Guests: Neil Marsolek, Teresa Contos
Proxy: Paul Tanton [to Liz Hanson] Shahn Cornell [to M. Willmoth]

Secretary’s Report: Read and approved [Many, 0, 0]
Treasurer’s Report: Delayed -- Later in meeting
No Actual Report. Picked up mail, No word on Charity Auction Check. Will be re-issued.

Lep 33: Charity lost their check from the auction. It is being re-issued.

Lep 34: Liz Hanson -- Preparations progressing well.

Lep 35: Ethan Moe – No Report

Lep 36: Lee Whiteside – Hotel negotiations difficult desiring $20,00 advances. Looking at the Phoenix East Mesa Marriott. Embassy Suites Paradise Valley is under study also. Plan to promote Artist, Author and Local Artist at lep 34.

WFC: Almost Done.

FiestaCon/Westercon: No party suite at Vegas Westercon yet. We will party one night and man the table. Fliers are being sent to Condor and the Film Festival. Memberships are trickling in. We need to recruit staff urgently.

DiscWorld: Pratchett still plans to come despite his medical problems. Presently he has motor difficulties not mental. The event will be held even if Terry cannot attend. Response to publicity has been excellent. Members and Dealers have signed up. We have gotten 66 members through PayPal. Party at worldCon is being considered or ConSuite sponsorship. DiscWorld account is not yet set-up. DiscWorld Ribbons are being distributed at Conventions. Esther Friesner may come as she is a friend of Terry's. She is promoting the Convention at East Coast Conventions. We are discussing sponsorship of a DiscWorld Costume Prize at Comic Con.

BoucherCon: We could bid for 2011 as 2010 is taken. Someone needs to go to BoucherCon in Baltimore in October if we plan on bidding. Our BoucherCon would likely draw 1500 members. Mystery Fans are better bankrolled than SF Fans. The poisoned Pen book store and press is supportive.

Database: Dave Rood is working on it.

Website: Lep 34 is being updated. Lep corporate data needs to be added to main web site. Email bounces have been fixed. PayPal is functional.

Strategic Planning: No Report

Quartermaster: Still no inventory.

Old Business:
1. Computers -- Registration computer has no Virus protection. Programming computer has a keyboard bug.
2. Non Profit Status – IRS wants updates on financials and taxes.
3. Space Access – If Space Access uses the Reg, we must remove all confidential LepreCon Data from it. This was not done previously. Also the Box must be returned immediately as we have a convention soon. Lee Whiteside will have to obtain the materials for them as Mark Boniece will be at WFC. Approved [Many, 0, 4]
4. Program Participants Comp Policy -- 2 events completed comps participant and significant other is admitted at staff rate. 3 events comp participant and significant other.
5. Lep 35 -- No Hotel. Space requirements are smaller. Several suggestions were made.

OnLine --
1. Pass Throughs -- Pass Throughs for Lep 34 will be to Lep 36. Lep 35 will be a stand alone
FanGather.

2. **Kelly Sabuto** -- Discussed Kelly's criticisms of local conventions.

**Old Business:**

- 1. **Registration** – The corporation needs to buy supplies in bulk. Nadine Armstrong has found sleeves for $0.08 each when we buy 2000+ Purchase approved [Manny, 0, 0]

- GoHs – Jean Goddin suggests we develop a database of potential GoHs in a formal way. Initial suggestion [Kim Harrison, Cheryl Lynn Kenyon, Jennifer Ashley, George R.R. Martin, Charles Best, James Owen]

**Announcements** --

- Gallefrey next week.
- TV show production has resumed.
- Stargate Atlantis renewed.
- Amanda Tapping on Sanctuary.
- Battlestar Galactica enters final season.
- New Dr. Who episodes and Torchwood.
- Spiderwich Chronicles is good.
- Condor in February
- WHC in March.
- Phoenix Cactus Comic Con attendance claimed to be 5200.
- Next Meeting May 4 at JB’s at 32nd st. and Indian School Rd.
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Convened 3:01 p.m.

