Minutes of meeting #4596
September 11, 2025
George!

Like an orchestra tuning its instruments, the technical crew at the hybrid meeting struggled to get the Zoom and microphones set up. The lack of whiteboard for the program tonight was a source of consternation for a brief moment. President Cathy Johnson had to pound the gavel a couple of times to get the attendees to come to order, and from somewhere came a call of "The meetings will continue until morale improves" which was ignored as the meeting started at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings
Nick Smith contributed the following info:
Hatchings:

- 1956, Tony Gilroy, screenwriter for movies and TV.
- 1958, Roxann Dawson, actor and director, known for Star Trek Voyager

Susan added the following hatchings:

- Elizabeth Henstridge, actress from Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
- Tyler Hoechlin, one of the lead actors in Superman and Lois
- Earl Holliman, actor from Forbidden Planet

Media anniversaries:

- 1934, Maniac, a very strange movie.

Passings:

- Scott Spiegel, director, writer, actor and old colleague of Sam Raimi
- Polly Holliday, actress in the TV series Alice and the movie Gremlins
- Nicky Ryan, composer and soundtrack producer for The Lord of The Rings.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4595
Eylat bid $10 to name these minutes: "Denny's Land, Worst Amusement Park Ever!" Maybe this is where the pirates eat the tourists… The members voted to approve the minutes at 8:20 p.m.

Patron Saints:
Dale Hales: CLJ II said Dale was a childhood friend of his who reconnected with him at the 1984 Loscon. Dale liked to bring his Special spiced cider to the Gift Exchange. Matthew Tepper recalled that after Allan Rothstein passed and his collection was donated to LASFS for auction, Dale bought several items from Allan's collection, profiting himself and the club. Dale was given 3 cheers. Speaking of gift exchanges, Michael Thorsen was remembered by Matthew as a hard worker who also knew how to have fun. Eylat remembered many games of Mah Jongg with him. Chris Marble remembered Mike for the Kermit Cam and the virtual masquerade. Christian remembered that Mike produced a video of the gift Exchange with Tadao Tomamatsu and Michael Mason. Mike Thorson was given 3 cheers and a Kermit cam.

Committee Reports
Honor Guard: CL reported that the Spot of Honor is held this month by the Brown Coat Auxiliary Depression and Anxiety Support System, better known as BADASS. Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight explained the organization in greater detail.

Registrar: Matthew introduced our guest, Karina Gaia Sophia, who also goes by Hecate. A self-styled witch who found us via member Jack Parsons, she also loves science, fantasy, and pulp magazines such as Amazing Stories, and "anything interdimensional and occult."

Treasurer: Elayne said everybody's paid up through tonight's meeting, but we still need donations, largely due to the reconstruction on the new clubhouse. She passed the progress report on that to Dean Johnson. Stay tuned for that...

Board of Directors: Michelle reminded us that this Sunday at 11 a.m. is the Board meeting, members are welcome.

Loscon: Eylat and Susan gave the info for 51 in the chat. Eylat added that Loscon 52 has all their Guests of Honor, but she elected to keep us all in suspense as to their identities.

Programming
Next week: Gene Turnbow will be presenting his newly-released book, Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble reported George Mulligan is doing fine, though still not on his feet.
Uh, Selena Phanara is also doing fine, and is taking a mental health trip up to Sacramento area.
Eylat says Heidi Nichols and Joyce Sperling are both doing better.

Old Business:
Dean says the building is much improved from when we got it. The contractor has knocked out several non-loadbearing walls and removed a door. The roof has been fixed. They will be putting in carpet next, then bringing in bookshelves and building them along the walls. The interior will be painted in a Cape Cod blue. Still under construction are the bathrooms, kitchenette and the long ramp in the back. Questions about parking, a floorplan, use of the roof and how much square footage (about 2200, for the record) were asked and answered. Yes, Virginia, the meetings will still be hybrid.

The other old business – which could also be considered Programming – was the Nominations for Forrest J. Ackerman Award. CL explained the award and who it honors. Susan Fox read off the previous recipients. There were many nominees including C.J. Cherryh, Susan Fox and Gene Turnbow, H. Beam Piper, Douglas Adams, Hawkwind, George Pal, Russell T. Davies, James White, Joe Hisaichi, Brian Aldiss, Ron Goulart, Joe Haldeman, Gerry Anderson, Mary Shelley. After several ballots, C.J. Cherryh was named the Honoree.

New Business, None.

Regular announcements:
Francis Hamit brought copies of his novel to the meeting.
Lee Grixit's moment of science included a prediction that as medical science is apparently curing or will soon be curing many debilitating conditions, physical therapy for the recently undisabled will be a viable career choice.
Hare Hobbs announced his nephew Jason will be moving to this area soon and will probably be attending LASFS meetings.
Barbara Harmon suggested that if anyone wanted to write articles and such, they could contribute to APA-L. She brought several copies with here this evening.
Nick mentioned this week was the 50th anniversary of C.J. Cherryh's first sale, so her Forry Award is fortuitous.
CL mentioned his seasonal Facebook page, Halloween Haunts, Highlights, and Hijinks.

Francis has a Substack about things in the intelligence community and the Army and various current and upcoming geopolitical events.

Cathy reminded us that while this meeting may be in the worst amusement park ever, cast member Andre had once again treated the members well, so take a crowbar to your wallets and leave a tip when you pay your bill!

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:19 p.m to the sounds of dollar bills flapping away in the night.