

Minutes of Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2012

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

Kevin McAlonan acting as Secretary for Lee Whiteside.

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:03 p.m.

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

Non-Voting Board Members present: Mark Boniece, Donald Jacques, and Paul Tanton.

Guests: None

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Gerald Nordley to Mike Willmoth

Reports

Secretary's Report: Motion to waive reading of secretary's report made by Jim Webbert, seconded by Jean Goddin, passed 7-2-3.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bruce Farr reported, stating that he is looking to get information on account transactions from individual treasurers and hopes to have a profit & loss statement by the next quarterly meeting.
- In response to a question about whether the annual report had been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Bruce stated that he did not know; Mike Willmoth to check the Corporation Commission website.
- In response to a question about the 501(c)(7) application, Bruce stated that he is updating the paperwork and it should be done by the next quarterly meeting.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented made by Jim Webbert and seconded by Jean Goddin; passed 10-0-2.

LepreCon 36 Committee Report: Mike Willmoth reported that the preliminary figures show that the convention lost about \$1,823. Final numbers are pending review by Bruce Farr.

LepreCon 37 Committee Report: Mike Willmoth reported that the preliminary figures show that income was \$12,834, expenses were \$13,211, for a loss of about \$387. These numbers include the Corporate contribution for Darryl Sweet. Final numbers are pending review by Bruce Farr.

LepreCon 38 Committee Report:

- Mark Boniece reported that things are in good shape—guests lined up, zeroing in on programming.
- Mike Willmoth reported that airfare for Joe & Gay Haldeman have been booked; airfare for Franchesco has not yet been booked, but should be about \$500. Nadine Armstrong suggested using Allegiant Airlines, which might be less expensive. (Allegiant flies into Williams Gateway in Mesa.)
- Mike Willmoth also reported that he needs Stephen Furst’s schedule to schedule his flights (Mark Boniece to provide).
- Mark Boniece reported that a UFP Jeopardy event with Stephen Furst is planned.
- Mark Boniece also reported that plans include a showing of *Animal House* at M.A.D.C.A.P. Theaters with Stephen Furst, probably on Friday night. This will be an extra fee event. Cost will probably be \$10, which should break even or might show a profit. This would be used to promote the convention on the ASU campus.
- Mark Boniece also reported that gaming is being set up, as well as a video room (run by Mike Fett) to be put near the traffic areas.
- Mike Willmoth also reported that he is still receiving memberships through PayPal and by mail.
- Mike Willmoth also reported that Fo’Paws will not be available to do merchandise, and he is looking at alternatives.

Westercon 62 (2009) Report: Mike Willmoth reported that program books still need to be sent out.

ConFlagration 2012: Mark Boniece reported:

- Imperial Outpost and Game Depot are sponsors;
- An auction for used and collectible games is planned;
- They are hoping for LAN gaming and looking for a sponsor;
- Vul-Con is later this month, and plans are to distribute fliers, possibly run some games for publicity, and make some industry contacts, but not sell memberships; and
- No memberships sold as yet, but that should change once the gaming schedule is posted on the website.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported:

- Things are moving forward;
- Bill Thomasson and Dina Krause have a fan table at CapriCon this weekend in

- Chicago to promote the bid;
- They did well at LosCon—having different levels for pre-support memberships (\$20, \$40, \$60, \$80, and \$100, with increasing benefits) paid off by bringing in over \$1300;
- They have some 40 pre-supports, even though the bid is not official yet (London has to get the Worldcon bid first for 2014, which seems likely at this point due to lack of competition);
- They are hoping to have a presence at other conventions, whether fliers, a fan table, or a party—please let Mike Willmoth know if you are willing to help;
- A contract has been signed with Tempe Mission Palms, with a date two weeks before the London Worldcon;
- Attendance will likely be small – Raleigh NASFiC 2010 had only 700 warm bodies – so they will try to budget for a break-even count of 600;
- They have 24 people on the bid team already, including a number of Raleigh people on board, and are hoping to add more;
- They are focusing on publicity until the bid becomes official; and
- They hope to hit every major convention with at least a fan table before the convention occurs in 2014.

