

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

### **Meeting #4510**

Jan. 18, 2024

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

- Singer and actor Constance Moore (b. Jan. 18, 1920 or 1921; d. Sept. 16, 2005)
- Filmmaker John Boorman (b. Jan. 18, 1933)
- Author Pamela Dean (b. Jan. 18, 1953)
- Actor, filmmaker, and musician Kevin Costner (b. Jan. 18, 1955)
- Actor and wrestler Dave Bautista (b. Jan. 18, 1969)

#### Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Author Howard Waldrop (b. Sept. 15, 1946; d. Jan. 14, 2024)
- Author Tom Purdom (b. April 19, 1936; d. Jan. 14, 2024)
- Actor and recording artist Bill Hayes (b. June 5, 1925; d. Jan. 12, 2024)
- Costume designer April Ferry (b. Oct. 31, 1932; d. Jan. 11, 2024)
- Composer, music educator, and parodist Peter Schickele (b. July 17, 1935; d. Jan. 16, 2024)
- Fan and LASFS member Tony Benoun
  - LASFS members observed a minute of silence.

#### Media anniversary

On this date in 1991, *Dune Warriors* premiered in the United States.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Jan. 11, 2024.

### **Additions and Corrections**

Heide Nichols asked that Patron Saint Bruce Pelz's library experience be noted in the minutes.

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "In Memoriam: Tony Benoun."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Jeff Siegel was celebrated and recognized by Scribbles. (Scribbles read portions of Siegel's profile written for APA-L.) Siegel received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

- Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus)
  - Loscon 49 presented \$14,053.42 to the club.
  - Pincus expressed her appreciation for the entire staff.
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
  - Loscon 50 is holding a department head-only meeting Sunday at 4 p.m. If you are not a department head but are staff, please do not attend.
  - Loscon 50 is doing well. Meetings are well underway. If you have any requests, reach out to her.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
  - We're meeting in person and online Jan. 25. Doors open at 7:30. The aftermeeting will take place at the North Hollywood Diner.

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

The Spot of Honor is held by Scifi.radio.

Susan Fox indicated that they're currently changing music servers and experiencing some technical difficulties. The Web site and app should work fine.

### **Registrar** (Heide Nichols)

We have quite a few members here tonight who we haven't seen for a long time. We haven't seen Lin Daniels for a while. It's also good to see Alex Garganigo again.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Elayne Pelz indicated that she has the final amounts for LASFS donations for 2023. If you need that amount for taxes, email her.

### **Board Report** (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board met Sunday and is now reconstituted with new officers. Gavin Claypool remains controller. Susan Fox remains secretary. The vice chair is now Heide Nichols. And the new chair is Tepper.

The board will work on changing the bylaws to allow board members outside of southern California to remain on the board as long as they're able to remain in communication and attend meetings. After the next board meeting, that should be brought to the club for a vote.

### **Old Business**

Cathy Johnson reminded members that we're meeting in person and online Jan. 25.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

- Nick Smith:
  - The New Beverly Theatre will screen *The Wizard of Oz* on Sunday.
  - Vidiots will show *Wall-E* and the director's cut of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.
  - Landmark's Nuart Theatre plans to feature *The City of Lost Children* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.
  - Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with *Suitable Flesh's* director and lead actress in honor of its Blu-ray release.
    - It will also host a signing for *The Movie Poster Art of Robert Tanenbaum*.
- Charles Lee Jackson II announced that he does not have a new book out this week, but he will next week.

### **Moments of Science**

- Lynn Maners told LASFSans about the unusual prevalence of multiple sclerosis in Scandinavia and the Netherlands. 5,000 years ago, pastoralists moved from north of the Caspian Sea to western Europe. Their exposure to cattle and horses gave them some immunity to various illnesses, but they also brought a higher likelihood for MS.
- Nick Smith discussed ways AI can be used in electrochemistry to identify improved materials for new battery technology.

### **Regular Announcements**

- Matt Mitchell's son Quentin went to the dermatologist to examine a lump on his scalp and a scaly lesion on his arm. The follicular cyst and separated keratosis are entirely benign and not malignant.
- Chris Marble indicated that George Mulligan got out of bed for four consecutive days. That's a level of strength he hasn't had for six months.
- Scribbles reported on mailing Marc Schirmeister about the Jan. 25 meeting.
- Heide Nichols reminded members that Gallifrey One will be held over President's Day weekend. Strategicon will also occur next door.

### **Reviews**

- Scribbles recently read H. Rider Haggard's *She*, which he enjoyed.
- Eylat Poliner reviewed Scribbles's tenure as scribe: He does an amazing job and we should all thank him.
- Charles Lee Jackson II mentioned Haggard's *Ayesha, the Return of She*, commenting on its space-defying architecture.
- Heide Nichols is in the middle of reading Tananarive Due's *Reformatory*. It is terrifying.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Charles Lee Jackson II advised that committee heads can unmute themselves in advance of their reports so there's less delay. Heide Nichols expressed that people often share registrar updates before she's able to.
- Lynn Maners has yet to see *Godzilla Minus One*. He's really happy it's coming back in gorgeous black and white.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.
- Johnson also reminded members about the Jan. 25 meeting and aftermeeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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