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Leprecon Meeting Minutes 2/09

Meeting was called to order at 3:06P.M.

Proxies:

Michael and Theresa Contos to Kevin McAlonan.

Gerry Nordley to Mike Willmoth.

Hugh Gregory to Mike Willmoth.

Shahn Cornell to Mike Willmoth(via telephone).

Secretary's report was read and accepted as read.

Many, none, 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report:

November 1, 2008 through January 2009.

Bank Balances:

Corporate: 32,426.89

Leprecon 34: 822.38

WFC 20,233.62

NADWCON: 12,608.38

Westercon: 4,177.76

Total 70,269.03

280.00 in checks on Corporate. 200.00 to Denvention for program book ad. 80.00 for SFWA membership.

141.11 out in checks for Westercon 62 for PR2 postage.335.00 out for deposit. 100.00 deposit not shown. 235.00 needs breakout. 3700.00 received through PayPal, 266.00 for Westercon. 500.00 balance in PayPal in case of problems. 140.00 credit card deposit for Westercon. 500.00 balance left in PayPal for chargebacks,etc.

Westercon ad in Asimov's 340.30. 310.00 for ad in Phoenix Comicon

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program book. 250.00 advance to Lee for Loscon parties. Other program book ads, 100.00. Credit card fees were 94.81. Leprecon had a 60.00 cash deposit. Checks were ordered at a cost of 17.00. Bank fees were 7.50. WFC spent 50.40 in postage for DVDs. Westercon 62 had a 1,460.00 cash deposit. 300.00 was written for postage for PR2. Discworld had 345.00 cash deposited. 1,276.02 was written in checks. 7.50 in bank fees. The end of January 8,636 was transferred for a total of 21,244.41. Westgercon 62 has 6800.00.

A question was asked about when the Worlf Fantasy account would be closed. Mike Willmoth answered that it would be after the DVDs were finished and that he is currently halfway through..

Jeff Richards then reported that he will buy a projector bulb before Westercon, and will take care of the insurance checks for Westercon and Discworld. Mike asked if there would be any savings by insuring Westercon, Discworld and Leprecon 35 at the same time. Jeff Richards said no. This was followed by a brief discussion of the potential insurance costs for Leprecon 35.

Commitee Reports:

Leprecon 35:

Mike Willmoth gave the prices for 3 sites for dates varying from the end of September to the beginning of October. The Embassy Suites North-109.00/149.00 night. Either the Salon or Suites A or B 500.00 from 8-5 or 750.00 for 24/hrs per day with an executive suite for Hospitality at 299.00 per night. Radisson City Center 79.00/89.00 per night. Function space 500.00 per day, and a handicap room for Hospitality, rate unknown. The Tempe Mission Palms quoted 169.00/179.00 per night, no rate quoted for function space, and a quote of 150.00 per night for Hospitality. The Marriott Mesa offered October only at 99.00 per night with the function space (Cabana) at 100.00 per day, and the Sedona room for hospitality at 200.00 per day. Mike guessed that the budget would probably be around 1000.00 with attendance likely to be >100. He felt the Mesa Marriott was the best deal as the Mission Palms and Embassy too high, and with the unknown function space costs at the Radisson, also. the Radisson pool will not be

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working at this time. Ethan said he would think about it and discuss it more extensively with Mike Willmoth.

Leprecon 36: Lee Whiteside has been thinking about inviting another guest, and is looking actively for committee members. See him if interested.

Leprecon 37: Lee Whiteside has begun looking for a site through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

World Fantasy: Mike Willmoth is still working on DVDs.

Westercon 62: Mike Willmoth said more memberships have been sold, including some upgrades. Membership is approximately 360. Mike had a meeting with the dealer's room coordinator and things are going well, room is about half full. The membership list is more up-to-date in Progress Report 2 than on the Web due to formatting work. Progress Report 3

will not be done by the publications director, so someone else will handle it. Progress report 3 is upcoming. A party and fan table were done at

Loscon, and there was a presence at Smofcon and Gallifrey 1. Fliers have gone out. There is now a person to do children's programming. If you have not yet made room reservations, please do so.