Michael Contos also offered lights and tables for bid parties.

Bruce Farr asked about competition; Mike Willmoth responded that Cincinnati was mentioned online, but it seems unlikely based on what he has learned at Renovation (Worldcon 2011), FenCon, LosCon, etc.

Sue Uttke asked if having the con at the Tempe Mission Palms will be helpful in generating interest; Mike Willmoth responded that it might be based on past successful events held there, and that he is not worried about any negative reports about the hotel.

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Database Committee:

- Mike Willmoth reported that the committee held a meeting in January and discussed which fields in the database we should keep. While Donald Jacques has been adding all information as it comes in from the conventions, the committee feels that some fields and information should be removed and some fields should be renamed. A list of the proposed changes was available for review at the meeting.
- Michael Contos asked whether information about the dates of membership sales would be available to track sales over time (*i.e.*, how many memberships sold six months out, four months out, two months out, *etc.*) Mike Willmoth responded that the committee is working on that, and Donald Jacques added that it was the goal they are working toward.
- Michael Contos also asked whether hotel floor plan measurements would be in the database. Mike Willmoth responded that such information was outside the scope of the database committee meeting, but that he had some information due to his

- Hotel Liaison experience.
- Paul Tanton asked whether the fields could be modified by the individual convention. Mike Willmoth responded that it could be done, and offered examples of different types of information that different conventions would need to keep (such as voting rights for Worldcons). That type of information would not end up in the master database, however, because we do not need it over the long term.
- Nadine Armstrong moved and Bruce Farr seconded accepting the recommendations of the committee regarding the removal and changes to the database fields; motion passed 14-0-2.
- Donald Jacques reported that the status of the database is “where it was.”
- Mike Willmoth stated that the next step is standardizing and correcting the information, as well as adding data integrity features.
- Bruce Farr asked whether this was the old FanMaster database. Mike Willmoth responded that it is our own and not the same as the CASFS database since the split several years ago. We have a lot of information going back to Leprecon 27, but there are duplications and missing information. Our current database is sorted by event name, not by membership name.

Tucson Book Festival: Lee Whiteside reported:

- We have a booth between Mysterious Galaxy and Mystery Writers of America;
- The Book Fair will be held on March 10 & 11, 2012, on the University of Arizona campus and opens at 9:30 or 10 a.m.;
- We are looking for local authors because Mysterious Galaxy will have a smaller staff this year and will be focusing primarily on Penguin Putnam authors; and
- We need help staffing the booth—contact Lee Whiteside.

In response to a question from Donald Jacques, Mike Willmoth responded that the focus will be on our conventions and what our organization does.

Paul Tanton asked whether we would be sharing the booth with anyone. Lee Whiteside responded that we would be on our own, since TusCon will have their own corner booth nearby.

Bruce Farr asked what we could bring, and offered to help with printing. Lee Whiteside and Nadine Armstrong responded that we can have pretty much anything and have had fliers and back issues of magazines (ASIMOV’S and FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION).

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that we are on Facebook, Twitter, and WordPress, promoting our NASFiC bid, Leprecon, and Conflagration.

Strategic Planning: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee had not met since the last quarterly meeting.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported:

- The last two shelves are up;
- The inventory is completed and we have a lot of paper products and serving utensils (over 1,000 items), so we should not need to order much for the next convention;
- The original video projector did not come back from DarkCon 2012 and one art flat was damaged at that convention; and
- DarkCon had paid for the damage that had occurred at the previous DarkCon.

Mark Boniece stated that DarkCon had acquired a replacement video projector, but it had come with a soft case and DarkCon was looking into obtaining a hard case for the projector. We should have the projector by the time we need it for Leprecon 38.

Spare bulbs for the projectors should be in the rolling AV cart.

