

Minutes of 02/19/2017 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2017

Location: Spoke & Wheel Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:01 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Marg Grady (expires August 2017), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary, expires August 2019), Paul Tanton (Vice Chairman, Lep41 Chair, Database Administrator, Social Networking Coordinator, expires August 2017), Mike Willmoth (Chairman, expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members absent: Mandy Parker (Lep42 Chair, expires August 2018).

Non-Voting Board Members present: Dee Astell (Lep43/W70 Chair), Hal Astell (Quartermaster), and Mike Fett (Lep44 & Lep45).

Non-Voting Board Members absent: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), and Ron Oakes (Webmaster).

Members present: Mark Boniece, Mike Cassidy, Marguerite Murray, Gary Swaty, and Susan Uttke.

Guests: Len Berger.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1)
Wayne Myers, Mandy Parker, and Kathy Richardson to Paul Tanton (3)
Sharan Hoyle and Gerald Nordley to Mike Willmoth (2)

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 11/06/2016 meeting were posted on-line and available at the meeting. An amendment was made to item (ee) on page 7. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was approved 11-3-4.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Willmoth handed out the treasurer's report, which was approved 11-0-7. As of 01/31/2017, we have a total of \$10,623.12 in all accounts.

LepreCon 42: Mike Willmoth handed out an income and expense report for Lep42, which was discussed and amendments were suggested. As amended and approved unanimously, it states: [next page]

Lep42 Summary

LepreCon 42 Summary

		Corporate plus Convention	Convention Only
INCOME	Cash/Checks	1919.41	1919.41
	Corporate Transfers	4232.25	0
	Donation (anonymous)	400.00	400.00
	Donation (UFP)	655.40	655.40
	Memberships at conventions	1690.90	1690.90
	Westercon 70 Transfers	1500.00	0
	Pre-Registration from LepreCon 41	375.00	375.00
	PayPal Funds not credited	2823.06	2823.06
		=====	=====
		13596.02	7863.77
EXPENSES	Art Show Sales	1532.06	1532.06
	Cash Withdrawals	600.00	600.00
	Consuite / Staff Lounge Advance	800.00	800.00
	Corporate Refund	25.00	25.00
	GoH Airfare	529.20	529.20
	GoH Dinner	256.71	256.71
	Hotel	5261.17	5261.17
	Logistics	424.97	424.97
	Publications	690.70	690.70
	Registration	192.64	192.64
		=====	=====
		10312.45	10312.45
	Net Profit/Loss		-2448.68

This includes two Westercon 70/Lep 43 memberships sold at PCC, but the funds were not transferred from Lep 42 to W70/Lep43.

Westercon 70/LepreCon 43: Hal Astell reported:

Presence at Cons

Dee, Hal and Kevin represented W70 at TusCon 43. We ran two parties and sold three memberships. We also recruited new staff there.

Kevin represented W70 with a fan table at LosCon 43. Our west coast marketing manager ran two parties with Kevin. Memberships were sold.

Dee and Hal will be at Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 6 in early March and will be promoting there and meeting with some staff members.

Org Chart

We now have 40 staff positions (down 1). 34 are populated (up 5), along with many minions, tentatives and people willing to serve in an advisory capacity.

We've replaced our Programming department head due to illness. The new head of Programming is Michael Flanders. We've met with him and the Programming team to ensure that the ball continues to roll.

We've brought in a fantastic Hospitality team, led by Wendy Trakes. All four members of the team have run this department at other conventions.

We've brought in a Gaming department head, Earl C. Hedges, Jr., who runs the Gaming at TusCon, among others. He's already brought in a number of game companies and sponsors. We will have a Artemis setup at W70.

Our webmistress has resigned and Hal is handling changes ongoing, while we look for a new webmaster.

In addition to Hotel Liaison, Mark Boniece is also handling our Dealers department pre-con. We've brought in Anastasia Hunter as our west coast marketing manager. She's in San Diego, where she runs Gaslight Gathering and sits on the board of San Diego Comic-Con.

Contracts

We continue to work with our guests and sponsors to get contracts signed. All sponsorship agreements should be complete today.

Dealers

We've been working with our Treasurer and Hotel Liaison to lay out our dealers room and rules. This is now complete and we'll be making the application live on the website over the next few days.

Ad Swaps

We are actively seeking ad swaps with conventions across the region. In addition to the four announced in my last report, we've added:

Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 6 in Tucson, held 3-5 March

Hal has also e-mailed BayCon 2017, which is in May.

Westercon Passalong Funds

We have continued to reach out to Westercon 68 but have still not received the check that they promised us.

