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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.

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.

Lperein, Inc. Meeting - Aug 23, 2009

Annual Meeting Minutes

Proxies

Anna Caggiano to Mike Cassidy

Gerry Nordley to Mike Willmoth

Michael Contos to Lee Whiteside

(Proxy for Theresa Contos is invalid)

Margie Grady to Mike Cassidy

Meeting Called at 3:12 pm

Bruce Farr on non-profit status.

About to submit revised financials and some Discworld publications. Submittal date will be after Discworld so can include program book as well as W62 publications. Shahn Cornell has a W62 program book with him that he gave to Bruce.

Bruce also wants updated financials for all but Discworld as Discworld will not show up until after end of fiscal year which is July 31st. Discworld monies are deferred income. Bruce will be at the Discworld convention and will get a program book then.

*He will be filing right after Discworld. He is donating the filing fee to Leperein.

Guests - Bruce and Lea Farr, Doug Cosper

Secretary Report read and accepted.

Jeff Richards has no summary information. He will get a summary report to the board within two weeks.

Bank Balances as of 7/31 except Discworld

Corporate balance \$52,110.93

(\$9,684.27 outstanding PayPal deposits transferred after and \$1,098 in outstanding checks)

Leperein balance \$807.38 - Mike Willmoth still has some membership deposits to make.

World Fantasy Convention - \$20,146.26

Discworld as of 8/20 - \$29,866.70

Westercon 62 - \$11,866.67 - \$6,451.03 outstanding checks

\$8,600 transfer from Corporate from Credit Card account

Discworld has \$35,000 outstanding including PayPal

W62 balance will be about \$13,000 after transfers

Gary asked about a total for Discworld.

*Jeff Richards said it will be about \$65,000. Jeff George said he has outstanding checks

Motion to accept - Many for, 0 against, 0 abstained

Committee Reports

LepreCon 35 – Ethan Moe contracted for Mesa Marriott, Oct 2-4, 2009 for a relaxacon. He has been working on programming. Room rates are \$99 per night and \$139 per night for suites. The Consuite will be in the Sedona room. The Cabana room will be used for Saturday programming. Registration will be in the Consuite. Membership is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. No pass thrus. Lep 34 pass throughs are going to LepreCon 36. It will be a 3 day party with some fun interactive stuff. It starts on Friday at 1 pm. Sedona Suite needs to be out of at 6 pm Sunday. Mike Willmoth is hotel liaison and treasurer, so buy memberships. Any questions for Ethan? No.

Worldcon Report (from Bruce Farr) - 3500 people attending, 4400 total memberships. 1200 rooms on peak nights. Definitely made money but not sure numbers until reimbursements are done. Will do pass along funds. Seemed to go well. Numbers were as expected and in line with the budget. Program participants will probably be reimbursed. Glad it's over. Bruce and Lea Farr then had to leave.

LepreCon 36 – Lee Whiteside: Slowly moving ahead, been busy with Discworld. David Gish is doing art show. Has a person for gaming. Not set with a dealers room coordinator yet. Still thinking about extra guests. Heavier publicity once Discworld is over. Spoke to Brotherhood without Banners, George RR Martin fan group, at their party at Worldcon and they are interested in throwing a party.

LepreCon 37 – Lee Whiteside: Had Convention and Visitors Bureau been sent out yet? Mike Willmoth said no. Lee is looking at guests but will not do offers until the dates are firmed up. Want to have it in early May to get away from Phoenix ComicCon, which will be staying over Memorial Day for the foreseeable future. First weekend in May is Mother's Day weekend, Lee is not sure about the impact of that.

World Fantasy Convention - DVDs in progress. Still has some to mail. Mike still needs to change the cover letter to acknowledge Jannie Wurts copyright of art on cover.