In response to a question about additional shelving units, Donald Jacques stated that we have four shelving units now. While we might be able to fit in one more set of shelves, with the rolling AV cart and other items, it would not be practical. However, we could get rid of some items, such as a TV, a VCR, and the carousel slide projector.

Discussion was held regarding speakers and amplified systems – we need to see what works, what is broken, and what is inadequate for our needs, such as the unamplified speakers.

Donald Jacques also reported on his inventory of the reg box. We have about 1½ bags of clips (about 750) and a ¾ of a box of laminates (about 375), so we will need to order more laminates. We have three P-touch units—one with no power cord or adapter—and a spare black ribbon for each unit.

Paul Tanton moved and Michael Contos seconded ordering supplies for the two upcoming conventions (LepreCon 38 and ConFlagration); passed Many-0-1.

It was suggested creating a master inventory list so that items taken out of inventory for a convention could be checked off or initialed by the person taking the items.

Mark Boniece added that a new bag of pens was in the reg box.

In about one month, Glenna Lawrimore (Lep38 Registration Director) will need to be given the reg box so that she can go through it for LepreCon 38. She does not need the cardboard box with the additional reg materials.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: See Treasurer's report.

Corporate details on website: Nothing new to report.

Preferred GoH List: Give recommendations to Mike Willmoth.

Special GoH Program: Mike Willmoth reported that Vincent DiFate declined and he had received no response from Alan Lee or Brian Froud; he suggested that efforts for an artist

be dropped for now and continue with the media guest only. No objections voiced.

Registration laptop: Mike Willmoth reported that a new laptop for registration has been purchased (about \$329 plus tax, for a total of about \$360). He is currently waiting to receive MS Office software. Con Ops can use the old reg laptop.

Shelves for storage unit: See Quartermaster's report.

Laser printer cartridges: Mike Willmoth reported that two printer cartridges for both of the laser printers have been obtained and are in the storage unit. Mark Boniece suggested that the cartridges be put into the printer boxes.

DarkCon 2010 damages: See Quartermaster's report.

LepreCon 39 chair: Mike Willmoth reported that Patti Hultstrand and Donald Jacques have expressed an interest in being co-chairs.

During a discussion of duties and time commitment for the position, it was suggested that a mentor be designated to assist and guide them, and Mark Boniece volunteered for the mentor role. It was noted that Bruce Farr could help as well, and that the Board would be available to advise as well.

Possible hotels for the convention were discussed; Mike Willmoth will work on a contract with the Phoenix Marriott Mesa; if that does not work out, he will move on to the Convention Visitors Bureau process.

Mike Willmoth moved and Jean Goddin seconded that Patti Hultstrand and Donald Jacques be co-chairs for Leprecon 39; passed 15-0-0.

Space Access: Mike Willmoth moved and Jean Goddin seconded that registration and other materials be provided to Space Access; passed 13-0-0.

Online Business

Mike Willmoth reported that the Board took the following actions since the last quarterly meeting:

NASFiC hotel contract: The contract was approved with an opt-out clause.

Registration laptop: Purchase approved; see Old Business (registration laptop).

Microsoft Office software: Purchase approved; see Old Business (registration laptop).

Transfer of funds: Approved \$3000 transfer from corporate to Leprecon 38 convention; Mike Willmoth only transferred \$1500 after booking the Haldemans' airfare using the corporate debit card.

Plastic boxes: Approved purchase of three plastic boxes (approximately \$15) to store convention records.

Transfer of funds: Approved \$1,000 transfer from corporate to ConFlagration.

DarkCon 2012: Approved use of reg box, art flats, one video projector, and the credit card machine by DarkCon.

Corporate debit card: Approved use by Mark Boniece to make fliers for LepreCon 38 and ConFlagration.

New Business

Box for book donations at LepreCon 38: Jean Goddin moved, Mike Willmoth seconded, and Mark Boniece amended for LepreCon 38 to have a box for books that will be donated directly by LepreCon to Children's First Academy; passed 15-0-5.