Past GoHs

We now have Past GoH ribbons to send out to everyone who fits for whom we have an address (and is still living).

We have given Past GoH ribbons in person to Sue Thing (Fan GoH, Lep 15), Earl Billick (Local Artist GoH, Lep 17), Sarah Clemens (Local Artist GoH, Lep 31), John Vornholt (Author GoH, Lep 32), Jim & Doreen Webbert (Fan GoHs, W62), Larry Vela (Local Artist GoH, Lep 26) and Cristi Simila (Fan GoH, Lep 16). Here's one for Mike Willmoth (Fan GoH, W64) and Gary Swaty (Fan GoH)

We also chatted with 7 past Lep chairs at TusCon, whose years spread from Lep 4 to Lep 43.

Website

Pages are going up on the website frequently. Over the last couple of weeks, we've added Gaming, Masquerade, Fan Tables and Staff List, as well as many new items on the Charity Auction page.

Next up is Dealers and Membership List. Programming pages will come soon.

Prices have been updated to reflect the increase in membership price.

Art Flats Restoration

With our funds depleted by corporate, we will not be able to replace the art flats as we'd hoped.

We will therefore be meeting to fix up and paint the current art flats.

In addition, we have 348 room nights, 49 supporting memberships, and a little less than 200 attending memberships. At Mike Willmoth's suggestion, we will look into getting ribbons for past Westercon chairs (about 10). A hotel walk-thru is planned for April—date TBD. Monthly programming committee meetings are planned—TBD. No bids for Westercon 72 as yet.

LepreCon 44: Mike Fett reported that he is working on an Artist GoH and VIP memberships. He asked for feedback regarding William H. Nolan as Author GoH; he was last here at MythosCon (2011), and will require sponsorships because he will require three plane tickets and two hotel rooms. Steven Scarletta is a possible Media GoH. The current plan is for a two-day convention with a Friday night pre-party. Mike is talking to businesses as sponsors, looking at venues, and doing surveys. The surveys indicate that the at-the-door price point is \$30, that we are perceived as a “poor man’s Comicon,” and there is interest in workshops with artists.

LepreCon 45: Mike Fett reported that we do not know where corporate stands as far as support for Lep45., and he is waiting on the decision for Westercon 72. Mike reported that he has been contacted by members of other organizations about the direction of the convention—he is going to make it comic-book focused. Mike also noted that, on average, recent conventions have had a gross income of \$8,000, which means that we must budget expenses at \$6,000 if we want to make a profit.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth stated that we will have a vote on an amendment later in the meeting.

Database Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that Paul Tanton has been busy, so not much is new.

Financial Review Committee: Hal Astell reported that they are working, but not much to report yet.

Positions Committee: Mike Willmoth reported that we have started a list, but it’s a work in progress. Hal Astell noted that the W70/Lep43 website has brief descriptions for various positions.

Quartermaster: Hal Astell reported that he will be resigning after W70/Lep43. Paul Tanton brought in more street team materials. The status of the storage unit is up to Mike Fett as of July 2017.

Social Media: Paul Tanton reported that Dee Astell is doing a good job. Dee offered suggestions to Mike Fett on software to aid in posting announcements. Mike Willmoth suggested that there should be no more than three posts a day. Hal Astell reported on the situation with PCC and its effect on the visibility and notice of other conventions and nonprofit organizations.

Strategic Planning: Mike Willmoth talked about surveys; Marg Grady suggested moving forward rather than asking about past conventions at this point.

Social Club: Mike Willmoth reported that not much was done recently. Mike Fett did a test run of movies + pizza that drew five people; the problem was that it was done on First Friday. This might be better as a once-a-month event at a restaurant within walking distance of the theater.

Tablet Committee: Paul Tanton reported that he is waiting for Hal Astell to pull the old tablets from storage for Paul to sell. Dee Astell reported that she is hoping to get refurbished tablets for use at W70/Lep 43.

Website: Mike Willmoth reported that Ron Oakes has agreed to be Corporate Webmaster. Mike made a copy of the data and gave it to Kevin McAlonan.

Policy Committee: Hal Astell reported that we still need to address the Stephanie Bannon policy and who is on the lists of restricted and partially restricted persons. The current status was summarized by Mike Willmoth and Mark Boniece.