Westercon 62 - \$13,000 left barring refunds. Most members were there. Some problems with hotel were worked out. Went through registration materials and at con lists and PayPal with at least 550 warm bodies. Hotel room nights were low, about 550 room nights. In the middle of the range, so we had to pay some for function space as Mike Willmoth's commission went to Leprecon, the final hotel bill will be less than \$700 which will help. Positive feedback - Did do a

questionnaire and sent those on to Pasadena (W63) and San Jose (W64). Mike Willmoth is Fan GoH for San Jose. Overall it went well. Some construction issues with hotel, including noise. Pool deck access for fireworks became a non-issue. Fireworks were enjoyed by fans, although one complained they were too long. Hotel was mostly happy. Will be doing revenue sharing. 1/3 used for donations designated by staff, 1/3 to refund memberships for staff and program participants, corporate will keep 1/3.

Discworld - Over cap at about 985 members. 6 Supporting, 28 dealers, 951 members more than ideal. Jeff George has staff and program participants. Harper Collins did an email announcement and Neil Gaiman did a mention on his blog that got us over 150 members in 2 weeks, putting us over the cap. Jeff George has been working on membership transfers. The hotel is full due to an issue where cancellations did not go back into our block, so we have about 245 rooms with another 58 not in our block. Some rooms will not be remodeled but none are out of operation. Most suites now have a lock-off room. Contract will be amended to get rid of attrition and make the function space cost free. Have also gotten both hotels to commit to use shuttles between Tempe Courtyard and Mission Palms. Unlike Westercon, we will have most of the hotel so will have some clout dealing with mundanes. Jeff Richards should have certificate of insurance this week. It has been paid for. Jeff George asked if the insurance had lapsed. Mike Willmoth explained that Leprecon buys insurance for each event. The convention will have lots of newbies. We have had some difficulty with getting the program together, with special thanks to Kevin McAlonan. It is two weeks out. It will be a good convention. We will see about \$20K profit.

Bouchercon Bid - Got the materials off to the Standing Committee. They still are wanting us to block more rooms at the Point Tapatio and Point Squaw Peak. We are currently the only bid for 2012. Still do not have a contract with the hotel. Have been waiting for the Bouchercon SC to accept the bid with a 900 room commitment. This year's Bcon is the third weekend in October in Indianapolis. SC has been asking about the location and pointed out other hotels closer than overflow hotel, but not if you are driving. The overflow hotel, the Point Squaw Peak, has regular shuttle to the Pointe Tapatio. Lee thinks the location is good. \$199 room rate, higher for suites. Each building has a Presidential suite. Anchorage rate was lower, but Baltimore was \$179/199 double. Much cheaper than 2010 rates in San Francisco. No questions.

Bylaws

No report.

Database

No report.

Tucson Book Festival

Has announced some authors, including some genre authors. Lee is going to contact TusCon about table-sharing again.

Website

It's there-not much done.

Strategic Planning

No report.

Quartermaster

No report-did add some fabric from Westercon 62 Childrens' Room. There are now 3 video projectors, did get rid of 2 of the TVs and a VCR. May get rid of the other TV as the storage is very crowded. Some of the beverages are going to Discworld. Lee wants a copy of the inventory from the Westercon Consuite. He was told it was on the tops of the bins that were packed. A separate list was not made, only lists on the bins.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-profit was discussed earlier due to Bruce Farr's presence.

Corporate details-the bylaws are on the website, not yet the minutes. Gary does have the old minutes available.

There have been no submissions for the preferred guest list. Please send some.

Announcements lists-has been set up. Please use it.

Have one spare bulb with the new projectors. Still waiting on one. Did get the extended warranty on one projector - then the website had problems. Mike Cassidy suggested emailing a copy of the receipt to them and seeing if it can still be obtained for the other one.

Space Access

Leprecon received \$200.00 from Henry Vanderbilt for our help and the use of the credit card machine.

There was a side discussion of Alice Massoglias' Consuite at Westercon.

The storage of party supplies was asked about - after Discworld there may be some room. It's 5 large totes.

