

Minutes of meeting 4579  
May 15, 2025

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Birthdays of authors L. Frank Baum and William Bowen, actor Joseph Cotten and producer/director Rob Bowman were celebrated. The media anniversary was of the 1943 release, *The Mad Monster*. Not only did it star dancer and children's host Johnny Downs in a dramatic role, but the monster in question was played by Glenn Strange, who was also the new *Frankenstein's Monster* over at Universal. Passings were of stage composer Charles Strouse, director and screenwriter Robert Benton, and makeup artist and designer Greg Cannom.

Reading of the previous minutes

Bid to name the minutes Susan Fox bid \$5 to name them "White Sox"

Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

Patron Saints:

Tom Digby: Chris Marble found him to be a charming fellow to talk to when he was still around the club. Lee Grixit enjoyed reading his zines and talking to him back in the 1970s. He was also very popular at the after meetings. Eylat said that Tom was one of the first "characters" she met in the club. She felt that if LASFS could accept Tom, then they could accept her. Nick mentioned his poetry and bubble-blowing.

Three cheers and a set of bubbles.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II mentioned that the Spot of Honor was currently held by SciFi.Radio

Welcoming of guests by the registrar:

Treasurer: Everybody is paid up. Please donate mightily.

Board of Directors: Michelle wasn't here, so we considered letting the Vice Chair get a word in, but we were in vice-free mode, so Susan Fox reported that the next board meeting would be on Zoom on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Loscon: Staff meeting in the San Lorenzo B room at the LAX Hilton on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. A second staff meeting is tentatively set for September.

Programming: A future program will involve one of her college instructors, who has been involved with comics for a long time.

Fannish wellness: Chris reports that Heide Nichols has finally been diagnosed. Her heart is only working at 45% capacity. George still can't sit up. No news on Don Fitch or Greg Barrett. Selina is doing fine. Matt Mitchell reported that Roxanne Mills has pain in her leg. Steve Smith has eye surgery coming up, which he hopes will make it possible to walk with his prosthetic leg. CLJ II's sister Margaret had what should have been a minor heart procedure, but there were complications that brought a possible genetic flaw to light, which means he will have to be checked for the same syndrome.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Timebound announcements: Nick reported on movie screenings of note. CLJ II reported that his book *The Bat Strikes* is currently his best selling book.

Eylat reported that her daughter graduates from college this Saturday. Eylat got a solid A in her English class, and an A in the Psych Motivation class, and a B in her Ethics class, much to her surprise.

Science report: Lee Grixit reported that genetics research reports are coming out that a baby's DNA could be changed enough to fix a genetic defect. More on this later. Cats may live longer than dogs more than their relative sizes would suggest, and it may be an evolutionary step to support intelligence. Marc Silver reports that CERN has found a way to turn lead into gold, sort of. High speed impacts of lead nuclei can sometimes knock off the right amount of protons to turn them into gold ions, but it's not stable.

Regular announcements

Reviews: Chris Marble reviewed my storytelling at the County Fair, which was wildly underattended due to the combination of blazing hot weather and Mother's Day. Cathy reviewed *Thunderbolts\** and enjoyed it. Nick reviewed the new trailers for the Superman movie and the *Ironheart* series on Disney+. The Superman trailer was very, very good and the *Ironheart* trailer was darker than expected, but very interesting.

Miscellaneous

Adjourned at 9 pm