

Minutes of Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 12, 2012

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Priest Drive & Elliott Road, Tempe, AZ

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:14 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Mike Willmoth, Jean Goddin, Lee Whiteside, Jeff George, and Michael Contos

Non-Voting Board Members present: Mark Boniece, Donald Jacques, Kevin McAlonan, and Paul Tanton (by proxy).

Members present: Elizabeth Allen, Len Berger, Catherine Book, Theresa Contos, Saul Garnell (also gave proxy to Mike Willmoth), Patti Hultstrand, Glenna Lawrimore, Christina Paige, Dave Rood, Susan Uttke, and Jason Youngdale.

Proxies: Lisa-Marie Brown, Franchesco Bufano, Mike Cassidy, Jane Dennis, Scott Dennis, Lea Farr, Maryeileen Flanagan, Saul Garnell, Jeff Jennings, Louise Kleba, Thomas W. Lawrimore, ~~Marty Massoglia~~^a, Stellar Miller, Kathryn Moor, Nora Rankin, Sharolyn Slaker, Michael A. Stackpole, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth

Ron Book, Anna Connors, Patrick Connors, Christine Dickenson, Lyle Dillie, Getonna Mazza, Chris Swanson, Gary Swaty, Gus Talbott, and JB Talbott to Catherine Book

Nadine Armstrong, Jeanne Cook/Gini Koch, and Michael Fett to Lee Whiteside

Jim Strait to Mark Boniece

Paul Tanton to Kevin McAlonan

Late proxies: Tim Smith and David Gish to Jason Youngdale.

Guests: None

Petitions for Membership: None

^aProxy received, but ineligible due to status as a dealer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 21, 2012, meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made Michael Contos, seconded by Jason Youngdale, and passed many-0-1.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Mike Willmoth at Bruce Farr's request, since Bruce could not attend the meeting. As of July 31, 2012, the balances are:

Bank of American Leprecon checking	\$22,568.98
PayPal	1,764.66
Well Fargo ConFlag checking	300.78
Wells Fargo ConFlag savings	100.05
Wells Fargo Leprecon checking	866.03
Wells Fargo Leprecon savings	200.09
Wells Fargo NASFiC checking	3,292.47
Wells Fargo NASFiC savings	<u>700.24</u>
	\$ 29,793.30

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made Michael Contos, seconded by Jeff George, and passed many-0-1.

Condolences were extended to Jeff George on the death of his sister, and to Kevin McAlonan on the death of his wife.

Leprecon, Inc. Executive Session: Mike Willmoth reported that the Board met in executive session on June 10, 2012, and voted to reprimand Mark Boniece for failing to maintain order at the Lep 38 meeting, which has affected the organization and its relations with other persons and groups, and to reprimand Lee Whiteside for contributing to an emotionally charged issue and exercising poor judgment, which exacerbated the problem.

LepreCon 38 Committee Report: Mark Boniece reported that they are still closing it out. Mike Willmoth reported that they will have Bruce Farr go over the expenses, but it appears that the convention lost about \$2,800. Jason Youngdale asked about a financial analysis of the risk and why we lost money. Mike Willmoth responded that the annual Leprecon conventions have not made a profit in several years, but other conventions that we have run have been profitable.

LepreCon 39: Patti Hultstrand reported that we have the Mesa Marriott as a hotel, the website is up, we are working on getting more new faces on staff and committee, and we are still working on many things. Mike Willmoth added that the convention will be May 10-12, 2013 (Mother's Day weekend).

Conflagration 2012: Mark Boniece reported that the convention was a little smaller than we had hoped (about 200), but the dealers made money and there were many favorable comments from attendees. The convention came close to breaking even. We will need to look at the competition when deciding whether to do it again next year. Mike Willmoth added that the room nights were in the low 2-digits. Jason Youngdale added that the convention had to delay

opening for two to three hours because of problems with the hotel, and asked if we could get a discount. Mike Willmoth said that was doubtful, especially because of the low room nights, and that Mark could file a complaint if he wanted to, but that might hurt us in the future. Mike Willmoth added that we may not want to use Tempe Mission Pals for a future Conflagration.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that we had a presence at Westercon in Seattle and sponsored the consuite one afternoon. We are now at about 60 pre-supports. After talking with the site-selection director for LoneStarCon 3 (where the vote will be held), the pre-support no longer includes the voting fee – that will have to be paid separately. He will need to speak to those who pre-supported at that level.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee met on August 5, 2012, and drafted a proposed amendment to section 2.1.3 and a new section 9.1.3. Because we did not have time to notify everyone before this meeting, we will need to wait until the next meeting to vote on the changes. The proposed changes were read to the members. Copies of the changes are available through Mike Willmoth and Kevin McAlonan.