[Amendment per 05/21/2012 meeting: "Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 12, 2012, meeting were read. Benny Aguirre, Mark Boniece, Catherine Book, Jeff George, Jean Goddin, Patti Hultstrand, Gary Swaty, Lee Whiteside, Mike Willmoth, and Jason Youngdale engaged in an extended discussion of the vote at the February 12, 2012, meeting regarding the book donation box at Leprecon 38; the lack of a sponsorship agreement with WSFA for the book donation box; the history of problems and miscommunications regarding missing or inadequate sponsorship agreements at past Leprecons; the miscommunication with WSFA regarding the need for a sponsorship agreement for the book donation box at Leprecon 38; the March 4, 2012, Leprecon 38 staff meeting; and an upcoming executive board meeting regarding these matters. A motion to amend the February 12, 2012, meeting minutes to include discussion of the sponsorship issue was made by Jeff George, seconded by David Gish, and passed 12-0-7."]

Discworld funds: The North American Discworld Convention Steering Committee has expressed a desire that Leprecon distribute the remainder of the 50% funds from our profit. After discussion of the funds that Leprecon has already disbursed (including \$1,720 to the recent Madison Discworld 2011 convention), the new standards for operators of U.S. Discworld conventions, the lack of a formal request from the Steering Committee pre-con (it didn't exist), the lack of a formal agreement (as opposed to an "understanding") regarding Leprecon's use of the Discworld proceeds, and the unknown legal status of the Baltimore Discworld 2013 group, and related subjects, Mark Boniece moved and Jim Webbert seconded tabling the matter until the May 2012 meeting to research the Baltimore sponsoring organization; passed 13-0-4.

Missing video projector: See Quartermaster's report.

Damage to art flats at DarkCon 2012: See Quartermaster's report.

Quartermaster inventory regarding missing make/model/serial data: See Quartermaster's report.

Conflag.org registration: Lee Whiteside reported that he paid the Conflag.org registration fee out of his personal funds and requested reimbursement. Approved without objection.

Publicity regarding donations: Michael Contos suggested that Leprecon publicize through the website the donations that the organization has made to charitable organizations over past several years.

Leprecon equipment: Mike Cassidy reported that he had Leprecon items to return, including a disk duplicator and lights. Donald Jacques to handle.

World Fantasy photos and videos: Jeff George asked whether the World Fantasy videos and photos could be posted on the Leprecon website. After discussion of the releases, which allowed use of the photos and videos for publicity purposes, the consensus was to post the photos and some of the videos.

Announcements: None.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2012, at 3 p.m. at the Coco's Restaurant at Priest Drive & Elliott Road in Tempe, Arizona.

Jim Webbert moved and Mike Willmoth seconded that the meeting be adjourned; passed Many-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Date: Monday, May 21, 2012

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

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Members present: Benny Aguirre, Mark Boniece, Catherine Book, Ron Book, Bruce Farr, David Gish, Patti Hultstrand, Kevin McAlonan, Marguerite Murray, Gary Swaty, and Jason Youngdale.

Guests: None

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Gerald Nordley, Jim Webbert, and Doreen Webbert to Mike Willmoth
Michael Contos to Jeff George; Nadine Armstrong to Lee Whiteside

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 12, 2012, meeting were read. Benny Aguirre, Mark Boniece, Catherine Book, Jeff George, Jean Goddin, Patti Hultstrand, Gary Swaty, Lee Whiteside, Mike Willmoth, and Jason Youngdale engaged in an extended discussion of the vote at the February 12, 2012, meeting regarding the book donation box at Leprecon 38; the lack of a sponsorship agreement with WSFA for the book donation box; the history of problems and miscommunications regarding missing or inadequate sponsorship agreements at past Leprecons; the miscommunication with WSFA regarding the need for a sponsorship agreement for the book donation box at Leprecon 38; the March 4, 2012, Leprecon 38 staff meeting; and an upcoming executive board meeting regarding these matters. A motion to amend the February 12, 2012, meeting minutes to include discussion of the sponsorship issue was made by Jeff George, seconded by David Gish, and passed 12-0-7.

