

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.

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 19th.
- 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.

Minutes of 08/18/2013 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 18, 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 (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).

Non-Voting Board Members absent: Bruce Farr (Treasurer).

Members present: Len Berger, Catherine Book, Sean Dunitam, Michael Fett, Sharan Hoyle, Laura King, Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, Gary Swaty, Penny Padegimas, Tony Padegimas, Mandy Parker, Susan Uttke, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert, and Frank Williams

Guests: Lee Whiteside

Petitions for Membership: Lee Whiteside (presented during meeting).

Proxies: Jim Strait and Janet White to Mark Boniece (2).

Brian Duncan, and Jenny Duncan to Catherine Book (2).

Michael Contos and Theresa Contos to Kevin McAlonan (2).

Billy Wiersch to Paul Tanton (1).

Mike Cassidy, Jane Dennis, Scott Dennis, Emily Devenport, Maryeileen Flanagan, Barri Giardelli, Ernest Hogan, Gerald Nordley, Henry Vanderbilt, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (10).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 5, 2013, meeting were read and amended. Approved as amended 33-0-3.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Willmoth presented the treasurer's report. Closing balance of all bank accounts (as of 07/31/2013) is \$17,893.58. Treasurer's report accepted 32-0-3.

LepreCon 39: Patti Hultstrand reported that the convention was held, we did some new things, and it worked out well. Mike Willmoth reported that total membership was in the low 300s. The accounting at this point shows a \$6,440.85 loss. In response to a question regarding the number and variety of dealers in the dealers room, Mike explained that it was due to personal problems of dealers room coordinator, Marty Massoglia dropping out at the last minute, and tax issues raised by the City of Mesa. Next year's coordinator is aware of the issues and will be working on this. Mike also said that low numbers of room nights, too many rooms for the convention were among the problems faced by the convention.

LepreCon 40: Donald Jacques reported that they are 70-80% staffed and have gaming, programming, and dealers room staff lined up. Three pre-con events are planned. He hopes to coordinate publicity for gaming, the dealers room, and programming to create greater awareness. He also plans outreach to cosplay and costuming groups in Phoenix and Tucson. The focus will be to present the con as providing an intimate experience with the GoHs (in contrast to Phoenix Comic Con). Ability to interact with the GoHs is the linchpin of the experience—not too crowded or too hard to see the guests.

LepreCon 41: Paul Tanton reported that we will be at Phoenix Comic Con in the northeast corner of the exhibitor hall, in the small press area, and have obtained permission from PCC to sell memberships to LepreCon and NASFiC. We have created separate checking accounts for odd and even years. Paul also reported that he has a few more people for the committee—he is about 30-40% complete. He does not have a hotel yet.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported we have been to a lot of conventions, including LepreCon, ConQuest, World Horror, ApolloCon, LibertyCon, and Westercon, as well as some promotion at the AZSF table at San Diego Comic Con, and have traveled about 8,500 miles. We have about 228 pre-supports, but Detroit is not that far behind. We will be having parties on Thursday and Friday at Worldcon. It is going to be a close race. Please get a supporting membership and a sealed ballot to him by the time he leaves on August 26th. The voting fee is \$35 and voting ends August 31st. We have five GoHs lined up (artist, author, fan, special, and scientist) and are preparing Progress Report #0.

Bylaws Committee: Report will be presented later.

Database: No changes at this time; we are still waiting for updates from Lep39.

Database Standards: The committee met on August 12th. A written report was submitted to the Board.

Tucson Book Festival: Patti Hultstrand reported that we received one membership and publicized the convention at the last festival. Mike Willmoth asked whether we should do the Book Festival again in the future. Lee Whiteside reported that, when he ran it, he focused on raising awareness instead of selling memberships. One problem is that we do not know how many memberships we receive from Tucson, and it does not appear that we are getting memberships. Don Jacques suggested that we focus our efforts in Phoenix; since we are not even penetrating Phoenix, we should not be spending time on Tucson. We will talk more about this later.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that he sent out a newsletter for Lep39 in May. The Twitter accounts are doing fine and he will look into Tumbler. Paul also noted that we are still on LiveJournal and asked whether we should retire it. Regarding Facebook, Don Jacques noted that one problem is that people are not migrating over from the previous groups. Changing the name of the group was discussed. A motion to change the name of the Lep39 group to “LepreCon Science Fiction Convention” was made, seconded, and approved 34-0-3. We will try to close out the old groups and add the existing members to the new group.

Strategic Planning: A written report was submitted to the Board.

