

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4531

June 13, 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

- Actor Basil Rathbone (b. June 13, 1892; d. July 21, 1967)
- Conceptual designer Ralph McQuarrie (b. June 13, 1929; March 3, 2012)
- Author Whitley Streiber (b. June 13, 1945)
- Author Amy Vincent (aka Claudia Gray)—b. June 12, 1970
- Actor Chris Evans (b. June 13, 1981)

Dispatchings

- United States Air Force major general, electrical engineer, nuclear engineer, NASA astronaut, and businessman William Anders (b. Oct. 17, 1933; d. June 7, 2024)
- Space scientist, physics professor, and director of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Ed Stone (b. Jan. 23, 1936; d. June 9, 2024)
- Actor Tony Lo Bianco (b. Oct. 19, 1936; d. June 11, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1953, *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* was released in the United States. The movie was based on the Ray Bradbury story "The Fog Horn."

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for April 25 and June 6, 2024..

Additions and Corrections

- April 25, 2024: Charles Lee Jackson II clarified that he'd eaten Hershey's Eggs, not Hershey-Ets.
- June 6, 2024: Eylat Poliner indicated that she didn't comment on either saint.

Auction to Name the Minutes

- April 25, 2024: Hare Hobbs bid \$10, won, and named them "The Hare's Birthday."
- June 6, 2024: Eylat Poliner bid \$12, won, and named them "Please Vote for Cathy Johnson!"

Call for Approval

- April 25, 2024: Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.
- June 6, 2024: Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Sandy Cohen was celebrated and recognized by Scott Beckstead, Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, and Matthew B. Tepper. Cohen received three cheers—and a chocolate chip cookie.

Harold Hobbs was celebrated and recognized by Richard Costas, Debra Levin, Christian B. McGuire, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Hobbs received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - 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.
 - There will be beer and wine, and the food is pretty tasty. Parking is next door.
 - 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)
 - Please go to the Web site.
- Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble)
 - George Mulligan got out of bed three days in a row.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

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

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Heide Nichols asked Hare Hobbs to introduce his guests tonight. They left before the meeting started.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz said that nobody needs to pay their dues, so please donate to the club.

Cathy Johnson encouraged people to save their money for the auction.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet July 14, Bastille Day.

Old Business

Christian B. McGuire announced that Scribbles will not be running again for scribe. He'll continue putting together *De Profundis* as long as the new scribe sends him the minutes.

Charles Lee Jackson II described the election process for the procedural officers for the second half of the year. There are five offices open at this time: president, vice-president, registrar, scribe, and treasurer, which serves for a year.

Jackson indicated that he will go through the duties for each office, and when we get to the cards, we will use the Australian run-off method if needed. He asked that people not cheer about railroading until nominations are closed.

The first office is the president. Jackson described the role. Last week, nominations opened, and Cathy Johnson was nominated. She accepted the nomination. Christian B. McGuire moved to close the nominations, which was seconded. Cathy Johnson held up colored notecards.

Christian B. McGuire bid \$5, won, and named the yellow note card "magenta."

The second office was vice-president. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Elayne Pelz nominated Eylat Poliner and Susan Fox as a team. Poliner and Fox accepted the nomination. Christian B. McGuire moved to close the nominations.

Debra Levin bid \$5, won, and named the green note card "purple with pink polka dots."

The third office was scribe. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Nick Smith, who accepted. Heide Nichols moved to close nominations, which was seconded.

Nick Smith bid \$10, won, and named a pink card "Alizarin crimson."

The fourth office was registrar. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Derek LaPorte, who accepted. Elayne Pelz moved to close nominations, which was seconded.

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named another pink card "mellow yellow."

The final office was treasurer. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Christian B. McGuire nominated Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin as a team. They both accepted.

Scott Beckstead bid \$5, won, and named the blue card "Pride Rainbow."

That concluded our business for the evening.

Eylat Poliner thanked Jackson for running the elections.

New Business

None

Special Event: The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire led an auction of 12 items that raised \$65 for the LASFS. Items included various books, an emergency light, and a relatively new 10/100 Ethernet switch.

Miscellaneous

- Tom Safer complimented those involved in the in-person meeting. He was thrilled to see live people.
- Charles Lee Jackson II thanked Christian B. McGuire, Dean and Cathy Johnson, Elayne Pelz, and Susan Fox for volunteering to help with the election tonight.
- Chris Marble: George Mulligan is down to 348 pounds. It's the lightest he's been in a quarter century.
- Krystal Rains mentioned the new location of the Green Man Metaphysical Shoppe and Apothecary, 824 N. Hollywood Way, and Q-Con in West Hollywood (<https://www.prismcomics.org/q-con>).

- Nick Smith: *Jodorowsky's Dune* will screen at Brain Dead Studios on Saturday followed by *Dune* (1984).
- Gavin Claypool: The Open Book in Northridge (<https://theopenbook.net/northridge-location>) is apparently having a liquidation sale.
 - John Williams will not conduct his concert at the Hollywood Bowl this year. David Newman will conduct both halves of the concert for the three-night run.
- Charles Lee Jackson II sought volunteers to take charge of the new LASFS whiteboard. Elayne Pelz agreed to do so.

Call to Adjourn

Scott Beckstead and Tom Safer so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.