

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

### **Meeting #4462**

Feb. 16, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

### **Call to Order**

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

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

#### Hatchings

- Actor James Baskett
- Artist Ed Emshwiller
- Faned Mike Glycer
- Actor Levar Burton

#### Dispatchings

- Actress Raquel Welch
- Producer James Flynn
- Director Hugh Hudson
- Author Jim Harmon

#### Media anniversary

*Ghost Rider* premiered in 2007.

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

Scribbles read the minutes.

### **Additions and Corrections**

- None

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Happy Birthday, Mike Glycer, Master of Punnery."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Craig Miller was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Nick Smith. Miller received three cheers—and a Wookiee.

### **Committee Reports**

- Programming (Fox): Upcoming programs 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.

- Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Last year's Loscon officially closed in a favorable financial position.
- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): This year's Loscon held its first programming meeting. The first staff meeting is scheduled for April 29.

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

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

**Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

Fox stood in for Poliner. There were no guests.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

**Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The board met last weekend. The next board meeting will occur at 11 a.m. March 12 on this Zoom channel.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Time-Bound Announcements**

- Krystal Raines: Loscon is tabling at OrcCon (<https://www.strategicon.net>) down the block from Gallifrey One this weekend.
- Matthew B. Tepper: He informed late arrival Barbara Gratz Harmon that LASFSans recognized Jim Harmon's passing earlier in the meeting.
- Scribbles: Two plays of science and science fictional interest—*Come Get Maggie* at Matrix Theatre on Melrose Avenue (<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2023-02-15/come-get-maggie-space-age-musical-rogue-machine-review>) through March and *The Half-Life of Marie Curie* at Torrance Theatre Company (<http://torrancetheatrecompany.com/marie-curie>) through February—are staging locally.
- Nick Smith: New Beverly Cinema screening of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (<https://thenewbev.com>), Dark Delicacies signing featuring Mick Garris and David Schow

(<https://www.darkdel.com>), and Worlds of Wonder Toastmasters (<https://wowtm.toastmastersclubs.org>)

- Fox: Karl Lembke storage unit work day Feb. 25 in Tarzana. GAGS will meet at Super Wok afterward.

### Moments of Science

- Lynn Maners
  - Astronomers surveying the Kuiper Belt beyond the orbit of Pluto discovered a ringed asteroid.
  - Paleontologists identified bone cancer in a 240-million-year-old turtle fossil.
  - The Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) of all citrus fruit dates to about 8 million years ago. Humans' and chimpanzees' MRCA is 6-7 million years ago.
- Nola Frame-Gray: Dogs exhibit patience with clumsy people more than with people who tease them. (<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/dogs-understand-human-intentions-study-b2268647.html>)

### Regular Announcements

- Chris Marble: George Mulligan is progressing well with physical therapy and should be able to get a day pass home in a few weeks.
- Rains: One-day convention at Anaheim Central Library called AnaCon, April 15. (<https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>) Loscon hopes to table there.
- Jackson: Assessed member interest in his upcoming author's program. Votes tended toward space opera.

### Reviews

- Tepper loved the Metropolitan Opera's 1990 production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*.

### Miscellaneous

- Fox: Coco's Bakery Restaurant in Sunland closed. Formerly a Bob's Big Boy, it was once a fan hangout.
- Frame-Gray: Inquired about Gallifrey One and volunteer opportunities.
- Maners: Harry Turtledove's Worldwar series was referenced in the *Wall Street Journal*. (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/china-and-the-ufo-obfuscation-airspace-surveillance-biden-intelligence-china-balloon-nasa-145600ce>)
- Pincus: Greg Benford is recovering nicely and is undertaking physical therapy.
- Fox: There will be no aftermeeting tonight

### Call to Adjourn

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