

Leprecon, Inc. Minutes 11/08/2009

Proxies:

Michael Griffin to Kevin McAlonan*
Janet White to Mike Willmoth
Gerry Nordley to Mike Willmoth

Guests:

Jeannie Fairbanks

Meeting called to order at 3:01PM at Coco's Restaurant, Priest Dr & Elliot Rd, Tempe, AZ.

Secretary's Report:

Read by Nadine Armstrong and accepted, many-0-1

Treasurer's Report:

No summary available by Jeff Richards for Westercon 62. Has summary for 2 quarters - May 1st through September 30th. Has just received October except for Discworld.

Bank Balances:

Corporate:	58,655.32
Leprecon Conventions:	767.38
World Fantasy:	20,462.27
Discworld (10/21):	59,808.00
Westercon (9/30):	5,829.00

Totals: 145,000

There is a 25,000 check deposit in Discworld that has not yet cleared. There is 46,590.92 in outstanding checks. There is also an outstanding cash deposit on Leprecon 34 of 300.00 for an advance from corporate. There is 9,646.98 in deposits out from Discworld; for transfer, 69,447.00 on Discworld, and corporate 12,064.40. Westercon has 515.30 out in checks, and a deposit of 8,260.09 in transfer from corporate of the remaining deposits for an adjusted balance of 13,573.79.

Activity:

Corporate: 48,700.00 in PayPal deposits, 7,074.00 taken in deposits at Westercon. 20,583.00 in credit card deposits for Discworld. 825.00 in credit card deposits for Westercon before the transfers to Discworld on 9/30/09. 34,200 in PayPal with 5,000 deposited for Westercon. Space Access was repaid 3,581.17 and 3% in credit card fees. Public Storage was repaid 1,517.88 to pay for storage for the next two years. 135.28 for projector bulbs. Insurance: 823.00 for Discworld, 648.00 for Westercon. 291.94 and 250.00 in other expenses. The 200.00 check for the Denvention program book ad has finally cleared. 200.00 advanced to Lee for Leprecon party at Loscon. 90.00 for ads in ConNotations. 65.50 for donation to Challenger Center. 80.00 for SFWA membership renewal. 40.00 for P.O. Box renewal. 471.00 credit card fees. B.S. check 38.75 and 10.00 bank charges.

Leprecon account:

265.00 cash, 300.00 paid to Mark Boniece as an advance for
Consuite, 12.50 in bank fees.

World Fantasy:

No Activity.

Discworld:

Transfers from corporate 4/21-10/21 total 78,285.76 deposited,
with 6,435.00 in cash. 200.00 to the savings account, no fees.
27,748.00 paid out in checks. 9,740.00 in deposits.

Westercon 62:

Jeff has printouts of activity.

Questions for Jeff Richards:

Mike Willmoth asked about the 300.00 Leprecon 35 advance from
corporate; some of that was for ads, and how should ad payments
be split between Lep 35 and Lep 36. It was decided that 35 would
be responsible for 30.00, with 36 being responsible for 60.00.
Jeff George asked why the Discworld insurance was more expensive
than Westercon's. Mike believes it was based on attendance
figures. Jeff Richards will do an amended report. The amended
balance is 177,000 net. There were no more questions.

Committee Reports:

Leprecon 35:

Ethan had a small convention with 43 members total. The feedback
was that everybody had a good time, and it served its purpose as
a thank you. It lost 800.00, but making money was not the point.
The hotel is happy as their bill was paid. Mike does not know the
room nights, but it doesn't matter. There were no questions.

Leprecon 36:

Lee is getting his committee together. He may add another guest.
He has gotten some more memberships. The meeting was paused at
this point to allow J.R. to show Mike a report. Meeting resumed
with questions for Lee. Yes, the hotel is taking reservations.

