

## **Minutes of 05/05/2013 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting**

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013

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

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:10 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: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), Patti Hultstrand (co-chair L39), Donald Jacques (Database Administrator; co-chair L39), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary), and Paul Tanton (Social Networking Coordinator).

Members present: Len Berger, Catherine Book, Michael Contos, Theresa Contos, Glenna Lawrimore, Gary Swaty, Susan Uttke, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert, Jason Youngdale.

Guests: Sharan Hoyle and Amanda Parker.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1).

Lee Whiteside to Catherine Book (1).

Tim Smith to Jason Youngdale (1).

Lisa-Marie Brown, Franchesco! Bufano, Mike Cassidy, Michael Fett, Maryeileen Flanagan, Saul Garnell, Craig Porter, Melissa Tribble, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (9).

### **Reports**

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 10, 2013, meeting were read and approved lots-0-1.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Farr presented the treasurer's report. Closing balance of all

bank accounts (as of 04/30/2013) is \$20,746. PayPal fees were discussed. PayPal fees are higher than manual entry SquareUp fees. Donald Jacques mentioned that if we have Android plus wi-fi, we don't need a 3g network account. Jean Goddin also mentioned that SquareUp accepts American Express. Treasurer's report accepted many-0-2. Regarding the non-profit status, Bruce reported that he will give the paperwork to Mike Willmoth to sign on Wednesday. He hopes to have a revised ruling within 30-60 days.

LepreCon 39: Donald Jacques reported that they have thrown a lot of new stuff into the works. The Dealers Room has about thirty reservations and the Art Show has about the same. Dread Fleet will assist with the Mystery Dinner, with the menu to be up this afternoon. Meet the Pros has been moved back on-site. The room block is at 113; we need seven more room nights for the next price point. Patti Hultstrand reported that the Film Festival will be Thursday night, free and open to the public, with three full hours of film and more coming. The room can hold 250; fifty tickets have been given out already. The Program Book is at the printer, and we have enough ads to pay for the printing. The Pocket Program is being finalized and will be ready to go tomorrow. Regarding programming, the rooms and panels are set, but we may need to shift some people around. The gif for the badges was donated by John Perryman. Mike Willmoth suggested that Don and Paul Tanton should advertise that the room block is closed and people should send an email to Mike if they are not given the con rate when reserving rooms.

LepreCon 40: Donald Jacques reported that the Artist and Author guests are reviewing the contracts. Mike Willmoth added that they hope to have the contract with the Mesa Marriott approved by the weekend.

LepreCon 41: Paul Tanton reported that he is putting his committee together.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that a lot is going on. We have 160-200 pre-supports and the parties have been well received. The ballot for site selection has not been released yet. WorldCon members will not be able to vote online, but they can pay online and receive a code to be entered on the ballot. We will make that information available as soon as the ballot is out. Upcoming bid parties and fan tables include LepreCon, World Horror Con, ApolloCon, WesterCon, ComiCon San Diego, and WorldCon. We have taken out a boatload of program book ads. The tag for the new ads is "Infinite Diversity." The Detroit people may be making last-minute plans. Mike urged everyone to get at least a supporting membership in WorldCon so that they can vote.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee met and made recommendations.

Database: Donald Jacques reported that he completed updates with the Conflagration and Lep38 data.

Database Standards: Donald Jacques that there has been no activity.

Tucson Book Festival: Patti Hultstrand reported that the weather was bad, but a lot of hardy people showed up. They had tshirts, Mark Greenwald, and sold one membership. Mike Willmoth noted that we really need support from the membership for the Book Festival; Patti and Don had no help.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that we are getting messages out. Twitter accounts are doing fine and the Facebook pages are going well. The Facebook group for Lep40 was discussed.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported that the inventory is done and posted. The cutlery set is missing some pieces. Mike Willmoth noted that the cutlery set belongs to ASFA, so we really need to locate the missing items. The projection screens have been purchased online and will be ready for pickup on Tuesday. Paul Tanton asked about the Velavision videos; Don said that he had not done that yet.

### **Old Business**

Non-Profit Status: Discussed as part of Treasurer's report.

Corporate Details on Website: No report.

Preferred GoH List: Nothing new.

Anti-Harassment Policy: Mike Willmoth reported that it had been discussed online, but not voted on yet. It is the same as the one recently approved by CASFS.

### **Online Business:**

- Mike Willmoth borrowed equipment from storage to use in Boston, San Diego, and Minneapolis to promote the NASFiC bid.
- Mark Boniece supplied the ConFlag 2012 registration data.
- Faerie Festival requested Leprecon Inc. to take over the event, but failed to supply financial statements.
- Lee Whiteside added Mike Willmoth as Owner to the Leprecon Announce mailist.
- Paul Tanton suggested incorporating ConFlag into LepreCon 39.
- The Board approved purchase of an Android tablet for use at registration at Lep39 to take credit cards (3-0-2).
- The Board approved transfer of funds from corporate to convention for \$3,000 to

- pay for GoH airfare (5-0-0).
- Mike Willmoth used the corporate debit card to purchase badge clips and pouches.
  - Bylaws Committee met at the Red Devil Restaurant on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Lee Whiteside and Mark Boniece certified passthru from Lep 38 to Lep 39.
  - City of Mesa sent an email about transaction privilege tax licenses for vendors and possibly the convention.
  - Mike Willmoth used the corporate debit card to purchase two projector screens.

### New Business

Lep40 Database: Donald Jacques asked Mike Willmoth to set up a directory and turn on the database for Lep40. Mike asked Don to send him an email about that.

Old GoH Information on website: Paul Tanton reported that the webpage has old GoH information. Mike Willmoth asked him to send an email to the Board list.

Lep40 Advertising Funds: Donald Jacques asked about funds for advertising Lep40. Mike Willmoth said to use the pre-reg money.

Bylaws Amendments: On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Mike Willmoth proposed three amendments to the bylaws:

- (1) To replace “anti-social” with “inappropriate” in § 2.1.3. Jason Youngdale asked for a definition of “inappropriate”; Mike Willmoth said that the dictionary definition would suffice. Donald Jacques asked if we should do a Code of Conduct; Mike Willmoth said that we could look into it. The motion to amend was seconded and approved 30-0-4.
- (2) To add § 3.2.0, stating that a candidate must be an active member who has attended at least three (3) of the last four (4) quarterly board meetings immediately prior to the election to be eligible for a voting position on the Board of Directors. Paul Tanton asked if this was an extra requirement; Mike Willmoth said yes. The motion to amend was seconded and approved 23-4-2.
- (3) To require telephonic proxies to be submitted to the Secretary and to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Cathy Book asked what happens if the Secretary and Chair don’t recognize the voice? Mike Willmoth said that we then would have to try to find someone who did or work out an alternative, such as an email proxy for that person. The motion to amend was seconded and approved 27-0-1.

Jason Youngdale moved to abolish all proxies. Mike Willmoth said that that proposal was presented and failed at the last meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the Mimi’s Café at 4901 East Ray Road in Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.