

Minutes of 11/16/2014 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2014

Location: Rosita's Mexican Restaurant, Tempe, Arizona

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 4:11 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Mike Fett (expires August 2017), Patti Hultstrand (L39, expires August 2015), Donald Jacques (L40, expires August 2016; Database Administrator), Kevin McAlonan (expires August 2016; Secretary), and Mike Willmoth (expires August 2015; Chairman).

Voting Board Members absent: none

Non-Voting Board Members present: Amanda Parker (L42 chair) and Paul Tanton (L41 chair, Social Networking Coordinator).

Non-Voting Board Members absent: Lyle Dillie (Assistant Webmaster), Bruce Farr (Treasurer), and Jean Goddin (Webmaster).

Members present: Dee Astell, Hal C.F. Astell, Mark Boniece, Margaret Grady, JoAnn Senger, Gary Swaty, and Susan Uttke.

Guests: Mike Cassidy.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1).

Penny Padegimas and Tony Padegimas to Patti Hultstrand (2)

Steve Beraha, Emily Devenport, Laura Freas, Jean Goddin, Ernest Hogan, Gerald Nordley, Maryeileen Flannagan, and Sharan Hoyle to Mike Willmoth (8)

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 18, 2014, meeting were read and approved lots-none-1.

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

accounts is a little over \$4,700. The Treasurer's report was approved lots-0-2.

LepreCon 40: Mike Willmoth handed out a "fairly final" report to the voting Board members. The convention lost \$5,139.74. We have received all funds and paid all the bills. We are still sorting out registration data. The attendance was about 330 – about the same as Lep39, but less than the 420 for Lep38 in Tempe. Attendance and scheduling conflicts were discussed.

LepreCon 41: Paul Tanton reported that the hotel contracts and GoH contracts were signed. We have been at the Second Friday for the last several months and are beginning to sell memberships. Membership is about 100 so far. The Dealers Room is almost sold out. The website is up; Lyle Dillie would like a more secure website host than Ipower – this will be discussed under new business. Mike Willmoth stated that we need to finalize pass-thrus – on average about 30-40.

LepreCon 42: Amanda Parker reported that we have a hotel. Mike Willmoth noted that this was the first time that we have done a two-year contract.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that the committee met, discussed things, but has no recommendations at this time.

Database: Mike Willmoth reported that we are still cleaning up data. It was confirmed that Don Jacques is still Database Administrator.

Database Standards: Mike Willmoth reported that we are still working on it as a team. We are in the Bs, making incremental progress.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton reported that we are continuing to use various social networks to get the word out. We had the largest Twitter spike when he announced the music GoHs, followed by a spike in memberships. We are still having problems with Lee Whiteside being billed for Lep domain names.

Survey Committee: No report.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Tablet Committee: Paul Tanton reported that we could get a tablet for \$29 with free shipping if we pre-order. The committee needs to discuss and make recommendations for upgraded tablets. A motion to pre-order one \$29 tablet was approved many-0-1.

Committee Positions: No report.

Publicity Committee: No report.

Clubhouse Committee: No report.

Conflict of Interest Policy: A conflict of interest policy was presented and approved by the Board 5-0-0. Mike Fett asked whether members and Board members could make donations and still get a tax deduction; the answer is yes. Don Jacques asked that Bruce Farr update us on the 501(c)(3) milestones and progress.

Quartermaster: Mike Willmoth reported that we still have no quartermaster and that he is filling in by default. We are using Don's inventory. We have sold some T-shirts.

Old Business

Non-Profit Status: We just approved a conflict of interest policy.

Preferred GoH List: Nothing new to report.

Corporate Details on Website: Mike Willmoth reported that the anti-harassment policy is on the website, the minutes are being added, but we have more things yet to do. Mike Fett asked about the meeting notice deadlines. Mike Willmoth said that a 30-day notice would be very difficult to do, that a 7-day notice is required, and that we typically provide a 14-day notice. Paul Tanton reported that we have old corporate information at the webring link – we need to fix this. We also are having on-going problems with Ipower billing Lee Whiteside's PayPal account. What seems to be happening is that Lee's PayPal account is automatically paying Ipower before Ipower charges us. Mike Willmoth said that we changed all the links after Lee resigned, but Ipower and Lep cannot change Lee's PayPal settings – this is something that Lee has to do. A motion was approved 15-0-6 to send Lee Whiteside a letter (by both hardcopy and email) stating that, after 60 days, Lep will not be responsible for charges made by his PayPal account to Ipower.

Online Business:

- (a) Mike Willmoth moved \$4.00 from WFB-LEP-Chk to WFB-FLG-Chk to prevent bank fees.
- (b) 2014-08-24 Michael Fett accused Mark Boniece of attacking Leprecon Inc in the CopperCon 34 Program Guide; the rest of the Board disagreed.
- (c) 2014-08-27 Patti Hultstrand called for the disbanding of all current committees; after discussion and disagreement, no decision was reached.
- (d) Mike Willmoth created an archive of the Leprecon website for Lyle Dillie (Assistant Webmaster) and Kevin McAlonan (Secretary) to download. [At the meeting, Don Jacques asked about creating a backup of the databases as well. It was decided that Mike Willmoth and Don would do this.]
- (e) Lyle Dillie requested an SQL database to be set up for the Lep41 website; Mike Willmoth created one and sent the details to Lyle and Kevin McAlonan.

- (f) Paul Tanton asked the Board members to help run a fan table at Conjecture/ConChord in San Diego, but no one planned to attend. [At the meeting, Hal Astell stated that he would be doing film programming at next year's ConChord, which will be the Westercon that year.]
- (g) Paul Tanton requested moderator privileges for the Leprecon Announce Yahoo group; Mike Willmoth made him a moderator. [At the meeting, Paul reported that he was still having problems, and asked to be made an owner; Mike said that there would be no problem making that change.]
- (h) Skipped
- (i) Paul Tanton asked about getting a fan table at the Phoenix Comicon Fan Fest. The Board approved getting the fan table, but our application was rejected.
- (j) Mike Willmoth asked that the passthru from Lep40 to Lep41 be verified.
- (k) Michael Fett complained about the TusCon advertising on the Leprecon Facebook page. After discussion, Paul Tanton was authorized to talk to TusCon.

At the meeting, Paul reported on his conversation with TusCon: TusCon will not allow anyone to post information on its page without approval, but it is willing to post all our information on their page. Don Jacques asked if we could test this by asking TusCon to post something, and also asked Paul to keep the Board updated on what happens.

Hal Astell mentioned the rivalry that seems to exist between Tucson and Phoenix for SF/F, but not steampunk, and asked about areas for cooperation and reconciliation. Mike Fett asked if we could give TusCon attendees a discount on Lep. Paul Tanton reported that he put such a discount offer in the most recent TusCon program book, but no takers yet.

New Business

Website: Regarding Lyle Dillie's proposal to change from Ipower to another host with more security, Lyle needs to provide the Board with more information online.

Social Club: Mike Fett asked about creating a social club to meet monthly for dinners, movies, etc. This will be discussed on the Board list.

P.O. Box: Kevin McAlonan is to check the Lep mailbox when Mike Willmoth is out of town. [Mailbox #26666 is located at College & Southern.]

Credit Card machine: They still have not sent us the form for cancelling the service. Mike Willmoth asked for approval to close the Bank of America account that is being billed and move the account to Wells Fargo. The motion was approved 18-0-4.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Time and location to be determined later.

Meeting adjourned by a vote of 17-0-3 at 6:07 p.m..