

Leprecon, Inc. Meeting Minutes - Aug 7, 2011

Meeting started at 3:07 pm MST. Held at Coco's Restaurant, Priest Dr & Elliot Rd, Tempe, AZ.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of 4/17/11 meeting read. Approved by Many, 0 against, 1 abstention

Treasurer's Report - See attached. Total of all accounts is \$39,615.28. Approval Nadine motioned, Don seconded, Many for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

Committee Reports

Lep 37 - The convention happened with turnout comparable to Lep 36, just shy of 400 total. Did meet the 150 night room block. People had a good time. Mike Willmoth does not yet have a final financial report for the convention. Still needs to clear up about 30 PayPal transactions and deposit those funds to the account. Mike will have a final report at the next meeting.

Lep 38 - Mark Boniece reported that Lep 38 ended up switched from the Mesa Marriott to the Tempe Mission Palms as he did not like the contract being offered by the Marriott and the Tempe Mission Palms was easier to work with. Room Rate will be higher than Lep 37 at \$125 per night, including resort fee. It will be Easter weekend, April 6-8, the first weekend in April. Franchesco! is the Artist GoH, Joe Haldeman is the Author GoH. Gary is negotiating with a possible Filk GoH, Tom Smith. 70% of committee is together. Still need programming and a few other positions, including Treasurer. Still need to consider Corporate artists.

WFC - DVDs are progressing. Had to research addresses for those remaining. 120-130 have been mailed. Checking account will be closed and Mike will probably take the leftover DVD's to this year's WFC and hand them out.

Westercon 62 - Still have program books to get to members. No luck handing them out to people at Westercon 64.

Discworld - Jeff working on closing out the financial side of things. Money in the savings account was moved back into checking. and then closed savings account. Mike did not see the deposit and it is not on the bank statement. Mike and Jeff will research. Still needs to close the checking and move the funds into the corporate account. Total attending was 840 with the banquet being around 290, having planned for 300.

ConFlagration gaming con - Mark and Mike working on hotel contract. Planned for June of 2012. Jason Youngdale with be Gamemaster. Days will be Friday-Sunday. Question was asked if Conflagration will need its own bank account. Mike suggested it would need an advance from corporate. Mark moves for a \$1000 advance from corporate for Conflagration with Jeff George seconding. Many for, 0 against, 0 abstained.

Bylaws - No activity

Database - Needs to get artist information entered.

Database committee - review data and make entries standardized.

Tucson Book Festival - Exhibitor information will not be available until fall. It will be the second weekend in March. Guests so far include Naomi Novik and Terry Brooks.

Social Media - Discussion of Facebook page.

Steering committee - Had a meeting on July 31. Lee Whiteside, Mark Boniece, Theresa Contos, Michael Contos, Jeff George, Paul Tanton, Mike Willmoth and Don Jacques. Discussed database, survey, and publicity. 3/8 voted for holiday while 5/8 wanted long term contracts. Consensus is for annual survey plus also make it available on the web and at con panels. Wait to see how Lep 38 goes before deciding to set a standard weekend. Should specify anchor events such as meet the pros and Saturday night receptions, also should combine author and artists into one event.

Quartermaster - No new activity. Need more shelving. Board voted to loan food services equipment to ASFA for Worldcon. Mike needs to pick it up. Mike suggests we have a checklist to be used when checking stuff in and out. Don will prepare one. Discussion of shelving. Don will prepare updated list.

Old Business

Non-profit status - Mike has not heard from Bruce Farr. He did get Bruce some additional financials that he needed.

Website - same as before. No minutes posted online yet.

Preferred GoH list - Need more inputs.

Lep 39 Chair - Still no interest.

CD Rates for deposits - Sent to the board, but no discussion happened. Mike will be looking into options.

Nadine provided letter to Mike Willmoth for getting Ray Gish off the bank accounts.

Trade Mark versus Trade Name issue with CASFS was dropped.

Noted loan of items for use by ASFA at the upcoming Worldcon.

Need to work on pass-through memberships from LepreCon 37 to LepreCon 38.

Online Business

Approved a \$5,000 transfer from corporate to Lep 37 to pay the art show checks.

Approved PO Box costs of \$65 and storage unit of \$1765.56 - 10% higher rate to the end of June next year.

Approved hotel contract for LepreCon 38.

New Business

Discussion of doing a bid for the 2014 NASFiC with Worldcon likely being in London. Mike has talked with the Tempe Mission Palms about dates from early August to Labor Day. Raleigh NASFiC had 700 warm bodies, 800 total members. 2009 Westercon had comparable numbers. NASFiC is run under WSFS bylaws. Bidding for a Phoenix Worldcon is unlikely, and NASFiC is a subset of Worldcon attendees. We would treat it more like a Westercon. TMP room rate of \$99 per night. Bid would use corporate funds for promotion and should start now, beginning with Worldcon in Reno. We would have three years to promote it. London Worldcon dates are planned for Aug 14-18. Motion made to announce at bid at Worldcon - 18 for, 1 against, 0 abstained.

Corsairs - offered to help with Leprecon 38, would help with security, etc.

Jim Webbert - Discussion of Secretary reports - notes that other organizations put their reports online. Hand out of hardcopy at the meetings. Motioned made by Jim to have hardcopies at meeting - 11 for, 4 opposed, 4 abstained.

Elections

Chair of Lep 37 - now on board for two years. Chair of Lep 38 - non voting board member. Current 3 year positions - Mike started in 2009, Jeff in 2010, Jean rolls off. Lep 36 spot (currently Mark) must now be vacated since he is on the board as Lep 38 chair. 3 year board spot - Jean nominated. Len moved, and Mark seconded for acclamation - Many for, 0 against, 1 abstained. Lep 36 spot - Michael Contos and Patti Hultstrand nominated. Voting by secret ballot - Michael Contos wins position. 13, 7, 1 blank.

Board Elections

Chair Mike Willmoth

Vice-Chair Mark Boniece

Secretary - Nadine declines (Lee will do it for the time being)

Treasurer - Tina Batt may consider it in November - Lee, Jeff and Mike W. will continue as committee

Announcements - Mention of Worldcon in Reno this year and Costume Con in Tempe in 2012, World Fantasy in San Diego, and DarkCon in January.

Next Meeting - Sunday, Nov 6, 2011, at 3:00 pm MST at Coco's Restaurant, Priest Dr & Elliot Rd, Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm MST.