NADWCON: It has passed the 450 mark for memberships, and may be close to 500. since Terry has been in the news more due to the Alzheimer's documentary he did and his knighthood, there have been a steady stream of memberships. About 10% of the memberships are overseas, 15% local, rest US and Canada. Lee will have a meeting with the dealre's room coordinator soon as the room

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may be full. Fliers are going out to lots of places. The hotel is filling up, so book now if you want a room. Mike Cassidy will talk to Lee about film and pictures. The next committee meeting will be next Sunday.

Bouchercon: Lee Whiteside has started a search through the CVB.

Bylaws: No report

Database: No report

Book Festival: It was discovered that a BASFA member paid for a table out of his own pocket. He may or may not be reimbursed. Does Leprecon want to share the costs and also have use of the booth? It is the first event, so attendance is hard to predict, but they o have several genre authors lined up. Lee Whiteside and Nadine Armstrong will be attending and could booth sit on behalf of Leprecon. Lee Whiteside moved to share costs. Jean Goddin seconded. Many in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. A check will be made out to Avery Davis for 150.00.

Website: Wordpress blog is up and is linked from main page. Will also link to Westercon from it.

Strategic Planning: No report. Lee Whiteside was reminded he is now the committee head. He was asked to please get the committee together. Mark Boniece and Michael Contos both expressed interest.

Quartermaster: No report from Ivan. No inventory has been done yet. Mike Willmoth will get an updated inventory done before Westercon.

OLD BUSINESS

Westercon 62 has a new registration person. Mike Willmoth will meet with her soon to go over reg stuff. Mike Cassidy said that the reg computer should be hooked to the internet so new anti-virus updates can be downloaded. Mike Willmoth said he would do that and will also make sure the licenses are current. Mike Willmoth will also check if at-con programming wants to use the programming computer. Mike Cassidy also noted that the reg printer needed an inkjet card.

Non-profit status: Bruce Farr told Mike Willmoth that one or two questions need answering, but that approval was about 4-6 weeks away. He needs the current year's financials and a copy of the program book from Leprecon 34. Mike Willmoth said he will look for one in the shed.

Mike Willmoth said he wants the bylaws on the website and also links to the meeting minutes.

Announcement Maillist: Lee Whiteside has not sent much to it. If anyone wants to send something out to it, there is a link from the main website.

Online Business:

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Leprecon 35 Site Selection: The Radisson expanded upon their original quote to add the function space rate. Function space: Sedona A, 1320sf,

\$500++ per day.

Ethan has selected the Mesa Marriott.

World Fantasy Convention DVDs: The Board received an email from Janny Wurts advising that Leprecon, Inc. had used her artwork without the correct crediting and copyright information on the DVDs. Mike Willmoth has sent an email apologizing and asking how Leprecon can correct the situation without ceasing to make the DVDs. An answer has not yet come.

New Business:

Margie Grady still has several items used for ambience at World Fantasy and wanted to know if they could be moved to storage. It amounts to 5 or 6 large bins. Mike Willmoth does not believe that there is room, but he will work on it. Margie will continue to store for now. It was suggested to possibly get rid of the televisions. The Board will consider that after the inventory.

Credit Card Machine: Address needs to be fixed. Jeff Richards will send it to David Gish for correction.

(Nadine Armstrong left briefly at this point; Lee Whiteside deputized.)

There was discussion of the higher fees for the machine and also the fact that last year's Space Access had problems with it.

Leprecon has not charged Space Access in the past as he has always paid Leprecon more than the materials, but Jeff Richards will check on credit card fees and Mike will let Henry know the total. The Board will make a decision about the machine for future use.

Lee Whiteside suggested doing a mass postcard mailing with all the upcoming conventions listed. Ethan was urged to expedite work on Leprecon 35

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so it could be listed.

Condor asked if Leprecon would like to do an ad trade. They must have a decision by tomorrow. Lee was asked if he wanted to do an ad for his Leprecon even though it is more than a year out. Lee will think about it-perhaps a combo ad? Jean Goddin suggested simply buying an ad as we don't have an equivalent con this year. Lee Whiteside was Ok with this and it was approved by the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Space Access is this weekend, Anizona is over Easter, RandomCon over Mother's Day weekend, Saboten-con over Halloween. Mike Willmoth is going to Norwescon. The Seattle Worldcon bid has folded, leaving Reno unopposed. Various TV and Movie announcements.

Next meeting usual weekend will not work so will be May 17th at 7PM at Coco's.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19PM.