LepreCon 38 Committee Report: Mark Boniece and Mike Willmoth reported that the convention went pretty well, with attendance up about 8% (about 420 attendees), but a 20% decrease in room nights. Lots left to do. Comments were favorable, the media

guest was happy, and the attendees liked Steven Furst. Some complaints were received about not having a new book dealer. We had about seven tracks of programming. Benny Aguirre mentioned that there was a lot of confusion about times, locations, and subjects of events and programming; Mike Willmoth asked him for a list of concerns to be given to the Leprecon 39 co-chairs. Mark Boniece stated that we don't know the financial situation yet. We had two showings of Animal House, with 80 attending the first showing and 12 attending the second showing, and we probably broke even. Cathy Book made a donation to that helped. Mark Boniece and Mike Willmoth also mentioned the Toga Party, put on with the financial and staff support from the Dark Ones, which seemed to have done well. There was a discussion regarding scheduling and whether we lost attendees because the convention was held over Easter weekend. Mike Willmoth and Mark Boniece explained the difficulties with selecting the dates, considering the number of competing conventions such as CostumeCon and Phoenix ComicCon, and the high hotel costs for certain weekends between Easter and June. Also discussed was whether big name guests had much effect on attendance. Mike Willmoth asked that any suggestions be emailed to the Board so that they could be given to the co-chairs of the next convention.

Conflagration 2012: Mark Boniece reported that the convention was coming along, with about 25-30 pre-registered, but he expected an influx of registrations closer to the convention. Benny Aguirre asked whether people had heard about it, and Jason Youngdale said that fliers had been distributed to Game Depot, Bookman's, and other stores, and urged Benny Aguirre to take some fliers. Advertising and guests were discussed further, with Jason Youngdale observing that many media guests either want too much money or did not respond to invitations. Guests for Conflagration would be Ken St. Andre and Jon Wick.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that we were up to about 50 pre-supports. He and Jean Goddin would be going to ConQuest in Kansas City, and had removed some food service stuff and decorations from the storage shed for bid promotion at that convention. We had representatives for Baycon, Wiscon, and other conventions; we have fliers going to Conduit, and we will be advertising all over North America. The previous NASFiC did not advertise much, and did not do so well. There is no official opposition yet, but we have to wait for London to win the WorldCon bid, then another year before the NASFiC voting. We have a hotel contract, with an opt-out clause, for a 4-day convention on the first weekend in August. Benny Aguirre offered to take some fliers to conventions.

LepreCon 39: Mike Willmoth and Patti Hultstrand reported that dates and a hotel have not been set yet, but we are hoping for Mother's Day weekend. We have about a dozen pre-registrations and some inquiries for dealer's tables. We need to tie down the contract before we can get guests of honor.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee met on May 25th, but no formal recommendations yet.

Database and Database Standards: Mike Willmoth is to update the information.

Tucson Book Festival: Lee Whiteside reported that they received some help at the booth and got the word out about Leprecon.

Social Networking: Mike Willmoth reported that we are getting the word out on Twitter, but we do not have a Twitter account for Conflagration yet. We need to go through Paul Tanton to set up Facebook accounts with the Con chairs as administrators.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Quartermaster: Mike Willmoth reported that two large coffee urns are missing after LepreCon 38. Mark Boniece is to follow up with Alice Massoglia and Sue Uttke on that.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Farr reported that we have a total of \$45,961.25 in all accounts as of April 30, 2012. Mike Willmoth added that we paid off the credit card slips for Space Access and some of Dark Con.

Reports

Non-Profit Status: Bruce Farr reported that he is still finishing stuff, and it would be another 1½ weeks.

Corporate Details on Website: Mike Willmoth reported that we are missing some information, but we are working on it.

Preferred GoH List: Mike Willmoth reported that we received one recent submission. Please submit suggestions for author, artist, media, and other guests of honor, especially award winners, guests we have not had before, and older guests. Please bear in mind that the cost of airfare is a problem for East Coast guests.