Guests
$ Teresa Contos
$ Michael Contos

Secretary's Report
$ Read Approved as amended. [Many, 0, 1]

Proxies
$ None

Treasurer's Report
$ Read, Attached.
$ Approved. [Many, 0, 1]
$ Lep 34 Insurance $541.00 Approved. [Many, 0, 1]
$ Lep 33 Charity Auction check re-issued by Mike Willmoth.
$ $69,000.00 total in all accounts.

Committee Reports
1. LepreCon 34 – will happen this week.
   $ Guests coming on Wednesday and Thursday.
2. LepreCon 35 –
   $ Discussed possibility of an event at the CopperCon which would replace Lep 35. The idea was turned down and the Board decided to hold a Fan Gathering in late September.
   $ Approved. [Many, 0, 5]
3. LepreCon 36 –
   $ Hotels under consideration are the Mesa Marriott [Mothers’ Day not available] and The Scottsdale Conference Resort [Mothers’ Day with a $100.00 room rate and nice casitas for parties and suites for Consuite and Staff Lounge]. Mike is waiting for both contracts. We will likely accept whichever one is approved first.
   $ Phoenix Con Games occurs just after Lep34 so we likely won’t get many gamers.
4. WFC –
   $ Not Finished. A few DVD’s remain.
5. Westercon 62 –
   $ 300 members.
   $ We should pick up more at the Las Vegas Westercon. We will staff the fan table and party for FiestaCon, North American DiscWorld and LepreCon.
   $ There is a 2010 bid by Pasadena.
   $ The Bay area is bidding 2011.
   $ Spurt of memberships pushed the number to over 200.
   $ Possibly a DiscWorld party in Denver at Worldcon. Pratchett is popular at Worldcon.
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$ Pratchett has donated $1,000,000.00 to Alzheimer’s research.
$ We have invited Stephen Briggs who adapted DiscWorld for radio and other media.
$ Dealers’ Room interest strong. Some of those interested are not appropriate vendors for DiscWorld.

7. BoucherCon –
$ Bidding for 2010 at the Tempe Mission Palms.
$ Attendance likely 900-1500.
$ Consuite may be in function space and we may use courtyard food stations and include some meals in the base price.
$ Room rate $196 (including the $11 resort fee for Columbus Day Weekend). We have cheaper rates than the proposed San Francisco bid.

8. By-Laws
$ No Report.

9. Web Site
$ Lee has set up a WordPress as a blog in an effort to facilitate communications.

10. Database
$ Rood wants the Lep 33 data.
$ He is also to receive the Lep 34 Data before the August meeting.

11. Strategic Planning
$ No Report.

11. Quartermaster
$ No inventory. One is needed.

12. Shed – Climate Controlled
$ It’s there.

Old Business –
1. Reg Computer’s virus software upgraded.
2. The registration computer has wireless connection problems. A discussion about the problem ensued. No definitive conclusion reached.
3. The Programming computer has a flaky PS2 type keyboard. The problem was likely in the Motherboard. Purchase of a USB keyboard authorized. [Many, 0, 0]
4. Non-Profit Status still pending.
5. Corporate Data and By-Laws will be up on the Web Site.
6. Wells Fargo sent checks, Debit Cards, Pin# etc. to Mike’s insecure mail box. Serious error.
7. Lep property in the CASFS Sheds needs an updated inventory.
8. Space Access sent $200 thanking us for last year’s help.
9. The credit card machine had to be reprogrammed repeatedly. Dave Gish is straightening it out.
10. $300 was authorized for a photocopier.
11. Badge laminates and clips were purchased as previously authorized.
12. Conventions will need to account for their use of them so they can pay corporate.
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New Business
1. Climate Controlled shed up for renewal. Mike says we need it. Lee Whiteside directed to
look into a five year renewal. Approved [Many, 0, 0]
2. Notice of Pending Disincorporation received. Bruce Farr filed the necessary paperwork.

