

Leprecon, Inc. Meeting Minutes - 5/2/2010

Meeting Started at 3:15 pm

17 people present - Guests included Michael Contos, Theresa Contos, Len Berger, and Kevin McAlonan  
Mike Griffin assigned his proxy to Nadine Armstrong

Minutes from preceding meeting were read. Jean G. approved, Gary second. Many Approved, 0 against, 1 abstained.

Gary asked about the status of Westercon refunds. Mike Willmoth indicated that Jeff Richards ran out of checks and had to reorder to be able to finish.

Financial Report - See attached

Doreen W. Approved, Jim W. seconded, Many, 0, 1

Lep 36 Report - Theresa - indicated that TusCon was interested in an ad trade. Mike W (treasurer) reported we currently had about 115 paid memberships. Also noted that room nights were low. Jim Webbert indicated he'd made a reservation that was not in the block and would get Mike the confirmation number.

LepreCon 37 Report - John Picacio as Artist Guest, Elizabeth Bear and Sarah Monette as author guests. The authors will also take part in the Shadow Unit mini-con as part of the convention with Emma Bull, Will Shetterly and others.

LepreCon 38 Report - Still looking for a hotel and guests.

World Fantasy 2004 - Still working on the memory DVDs.

Westercon 62/FiestaCon - Jeff Richards working on getting more checks. Donations made to other organizations will be \$35 towards the organization that the staff member specifies. Staff who worked significant time pre-con will be able to specify \$70 for their org donation. Jean G. recommended giving to state parks, many of which as closed down due to the budget crunch. Mike plans to have it wrapped up before Westercon 63 in July.

Discworld Report - Final Charity donations have been made - \$828 to Breast cancer via Esther Friesner, \$15,172.68 to Alzheimer's Research Trust and \$14,752.28 to the Orangutan Foundation. We will do a pass-through of a bit under \$2000 as a pass-forward to the 2011 NA Discworld Convention. For organizing the video, Michael Contos wants to do a viewing party to watch the footage to determine what should be used. Gary noted that he has audio of some of the events and panels. Hope to do the party sometime in June.

Left Coast Crime - No real progress

Bylaws committee - no report

Database - No Report

Tucson Festival of Books - No real news. They are working on arranging for authors.

Website - still there. Nothing new to report.

Strategic Planning - No Report - Noted outside influences such as the Immigration bill and Phoenix Comic Con having an influence on our prospects.

Quartermaster - No real updates

## Old Business

Corporate Filing - Mike has not gotten together with Bruce Farr yet. Gary noted that we do have the minutes from 1989 to 1999 scanned in to files on CD. Not transcribed, but scanned in.

Discussion follow-up of proposal by Jean Goddin to have the board select a Preferred Guest - Use some of the corporate funds to cover the cost of additional guests to be honored such as UK artists Jim Burns and David Hardy. Lots of discussion and then tabled for further discussion during New Business.

LepreCon announce - Will do a mailing to it for LepreCon 36.

LepreCon storage - Need to renew the 10'x10' storage for another year. Close out the second, smaller storage space and move it all into the big one after LepreCon 36. Voted - Many for, 0 against, 0 abstained.

Online Business - Phoenix Comic Con - Board agreed to loan video projectors to Phoenix Comic Con in exchange for an ad in their program book. Requested that they sign a form for the loan.

## New Business

Sue Uttke - suggested we might look into video conferencing at a con for some overseas guests.

Jean Goddin - Motion for a specific guest at each LepreCon sponsored by Leprecon, Inc. It would cover transportation, accommodations, per diem for the guest.

Mark - Noted that he'd like to have something similar to cover media guests.

Mark seconded Jean's motion and more discussion ensued. Vote - 8 for, 1 opposed, 3 abstained.

Discussion of a debit card for Discworld - Mike noted that the board had previously discussed use of debit cards for bank accounts and voted not to use them previously. Cards were activated and used for some Discworld expenses. They had expired and needed to be restarted. Discussion followed on use of debit versus credit. Motion by Gary Swaty to have corporate account with no overdraft without monthly fees. Mike Seconded. Vote was 7 for, 0 against, 3 abstain. Gave OK for Jeff to finish out Discworld convention with the card for any final expenses.

Mike noted that he had been approached about an international space development conference. The person was asked to appear at the meeting but had not shown up.

Mark asked about how Space Access did. It was indicated that there was a good turnout and support from NASA.

## Announcements

Phoenix Comic Con - Memorial Day weekend  
Westercon - in Pasadena over July 4th  
San Diego Comic Con - July 22-25  
NASFIC in Raleigh, NC in early August.

Next meeting - August 15th, 3 pm at Coco's Restaurant, Tempe, AZ

Jim Moved, Nadine seconded  
Meeting ended at 4:47 pm.