

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4530

June 6, 2024

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson was on vacation. Eylat Poliner called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Richard Crane (b. June 6, 1918; d. March 9, 1969)
- Actor Gary Graham (b. June 6, 1950; d. Jan. 22, 2024)
- Interior designer, actor, and television presenter Amanda Pay (b. June 6, 1959)
- Actor Jason Isaacs (b. June 6, 1963)

Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Musician and artist MaryAnn Harris (b. 1953; d. June 3, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1986, *Space Camp* and the remake of *Invaders from Mars* premiered in the United States.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for April 18 and May 30, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

- April 18, 2024: None
- May 30, 2024: None

Auction to Name the Minutes

- Victor Khaze bid \$5, won, and named April 18, 2024, "Happy Anniversary to Chris and Elizabeth."
- Chris Marble bid \$6, won, and named May 30, 2024, "Happy Anniversary to Tony and Lillian, and Chris and Beth."

Call for Approval

- April 18, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.
- May 30, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Michael Bloom was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Nick Smith. Bloom received three cheers.

Jim Glass was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Scribbles. Glass received three cheers—and a former librarian.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Susan Fox on behalf of Eylat Poliner)
 - June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
 - June 27: In-person meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
 - There will be no Zoom meeting, but we will open the Zoom room for homebodies.
 - July 18: By-Law discussion of and vote on the By-Laws' revised residency requirements
 - July 25: Second By-Law vote, if passed the previous week
- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
 - Loscon is coming up. Please visit the Web site for all the information that you'll need. We will do All the Things.
- Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble)
 - George Mulligan is doing OK, getting more motivated, and participating in physical therapy.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by the Emperor, beating entropy for 74 years this month.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols. We had no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. Most everybody has paid their dues except for Matthew Mitchell, who might owe money. He indicated that he had paid his June dues already. Pelz contended that he hasn't even paid May, and they agreed to follow up with each other.

Pelz also encouraged members to donate money. We'll offer items for auction next week if elections don't take long.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The LASFS board of directors met last Sunday, June 2. Among the items discussed were the proposed By-Laws change. The subcommittee reported back with a draft to address the concerns of board and club members. We have a wording that we think will pass muster. It will be put before the club on July 18 and 25.

Our next board meeting will be July 14, Bastille Day, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II: Tonight we begin the process of replacing our procedural officers, the five people who run the meetings. Four of those offices we will get to next week. This week, we

will focus on the presidency. Next week, we will have in-person voting, and I have worked out a mechanism so the people attending via Zoom can vote.

The general procedure is that if we have more than two nominees for one of the offices, we will use Dan Alderson's Australian automatic run-off ballot. For now, let us proceed with the opening of nominations for president. The term runs from July through December.

Eylat Poliner nominated Cathy Johnson, who had previously accepted the nomination via Facebook Messenger.

There were no further nominations, and Jackson closed nominations until next week.

Susan Fox asked about materials needed for the election. Jackson will figure that out. Thomas Safer confirmed that the election will be held at Denny's. Poliner volunteered to procure a whiteboard and markers.

Poliner asked that she be nominated as Vice President along with Susan Fox next week, and pre-accepted any such nominations. She pre-declined any other nominations and identified Thomas Safer as her witness.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Scribbles on behalf of Joe Zeff: Today is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/world-leaders-veterans-commemorate-d-days-80th-anniversary-normandy-2024-06-06/>)
- Charles Lee Jackson II: Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted to rename the intersection of Vendome Street and Del Monte Drive across from Laurel and Hardy Park the Music Box.
- Victor Khaze and C. Anita Nunez: Time-Bound, but not strictly club related—It's our first anniversary this Monday!
- Nick Smith:
 - The Los Feliz Theater will screen *The Heroic Trio* on Monday.
 - Brain Dead Studios will show *12 Monkeys* on Friday, *Hackers* on Saturday, and *The Night Is Short, Walk on Girl* on Sunday.
 - The New Beverly Cinema plans to screen *Duck Soup* and *A Night at the Opera*, as well as *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* and a classic cartoon show.
 - Dark Delicacies will hold two signings for the Blu-ray of *Prom Night* and the book *Monsters, Movies, and Me* by Frank Dietz.

Moments of Science

- Thomas Safer from *Today in Science History* (https://www.todayinisci.com/6/6_06.htm)
 - George Davis Snell
 - Richard E. Smalley
 - David Scott
 - Godegroy Wendelin
 - Hoover (Boulder) Dam first concrete

- Susan Fox: The Boeing Starliner launched on time this morning and docked at the space station. Everything went well. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HneVxAmYcaA>)

Regular Announcements

- Thomas Safer: MeTV is launching an all-cartoon channel called MeTV Toons. (<https://metvtoons.com/home>)

Reviews

- Victor Khaze has been enjoying *Frieren: Beyond Journey's End* on Crunchyroll. It's a wonderful look at the nature of humanity, the appreciation of friendship, and is a solid fantasy show. It is not filled with action or drama but has rich and beautiful world building. (<https://www.crunchyroll.com/series/GG5H5XQX4/frieren-beyond-journeys-end>)
- Jay Freeman has been reading *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* and *Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands* by Heather Fawcett. I recommend them, and another one is due out in November.
- Thomas Safer recommended that members see the latest Aquaman film, *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*. It's definitely worth watching.
- Nick Smith just finished reading a book he got at Annabelle's Book Club, Andrzej Sapkowski's *The Last Wish*, part of the Witcher series.
 - He also watched a movie starring Christopher Eccleston, a biopic about a woman athlete, *Young Woman and the Sea*. Eccleston is great.
- Scribbles enjoyed the first few episodes of *Ripley* and immediately read Patricia Highsmith's novel *The Talented Mr. Ripley*.
- Eylat Poliner remarked that the new *Doctor Who* is really excellent and enjoyable. We are also watching *The Acolyte*, the new Star Wars series, which is also very enjoyable.

Miscellaneous

- Susan Fox referred members to a *File 770* article on the Australia bid for the 2028 Worldcon. (<https://file770.com/australia-in-2028-worldcon-bid-news/>)
- Nick Smith: There's a cartoon show on Disney+, *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur*. I just got to the episode in which she fangirls over a scientist who currently teaches at CalTech, Dr. Susan Arnold. The main character was trying to explain her work to her grandmother. I watched this after being on an email chain with Arnold, who's been supporting a musical group I'm involved in.
 - Eylat Poliner expressed interest in bringing Arnold in as a speaker.

Call to Adjourn

Susan Fox so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.