

Minutes of 11/17/2013 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2013

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

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 2:06 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Mark Boniece (L38, expires August 2014, vice-chair), Jean Goddin (expires August 2014, webmaster), Patti Hultstrand (co-chair L39, expires August 2015), Kevin McAlonan (expires August 2016, secretary), and Mike Willmoth (expires August 2015, chair)

Non-Voting Board Members present: Amanda Parker (L42 chair), and Paul Tanton (Social Networking Coordinator).

Non-Voting Board Members absent: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), and Donald Jacques (40 chair, Database Administrator).

Members present: Len Berger, Michael Contos, Theresa Contos, Michael Fett, Penny Padegimas, Tony Padegimas, Gary Swaty, Susan Uttke, and Jim Webbert.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1).

Catherine Book and Lee Whiteside to Kevin McAlonan (2).

Emily Devenport, Ernest Hogan, Glenna Lawrimore, Gerald D. Nordley, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (5).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 18, 2013, meeting were read and approved lots-0-1.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Willmoth presented the treasurer's report. Balance of all bank accounts is \$14,151.62. Treasurer's report accepted lots-0-1.

LepreCon 39: Patti Hultstrand and Mike Willmoth reported that the final report is not ready yet.

LepreCon 40: Patti Hultstrand reported that Don has the Guests of Honor (artist, author, and cosplay) in place. Michael Fett has made several donations, including a room at Phoenix ComiCon. The current priority is to get the word out using websites, Facebook, Google+, and other media. New people are signing up on a regular basis. Over a hundred attended the Squash Blossom Film Festival, where the winner of the costume contest received a LEP 40 membership and a room donated by the hotel. Lep40 also is sponsoring the Squash Blossom Time Travel Appreciation Weekend on the 23rd, with a membership and hotel room to be awarded. Also planned is a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser at Dave & Patrick's and publicity at the Phoenix First Fridays and Mesa Second Fridays. Mike Willmoth reported that we will not have a Lep40 fan table at LosCon. Michael Contos asked about publicity aimed at the Hispanic community; Mike Willmoth suggested putting up Spanish-language versions of the webpages. Mike Willmoth also asked members to get hotel reservations, as that is something that hurt us last year.

LepreCon 41: Paul Tanton reported that he is talking to the party heads for the Endless and the Dark Ones and that we may have a table at Phoenix ComiCon as well. He needs to get a Hotel Liaison; Mike Willmoth said that he would get the process started and turn it over to the Hotel Liaison when one is named. Getting a hotel along the light rail route was discussed.

LepreCon 42: Amanda Parker reported that she is getting started.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported we lost the bid by 21 votes. Problems were lack of support from the Phoenix and Tucson fans and a strong contingent from the East Coast that wanted a short commute. Both are problems that we have had in the past. We did win the Best Decorated Party and Best of Show Party awards at Worldcon. A motion to allow Mike Willmoth to have his expenses in promoting the bid reimbursed from whatever is left in the NASFiC Bid account was approved 11-0-9. Mike Willmoth added that he will be a Vice Chair of the 2015 Worldcon in Spokane and asked for volunteers.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee will be presenting amendments to close some loopholes and define some terms.

Database: No report.

Database Standards: No report.

Tucson Book Festival: LepreCon's participation in the Book Festival was discussed. A motion to drop this item from the agenda and not get a table at the Book Festival was approved 23-0-2.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that the changeover for the Lep Facebook group seems to be going well, with notifications to all the old groups being made. The Twitter

account is doing fine; not much new to report. Regarding the request at a previous meeting to research our needs, including additional blogs such as Tumblr, Paul reported that Tumblr as a blog site did not seem to have anything special. Because we have two Wordpress blogs, Paul recommended that it we not create a Tumblr or additional blogs. The consensus at the meeting approved Paul's recommendation. Paul also reported that he created Google+ accounts for the convention and corporate. LiveJournal is still going well. Yahoo has revamped itself yet again and some folks are getting frustrated and leaving. Mike Willmoth suggested that the NASFiC group post a thank-you and invite members to visit the other Lep pages.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: No report.

Survey Committee: Paul Tanton and Penny Padegimas met and hope to have something soon.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: Nothing new to report.

Corporate Details on Website: Nothing new to report.

Preferred GoH List: Nothing new to report.

Website Update: Mike Willmoth said that he downloaded a page and received a virus message. He is looking into it.

Broken Items: Michael Contos reported that the glass plate for the Samsung microwave broke on the trip back from Worldcon and needs to be replaced.

Online Business:

- Mike Willmoth notified the Board that funds were transferred from Wells Fargo ConFlagration savings account to the Wells Fargo ConFlagration checking account to maintain the \$100 monthly automatic transfer.
- The Board voted 5-0-0 by telephone to transfer funds from the Wells Fargo ConFlagration savings account to the Wells Fargo LepreCon checking account to pay the Lep40 hotel deposit of \$500.
- Mike Willmoth met with Don Jacques and Patti Hultstrand at the storage unit on October 16th to remove two video projectors and one screen to use at the film festival to promote Lep40.

- Mike Willmoth sent Paul Tanton the previous LepreCon balance statements and had some discussion.
- The Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the Lep40 budget as presented.
- Mike Willmoth posted a notice about filker Tom Smith being in town and looking for places to play.
- The Board decided not to renew the organization's SFWA membership.
- The Board elected Mike Willmoth as Chairman, Mark Boniece as Vice Chairman, Kevin McAlonan as Secretary, and Bruce Farr as Treasurer.
- Mike Willmoth updated email addresses to remove Lee Whiteside from all but leew@leprecon.org; further discussion needed.
- Paul Tanton updated the Facebook and Twitter accounts to replace Lee Whiteside with Jean Goddin.
- Michael Fett filed a complaint about Mark Boniece holding on to his video screen from LepreCon 38; wants to put it into Lep storage for our use, but Mark has not found it yet; tabled to allow Mark more time to find the screen.
- Discussion about posting convention notices on TusCon's Facebook page because they post theirs on ours.
- Discussion of Lee Whiteside's Yahoo ID password update is coming through via PayPal; Mike Willmoth will research and get back to the Board on this.

New Business

@LepreCon.org emails: A motion to restrict use of @LepreCon.org email addresses to Board members was approved 20-0-1.

ConFlagration: We will renew the conflag.org domain name. A motion to let ConFlagration rest for another year was approved 21-0-2.

Bylaws Amendments: The membership approved by a vote of 22-0-0 to amend the bylaws regarding the term of membership, when meetings should be held, and the annual meeting date.

DarkCon: It was moved to allow DarkCon to borrow art flats, a video projector, and kitchen stuff as needed. Michael Contos suggested that the items be marked as "LepreCon." The motion was approved 20-1-2.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2014, at 3 p.m. at the Mimi's Café at 4901 East Ray Road in Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting adjourned by a vote of lots-1-3.