

Leprecon, Inc. Minutes 4/27/2011

Meeting opened at 3:22 pm

Minutes read from Feb 2011 meeting.

Accepted as read - Many, 0, 1

November meeting minutes waived reading

Treasurer's report given. See attached. Total of \$45,523.97

Mike now has online access of BofA accounts

Accepted pending certifications

LepreCon 37 - Three weeks out

Programming almost done. We are low on hotel rooms, need to make the 150 mark to save money on function space

Parties scheduled include Dark Ones, WesterCon 64, Cathy & Ron Book pirate party

LepreCon 38 Artist GoH is Franchesco!, Author GoH is Joe Haldeman. Planned for Easter weekend. Currently planning for Mesa Marriott at \$105 a night with Tempe Mission Palms at a higher room rate as the backup. Contract with Marriott would be less risk than the one for Lep 36.

World Fantasy - Mike is still working on DVDs.

WesterCon - Have a couple of checks to mail and then should be done

Discworld - Lee needs to check with Jeff on status of accounts.

Conflagration gaming con - Looking to start it in June of 2012. Had considered doing an early promo event, but that was scrubbed when VulKon scheduled one at Gamer's In. Not really enough time to get it going in 2011. Indications from Tempe Mission Palms would be a room rate of \$95 for June 2012. Motion made to move the gaming convention to June 2012 - Unanimous.

Database report - All cons now included. 5,230 entries total.

Comment from Nadine to say thanks for getting it done!

Discussion on what we can do with the information in the future.

Alternate storage location will include a copy on a machine in the storage locker.

Set up a database committee to oversee it - Mike Contos, Don Jacques, Mike Willmoth, Mark

Boniece

Tucson Book Festival - Fairly successful. Lots of flyers handed out.

Social Networking - Paul has been putting out information on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Discussion of possibly doing proxies via facebook or via other social media.

Strategic planning - no meeting. Mike will take over the committee - Members to include Michael Contos, Don Jacques, Mark Boniece, Lee Whiteside

Quartermaster - Don Jacques has inventoried the storage locker. Shelving has been bought and set up. Consolidated bins and all old and expired food has been disposed of.

Teresa Contos noted that one coffemaker that was labeled for water only was used at MythosCon for coffee.

Note that possibly 3 of the crockpot in storage are ones that belong to Adam Niswander

Discussion of labeling items for identification.

Done - requests that 3 more shelving units be purchased. Cost for two was \$131.

Motion made to buy 3 more shelving units. Don motioned, Jean seconded. Unanimous.

Also a request for help with logistics at the upcoming LepreCon.

Discussion of the Leprecon printers - All items found except for one loader piece.  
Programming computer - is pretty old and not being used. Could be utilized for con ops for printing.

???? Don - brought up that a company was disposing of **P4 machines** and if they can be donated to Leprecon. Don will coordinate with Mike.

#### Old Business

No Update from Bruce Farr on Corporate filings/non-profit status  
Corporate details on website - No update  
Preferred Guests of Honor - Suggestions to Mike  
Special Guest - Brits not available due to conflict with EasterCon - Will check into Vincent DiFate  
- Need to decide soon for Lep 38  
Chair of LepreCon 39 - Still open - Mark is willing  
SciFi/Horror Film Festival - with move to merge it with Phoenix Film Festival in March, decided not to go for any sponsorship this year.

Online Business - Quartermaster discussions.

New Business - Request from Conjecture for an ad trade. Mike would rather we do a paid ad.

Discussion of a service that will take convention program information and put it into a phone app. Estimated cost is \$200. Jeff Jennings is working to negotiate a cheaper rate for multiple groups.

Credit Card alternatives - Mike has not checked other options out yet.

Next Meeting Sunday, August 7th, 3 pm Cocos.

Adjourned at 4:44 pm

## **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.

Meeting held at Coco's Restaurant, Priest Dr & Elliot Rd, Tempe, AZ; it started at 3:08 pm MST.

**Guests:** Jeff Cross - Member of a writing group. He has been asked to help with Green Room at LepreCon 38 in April.

**Proxies:** Gerry Nordley for Mike Willmoth

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made to waive the reading of the August minutes. Moved by Jim W, seconded by Nadine A. Vote was 6, 0, 0 (for/against/abstain).

**Treasurer's Report:** Total for all accounts, \$38,813.47; AmEx, no activity; NPC (merchant account), \$52/mth; moved to accept as presented by Jim W, seconded by Nadine A. Vote was 7, 0, 0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Lep 37** - Mike still working Charity Auction and other expenses. With Corporate covering Darrell K. Sweet, it may break even.

**Lep 38** - It will be at the Tempe Mission Palms. Have most of the committee filled.. Need treasurer & staff lounge Patti H - Program director. Don Jacques - website. Filk/Music Guests - Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff, Gaming - Todd Van Hooser, Local Artist - Mark Greenawalt. Latest committee meeting was held two weeks ago. 12 program participants confirmed. Special Artist guest - Alan Lee not responded. Vincent Di Fate declined. Brian Froud - OK'd by board.

