

LEPRECON MINUTES 5/09/2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mike Willmoth announced a guest: Mike Griffin

The Secretary's report was read and accepted with one amendment-amendment was to section referring to printer materials for reg printers. There were many for, none against, 2 abstentions.

Shahn Cornell called in a proxy to Mike Willmoth

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balances:

Corp.-24,789.78  
260.00 out in checks. 1 of those is for the Denvention III program book ad-it has still not been deposited.

Lep Convention-814.88

WFC 20,146.26

Discworld(as of 4/20) 13,015.88

2 days after this, there was a PayPal deposit made of 19,470.25 adj.  
38,753.00 or thereabouts.

W62 10,012.70

400.00 out in check for the PR3 deposit. There's a PayPal deposit coming around 2,000

14,188.39 in PayPal deposits.

Dispersed-9,425.00 to Discworld

5,293.00 to W62

Took 3,661.00 Space Access deposits

150.00 for TBF-cleared

100.00-Sarge's funeral

80.00-SFWA membership renewal

45.00-reimbursement to Lee Whiteside for Phoenix

Comicon program book ad.

104.00-credit card charges

3,750

WFC-1 check for 87.36 for DVD postage.

Westercon 62-406.84 GoH airline tickets.

141.11-PR2

79.04 to David Gish for art show supplies.

Discworld 625.00 at 1040 dep. 7.00 b.f.

Overall adjusted total 96,000-and 3600.00 Space Access

Jeff George asked why the Discworld banking account has bank fees. Jeff Richards did not know-it appears to be because Discworld gets printed statements. Also, the fees may be different due to balances. 2 of the accounts are Wells Fargo-the others are Bank of America. The fees on BoA accounts are for check copies.

Jeff George moved to accept the treasurer's report-Mike Cassidy seconded. It was asked whether Jeff Richards had purchased the extra projector bulb yet. Jeff said no, he had not.

Treasurer's report was accepted with many for, none against, and one abstention.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Leprecon 35

-Mike is nailing down the contract. The proposed contract came through, Mike Willmoth is still waiting on changes.

Dates are the first weekend in October (originally announced as second weekend, then corrected).

Room rate is 99.00 per night, with 10 rooms in the block. We have the Cabana for 24 hours beginning on Saturday at 8AM-and from 12-6PM on Sunday for an additional 500.00. It was asked if we should hold off on the ConNotations ad. Mike W. said is minor stuff-the dates of the Cabana aren't in, but has agreement in email. Also question about rate-10.00 rate is currently good through May-should it be raised or left alone? Mike Willmoth recommended leaving it and having an at the door rate of 15.00. Ethan agreed. There was discussion of flyers-Ethan is playing with ideas for new ones, his computer is dead, but he will design new ones. Len Berger requested 1/4 sheet flyers instead of full page as easier to distribute-also cheaper. If we can do them in bulk, he could get them out.

### Leprecon 36

Lee has not done anything additional-he still has his guest slate-is thinking of adding an additional guest and has some people in mind. He is starting to put together his committee. Dates 3rd weekend in May. and will be at the Mesa Marriott. Jeff George asked about the downtown Radisson-Mike Willmoth said they did not offer good rates. Lee Whiteside said that Scottsdale Conference Resort staff was gung-ho, but unfortunately the general manager was not. Mike Willmoth said issues could not be resolved, so Lee W. went with Mesa Marriott so he could confirm George R.R. Martin.

### Leprecon 37

A request has gone out to the CVB-some may be more interested as local bookings down. There was discussion of various bankruptcies and corporate bookings. Len wanted to know the effects of this on cons. Mike Willmoth said not everyone is doing badly so none yet. Lee W. has guests in mind and invitations will be going out soon.

### World Fantasy Convention

Mike Willmoth reported that DVDs are in progress.

