

Guests -- None

PROXIES -- Jim Webbert to Liz Hanson
Doreen Webbert to Liz Hanson

Electronic -- Jamie Shea to Mike Willmoth
David Hiatt to Mike Willmoth
Kim Hiatt to Mike Willmoth

Secretary's Report -- Read and accepted with corrections. (Many, 0, 2)

Treasurer's Report -- Paper work from Ray Gish, our deceased Treasurer. We have complete World Horror Convention data, Complete World Fantasy Convention data, Complete LepreCon 31 data, and Huge quantities of Corporate records.. Also from Ray we have the address corrections from the post office, the key to the P.O. Box, the corporate check book Mike has reviewed the records back 3 months and found all records present.

July Corporate Balance \$ 4,453.98
July LepreCon 31 Balance \$ 6,318.48
July World Horror Balance \$ 9,631.52
July World Fantasy Balance \$43,020.22

(LepreCon Corporate is running on money from WFC account until access is restored to the corporate account as Ray Gish, deceased, was the only signer on Corporate account)
Totals for all Accounts -- \$63,942.10 (According to the bank with some outstanding checks.)

(Accepted -- [Many, 0, 3])

Committee Reports

LepreCon 30 -- All work done. It was break-even or up to \$100 plus.

LepreCon 31 -- Expense numbers not yet available. Hotel bill not in (\$500-\$1000 for function space.). Bill is expected to be around \$1000.00. Computer deposit for rented computers has not yet been returned by Jonathan Bailey. Chairman, Larry Vela, says we did well with 263 room nights and a membership of approximately 420. We found the Carefree Inn difficult to deal with. Information was slow in coming. We never did get a table count from them and there was a skeleton staff on duty during the convention, We have more address corrections to be picked up from the Post Office and paid for. Media GoH's Bear Berge and Dane ?? are coming to LepreCon 32 on their own nickel.

LepreCon 32 -- We all ready have excitement and enthusiasm among the guests. We have formed a marketing group to centralize and coordinate our efforts. This will take stress off of Lee Whiteside and reduce duplication of effort. Alan Clark, our artist Guest of Honor thanked us for the invite and expressed eagerness to come. Programming planning is beginning now. We will likely have tea-shirts again ASFA members expressed their sorrow at the death of our Art Show Director, Ray Gish. Ray's ex-wife Terry Berry will take over as Art Show Director for LepreCon 32.. She will be assisted by Ray's sons.

LepreCon 33 -- Committee is forming says Chairman, Shahn Cornell. The Mesa Sheraton is under consideration. Gary Swaty asked if he/The Phoenix Filk Circle was to provide the Filk GoH.. Shan Cornell told him to get the guest and agreed to provide a convention theme to guide the choice.

Nebula Awards -- Our Toastmaster: Connie Willis is Connie Willis. Lisa Stallings Clark is providing art. (Tea shirts? Fau Paws?) SFWA signed late and we now have the Nebulas happening on the same weekend as LepreCon 32. In spite of this the presiding officials (Lee Whiteside and Larry Vela) express confidence that staffing will not be a problem

The Chicago Nebulas were discussed and Mike Willmoth expressed confidence in our ability to do it better. Discussed trying to get the Nebula attendees to come to Sunday Literary Panels at LepreCon 32.

World Horror Convention -- DVDs are ready. Will be advertised on the Web site. Mike handed them out to staff and committee at the meeting. Will mail them to Gusts of

Honor. Will be available to attendees for \$15.00.

World Fantasy Convention – Preparation of material for the DVDs has begun. There is lots of material. Mike Cassady said that there was too much material to put on one DVD. Mike Willmoth told him to go ahead with two as the burner we have won't do the dual layer technology. He wanted to be able to include the Ellen Datlow and Betty Ballantine interviews. One DVD might have the interviews, the other Highlights. At World

Fantasy, Mike Willmoth gave World Horror GoH, Briam Lumley a preliminary copy of the World Horror DVD.

Westercon Bid – Mike informs us that there is a considerable L.A. Presence on the Las Vegas bid. The Dohertys are running the Vegas Bid. It was they who brought us Conululu. Mike got a \$500.00 advance from the LepreCon Board and went to the Calgary WesterCon (Westercon 58) to promote the bid. Mike sold 21 pre-supports. We are bidding the Tempe Mission Palms in 2008 or 2009 depending on whether someone in the priority zone bids or not. We have a contract with the Tempe Mission Palms to take affect if we get the bid..We discussed the difficulties with access to the hotel on the fourth of July, parking issues etc. Chairman will be Mike Willmoth, Jeff Richards will be Treasurer, Shahn Cornell will be Vice Chairman. Voting for 2008 will be in 2006 if there is no priority bid. If there is the vote will be in 2007 for 2009. At the Calgary WesterCon Party David Heartwell showed up and talked up the TPM as an excellent site.