**WFC2004** - DVDS all mailed out finally. Positive comments made by Cheryl Morgan online. Funds transferred to corporate. Account closed.

**WC62** - Still need to mail out program books for supporters and those we didn't attend.

**Discworld** - Check has been done to close out the account.

**ConFlagration** - Have hotel contract with Tempe Mission Palms. Dates are June 22-24, 2012. Working on website and postcard to be handed out at other cons. Jason Youngdale will be helping to get the word out to the gaming community.

**NASFiC Bid** - Account opened at Wells Fargo Bank. Had to re-order checks. Mike & Jean went to Fencon in Dallas and got 8-10 pre-supports. There are five levels of pre-support. Details on flyer and website. Flyers sent to conjecture in San Diego, CopperCon, and World Fantasy. Fan table done at WindyCon by local reps. Plan for flyers and program book ad for TusCon and fan table and party at LosCon. Possible presence at OryCon and SmofCon. Art by Sarah Clemens. Have B&W sketch. Color will be done soon. Sarah has indicated she has a vendor to get display banners at a good cost. Until London wins, we are not a formal bid. NASFiC voting would happen in 2013 in Texas if London wins Worldcon 2014 bid at Worldcon 2012. Contact Mike if you'd like to be on the bid team.

**Bylaws** - No report.

**Database** - Mike got latest data in October. Still need to get artist information to Don Jacques. Don has done some managing of the data. Database standards committee needs to meet and work on standardizing the data. Should get data entry parameters defined. Should have someone with registration entry experience involved.

**Tucson Book Festival** - Cost is \$395 for non-profit. Needs to be in by end of November. Motion by Lee W., 2nd by Jean G. to do the table. Vote was 10, 0, 2 abstain.

**Social Network** - Twitter & Facebook pages set up for NASFiC bid. Lep 38 has Facebook page. Question by Don on how to coordinate information on various sites.

**Strategic Planning** - No update.

**Quartermaster** - Review inventory. Checked if the Optima brand video projector has HDMI. Mike & Don need to arrange for additional shelving.

**Old Business:**

**ASFA** - Mike and Jean will no longer be on the ASFA Board. The agreement with ASFA is for Lep to handle the PO Box for ASFA and is in effect for another year.

**Non-profit status** - Mike met with Bruce Farr. Update has been sent to IRS, expect response in 5-6 weeks.

**Corporate details on website** - no change.

**Preferred GoH list** - need more input. Jeff George asked if there was a list of who has been a guest in the past. Mike will put it together. May have Don work up a database. Special GoH - Extend an invite for Brian Froud.

**New Reg laptop** - Recent sales at Fry's Electronics have had good deals for a laptop suitable for use. Current one is very outdated. Lenovo model at \$300 with 4 GB Ram. Don asked if other areas also needed a laptop. Motion was made and seconded to get two laptops, one for reg and one for programming. Board to make the final decision on specifications. Vote was 12, 0, 1.

**Toner cartridges for printers** - Still need new ones. Don will put a replacement date in inventory file.

**Corporate Treasurer position** - Tina Batt declined. Bruce Farr volunteered to be corporate treasurer. Move by Mike W, seconded by Jeff G. Vote was 12, 0, 1.

**LepreCon 39 Chair** - Someone from the Corsairs inquired but was not present. Nadine A. moved that Board proceed to look into hotels. Don seconded. Vote was 11, 0, 1.

#### **Online Business:**

**ConFlagration** hotel contract passed; vote was 4, 0, 1.

Board approved **Phoenix Faerie Festival loan** for \$2000; vote was 3, 0, 1. It was noted that there was no mention of Leprecon on the web site. Mike W. will follow up with PFF.

**AZ Browncoat** donation for \$150 approved; vote was 5, 0, 0.

**SFWA Renewal** was due; approved \$100 to renew; vote was 3, 0, 0.

**Fan Table Policy and Party Policy** were presented, discussed; vote was 5, 0, 0.

#### **New Business:**

Lee W. has some **slides from LepreCon 17** found in Jim Cryer's archives that could be converted into digital files. Cost would be \$20 to \$25. Lee W. moved & Jeff G. seconded to do this. Vote was 11,0,1.

Mark Boniece brought up a chance to experiment with having a **media guest for LepreCon 38**. Possibilities include Bill Blair - Alien Artist - fee of \$1K (was a guest at Leprecon in 2006); Sid Mead - Futurist Artist who was involved with TRON; Stephen Furst - Vir on Babylon 5 - Fee is \$1,500. Mark proposed we authorize up to \$2000 from corporate for a media guest. Jean G. moved, Jeff G. seconded; vote was 8,0,5.

**Announcements** - None

**Next meeting:** February 12, 2012, 3 pm, Coco's; vote was many, 0, 0.

Meeting closed at 4:32 pm MST.