

Minutes of 02/10/2013 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013

Location: Mimi's Café, 4901 East Ray Road, Phoenix, Arizona

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:11 p.m.

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

Non-Voting Board Members present: Patti Hultstrand (co-chair L39), Donald Jacques (Database Administrator; co-chair L39), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary), and Paul Tanton (Social Networking Coordinator).

Members present: Catherine Book, Michael Contos, Glenna Lawrimore, Gary Swaty, Susan Uttke, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert.

Guests: Sharan Hoyle, Laura Kisrey, and Amanda Parker.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1)

Ronald W. Book Sr., Jeanne Cook/Gini Koch, Chris Johnson, and Christina Paige to Catherine Book (4).

Nadine Armstrong and Lee Whiteside to Jeff George (2).

Tim Smith and Jason Youngdale to Paul Tanton (2).

Franchesco! Bufano, Maryeileen Flanagan, Sharolyn (Terri) Slaker, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (4).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 18, 2012, meeting were read and approved 17-0-9.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Willmoth presented the treasurer's report. Closing balance of all bank accounts (as of 01/31/2013) is \$27,773.03. Treasurer's report accepted 19-0-6.

Future of ConFlagration: Mike Willmoth summarized the status of ConFlagration 2013 with respect to Jason Youngdale's MaricopaCon. It was moved and seconded to cancel ConFlagration 2013 and to support Jason Youngdale and MaricopaCon; approved 17-0-8. Mike Willmoth will work up language to be sent to Jason and posted online. Paul Tanton suggested having expanding gaming at LepreCon 39. Holding a ConFlagration in 2014 was discussed, including the conflict with NASFiC; Gary Swaty suggested rolling ConFlagration 2014 into NASFiC if we win the bid.

LepreCon 39: Donald Jacques reported that a lot has happened since the last report. New guests are Artist Raymond Swanland and Author Jack McDevitt. There are 11 Dealers Room reservations, 9 Art Show reservations, and several fan table reservations. Patti Hultstrand reported that a festival for independent films is planned to begin Thursday night and continue through the weekend. They are coordinating with Mesa Second Friday to do events and sell memberships on Main Street, and possibly bring the GoHs and have a "King of the Nerds" challenge to continue through the weekend. Donald Jacques also reported that they are working with the Dread Fleet to have a dinner show on Saturday night for an additional charge. He also stated that, in talking with folks after Lep 38, there was interest in having more events and fewer panels. Help is still needed with programming and consuite. Dread Fleet will be the new charity auction director; a charity has not been chosen yet, and a formal agreement will be prepared when the details are worked out.

Michael Contos mentioned that TusCon is using a business card with just the url and no reference to a specific convention, and suggested that LepreCon do the same, with perhaps Corporate paying for the cards. To be discussed further during new business.

LepreCon 40: Donald Jacques reported that they are working on a contract with the Mesa Marriott hotel. Michael Contos suggested Cory Doctrow as a GoH and doing a "maker fair" with Heat-Sink Labs. Mike Willmoth suggested John Scalzi as an author GoH and looking at Hugo, Chelsea, and other award winners as Artist GoHs. Jim Webbert suggested Eric Flint and David Weber as GoHs.

Conflagration 2012: Mark Boniece reported that they are about 90% done with the financial report and it looks like we made about \$800.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that he went to LosCon and received additional pre-supports; Detroit was there, but did not do as well. Regarding the SmofCon presentation, Detroit ran out of time, but we did okay and there were no extra questions for us. We received three additional pre-supports at SmofCon. Mortal Confusion in Detroit was very amicable. We received pre-supports from KC in 2016, the WorldCon bid, and others – nine in all. We received one pre-support from Arisa. We

have about 150 pre-supports now. Boskone is next weekend and we will be sharing a table with Spokane's WorldCon bid. Michael Contos will be doing a bid party Saturday night at Lep 39 to test things out for later conventions.

Mike Willmoth also reported that he set up a Square-Up account (without the reader) and it worked well. It is a flat 2.75%, which is less than PayPal and other providers. He suggested that we think about doing that for our conventions.

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

Database: Donald Jacques reported that nothing has changed since the last report.

Database Standards: Donald Jacques that the committee did not meet.

Tucson Book Festival: Patti Hultstrand reported that we have a booth and will be getting flyers. Mark Greenwalt will do a PG body painting and there will be author signings and other things. Please coordinate with Patti to help out.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that he is ready to close the ConFlagrations Twitter account, and will do one last message supporting Jason Youngdale and MaricopaCon. We lost the ConFlagrations history when Jason switched the name to MaricopaCon, but he will see if he can get it from Jason. He has posted links from past LepreCons to the current LepreCon. He will continue to post on Phoenix in 2014 and related accounts. He is waiting for access to the Velavision videos.