Video Projector: Mike Willmoth reported that the video projector was replaced by Dark Con and delivered to LepreCon 38.

Faerie Nation: Mike Willmoth reported that they repaid the \$2,000 loan.

Space Access: Mike Willmoth reported that Space Access had about 180 attendees.

Discworld Funds: There still has been no formal request for funds and the status of the

Baltimore Discworld 2013 group is still unclear. Mark Boniece moved to table the matter until the Annual Meeting; motion passed 18-0-1.

LepreCon 40 Chair: Jeff George asked if LepreCon 40 would be a fan gathering if we won the NASFiC bid. Mike Willmoth recommended that we do a normal Leprecon because the two conventions would be 2½ to 3 months apart and the last fan gathering caused some folks to drop out. Jean Goddin added that it also hurt hotel negotiations. Mike Willmoth stated that the Board could make recommendations, but the con chair can do what he or she wants. The matter was tabled.

Online Business

The LepreCon 37 pass thrus into LepreCon 38 were approves by two past chairs.

Ghost transactions in the Lep 38 and ConFlagrations checking accounts failed to clear after notification with Wells Fargo.

Approved \$200 to Lee Whiteside for accommodations for the Tucson Book Festival.

Mike Willmoth used the corporate debit card to pay the \$10 filing fee for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Approved Kevin McAlonan as Secretary after Lee Whiteside's resignation as Secretary at the last Board meeting.

Approved loan to Space Access of a video projector along with previously approved equipment.

Lee Whiteside refunded \$125.22 to the NASFiC Bid checking account that was debited without approval in connection with Tucson Book Festival accommodations.

Approved purchase of projector screen for use at LepreCon 38 from Staples online for \$179 plus tax.

Approved paying insurance policy for LepreCon 38 out of corporate funds.

Leprecon 38 chair announced denials of pass thrus into LepreCon 39 as disciplinary action for two staff members involved with events at previous staff meeting.

Approved providing NADWCon 2009 banquet details to Discworld Baltimore 2013; Jeff George has not sent the information yet, due to computer problems.

Mike Willmoth transferred \$3,093.56 from the PayPal account to the corporate account,

leaving \$500 in the PayPal account.

Mike Willmoth updated the iPower account to add corporate information, at Lee Whiteside's request.

Mike Willmoth closed the WesterCon 62 checking account at Bank of America, transferring all funds to the corporate account.

Approved moving \$5,000 from corporate account to LepreCon 38 account to continue to pay bills (passed 5-0-0).

Approved paying \$52 for annual post office box fee (approved 5-0-0).

Approved moving \$1,200 from corporate account to LepreCon 38 account to continue to pay bills (passed 5-0-0).

New Business

Public Storage Unit: In response to a question from Jeff George, Mike Willmoth stated that we have been paying a year in advance to avoid the effect of cost increases. It was \$1,765.56 last year, and will probably go up about 5%. Jason Youngdale asked if we had thought about moving. Mike Willmoth said that we can look, but there would be a problem with moving all the stuff. Right now we have a 10x10 unit. Kevin McAlonan moved and Jeff George seconded paying the bill when it comes in June; passed 20-0-0. If Jason Youngdale comes up with a new place, that can be discussed online.

NADWCon 2009 swag: Jeff George stated that we have lots of leftover Discworld water bottles, and asked if we should send them to the next Discworld convention. After some discussion, it was decided to accept Jean Goddin's suggestion to give some of them away at NASFiC bid parties to promote LepreCon.

Announcements

Lee Whiteside stated that Phoenix Comic Con was this weekend.

Patti Hultstrand stated that she would be doing interviews at Phoenix Comic Con and could blurb LepreCon and NASFiC.

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Jean Goddin moved and Jeff George seconded that the meeting be adjourned; passed Many-1-1. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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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.