#### Westercon 62

Mike Willmoth reported there were currently 425 members. The dealer's room is full, art show about 1/2 full. Still waiting on 2 of the guests to book their transportation. Staff and the program are coming together. The hotel nights are low-approximately 1 night per member. The hotel may hold a BBQ on the pool deck on the 4th. Mike Willmoth advised them to go ahead as we have no leverage right now. We have 120 on peak nights-less than 1/2 of what was blocked. Some out-of-town staffers have quit due to the economy. There is 10,000.00 in the bank now but that will change as P.R.'s are paid for. PR3 had bylaws as required. PR4 will have the site selection ballots-San Jose is running unopposed. Mike and Jean went to Norwescon, but not much interest. There was discussion of the Norwescon experience. Flyers went to World Horror Con in Winnipeg but most came back. Baycon has offered a fan table so Mike and Jean will be going.

#### Discworld

Moving forward-membership is close to 680, with steady stream from PayPal. Hotel is sold out. Have overflow hotel at Tempe Courtyard and are getting the word out. Dealer's room is full-had talk with Liz Mortensen the coordinator and are getting some issues resolved. Are making final arrangements with Terry Pratchett as his new book now finished. Also finalizing the other guests.

#### Bouchercon

Sent out to the CVB and getting some responses back. Many rates are too high. Lee is following up on others as must have paperwork filed by June 30th. Sue Uttke asked about space-Mike Willmoth answered that we want 15000 sf. meeting space and 700 rooms on peak nights. Mike explained that he used Baltimore's numbers to create the CVB request.

#### Bylaws

No report.

#### Database

No report

#### Book Festival

The Tucson Book Festival went well. It had a good turnout and there was lots of interest in sf. Sharing the book with TusCon worked well-we were in between Mysterious Galaxy and a comic shop. Handed out lots of fliers and did get some memberships including 12 Discworld. The cost was around 150.00, but the return was around 1000 so was money well spent. Mike Willmoth asked if this would be a regular event. Lee Whiteside answered yes, they are already planning for next year.

#### Website

It's there. The bylaws are now up and linked from the blog. Lee will get the minutes linked.

### Strategic Planning

Nothing has happened yet and nothing much will probably happen until after Discworld.  
May send out some mail.

### Quartermaster

No report

### Old Business

Non-profit status-nothing from Bruce.

Names have not been received for preferred GoH list. Terry Goodkind was a suggestion.

AM-nothing has gone out yet.

Bulb-not yet ordered.

Space Access-Jeff Richards has check ready to go. Con was a success with more than 100 people attending. Mike Willmoth thanked Mark Boniece for his work.

Still no room in storage, Mike Willmoth will deal with organizing after inventory which he will work on getting.

WSFA has rescinded their offer to help with getting permissions for anime. They have amended their equipment loan request. Mike Willmoth is waiting for the updated form from Catherine Book which he will pass on to the board for review. Jean Goddin motioned for the board to tell WSFA no. There was no discussion. 13 for, none against, 4 abstentions. Mike Cassidy moved to have Leprecon Inc to buy new projectors so this would not be a problem. Motion was deferred to New Business.

Mass postcard mailing for cons-these would be mailed out to people on the Lep. maillist-total numbers unsure. Len Berger said that postcards are picked up more than flyers and are more visible. Money would come from corp. There was a request to go forward. Many yes, none against, 1 abstention. Agreed to produce 500 to 1000.

### Online Business

Janny Wurts' copyright notice-the cover letter on the DVDs will now show her copyright. Janny Wurts is fine with this and Mike Willmoth will do this before any more DVDs go out.

Mike Cassidy proposed we get two of these:

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16824116112>

I think ordering them one at a time will guarantee getting the free bulb for each purchase.

Even though this projector doesn't come with lots of extra cables, the free bulb more than offsets the cost of extra cables.

This unit was well reviewed and currently has free shipping and no taxes.

Mike Cassidy, Lee Whiteside, Jean Goddin, Mike Willmoth, and Shahn Cornell all voted yes. The projectors were purchased along with warranties.

The renewal on both storage rooms came up. The board agreed to renew both of them at the current rate. One was put in Mike Willmoth's name to take advantage of a discount. The total for the next year was 1517.88.

