Frame-Gray, Cathy Johnson, Christine Lipscomb, Chris Marble, Matt Mitchell, Anita Nunez, Mark Poliner,

Echo Skyhorse, and Matthew B. Tepper. Poliner received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49—it will not be hybrid
 - Dec. 7: Nominations for President
 - Dec. 14: Procedural elections
 - Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
 - It's coming up. We're looking for truck unloading volunteers at 10 a.m. Thursday. Spend Thanksgiving with us setting up the con and get an extra day of convention!
 - Cathy Johnson: Next week's meeting will be at Loscon. It will not be a Zoom meeting.
 - Tad Daley recommended that we promote the LASFS more at Loscon so people become more aware of the club.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor this month is held by Loscon 49.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have two guests tonight. One is a returning guest, Echo Skyhorse, who will work in the green room at Loscon.

We also have a new guest, Stephen Judah, who heard about us from Simmie Noble Collins. He takes his writing pretty seriously. He appreciates science fiction but doesn't know anyone else who does. He lives an hour south of Austin, Texas, and moved there a year and a half ago. His favorite authors include Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein, and Charles Sheffield, and he's enjoying a lot of 19th century writing such as Alexandre Dumas's *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Miguel de Cervantes's *Don Quixote*, and Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. The new year is creeping up on us, so cough up your \$135 for next year.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Dec. 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. on Zoom.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Tad Daley reported that *Interstellar* is showing at the Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills this weekend. (<https://fineartstheatrebh.com>)

Special Event: History of the LASFS with historical LASFSans

Eylat Poliner introduced the panelists, who included Charles Lee Jackson II, Craig Miller, Matthew B. Tepper, joining in 1967, 1968, and 1969, respectively. She asked them to discuss when they joined, what was going on in LASFS and fandom, and what was going on in the world.

The panelists talked about various meeting places and clubhouses such as the Hill and Tom Digby's home—as well as the first clubhouse—Forrest J Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Digby, David McDaniel, Larry Niven, Bruce Pelz, Jerry Pournelle, Bjo and John Trimble, the Apollo missions and moon landing, APA-L, and the welcoming nature of the LASFS.

Miscellaneous

- Christine Libscomb asked about traffic after the fire on the I-10. Members reported that it would be open for Thanksgiving and shouldn't affect Loscon.
- Chris Marble will see the LASFS' earliest living member, Don Fitch, soon. He first visited the club in the late 1940s.
 - Also, George Mulligan says hi.
- Charles Lee Jackson II: The sales of the physical edition of his new book have not been as good as the digital version. He'll have copies of that book available at Loscon.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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