Gary Swaty suggested having administrators sign an agreement to allow us to get the page information when the event is over.

Mark Boniece and Paul Tanton are to talk to Jason Youngdale to let him know that he cannot use the contact information he obtained while working as the Gaming Director for ConFlagrations because it would violate our privacy policies. Mike Willmoth would like an email from Jason confirming that.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported that he is in the middle of inventory and should be done next week. We still have a microwave and television left from Lep 38. It was suggested that he contact David Gosh about the microwave and dispose of the TV if it doesn't work.

Don also reported that the reg box supplies are really low. Motion to have Corporate order new badge laminates and clips was approved 23-0-2.

The Mesa Marriott does not have projection screens in the function space; purchase of screens to be discussed under new business.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: Bruce Farr is updating the information.

Corporate Details on Website: No report.

Online Business:

- Conflagration 2013 discussed.
- The WFB claim for an erroneous charge on WFB-FLg-Chk was removed.
- Pam Allen passed away.
- Breach of confidentiality on Board mail list; the footer on emails was modified to clarify confidentiality of Board communications.
- Space Access Conference 2012 made a donation of \$250 to Lep Inc.
- Patti Hultstrand request to borrow a video projector was approved.
- Mike Willmoth filed the Lep Inc. annual report with the Arizona Corporation Commission online, using the BOA-LEP-Chk debit card (\$10).
- Mark Boniece deposited \$730 into WFB-FLG-Chk for dealers tables on January 7, 2013.
- Mike Willmoth borrowed equipment from storage to use in Detroit to promote the NASFiC Bid.
- A ConFlag dealers check bounced (\$20 + \$12 fee); Mark Boniece to follow up.
- Mike Willmoth reminded Mark Boniece to bring the Registration laptop to the Quarterly Meeting.

New Business

ASFA equipment loan: Mike Willmoth stated that we traditionally have loaned equipment to ASFA for WorldCon, but we may need the equipment for NASFiC bid parties. Agreed without objection to have Mike tell that to ASFA if they ask to borrow equipment this year.

Space Access equipment loan: Motion to loan equipment (including one video projector, reg box, credit card machine, and food service) approved 17-0-5.

Bylaws amendment: On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Mike Willmoth proposed an amendment to remove the proxy provisions from the bylaws.

Michael Contos raised a point of order regarding active and passive memberships: Does

a passive member return to active status at the beginning of the quarterly meeting, or at the end of the meeting? Motion that bylaws be interpreted to have a passive member return to active status when the member signs the attendance sheet for the quarterly meeting approved 24-1-1.

The restriction on memberships for persons having items for sale at the convention was discussed. It was pointed out that, while such persons do not automatically become members, they can petition for membership. This provision should be publicized better for dealers and artists.

Cathy Book asked about the reason for the proxy amendment. Mike Willmoth explained that the original reason for proxies changed when membership became tied to purchasing a membership for the convention, and that we have been having problems lately with phone-in and late proxies. Jean Goddin also mentioned similar groups do not use proxies the same way that we have been using them.

Cathy Book also asked whether the proposed amendment had been made by a Board resolution (as required by the bylaws), or just suggested by the Committee. The three voting members of the Board who also serve on the Bylaws Committee confirmed that they wished to have the membership consider the proposed amendment.

Cathy Book noted that the proposed amendment missed a reference to proxies in § 4.1.4. Concerns were also raised regarding conflicting language, the difficulty some members have in attending the meeting, and whether the language could be improved.

The motion to amend the bylaws failed 6-17-4.

Square-Up account: Mike Willmoth reported that a Square-Up account is less expensive than the current credit card machine and account. Motion to set up a Square Up account for Lep 39 to evaluate the system approved 25-0-2.

Projection screens: Donald Jacques reported that we currently have one screen and three projectors. Motion to purchase two more projection screens approved 26-0-1.

User IDs and passwords: Motion to adopt a policy requiring a list of all user IDs and passwords to be maintained approved 26-0-1.

Business cards: Motion to have Corporate obtain business cards linking to one common website approved 25-0-2.

LepreCon 41 election: Paul Tanton volunteered to be Chair of LepreCon 41; seconded by Jean Goddin. Approved 25-0-0.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 3 p.m. Paul Tanton is to research a new location; the default location will be the Mimi's Café at 4901 East Ray Road in Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.