

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4470

April 13, 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)

Hatchings

- Actor Peter Dyneley
- Playwright and screenwriter Beverley Cross
- Actor Ron Perlman
- Actor Peter Davison
- Screenwriter and producer Michael Cassutt

Dispatchings

- Author Rachel Pollack
- Board game designer Klaus Teuber (also mentioned last week)
- Cartoonist Al Jaffee

Media anniversary

First episode of the 2007 television series *Painkiller Jane*

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for March 23 and April 6, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- There were no corrections for March 23.
- Marty Cantor wasn't present last week, but his 88th birthday was last Thursday.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Dean Johnson and Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named the March 23 minutes "Dean and Lynn Named These Minutes." Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named the April 6 minutes "Happy Birthday, Marty!"

Call for Approval

The March 23 minutes were moved to accept as read, and approved. The April 6 minutes were moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Elliott "Elst" Weinstein was celebrated and recognized by Marty Cantor, Nola Frame-Gray, Lee

Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Scribbles, and Matthew B. Tepper. Weinstein received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - April 20: David Brin, author
 - May 11: Todd McCaffrey, author
 - June 1: Nominations open for club president
 - June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices
 - To hold a procedural office, you need to be a standard, regular member, but not a year
 - To hold a board position, you need to be a member for a year
 - To vote, you need to be a standard, regular member—have attended one of the last 13 meetings
- April 29 Loscon 49 staff meeting

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Poliner welcomed Alex Garganigo as a new member.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is April 23.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith
 - American Cinematheque anime: *Weathering with You* on Friday, and *Your Name* on Saturday
 - New Beverly Cinema: *Porco Rosso* matinee Saturday
 - CalTech theater group TACIT staging the play *The Sunrise from the Moon* April 13-16
 - Tananarive Due at Vroman's in Pasadena on April 18

- CalTech screening *Small Island Big Song* on April 18
- Scribbles: AnaCon in Anaheim on Saturday (<https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>)
- Eylat Poliner: Karl Lembke's storage unit is now completely closed. She's now working on the rest of the estate
- Willard Stone: A new anime fantasy, *Susume*, opens April 14 (<https://www.suzume-movie.com/home>)
- Chris Marble: George Mulligan will move to a new rehab center instead of going home.
- Heide Nichols: Martin Young giving a talk on truth, consciousness, language, and coffee on Sunday at Collage in San Pedro (<https://www.collageartculture.org>)

Moments of Science

- Lynn Maners talked about people in India finding a giant fern called *Dicksonia* in a cave. Paleobotanists determined it was actually a beehive in the shape of a fern.
- Nick Smith reported on food archaeologists discovering that large land snails were used for food more than 160,000-170,000 years ago. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0277379123000781>)
- Tom Safer remarked on the birth dates of Alfred Mosher Butts, inventor of *Scrabble*; Bruno Rossi, who focused on cosmic radiation; and Thomas Jefferson, who supported scientific research and collected fossils. (https://www.todayinsci.com/4/4_13.htm)
- Lee Grixit read two articles on rock flakes and tool making this week. One piece suggested that rock flakes don't always signify tool making sites because macaques also bang rocks together, producing rock flakes. (<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/03/10/1161652099/monkey-stone-flakes-early-humans-tools>) Also, a workshop in a cave seems to indicate interactions between a novice and an expert.
- Nola Frame-Gray's husband was a big fan of *Scientific American*. The October 2022 cover featured "The Power of Viking Women." (<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/viking-textiles-show-women-had-tremendous-power/>)

Regular Announcements

- Charles Lee Jackson II attended an Edgar Rice Burroughs, Inc., centennial event last week. (<https://www.edgarriceburroughs.com/edgar-rice-burroughs-inc-centennial/>)
- Tom Safer: The Burbank Chorale has a concert in Glendale on April 29 (<https://www.facebook.com/events/769151971231222>)

Reviews

- Matthew B. Tepper recommended Harry Turtledove's *Three Miles Down*.
- Lee Grixit has been enjoying the second season of *Schmigadoon*.
- Tom Safer recently received the animated *Batman: The Doom That Came to Gotham*.
- Charles Lee Jackson II recalled the 1996-1997 *Tarzan: The Epic Adventures*.
- Scribbles has been watching the 2016 TV show *Travelers* with other members of the National Fantasy Fan Federation.
- Eylat Poliner suggested people watch *Star Trek: Picard*.

- Nola Frame-Gray discussed AI actors with a former LASFS member.
 - Charles Lee Jackson II commented on 3-D laser scanning replacing actors.

Miscellaneous

- Cathy Johnson reminded people about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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