ONLINE BUSINESS

Last Tuesday September 8 we were finishing the load out from NADWCon when we realized that we didn't have enough storage room for everything. Besides the usual culprits of art flats, a/v cart, etc. we also had a substantial amount of soft drinks remaining from Consuite. Mike C, Lee W and Mike W were all present and agreed to try to rent a larger storage room.

The Public Storage manager said she only had a 10'x10' inside (climate controlled) unit available. We perused it and agreed to upgrade the latest 5'x5' to this. By doing so they gave us credit on the new one until January 1, 2010. Mike W bought two new locks which he'll submit receipts for to Jeff R for reimbursement. The manager gave us until Wednesday evening to clear out of the old one (C232), so Jean and Mike W did just this before the manager left on Wed. Additionally, to

facilitate this and future equipment movement, Jean, Lee and Mike W agreed to purchase a multi-function hand truck / cart from Costco which Mike W shall also submit for reimbursement. But it works like a hand truck, a hand cart or a leaning hand truck. There was no way for us to move everything into C83 any other way. The cart resides in C83.

So the 10'x10' contains the art flats (2 are broken), soft drinks, a/v cart and miscellaneous other stuff. The first 5'x5' (C321) we still have and we released the second 5'x5' back to PS. C321 is paid up through 6/30/10. C83 is paid up through 1/1/10. C321 is in Lep's name while C83 is in Mike W's name for Lep's use because of the original \$1 move-in deal. Lee and Mike W shall remain the key holders for these rooms. The two new locks went onto C83 while the two old locks went onto C321.

Kat Yeager was sent a letter thanking her for her printer donation to Leprecon, Inc. The Phoenix Horror/Scifi Film Festival again offered Leprecon a sponsorship package including a 1/2 page program book ad and an on-screen insert for 500.00. The board voted to do this for another year, as Lee Whiteside felt it was money well-spent.

Rowan Wakefield of the Phoenix Faerie Festival made a request to the board for a loan,

- > As some of you know, I am the founder and Coordinator of the Phoenix
- > Faerie Festival, which saw its inaugural event in the spring of 2007.
- > We are now in year three and still growing our fan base, our attendance
- > blossomed from over 500 attendees in '07 to 2000 in '08 but we are still
- > small enough that we have not yet been able to attract financial sponsor
- > partners.

- > This means that each year I must find resources and spearhead fund
- > raising efforts to raise the means to produce the event. A portion of the
- > annual production outlay comes from modest vendor fees, and the rest
- > comes out of my own pocket, stretched over the year.

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- > Besides entertainment, the largest single expense is the rental fence,
- > which is essential for a controlled entrance for ticket holders. Between
- > my personal funding and the vendor fees I have been able to raise funds
- > to cover the costs of facilities and promotional materials and some other
- > requirements but not enough for the perimeter fence, estimated at \$2500
- > from National Rentals.

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- > This is where I need help. The Festival is approaching in a short few
- > months (November), and while I have a few small fund raising opportunities
- > left, I am concerned that I won't be able to raise the money for the
- > fence on my own.

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- > So I'm coming to the Leprecon Board asking you to consider loaning
- > Fireland Faerie Nation Inc. the money to cover the fence rental (not to
- > exceed \$2500), to be repaid directly with funds from ticket gate sales
- > ahead of other expenses.

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- > At only \$10 general admission (with children 5 and under free), the

- > Phoenix Faerie Festival is an affordable fun family event even in this thinly
- > stretched economy.
- > We are fortunate that the Press has shown a great interest in the PFF
- > and have run articles and photo spreads that aided us in our considerable
- > growth last year. There is also reason to believe that television news
- > crews will be present this year and that coverage will drive awareness
- > and attendance even more. As you know, news cameras love colorful costumes!
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- > If you are unfamiliar with the Phoenix Faerie Festival, please take a
- > moment to review the event website at
- > <http://www.westerngatesfaerierealm.com> ,
- > our Gallery photos and entertainment and attractions line-up to see what
- > we're all about. With the considerable amount of new interest and
- > excitement from potential attendees and new vendors, I believe in the
- > Phoenix Faerie Festival's ability to become a joyfully anticipated staple
- > of family entertainment for Arizona and I'd hate to lose momentum if we
- > had to cancel this year over a fence. Please consider helping us out so
- > that we can get over this hump.
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- > Thank you for your time and consideration.
- > Rowan B. Wakefield / Phoenix Faerie Festival

The board voted to give her a \$500.00 grant and a \$2000.00 loan.