Minutes of 11/18/2012 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

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

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:09 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Mark Boniece (L38 - exp. August 2014), Jeff George (exp. August 2013), Jean Goddin (exp. August 2014), Lee Whiteside (L37 - exp. August 2013), and Mike Willmoth (exp. August 2015).

Non-Voting Board Members present: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), Patti Hultstrand (co-chair L39), Donald Jacques (Database Admin.; co-chair L39), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary), and Paul Tanton (Social Network Coordinator) (by proxy).

Members present: Len Berger, Catherine Book, Michael Contos, Glenna Lawrimore, Craig D. Porter, Gary L. Swaty, J.B. Talbott, Susan Uttke, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert, and Jason Youngdale.

Guests: James Brines, Rachel Korthals, and Jeremy Cook.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece

Ronald W. Book Sr., Patrick Connors, Lyle Dillie, Chris Swanson, Getonna Mazza, and Chris Paige to Catherine Book (6).

Jeff George to Michael Contos (1).

Deborah (Gus) Talbott to J.B. Talbott (1).

Nadine Armstrong, Michael Fett (by phone), and Jeanne Cook/Gini Koch to Lee Whiteside (3).

Franchesco Bufano, Louise Kleba, Sharolyn (Teri) Slaker, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (4).

David Gish, Tim Smith, and Paul Tanton to Jason Youngdale (3).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 12, 2012, meeting were read and approved 15-0-2.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Farr presented the treasurer's report. Closing balance of all bank accounts (as of 10/31/2012) is \$25,903.23, plus the Paypal account has a little over \$2,400 in it. Treasurer's report accepted 12-0-4.

Condolences were given to Len Berger for the loss of his sister and to Sarah Clemens for the loss of her cat.

LepreCon 38 Committee Report: Mark Boniece reported that it was a good convention. Mike Willmoth reported a net loss of \$766.13. There were 420 memberships.

LepreCon 39: Donald Jacques reported that they are 90% staffed. Open positions are volunteers, Consuite, and program ops. They hope to have the next meeting at the hotel in January. Hotel reservations can be made from the website. Guests will be Jon Schindehette (artist), Shelby Robertson (local artist), and Nancy Freeman (filk). An author guest has not yet been confirmed.

Conflagration 2012: Mark Boniece said that he should have the complete report in the next thirty days. Mike Willmoth reported that it looks like we made about \$116 profit, but some things are still outstanding.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that they have been sending out materials for the various conventions and had good promotion at Mile-High Con in Denver. The competition has a fair amount of east coast support, so we need to do more. LosCon is next weekend and they plan to have a fan table, a party on Saturday, and a program book ad. SmofCon is the following weekend, and they hope to do a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed voting fees with the Chicago chair at World Fantasy. Upcoming conventions are ConFusion in Detroit in January, Boskone in Boston in February, possibly Ad Astra in Toronto in April. He asked for help with the bid parties and encouraged everyone to sign up for pre-support. We have about 110 presupporters; Detroit is at about 50, including the bid committee.

Len Berger asked about ComicCon; Mike Willmoth said that he could not be there that weekend, but someone else could do a presentation if Len could set it up.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth said that recommendations would be presented later as new business.

Database and Database Standards: Donald Jacques reported that he is still processing the

Lep38 data. Mike Willmoth reported that they don't have the Conflagration data yet. A database standards report will be presented at the next meeting.

Tucson Book Festival: Lee Whiteside reported that the cost is the same as last year if paid by November 30th; the rates go up after that. Mike Willmoth said that it didn't look like we received any memberships from the last book festival, and that would be something we need to track if we do it again. Donald Jacques asked how often we have done the book festival, and Mike Willmoth said that it has been the last four to six years. Lee Whiteside said that it's good to get awareness out there. Gary Swaty suggested doing it one more time and track registrations better. Sue Uttke suggested that we offer a discount, a ribbon, or a sticker for people who sign up at the book festival. Patti Hultstrand said that we could offer a special rate for the book festival, since the price is scheduled to go up right before that weekend. A motion to pay \$395 for a Tucson Book Festival booth was made and approved 8-1-9.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton is still doing it.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported that there has been a little activity, with stuff coming back in good shape and no changes in inventory. Mike Willmoth mentioned that he would need some things for upcoming bid parties. Mark Boniece noted that some cases of water belong to CopperCon, but didn't get to the convention.

