

Minutes of 02/16/2014 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014

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

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 2:02 p.m.

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

Voting Board Members absent: none

Non-Voting Board Members present: Jean Goddin (webmaster), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary), Amanda Parker (L42 chair), and Paul Tanton (L41 chair, Social Networking Coordinator).

Non-Voting Board Members absent: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), Donald Jacques (L40 chair, Database Administrator).

Members present: Len Berger, Michael Fett, Glenna Lawrimore, Penny Padegimas, Gary Swaty, Doreen Webbert, and Jim Webbert.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1)

Donald Jacques to Patti Hultstrand (1)

Ken St. Andre to Paul Tanton (1)

Emily Devenport, Ernest Hogan, Gerald D. Nordley, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (4)

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 17, 2013, meeting were read and approved 13-0-1.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Willmoth presented the treasurer's report. Balance of all bank

accounts is \$13,152.39. The NASFiC accounts are now zeroed out, with nothing to Mike Willmoth, but expenses for a representative who covered East Coast and Midwest conventions were reimbursed. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

LepreCon 39: Mike Willmoth reported that the final bill for logistics was paid, but we do not have the final numbers yet. It will probably be a \$6,600 loss.

LepreCon 40: Patti Hultstrand reported that all guests are in place. There will be participation in a lot of events over the next few months. The party at Amazing Arizona ComiCon was successful. There will be a LepreCon Night on March 14th at the Mesa Second Friday. Patti will be passing out fliers at the Tucson Book Festival. The event at Dave & Buster's is coming up. April events include a Zombie Lock-In, working with Victor at Cult Classics, and special Batman movie nights. In other words, there will be something every month between now and the convention. Mike Willmoth reported that he has not had time to process all of the dealers room payments. Also, we are looking for donations of picture frames for donated art prints.

LepreCon 41: Paul Tanton reported that contract negotiations are ongoing with Tempe Mission Palms. There will be a room party at Phoenix ComiCon. The Endless are thinking about holding a convention in east Mesa two weeks after TusCon; we will be donating a room. Paul said that he would like access to the database; Mike Willmoth said that he had contacted Don about it and asked Patti to remind Don. Paul also asked for copies of all the old program books. (Some of them may be difficult to locate.)

LepreCon 42: Amanda Parker reported that she is working on it, getting ideas, and looking for staff.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that the bid is out of money after reimbursing a representative who helped Mike cover the Midwest and East Coast for his expenses. We need to finish posting the pre-support membership information to incorporate it into the database. We will be closing out the accounts once all the transactions are printed out.

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Database: No report.

Database Standards: No report.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that he posted the Squash Blossom and Time Travel winners all over. He also posted a thank you to the NASFiC supporters and closed the websites and accounts. He posted the quarterly meeting notices. Geek's Night Out was promoted.

Survey Committee: No report.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: Patti Hultstrand reported that Don completed the final inventory. He also was wondering if he could use the boxes of books at Lep 40 for pre-reg or freebie tables.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: Mike Willmoth reported that Bruce Farr will be submitting updated paperwork soon.

Corporate Details on Website: The problem with the Trojan is still slowing the work.

Preferred GoH List: Nothing new to report.

Website Update: The problem with the Trojan is still slowing the work.

Online Business:

- NPC Compliance in process of being updated for credit card account; Kevin McAlonan has the user id and password.
- Henry Vanderbilt of Space Access Conference 2013 gave Lep Inc. \$200 as a thank you for help; the funds were deposited into the corporate account.
- Bruce Farr filed an extension for the 2013 tax returns.
- The Public Storage payments were processed for the corporate storage unit.
- Mike Willmoth downloaded the PayPal activity spreadsheet several times and requested a transfer of \$800 to the corporate account (not reflected in the Treasurer's report).
- The Board discussed the PayPal funds request policy.
- The Board discussed the Square funds request policy.
- The 2013 Annual Report was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission, using the BOA-LEP-Chk debit card to pay the \$10 fee.

New Business

PayPal & Square accounts: The current method of transferring PayPal and Square funds and related problems were discussed. Paul Tanton said that PayPal funds currently are transferred to the corporate account and then distributed to the other accounts. Mike Willmoth said that we can add other accounts to PayPal if we want. The convention chairs are on the PayPal feed to learn about new payments, and Mike sends follow-up emails, copied to the con chairs, if it is unclear what the payments are for. The email notification

processes are the same for Square, but the Square payments go directly into the convention accounts. (Only the PayPal funds go directly to the corporate account.) Mike suggested getting an extra tablet for Paul's convention so that they can use Square at the art show and stop using the credit card machine, which costs \$53 per month. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$100 for a second tablet and Square, to test them immediately at the con location, and if they work, to cancel the credit card machine. The motion was approved 11-2-6.

LepreCon corporate page: Patti Hultstrand asked if the LepreCon corporate page (leprecon.org) could be more modern (and not green) and re-direct to the current convention's webpage. Her concern is that people are not going from the corporate page to the convention page. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to require the corporate website to have prominent links to the convention website and any other event websites (such as NASFiC and WorldCon), to have leprecon.org redirect to the current convention's web page, and house the corporate page at leprecon.org/corp or leprecon.org/lepinc or the like. The motion was approved 11-0-9.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4, 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-0-2.