Quartermaster: Don Jacques reported that he needs to go through the reg box. He disposed of the expired soda. The old TV will be thrown away. Mark Boniece and Mike Willmoth discussed how CASFS and LepreCon divided the inventory years ago; anything currently in the LepreCon storage that is labeled CASFS should be relabeled LepreCon. Don also said that we do not have any replacement bulbs for the projectors and that one projector has a burned out bulb. A motion to purchase four bulbs was made, seconded, and passed many-0-2. Don also said that he will be resigning as quartermaster.

Webmaster: Lee Whiteside reported that we have the amended bylaws and the antiharassment policy up.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: Nothing new to report.

Corporate Details on Website: See Webmaster’s report.

Preferred GoH List: Nothing new to report.

Online Business:

- Paul Tanton initiated a discussion about updating the corporate website for errors, bylaws, anti-harassment policy.
- Mark Boniece supplied ConFlag 2012 report update and announced writing off bounced check.
- Board voted to approve the Lep40 hotel contract at the Mesa Marriott 5-0-0; the convention will be held on Mother's Day weekend.
- Board voted to renew account with ipower.com for website hosting, renew domains and create two new ones (nasfic2014.org and name-to-be-announced.org for NASFiC). 4-0-1.
- Board voted to renew Tempe mailbox, 4-0-1.
- Public Storage scheduled maintenance on our storage unit. Mike Willmoth let them in to replace the lock hasp.
- Board voted to respond to inquiry by Steering Committee Chair for North American Discworld regarding extra funds 4-0-1 and the email was submitted.
- Board voted to approve the anti-harassment policy 4-0-1.
- Board voted to transfer \$6000 from corporate to Lep39 checking.
- Mike Willmoth transferred \$5000 from PayPal account to corporate checking.
- Board discussed keeping or moving storage unit after announced increase to \$175.77 in monthly rate; no vote.
- Lee Whiteside reported that the MySQL database for Lep37 disappeared, requested a backup copy.
- Board voted to transfer NASFiC Bid PayPal transaction funds to NASFiC checking (\$1914.78) by a vote of 4-0-1.
- Board voted to use corporate funds to pay for an outreach table at Phoenix Comic Con 2014 for Lep41 and possibly NASFiC (\$229+tax) .
- Board voted to create an Odd-Year checking account for LepreCon 41+ to allow future cons earlier access to funds and fund it with \$1000 from corporate, approved 4-0-1.
- Board discussed AZ SF Cons fan table at San Diego Comic Con.
- Board discussed days/times to meet for Database Integrity .and Strategic Planning Committee Meetings.
- Board voted to host a Lep Inc. party at Worldcon on Sunday of Labor Day weekend if we lose the NASFiC bid, approved 5-0-0.

New Business

Convention budgets: Based on the \$6,400 loss for Lep39, Mike Willmoth suggested that the Board be required to pay closer attention to the convention budget. Jeff George asked if such a requirement would prevent any changes to the budget or require Board approval for any revisions to the budget, to which Mike responded that further Board approval would be required only if the projected income is decreased. Gary Swaty suggested that

the convention chair should have flexibility to re-allocate funds among the different accounts. Len Berger suggested that there should be periodic reviews to warn of potential problems, such as a low number of pre-registrations. It was moved and seconded that the annual planning budget should be submitted to the Board for its approval; motion passed 29-2-5.

Survey Committee: Mike Willmoth stated that, in the past, we have had a committee conduct surveys to find out why people did not come to the convention, did not get rooms, etc., and asked whether we should do this in the future. Penny Padegimas and Paul Tanton offered to help. This will be submitted to the Board for review.

Lee Whiteside membership petition: Lee Whiteside submitted a membership petition, which had sufficient signatures for approval.

Board election: Mandy Parker and Kevin McAlonan were nominated for a three-year position on the Board to replace Jeff George, whose term expired. A motion to close nominations passed 35-0-3 and each candidate gave a brief speech. After a review of attendance records, it was determined that Mandy was just short of the required attendance. Kevin was elected 32-0-6 to the Board.

LepreCon 42: Mandy Parker volunteered to chair Lep42. A motion to close nominations passed many-0-5. A motion to elect Mandy by acclamation was approved many-0-4.

Arizona Browncoats: Kevin McAlonan asked for a donation to the Arizona Browncoats' Can't Stop the Serenity annual fundraiser to support Equality Now and local charities. A motion to donate \$100 was approved 33-1-1.

Webmaster resignation: Lee Whiteside resigned from his position as LepreCon webmaster and from his position on the NASFiC Bid Committee. Jean Goddin will take over as webmaster.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Mimi's Café at 4901 East Ray Road in Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. by a vote of many-2-0.

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.