On-Line Board Activity
   1. None.

Announcements
$ NBC's new show "Fear Itself" classed as Horror Lite.
$ Dr. Who continues.
$ Sara Jane Adventures on BBC America or iTunes for a fee.
$ Next Meeting: Sunday August 17, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in Tempe at Coco's on the
  Southwest corner of Priest Dr and Elliot Rd.
The Secretary, Gary Swaty, left the meeting to attend another one elsewhere. Nadine Armstrong volunteered to take minutes for the duration of the meeting.

Election for LepreCon 37 (2011)

As Mark Boniece also needed to leave it was decided to go ahead and hold the election for LepreCon 37, to be held in 2011. Lee Whiteside and Mark Boniece were nominated and both accepted. Both candidates were asked to speak.

Mark mentioned his previous experience chairing a LepreCon (27 & 30). He also said that communication would be better now as he has a cell phone, and also that he has some new ideas for things he’d like to try.

Lee mentioned that he had chaired LepreCon 28, the Nebula Awards, and is chairing the DiscWorld convention. He said that he would like to get some consistency and to make sure that things he will start in 2010 continue on, and that he is willing to incorporate other peoples’ ideas.

Votes were then taken. Mike asked for volunteers to count the votes. Kevin McAlonan and Jim Webbert volunteered.

During vote counting, there was some discussion of the bank fees on the checking accounts and some other issues with Wells Fargo.

Final vote count Lee Whiteside-14, Mark Boniece-3 for a total of 17 votes. Mike Willmoth officially thanked Mark Boniece for running.

Jean Goddin suggested that a running list of suggested guests be made for the help of chairs. Mike Willmoth asked that anyone with suggestions please email them to him at mwillmoth@leprecon.org.

The meeting then returned to the normal order with online business discussed next.

Online Business

Stephanie Bannon's post on the SMOFs' mailist was discussed along with the board's response. Also mentioned that responses to her other posts were on file.

Westercon 62 received permission to charge a 15% commission on sales in the Art Show. Previous rate was 12%. David Gish asked for the update.

The hotel contract with Tempe Mission Palms for the Bouchercon 2010 bid was approved.

$200.00 was donated to the Arizona Browncoats for their charity screening of Firefly, which raised $7200 dollars for Equality Now.

We received a thank you from the Francisco Grande Resort for LepreCon 34.

The purchase of shelves for the Leprecon storage room was approved.

Mike Willmoth paid for 1 more year of the climate-controlled storage unit and was reimbursed.

Mike Willmoth was quoted in an electronic guide for event planners.

New Business
It was suggested that Leprecon maintain an email list for announcements. Mike had set one up, but suggested adding in the members of Westercon 62 and DiscWorld. The original list was based on data from LepreCon 34. That way, there would be one list for general announcements. The Yahoo! group was mentioned, but it was noted that it is an opt-in thing, so is not used by many people.

SciFi Horror Film Festival: Lee Whiteside said that he will get the amount from them and will get back to the board.

Board Elections

As Liz Hanson has resigned there is a 2-year past chair position unfilled. There was discussion of Lee Whiteside's 3-yr at-large position and whether it was up. Lee W. is rolling off. Shahn Cornell has 1 year left on his 2-yr past chair position; Mike Cassidy has 2 years left on his 3-yr at-large position; and Mike Willmoth has 1 year left on his 3-yr at-large position.

Nominations were opened for the 3-yr position at-large position.

Jean Goddin and Lee Whiteside were nominated.

Lee Whiteside declined the nomination as he would have to resign before the end of the term as he is chairing LepreCon 36.

Jean Goddin accepted.

Nominations were closed.

Nominations were opened for the 2-yr past chair position.

Ethan Moe cannot have a voting position as he is chairing LepreCon 35.

