

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4461

Feb. 9, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Susan Fox stood in for Smith.

Hatchings

- Actor Tom Hiddleston
- Actor Michael B. Jordan
- Screenwriter David Peoples

Media anniversaries

- The Walt Disney Company's *Pinocchio* opened in Los Angeles in 1940.
- Disney premiered *Moon Pilot* in 1962.
- *Lobster Man from Mars*, 1989
- Russian Chess Grandmaster Garry Kasparov lost his first chess game ever to IBM's computer Deep Blue in 1996.
- Disney reacquired the rights to Oswald the Lucky Rabbit in 2006.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes.

Additions and Corrections

- Eylat Poliner: Charles Lee Jackson II is speaking April 6.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them "Great Job, Heath. Thank you!"

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Jackson explained the patron saints for guests.

Mike Glycer was celebrated and recognized by Fox, Jackson, Lynn Maners, Susan Rothman, and Willard Stone. Glycer received three cheers, a party in Room 770, and a bottle of Corflu.

Albert Sheean was celebrated and recognized by Jackson, Debra Levin, and Michelle Pincus. Sheean received three cheers, and a dog barked.

Frank Waller was celebrated and recognized by Fox, Chris Marble, and Poliner. Waller received three cheers, a bag of Charles Chips, and 500 androids.

Committee Reports

- Poliner: Programs for the next few months include author Craig Miller on Feb. 23, a presentation by Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Beraha on the art of Kelly Freas on March 2, a virtual reality demonstration by Kristen Renee Gorlitz on March 23, author Jackson on April 6, author David Brin rescheduled for April 20, author Todd McCaffrey on May 11, nominations for club president June 1, and nominations for and election of procedural offices June 8.
- Pincus: A Loscon 49 staff meeting will occur April 29.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Through February, the Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Poliner welcomed guest Christine Lipscomb.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

A board meeting will occur at 11 a.m. this Sunday on this Zoom channel.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Segall: This weekend in Pasadena, the 55th California International Antiquarian Book Fair (<https://www.abaa.org/cabookfair>)

Moments of Science

- Lee Grixit
 - The sequester time for data gathered using the James Webb Space Telescope will be shortened, and some scientists are protesting that.
 - AI will be used to synthesize every available version of *Gilgamesh*.

- Maners
 - Swedish archaeologists retrieved a felted wool hat from an anaerobic bog; the hat is about 600 years old.
 - Norwegian archaeologists obtained a 1,200-year-old arrow complete with original fletching from an ice patch.
 - Geneticists working on the Pygmy genome discovered that it emerged in Central Africa about 250,000 years ago. That makes it one of the oldest and most stable genomes.

Regular Announcements

- Poliner
 - Feb. 25 is the next work session at Karl Lembke's storage unit.
 - The next Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) gathering will also occur that night, at Super Wok in Tarzana.
- Jackson received some Brach's Milk Chocolate Stars in the mail.
- Johnson indicated she won't be able to run the meeting next week because of Gallifrey One. Fox will do so.
- Poliner will also be at Gallifrey One. Fox or another member will take on registrar duties.
- Scribbles will be on hand that week, to menace LASFSans.

Reviews

- Johnson recommends *The Last of Us* on HBO.
- Grixit described *The Ark*, which is available on Hulu, Peacock, and YouTube TV.
- Jackson shared his impressions on *Not Dead Yet*, available on ABC, Hulu, and elsewhere.
- Levin also thought *Everything Everywhere All at Once* was fantastic and has been enjoying the original British *Ghosts*.
 - Jackson enjoyed the American version more.
 - Ben Levin said *Everything Everywhere All at Once* is now one of his favorite movies.

Miscellaneous

- Maners
 - He slipped and fell in his lecture hall, lightly spraining both knees.
 - AMC Theaters will base ticket prices on seat location by the end of the year.
- Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan sent greetings, will not attend Gallifrey One, has lost more than 50 pounds, and is getting stronger.
- Johnson mentioned the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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