Lee Whiteside told the board of an opportunity to put a small news article in ConNotations about Leprecon 35. He sent the following wording which was approved by Ethan Moe.

We've got the opportunity to do a "Con News" article on LepreCon 35  
> in the next issue of ConNotations. It doesn't have to be very long,  
> just a paragraph or two. Below is my first cut at it, but any  
> definite plans would be good to list (I can also use it on the web site).  
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> This year, Leprecon, Inc. is hosting two big events this year,  
> Westercon 62 (aka FiestaCon) and the North American Discworld  
> Convention. With those two events happening, it was decided not to  
> hold a regular LepreCon convention this year and do it as a fan  
> gathering/relaxacon in the fall. It will be held the weekend of  
> October 2-4, 2009 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa in Mesa, Arizona. The  
> plan is to have a fun and relaxing weekend with a small amount of  
> programming during the day and maybe some in the evening. We'll be  
> set up for the weekend in the Sedona Suite with snacks and sodas  
> where people can hang out. We've got a \$99 per night (plus tax) rate for the weekend.

Lea Farr made a request to the Leprecon board list on behalf of Worldcon registration. She asked to borrow a laminator. This was okayed by the board and one was lent to her.

Catherine Book made a proposal to the board regarding the Charity Auction monies from Westercon 62

The Charity Auction netted a total of \$1869 that is to be split equally,

for \$934.50 each.

The Challenger Space Center has a donation program when you donate amounts

in \$500 increments. One of the programs is a 6"x6" plaque for \$500, and a

12"x12" plaque for \$1000, engraved with whatever you want.

I believe there are now two plaques at the Center - one for Westercon/ConKopell i and one for a CopperCon/CASFS. They are displayed on the walls.

I really wanted to see one for Leprecon as well. But, here's where it gets

complicated - the vendor who supplied the 12"x12" plaques isn't anymore and

they haven't yet located a new vendor. They also have a program where you

get your name on a small plaque on a chair in Mission Control and the monies

go to a scholarship fund. A \$1000 donation gets a plaque approx 6"x6", a \$500 donation gets a 3"x6" plaque.

But we don't have an even \$1000. We're short \$65.50. Would Leprecon, Inc.

want to donate the difference so we can get the larger plaque?

The board voted yes and Leprecon corporate covered the 65.50 to make the total donated 1,000.

## New Business

Mike Cassidy moved that Leprecon Inc. should consider purchasing 2 or more projectors as more and more people are requesting them and if we had 3, we would not have to borrow anyone's equipment. . Jean Goddin seconded the motion; Len berger wanted more numbers on the costs. Mike willmoth will research and then put it to the board for a vote. Ethan Moe said should discuss what capabilities and compatabilities should have. Jean Goddin thinks that rental costs are comparable-Mike Willmoth said 4 day rental is 800.00 or more. Mike Willmoth thinks assets are sufficient. Mike Cassidy agreed to research and present to board. Many for, none against, 1 abstention. Mike Cassidy pointed out may need another sound system also.

Westercon 62's newsletter editor is trying to arrange for equipment as she would like to have 8 or more newsletters. Kat Yeager has agreed to purchase 2 laser printers and then donate them to Leprecon. One of them has arrived and Mike is waiting on the other. So after Westercon, Lep will have 2 more printers. The paper may also be donated.

The printers can also be used for at-con signage. Jeff George asked if Lep has color laser printer, and if not, should we buy one. Mike Cassidy said that color printers do not transport well and are easy to damage. Lee Whiteside said that cartridges are really expensive.

#### Announcements

Various TV and movie things.

#### Next Meeting

Due to Mike Willmoth's Worldcon trip the Aug 16 date is not workable. He asked permission from the board to move it to August 23rd. In bylaws, permission may be granted for up to a 10 day difference. Mike said following weekend not possible. Jeff George moved to hold the meeting on August 23rd. Ethan Moe seconded for 23 August at Coco's at 3PM. Many for, none against, 1 abstention.

Move to close at 8:24PM. Many for, none against, 1 abstention.