

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

### **Meeting #4481**

June 29, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

### **Call to Order**

Susan Fox called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

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

#### Hatchings

- Animator and special effects creator Ray Harryhausen
- Author Brian Herbert
- Artist Michael Whelan
- Actor Maureen O'Brien
- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Actor Slim Pickens

#### Dispatchings

- Neuropsychologist and fan Amy Wisniewski
- Actor Nicolas Coster
- Materials scientist, physicist, and chemist John Bannister Goodenough
- Olympic athlete Dean Smith

#### Media anniversary

Noir fantasy *The Amazing Mr. X* was released on this date in 1948. (IMDb suggests July 29, 1948.)

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

Scribbles read the minutes for June 22, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

Eylat Poliner clarified that she will be absent the first three weeks of July.

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "I'm Just Here to Name the Minutes."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Alan Frisbie was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Nick Smith. Frisbie received three cheers—and a sacred flying disc.

## Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner):
  - July 6: Big auction
  - July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
  - Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
  - Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*
  - Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
  - Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation
  - Sept. 28: David Raiklen on the music of *Star Trek*
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner):
  - The con has a mysterious writer guest of honor who will be announced at the end of Loscon 49

## Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio. For the month of July, Jim DeTar bid \$15, won, and dedicated the Spot of Honor to Loscon 49.

## Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There are no guests.

## Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Two people have to pay their dues this week. Everyone else can donate.

Susan Fox bid \$5 to donate.

Pelz has been looking at properties and has identified a commercial realtor, but further work might have to wait until after Pemmi-Con later this month.

## Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Our next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

None

## Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith:
  - Beginning this Saturday, Pluto TV is launching a new channel to feature kaiju movies.
  - New Beverly Cinema matinees of *Independence Day* and *Jaws*

- American Cinematheque Los Feliz Theatre screening of the 1953 *The War of the Worlds* and *The Cow Who Sang a Song into the Future*
- Horror Vibes Coffee is hosting a special event on Saturday: Summerween.
- Tom Safer screening of *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Library
- Kevin Segall:
  - The Hollywood Show, featuring William Shatner, is this weekend.
  - Saturday night's *Robot Monster* 3-D 70th anniversary screening at the Velaslavasay Panorama is sold out.
  - Next Wednesday's Los Angeles Breakfast Club will feature restored Max Fleischer cartoons.
- Eylat Poliner: At the memorial for Marty Cantor, someone left a cooler at Barbara Gratz Harmon's house. Nick Smith suggested it might belong to Bootsie Janette Brenner.
- Eylat Poliner will not be here the first three weeks of July. Heide Nichols will serve the role of registrar.

### Moments of Science

- Nick Smith remarked on science related to the upcoming movie *Meg 2: The Trench*. The real-world creatures might have been warm blooded, giving them a metabolic boost in the water as they chased other creatures.
- Tom Safer reported on several entries from *Today in Science History* ([https://todayinsci.com/6/6\\_29.htm](https://todayinsci.com/6/6_29.htm))
  - Rolf Luft
  - George Ellery Hale
  - Peter Waage
  - From events: In 1995, the space shuttle *Atlantis* docked with the Russian space station *Mir*.
- Eylat Poliner: CNN featured a baby seal that can surf!
- Nola Frame-Gray read about senescent cells, which don't divide and can cause inflammation, in *Popular Mechanics*. They're also called zombie cells.
- Tim Friedline: Europe's *Euclid* space telescope scheduled to launch July 1 in order to search for dark matter
- Lynn Maners: A pod of orcas off the coast of Spain began attacking the rudders of certain small boats. There might be an aggravated matriarch in the pod teaching others to do so. Meanwhile, a pod of orcas off of Scotland has started doing the same thing.
- Jim DeTar: A recent *Wall Street Journal* article highlighted an interesting use of artificial intelligence: irritating telemarketers.

### Regular Announcements

- Damon Brown is planning his next trip to Los Angeles at the beginning of August for the 48 Hour Film Project. (<https://www.48hourfilm.com/la>)

### Reviews

- Nick Smith saw *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* and described it as a treat.
- Nola Frame-Gray has been enjoying Tim Collins's *Notes from a Totally Lame Vampire*—especially its unusually dark text.
- Chris Marble visited George Mulligan. He now has new clothing and plans to get out of bed soon.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Nick Smith showed members the *Perry Rhodan: The Cosmic League* board game.
- Charles Lee Jackson II recently purchased a bottle of sweet wine and a box of See's candy. He was then given a bottle of sweet wine and a box of See's candy.
- Eylat Poliner wished Jackson a happy birthday.
- Susan Fox announced that there won't be an aftermeeting.
- Lynn Maners remarked that his birthday is Saturday.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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