Lee Whiteside was nominated and accepted.

Nominations were closed. It was moved that both positions be filled by acclimation. Many Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstentions.

Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board

Nominations: Chair - Mike Willmoth; Vice-Chair - Shahn Cornell; Treasurer - Jeff Richards; Secretary - Nadine Armstrong and Gary Swaty. (Gary S. had declared his willingness to remain in the position prior to departing.) All nominations were accepted.

It was moved to fill Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer by acclimation: Many Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Voting for Secretary took place. Kevin McAlonan and Jim Webbert again counted votes.

Announcements were then made.

Lee announced the SciFi Horror Film festival, Adventurecon and the Dark Ones’ Party. Adventure will be at the Cardinals' stadium with Kevin Sorbo, David Prowse, and Rob Zombie, along with some comics artists. Lee is seeing about having fliers. May be big but not much local promotion.

Mike Willmoth announced that CopperCon is Mother’s Day weekend and that he and Jean will be attending Bouchercon, World Fantasy, TusCon, OryCon, LosCon and SmofCon to promote Westercon 62 and DiscWorld.

Results for Secretary: Nadine 13, Gary 0, Larry 1 (write-in)
Jeff Richards and Nadine Armstrong are the non-voting members of the board.

Dates for Next Meeting: November 16th is the only day Mike Willmoth and Jean Goddin are available. Date was ok'd by group. November 16th at 3PM at same location.

Motion to adjourn at 4:59 P.M.
Meeting was called to order at 3:07 P.M.
Proxies:
  Shahn Cornell to Mike Willmoth
  Michael and Theresa Contos to Mark Boniece
  Gerry Nordley to Mike Willmoth
  Hugh Gregory to Mike Willmoth
  Lee Whiteside to Nadine Armstrong/Mike Willmoth(for board voting only)

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.
Many, None, No Abstentions.

Treasurer's Report from 31 October,
Bank balances:
  Corporate 29,909.15
  Leprecon Convention 787.13
  WFC 20,284.02
  DW 13,546.90
  W62 3,217.76

Activity:
  2 PayPal deposits totalling 5,355.13(no breakout available mostly DW)
  1,000.30 in credit card deposits(no breakout mostly W62)

Checks written:
  534.00 for storage through 6/09 & UHaul(to move stuff from sheds)
  500.00 for Sci Fi/Horror Film Fest sponsorship
  243.10 for art show printer
Leprecon:
150.00 cash
193.00 cleared in checks
Gary's check for filk suite not yet deposited.

W62:
750.00 deposited-some deposits not yet gone to bank.
155.46 for postage for PR1

DW:
2,195 deposited
230.00 in checks
Side note: No check copies received for DW or W62, Jeff R. will change that.

Total 67,545 (rounded)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leprecon 34:
Refund from Gary for filk suite needs depositing, Mike W. needs to enter data.

Leprecon 35:
There will be one. Ethan asked for a reconfirmation for a fall date, now that Coppercon is cancelled.
Mike reconfirmed that. Ethan was asked to confirm a site and dates by the end of the year. Ethan agreed.
Leprecon 36:
Nadine Armstrong gave a report on Lee Whiteside’s behalf.
George R.R. Martin has reconfirmed as Author GOH. Site will be the Mesa Marriott where Lep 33 took place. Other guests include
Charles Vess as Artist GOH and James A. Owen as Local Artist/Author GOH.

Leprecon 37:
Nadine Armstrong again reported for Lee Whiteside. He has some guests in mind and will be putting out feelers for a site soon.

World Fantasy Convention:
Mike Willmoth made more DVDs and will keep working on them.

