LASFS Has Lost Its Marbles
July 24, 2025
Meeting #4589
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

The members were playing with the new chat feature on Zoom when the call to order by president Cathy Johnson came at 8:04 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick Smith reported on these Hatchings:
- Lord Dunsany, writer of novels, short stories, plays, poems, and nonfiction.
- John D. MacDonald, writer of thrillers, science fiction and fantasy, including *The Girl of the Gold Watch, and Everything,*
- Robert Greenburger, writer for Starlog & DC Comics, and of Star Trek novels.
- Colleen Doran, comics artist and writer of *A Distant Soil*
- Charlie Jane Anders, writer

Susan Fox contributed:
- Lynda Carter, actress, TV's *Wonder Woman.*
- Kristin Chenowith, actress & singer from *Pushing Daisies* and *Wicked* on Broadway
- Summer Glau, actress and dancer, notably on *Firefly*

Media anniversaries [Nick] :
- 1952, *Black Hawk: Fearless Champion of Freedom,* adapted from the Will Eisner comic book
- 1985, *The Black Cauldron* (Disney)

Nick reported on the passings of:
- Julian LeFey AKA Benny Jensen, game designer, computer programmer, and musician, designed games for PCs, Amiga, and Nintendo games.
- Malcolm Jamal Warner, actor, co-starred in a science fiction series on Showtime called *Jeremiah*.
- Charles Augins, dancer & choreographer, best know for *Red Dwarf*
- Tom Troupe, actor, played roles in *Star Trek, Man From UNCLE,* and *Night Gallery*,
- Harry Standjofski, voice actor for *Assassin's Creed* and other games
- Jimmy Hunt, actor, starred in *Invaders from Mars*

Susan reported on the passings of:
- Ozzy Osborne
- Hulk Hogan

Tad Daley further waxed about John D. Mac-Donald's character Travis McGee. Larry Niven said, "He's one of the guys I'm trying to write like." Matthew Tepper mentioned a MacDonald short story "Ring Around the Redhead."

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Susan moved to go directly to the program, because our guest is on the East Coast. The motion was passed by the members.

Mary G. Thompson read a couple of chapters from her novella, *One Level Down,* and then took questions from the members.

Afterwards, we returned to the regular order of business. Eylat Poliner bid $5 to name the minutes "Long Ago Minutes" Approval of minutes occurred at 9:09 p.m. *(That may be a record for the interval between the reading of the minutes and the approval...and if it's not, I don't want to know. - ed*)

Patron Saints:
After Charles Lee Jackson II informed us what constitutes a Patron Saint, we honored, first, **Ed Green.** Chris Marble called him a great guy, a hard worker and great at hustling funds for the club. Cathy added that he was a great auctioneer. CL remarked that Ed was a mere boy when he came to LASFS, becoming in essence an adopted son of Len & June Moffet. Ed went into the service, then came right back, and served as President for many terms. Matthew Tepper added that he came up with the order of business / agenda for the meetings. Tom Safer said Ed gave him a film screening day, which occurred until the clubhouse closed. CL added that Ed went from living an honest life to becoming an actor. Cathy remarked that

she and Ed are still good friends, even after she broke his record of LASFS presidential terms. (For the record, Matthew Tepper holds the record for *consecutive* presidential terms)
Three cheers were given by the members.

As for our other Patron Saint, **Tom Safer,** Eylat said he ain't heavy, he's her brother. But seriously, she praised him not only for his personal support, but all the work he's done for LASFS and LosCon. Chris says he has always enjoyed the Saturday morning cartoons Tom has shown. Matthew called him a good friend and a good singer. CL was impressed that Tom is a member of 72 Sheets (ya kinda had to be there). Annamarie Safer chimed in, saying Tom was a wonderful husband of 33 years. Tom was given Three cheers as well.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL announced the Spot of Honor is being held by Scifi.Radio, and praised their service to the club.

Registrar: Matthew introducted guest Maria Larsen. Originally from Norway, moved to LA a year ago to start her PhD in literature at UCLA. She heard about us about a year ago, and came because she really wanted to join a s-f literary club.

Treasurer: Neither Elayne Pelz nor Debra Levin were in the meeting at this time, but the members were properly browbeaten about paying dues and donating.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us: no Board of Directors in August, due largely to Worldcon, the next one on September 14th on this Zoom channel.

Eylat put all the information for **Loscon 51** and programming for upcoming LASFS meetings in the chat. Nick added that the Loscon program-ming committee is meeting regarding panels and panelists. Carol Wuenschell wanted to know how to be a panelist at Loscon; Nick directed her to the links on the con website, and to the committee members, especially head of programming Arlene Busby.

Fannish wellness: Bowing to the pressure of time, Chris merely stated that neither George Mulligan nor Selina Phanara are dead.

Miscellaneous
Peter Santell said that John D. MacDonald's fiction can be found in the *Other Times, Other Worlds* collection. Tom mentioned that Nick took him to Vidiots, where the novelty of renting DVDs still takes place.

Eylat moved to adjourn, and the members sustained the motion, rather than sustain the meeting any further, at 9:36 p.m.