Non-Profit Status: We need to get the current books finished and provide them to the IRS. We hope to have that done by December 15, 2012.

Corporate Details on Website: Lee Whiteside said that he needs to get the last few meetings' minutes.

Preferred GoH List: Please let Mike Willmoth know of suggestions. The Board is to figure out who to bring in as special artist guest of honor now that Lep39 has chosen its guests.

Online Business:

- Database Integrity meeting scheduled to September 16th at 3pm.
- Mark Boniece asked the Board for \$100 towards Adam Niswander's memorial wake, approved 4-0-0.
- Discussed creating and publishing an anti-harassment policy. Comments from the quarterly meeting: Bruce Farr suggested looking at LosCon's policy. Mike Willmoth discussed the history of the problem. Please send an email to

Mike Willmoth if you want to be on the committee. In response to a question from J.B. Talbott, Mike Willmoth said that we have had problems in the past that were handled by Con security.

- Patti Hultstrand asked the Board to borrow one of the video projectors; approved 4-0-0.
- Paul Tanton requested a copy of the VelaVision videos in storage for use online; he needs to coordinate that with Don Jacques.
- Patti Hultstrand asked the Board about the feasibility of hosting a party at TusCon 39 for LepreCon 39, discussion followed.

New Business

Bylaws amendment: On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Mike Willmoth proposed an amendment regarding behavior. Among the concerns expressed were:

- Catherine Book questioned whether § 2.1.3 could be a problem procedurally; she also mentioned that “antisocial” is a ticklish word, and would like to have that word removed from the bylaws altogether (it also appears in § 9).
- Catherine Book also asked about the meaning of “neutral members” in § 9.3.3.1 and suggested that it be defined (this issue also was raised by Don Jacques).
- Catherine Book also noted that the amendment made no provision for the accused to tell his side, for due process, and related concerns.
- Gary Swaty asked who picks the committee.
- Len Berger asked about due process and illegality.
- Jason Youngdale asked whether the complaint could be raised again if the committee decided not to proceed or the membership voted it down.
- J.B. Talbott asked about double jeopardy.

Members of the Bylaws Committee (Mike Willmoth, Kevin McAlonan, and Michael Contos) responded to these questions by explaining the committee’s intent. In response to a question from Jason Youngdale regarding whether we could revise the amendment before voting, Mike Willmoth said that we could do that or vote on the amendment and then tweak the language.

Gary Swaty moved and Bruce Farr seconded that the membership vote on the proposed amendment; passed 20-15-2. The motion to approve the proposed amendment as written was defeated 10-21-5. The membership was asked to email suggestions for the bylaws to Mike Willmoth and Kevin McAlonan.

LepreCon 40: Mike Willmoth reported that there is a proposed contract with the Mesa Marriott for Mother’s Day weekend. Don Jacques moved and Glenna Lawrimore seconded to accept the Mesa Marriott contract even though no Lep40 chair has been elected; approved 18-0-14.

Don Jacques offered to chair Lep40. J.B. Talbott moved and Kevin McAlonan seconded

to elect Don Jacques as Lep40 chair; approved 19-0-16.

Conflagration: Jason Youngdale stated that a decision had not yet been made to hold another Conflagration convention in the future. Mark Boniece said that he would be willing to do one in 2014. Jean Goddin suggested that we do not skip a year. Don Jacques moved and J.B. Talbott seconded that the matter be tabled until Mark Boniece investigates the feasibility of doing Conflagration again; approved 23-0-10.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the Coco's Restaurant at Priest Drive & Elliott Road in Tempe, Arizona.

Motion to adjourn approved Many-3-2. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.