Minutes of meeting #4595
September 4, 2025
Denny's Land, Worst Amusement Park Ever!

Discussions of gremlins, musicals, marching bands and the disappearing hairlines of the membership was truncated by the call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]
Hatchings:

- 1916, Robert Augustine Ward Lowndes author & editor, recipient of the first Fandom Hall of Fame award in 1991.
- 1924, Ray Russell, author & fiction editor for Playboy
- 1928, Dick York, actor (Darren Stephens the First on Bewitched)
- 1957, Patricia Tallman, actress & stuntwoman (Babylon 5 and various Trek series)

Media anniversaries:
Nick

- 1952, Bela Legosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla, a movie that makes Plan 9 from Outer Space look like, well, a movie.
- 1966, Star Trek premiered at the Worldcon in Cleveland.
- 30th anniversary of the premiere of Xena: Warrior Princess.

Passings:

- Joe Bugner, actor & boxer
- Graham Greene, actor and voice artist
- Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, author of many novels, notably the Count St. Germaine series, and recipient of Bram Stoker Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 as well as a frequent guest at LosCon. The members observed a minute of silence in her honor.

After the reading of the minutes, Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight bid $10 name the minutes:: Just a Bunch of BADASS! Eylat moved to approve the minutes at 8:19 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Greg Bilan: Chris Marble says he always enjoyed his favorite friendly Klingon. Cathy remembered Greg as being a hard worker, always lending his two hands to whatever project needed them. He was given 3 cheers and a well-run Dealer's room**.**
Emil Luwish, who was the father of member Mike Luwish: Mike donated to the club in his father's name. Chris mentions the oft-told joke, which no one came forward to tell, denying the club the requisite pun fine. The members settled for giving Emil 3 cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II announced the Spot of Honor was held this month by BADASS. Dr. Susie gave a quick explanation of the organization, and promised CL proper clip art for the Spot.

Registrar : MatthewTepper reported that not only did member and occasional presenter Arlene Busby show up, but she brought Rainy Smyth with her, riding shotgun in her Zoom window.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz chastised those people who had not paid their dues to pony up their $5. Susan Fox also posted a reminder in the Zoom chat.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus reminded us about the Board of Directors meeting at 11 a.m. on September 14, same Zoom channel.

In addition to putting Loscon 51 and club programming in the chat, Eylat Poliner informed us that Loscon 52 has all their Guests of Honor in place.

For a quick Fannish Wellness report: Chris said George Mulligan is fine, Selina Phanara is fine. Michelle Pincus says she talked to Heidi Nichols, who is planning on visiting Michelle in October. Chris added that Heidi told him she has a new heart doctor, which prompted several quips related to Bob Newheart that mysteriously did not generate pun fines. Eylat added that she spoke to Joyce Sperling, who seems to be doing better.

For tonight's program, Larry Niven read his new story story "Potlatch." Afterward, he answered questions from Eylat and Michelle, gave us an excerpt of his early writing history, and teased us with tidbits of upcoming publications.

The club managed to go yet another meeting without either Old or New Business. And there was great rejoicing.

Science report:
Eylat, while taking a deaf studies class, encountered a remarkable offsite transcription service. Cathy added anecdotes of curricula and teachers for the hearing-impaired, and Marc Silver spoke of information-technology-related issues relating to same.

Miscellaneous
CL, wearing his Special Advisor hat, reminded us that next week is the nomination and voting for the Forrest J. Ackerman Award. Eylat asked if we could post the list of past winners on the LASFS Facebook page. A discussion of chronological order vs. alphabetical was quickly resolved. The list at hand was complete only up to 2021, sending out the call for an update to those in the know.

Cathy posted the link to the aftermeeting in the chat, then entertained Eylat's motion to adjourn (which itself is always entertaining) at 9:01 p.m.