Leprecon 37:

Request went out to Convention and Visitor's Bureau, got some
surprising responses with a total of 17 proposals. Some had good
room rate, but high function space costs, some had free space,
but high room rates. The Mesa Marriott offered a very low rate,
but Lee wants more space. He considered both the Pointe Tapatio
and the Mission Palms. The Mission Palms offered a rate of 109.00
including the resort fee. Mike is negotiating the contract with
them as we have never been at the Pointe and Lee likes the
location better. The theme will be YA, with Scott Westerfeld and
Justine Larbalestier tentatively confirmed. Lee is also inviting
the illustrator for Scott Westerfeld's new trilogy, and will add
another name artist as well. There were no questions for Lee.

Leprecon 38:

Mark is looking for a hotel.

World Fantasy:

Still working on the corrected cover letter and making DVDs.

Westercon 62:

Mike is working on the final staff list for reimbursements. The feedback has been good. It will be in Pasadena in 2010, San Jose in 2011. Seattle is bidding for 2012. There were no questions.

Discworld:

We survived it. There were roughly 900 attendees onsite. Jeff is still waiting on some receipts. Jeff George hopes to close the books next month. The charities made roughly 28,000.00. Leprecon will make some money. Terry Pratchett declared it the best Discworld con ever. There were no questions.

Bouchercon:

As of the last meeting, we were still bidding. Lee was unable to attend. The standing committee did not like the hotel arrangements. The Standing Committee has changed the rules so that all monies made must be passed along to future Bouchercons, making it no longer attractive to Leprecon, although the Pointe is still interested.

Bylaws:

No report.

Database:

Dave Rood is waiting for the information from Westercon and Discworld. Mike Willmoth will be sent the Discworld data and will then pass it to Mike.

Tucson Book Festival:

It is happening, Lee has not yet followed up with TusCon, but still thinks getting a booth is a good idea, but it is expensive on our own. The festival is in mid-March, and the booth must be paid for by 12/30/2009. Patti Hultstrand pointed out that we could potentially have authors sign in the booth. There were no questions for Lee.

Website:

Lee is still playing with WordPress, which would allow a blog to be directly on the website. He is currently working on the Leprecon 36 website. There were no questions.

Strategic Planning:

Lee may try to have a meeting soon.

Quartermaster:

The last time Mike was in the shed was after Discworld when Lee did a quick inventory. Some things were bought for Discworld. Most of the soda has been used up. Leprecon 35 had all the leftovers. The diet had gone bad, but some boxes of chips were

put back. Jeff did send a packed box of leftover water bottles and program books from Discworld.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-profit status:

Bruce Farr is still waiting for some info from Jeff Richards, who will send it.

Website:

Bylaws and corporate details are up, but the minutes are not; they will be in the redesign. Please use the announcement mailist.

Projectors:

Got a spare bulb for the projector as well as the extra free one from the purchase.

Storage:

Got another larger storage unit. One was paid thru June 30th, one thru the first of January. Mike was asked if shelves had been purchased, and reminded to purchase them. There was a question about why some of the art flats are broken; they can be fixed. Mark Boniece said some were broken at Discworld.

NEW BUSINESS

Tucson Book Festival:

Lee moved to pay for a booth at the festival, whether or not TusCon is interested. 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. Corporate will advance payment.

Social Networking:

Mike Willmoth brought up using Facebook and Twitter to promote Leprecon. There was discussion of various social networking sites. Mike Willmoth asked for a vote. Many for, none against, 3 abstentions.

Sympathy Card:

It was approved for Leprecon to send a sympathy card to Janice Mooney on the death of her husband, Jim, as they have been supporters of Leprecon.

Bouchercon Bid:

Further discussion of what to do with the Bouchercon bid. A vote was taken to drop Bouchercon for any future bids pending a rules change. Vote was 11 for, 0 against, 1 abstained. Jean moved that we look into doing a Left Coast Crime Convention bid. It is usually held west of the Mississippi and is traditionally held in the March/April time frame. Vote was 12 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

Lee asked for a vote to authorize an advance of \$250 to fund a LepreCon party at LosCon. Vote was 12 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

The next Leprecon, Inc. meeting will be on Sunday, Feb 21st at Coco's at 3PM.

Jean moved we close the meeting, Nadine seconded. Vote unanimous.

Meeting ended at 4:45PM.