By Laws – No Meeting.

Database -- Almost up to date.

1. **Nebulas Web Site** -- On SFWA Web Site. Link on LepreCon Web Site.

Privacy Policy – Pending

Strategic Planning – Critical issue. We must make a long range study of **hotel rates**. We may have to move the LepreCon date into June to keep the rate under \$100.00. A \$5.00 increase every other year in the at-con price was suggested. It was desired that we hold the line on pre-Con prices. Gary Swaty said that this might not be a good idea as too many people would then take advantage of the bargain resulting in an unacceptable cut in revenue. He cited the experience of TusCon as an example.

LepreCon event parties were planned at CopperCon, TusCon and LosCon to promote LepreCon, the Nebulas and our Westercon bid. We discussed scaling down LepreCon 34 if we get the Westercon. Decided it might not be necessary, but no final decision was made.

Computers and equipment -- Buy updated computers for registration, Programing and art show and a multi-user license for Windows XP. Athlon computers recommended. Adobe publications software also recommended. In addition purchase of two doublewide laminaters and two more flat panel monitors was suggested.

Quartermaster – No Report.

Old Business

Programming Computer is in the possession of Paul Tanton.

Registration Computer is in the possession of Mike Cassady.

501 c(7) paperwork was sent to the IRS. They lost it. We have to send it again at once to re-activate our application.

Mission Statement – Pending. Members who have ideas about it should send them to Larry Vela.

Bylaws -- To be put up on the Web site.

CASFS Equipment Loan – LepreCon will loan the video projector and other equipment to CASFS upon receiving assurance that CASFS will repair or replace damaged equipment.

Re: Stephanie Bannon – On May 2, 2005 Mike Willmoth showed Emails and other records to the Bryson law firm. Got assurances which cause him to believe he is right to suggest action against Stephanie. The ByLaws do not specify who can discipline or expel a

member. The Lawyer's opinion will be attached when it is provided to me. Shahn Cornell made a motion to the Board that Stephanie Bannon be barred from holding any committee or staff position at any LepreCon event or at the Corporate level.

Passed (3-0-1) Discussion occurred before vote. Three people spoke against the motion.

Mike Willmoth, Mike Cassady and Shahn Cornell spoke for the motion.

Discussed Westercon activity with Board, received \$500.00 for promotion discussed earlier in Committee reports.

Property Division CASFS and Leprecon – On July 27, Mike Willmoth met David Hungerford and marked the property as to ownership. No list was provided.

The Art flats were split 50-50 except for those belonging to the Western WSFA.

New Business

CASFS/LepreCon Shed Agreement – Approved [4 – 0 -0]

LepreCon Event Promo Parties

CopperCon Party Help – Help for the Confusion Crew style at CopperCon requested
People to help staff the Arizona Fan table also needed

TusCon Party Help – Third weekend in November. Help needed.

LosCon Party Help – (Thanksgiving weekend) Help needed

Elections

LepreCon 34 2008 Sole nomination -- Liz Hanson (elected by acclamation)

LepreCon Inc. Board (at large position)

Nominations – Richard Bolinski, Ethan Moe, Doreen Webbert, Lee Whiteside
Lee Whiteside elected.

Board Two year (former Convention Chair slot as Larry Vela is ineligible)

Nominations – Richard Bolinski, Jean Goddin, Shahn Cornell, Ethan Moe.

Shahn Cornell elected

Board One Year (Replacement for Ray Gish, Deceased)

Nominations – Ethan Moe, Richard Bolinski, Jean Goddin

Jean Goddin -- elected

Treasurer Sole Nomination -- Jeff Richards (By Acclamation)

Replaces Ray Gish, deceased, as Treasurer and signer on the corporate account..

Secretary Sole Nomination – Gary Swaty (elected by Acclamation)

Board Members (as of adjournment of this meeting)

Mike Willmoth (Two years remaining in term) –**Chairman**, Also to be a signer on the corporate account.)

Lee Whiteside (Three year term)

Shahn Cornell (Two year term)

Jean Goddin (One year term)

Mark Boniece (One Year remaining in term)

Announcements

Lee Whiteside – Three Alien invasion shows being introduced for the upcoming TV season.

Also coming “Ghost Whisperer and a new “Night stalker “ series

CopperCon 25 Wake for Ray Gish – A wake will be held in the Staff Lounge [Room 3037]

on Saturday night at the Convention. Convention membership not required.

Phoenix Costumers' Guild wishes to explore the possibility of LepreCon assisting them with a future CostumeCon here in the valley in April of 2011 or 2012. CostumeCon historically has had from 400-900 members. They expect around 450. A straw pole was taken by a show of hands. (many, 0,0). They are working with an expert to get 501 c(3) status. The convention is a Professional Convention sort of like World Fantasy.

Adjourned 9:48 p.m.