Database: Donald Jacques reported that there was no new data; Mike Willmoth is to supply the Lep 38 data.

Database Standards: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee met on August 5, 2012. The committee's recommendations were discussed at length. Jason Youngdale moved and Christina Paige seconded that we get a non-Excel database program; motion passed 7-2-6. Jason, Don, and other interested people are to get together and discuss what program to get.

Tucson Book Festival: Lee Whiteside reported he has no information about vendor costs for next year's book festival.

Social Networking: Mike Willmoth reported that Paul Tanton is doing his job.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: Mike Willmoth reported that we have written descriptions for several positions; he moved and Donald Jacques seconded accepting the committee's recommendation to describe the positions for the benefit of future conventions; passed 12-0-1.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported that we are still missing two large coffee urns after LepreCon 38. Sue Uttke stated that the urns were left in the staff lounge area for logistics to pack up. Mike Willmoth is to check with the hotel. Mark Boniece stated that he still had the cashbox and some other stuff from Conflagration. Mike Willmoth needs to get some things for upcoming NASFiC bid promotions.

Non-Profit Status: Mike Willmoth reported that he has no new information from Bruce Farr.

Corporate Details on Website: Mike Willmoth reported that we have nothing new.

Preferred GoH List: Mike Willmoth reported that we have nothing new. There was a brief discussion regarding the purpose of the program and whether it should be suspended.

Discworld Funds: Because there have been no further communications, this item is to be removed from the agenda.

Online Business: Mike Willmoth reported on the online business conducted since the last May 21, 2012, meeting, including:

- Mike Willmoth transferred funds from WFB-FLG-Sav to WFB-FLG-Chk;
- Patti Hultstrand asked to borrow Lep's video projector, approved 3-0-0;
- Mike Willmoth returned borrowed equipment to the storage unit after returning from ConQuest in KC;
- Mark Boniece requested an additional \$1500 from corporate for Conflagration, approved 5-0-0;
- The Board discussed possibly moving storage unit elsewhere to save money, decision deferred until December;
- Mike Willmoth requested an additional \$1000 from corporate for LepreCon 38, approved 4-0-0;
- Mike Willmoth added Bruce Farr to the corporate checking account;
- Mike Willmoth transferred funds from ConFlag (WFB-FLG-Chk) and from NASFiC (WFB-NAS-Chk) to Lep38 for ribbons;
- The Board voted to pay for event insurance for Conflagration from BOA-Lep-Chk;
- The Board voted to renew membership in SFWA, approved 5-0-0;
- The Board voted to approve hotel contract for Lep39 at Mesa Marriott, 4-0-0; and
- Mark Boniece asked for \$2,000 in additional funds from corporate so ConFlag could pay the hotel bill, approved 5-0-0.

Cathy Book asked about the sponsorship procedure. Mike Willmoth, Michael Contos, and Kevin McAlonan explained that the sponsoring organization and the convention chair are to work out an agreement, which is then presented to the Board for review.

Board Election: Mike Willmoth's three-year term is expiring. After discussion, it was decided that persons who attended Lep 38 would be active members at this meeting and eligible to vote. Mike Willmoth and Cathy Book both accepted nominations for the seat. Cathy Book's eligibility to run because her attendance at the quarterly Board meetings did not satisfy § 3.5 of the Bylaws was discussed; it was decided that she was eligible to run. Voting was done by paper ballot. Michael Contos, Mark Boniece, and Dave Rood were selected to count the votes. Mike Willmoth was announced as the winner.

Arizona Browncoats: Kevin McAlonan, seconded by Jeff George, moved to give \$100 to

Arizona Browncoats, Inc., for their “Can’t Stop the Serenity” fundraiser for Equality Now and local Arizona charities; approved many-0-0.

LepreCon 40 Chair: Tabled.

Announcements were made.

Donald Jacques, seconded by Jeff George, moved that the meeting be adjourned; motion passed many-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.