Mike Cassidy resigned from the board effective October 9th, 2009. Ethan Moe had then rolled on, as past Chair of LepreCon 35. Lee Whiteside then had to vacate his voting board position because as Chair of LepreCon 36 he is now the President per the bylaws. This left 2 positions vacant. Mark Boniece was appointed to fill the last year of Lee Whiteside's term, while Shahn Cornell was appointed to fill the last portion of Mike Cassidy's term.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin McAlonan mentioned that the annual Browncoats' fundraiser screenings of Serenity for Equality Now are coming up. There will be one in Tucson on September 15th, and one in Phoenix on the 17th. This year the screenings will also include Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog. He asked if Leprecon would donate money towards raffle prizes. It was mentioned that the Browncoats volunteered at Westercon. Kevin would like a donation of whatever we would give. Last year it was \$250.00. Nadine Armstrong moved to donate \$250.00 - Lee Whiteside seconded. There was no discussion. Many for, none against. 1 abstention. Kevin will get the details to Jeff Richards. Jim Webbert asked where the art was that was given to Leprecon Inc. There was discussion of what this was and where it might be. Mike Willmoth said that he would ask David Gish if he knew anything about it.

Margie Grady - Mike Cassidy brought up an issue with decorations for Discworld. Margie wants to rent them to the convention for \$2000 instead of being reimbursed for them. Discussion of monies and IRS rules for members to make a profit. Members can't get profit from art show and dealers room. Shahn Cornell wants to know what the rental includes. \$2000 plus supplies?

Response was that if they are not rented, Leprecon will have to store them. Discussion of rental vs purchase of Discworld decorations. Most are in bins. Margie wants \$2000 for the decorations. If

we buy it, there would be additional storage units. Straw poll taken to leave it as Lee's (Discworld Chair) decision - 12 not worried, 2 against, 5 abstained.

Will corporate chip in money for a Chill party at Discworld to promote Lep 35/36? Jeff George moved that corporate donate \$200 towards the chill party. It will be a dry party, no alcohol. Shahn Cornell will host. Yes - Many, Opposed - 0, 1 abstained.

Announcements

Discussion of upcoming promotion opportunities. LosCon to promote LepreCon 36. TusCon promotions - Best place to promote is actually at the Tucson book festival and not TusCon.

Next meeting - Nov 8th, 3 pm.

Board Elections

Some discussion of what is up for voting. Shahn's 2 year chair from Lep 33 would normally have expired except Leprecon 35 has not happened yet, so Ethan Moe cannot fill it yet. Move that Shahn Cornell will stay in the position until after LepreCon 35, then Ethan Moe would take over. For - Many, Against - 0, Abstained - 0

Three year position - Mike Willmoth is due. Mike Cassidy has 1 year left, Jean has 2 years, Lee has 2 years.

Mike Willmoth elected by acclamation to open three year term.

Chair of LepreCon 38

Kevin McAlonan declined, Mark Boniece accepted. Shahn Cornell moved they close.

Vote was: For - Many, Against - 0, Abstained - 0

Mark Boniece elected Chair of LepreCon 38

Leprecon Board Officers

Chair - Mike Willmoth by acclamation

Vice-Chair - Shahn Cornell and Lee Whiteside nominated. Shahn Cornell will do if non-voting Secretary - No nominations

Treasurer - Jeff Richards does not want to continue. Jeff George declined. Board will appoint someone.

Next meeting - November 8th at 3 pm at Coco's.

Jim Webbert moved, Shahn Cornell seconded, Vote is Many, 0, 0 . Meeting closed.

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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.