Westercon 62 (Fiestacon):
Mike reported that there is a staff meeting tonight after this meeting. The con is currently at 350 members. The room nights are low.
Some party suites have been booked by the San Jose Westercon bid committee and the Reno Worldcon bid committee. The Seattle Worldcon bid has not yet booked.
Mike made a point of saying hello to the Art Goh, Todd Lockwood, and to Patrick Nielsen Hayden, one of the Toastmasters, at World Fantasy.
Progress Report 2 is coming along. Convention promotion has been going on. Flyers were sent to MileHi Con, Contellation, WFC, and Orycon. There was a fan table at Conjecture. There will also be one at Loscon, as well as a room party.
There are still a few committee positions available.

NADWCON:

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Nadine Armstrong again reported for Lee Whiteside. Memberships are going along well, as are room nights.

Con was mentioned by Terry Pratchett in publicity for his latest book. Flyers have gone out to various places. There will also be a DW party at Loscon.

Bouchercon:
We lost 2010 bid to San Francisco. Vote was held during the business meeting which was attended by only 200 of the convention's members. Currently St. Louis is bidding for 2011. Leporecon was encouraged to rebid for a later year. There was discussion of this, which was moved to New Business.

Bylaws- No report
Database-No report
BF-Dead
Website:
Wordpress site not ready to go live. W62 has a LiveJournal community.
SP-No report
Quartermaster-
No report. CASFS terminated the agreement regarding the sheds and things. Mike W. arranged for a second storage room near to the first for storing of the art flats and some other things. He thanked Mark Bonieze for helping move the stuff. The glass cases were binned. The storage space is currently paid through 6/30/09.

OLD BUSINESS:
Computer systems: Mike Cassidy is willing to update the programming computer. He will put XP and Office as Leprecon still has 3 copies of XP and 3 of Office Manager. Jean Goddin suggested buying Office 2000 Pro as David Rood is having compatibility issues with the database software. Mike Willmoth will check with Microsoft to find out prices. The programming computer is in the shed, might not be used for W62. There was a discussion of the older versions and compatibility with newer software. Mike Cassidy pointed out may need a newer computer.

Non-Profit status:
Bruce Farr is still working on this. He has received the most recent tax data. Mike Willmoth reminded the group that Bruce is paying the filing fee.

WB-No report.

There was again discussion of creating a preferred GOH list. Mike Willmoth asked everyone to send him suggestions.

ONLINE BUSINESS:

A contract was approved for Leprecon 36 at the Mesa Marriott. Space Access asked to use the registration box and supplies, as well as the credit card machine and to be able to run charges pre-con for their pre-reg members. Jean Goddin, Mike Cassidy, Lee Whiteside and Shahn Cornell voted yes.

As Ethan Moe was unable to find a site for Leprecon 35 by the end of the year, the board voted to help him find a site and get a contract. Mike Willmoth has put out some feelers to hotels Leprecon currently has a relationship with.
Lee Whiteside asked the board to consider purchasing an ad in the Phoenix Comicon program book, and to possibly consider paying for a flier insert into the registration bags. The cost to stuff the fliers was prohibitive, but the board did vote to place an ad for Leprecons 35 and 36, NADWCON, and W62 for $310.00.

Tucson Festival of Books-BASFA does not at the time have the money to share booth costs, but would help if we paid for a booth. The board decided not to buy a booth at this time, citing the costs and the logistical problems of staffing a 3 day event in Tucson.

NADWCON debit card was received. Jeff Richards will pass it on to Jeff George.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Gish may need art flats for W62, but nothing else.

Mike Cassidy asked if we could get a current inventory of the stuff. There was a discussion of the quartermaster’s duties.

Nadine Armstrong reported that Lee Whiteside is interested in chairing a bid for Bouchercon in 2012. There was discussion of whether this was a good idea or not. A vote was held.

Yes-5
No-1
Abstaining-6

Explorations will go forward.

Mike Cassidy will collect prices and information on projector bulbs, and will send it to Mike Willmoth so one can be purchased.

Next Meeting will take place on 2/22/09, as usual weekend coincides with Gallifrey One, and the 8th is a gem show weekend.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 P.M.