Old Business

Online Business:

- a) Michael Fett discussed a Dinner & Movie Social Meetup on December 2 at Grand Avenue Pizza Company;
- b) Mike Willmoth sent Marg Grady a spreadsheet summarizing all of the previous Social Club Meetup data so she could put it online;
- c) Michael Fett discussed our membership policy regarding the max amounts and possible VIP packages;
- d) Hal Astell followed up regarding the financials review status and Bruce Farr responded;
- e) Hal posted a notice about a rate change for our storage unit at Cubesmart recommending someone try to talk them down; Mike W suggested Hal do so since Hal opened the account;
- f) Michael F discussed the estimated annual expenses for corporate and how that affects Westercon;
- g) Marg G posted about a rumor that YahooGroups might be shut down after purchase by Verizon;
- h) Mike W wished everyone on the board Happy Holidays;
- i) Mike W posted about the annual filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission;
- j) Mike W posted about meeting for the various committees;
- k) Michael F posted about interviewing old time Phoenix fans about the original intent behind LepreCons;
- l) Michael F also posted about the status of a Guest-of-Honor;
- m) Hal Astell clarified which committees he is still on;
- n) We agreed to meet on Sunday January 29 at 8pm at Village Inn Restaurant, 4040 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, for the Committees Meeting;
- o) We agreed to meet on Sunday January 15 at 8pm at Village Inn Restaurant, 4040 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, for the Executive Session;
- p) Mike W asked for confirmation from Dee A that no one had filed a bid for Westercon 72 in 2019; she confirmed;
- q) Michael F requested either Bruce Farr or Mike W posted the terms of the Sasquan donation letter; we both responded that there were no terms;
- r) Kevin McAlonan sent out the final minutes from the August 2016 Annual Meeting and the draft minutes from the November 2016 Quarterly Meeting;
- s) Mike W sent out the Treasury Report created by Bruce F and tweaked a little for clarity by Mike W;
- t) Marg G asked for a revenue breakdown for the last few LepreCons; Mike W sent her the links to Lep41 and Lep42 online;
- u) Hal A warned the board about a minimum revenue requirement at the Spoke & Wheel Restaurant that he and Dee weren't aware of;
- v) Mike W posted the income from Lep42 for Michael F's benefit as requested at the Committees Meeting;
- w) Hal A reminded Mike W that the corporate website was not showing the date of the next quarterly board meeting; Mike W acknowledged;
- x) Mike W posted an update to the status of the state transaction privilege tax license;
- y) Mike W requested reports from the various committees for posting online;
- z) Kevin M sent out the bylaws document including the proposed changes to be discussed and voted on at the February Quarterly Board Meeting;
- aa) Kevin M asked Mike W if he were asking the board to approve anything; he answered no, just information;
- bb) Marg G posted a link to an article online regarding the current state of conventions; no one was

contacted at Leprecon Inc or Westercon; Hal followed up and the author of the article updated the online version;

- cc) Mike W sent a recommended correction to Kevin M for the draft minutes from the November 2016 meeting; Kevin sent out an updated version.

Definitions for Stephanie Bannon policy: The definitions approved at the executive committee meeting are:

“Apologizes” means that Stephanie Bannon attend an Annual or Quarterly Board Meeting and verbally and in person apologize for her transgressions against Leprecon Inc. from 2005 (disseminating private LepreCon 31 committee information and disparaging Leprecon both publically and privately). She may also submit a document with that apology, but they must match.

“Shows true remorse” means that Stephanie Bannon obtains a paid attending membership at three Leprecon Inc. conventions within three consecutive years LepreCons, and does not disparage Leprecon Inc either online or offline, in public or private, for those same three years.

Hal Astell pointed out that we need to have the policies and rules available to everyone, not just those on the board list.

New Business

Bylaws amendments: The amendment to § 2.1.1 was approved 18-0-0. The amendment to § 2.1.3 was approved 17-0-0. The amendment to § 4.1.7 was approved 17-0-1.

Donations: The basket was passed and collected \$65.

Mike Willmoth turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Paul Tanton and left to attend another meeting.

Stephanie Bannon policy: A question was raised as to informing Stephanie of the new definitions. Kevin McAlonan is to ask Mike Willmoth about that.

Executive sessions: Mike Fett proposed that all board members—not just voting board members—should be allowed to attend the executive sessions. Mike Fett and Hal Astell both expressed concern about decisions being made in executive session that affect upcoming conventions. Mike Fett’s motions were not seconded. A committee composed of Mike Fett, Hal Astell, and other interested persons was formed to draft an amendment to the bylaws regarding executive sessions.

Mailing list: Len Berger asked about the email notifications of the quarterly meetings and who can be added to that list.

Storage unit: Kevin McAlonan agreed to hold the Leprecon material from the storage unit in his garage for at least a few months after W70/Lep 43 until a more permanent place can be found.

Westercon 72 bid: Mike Fett expressed willingness to combine Lep 45 with a Westercon. It was moved and seconded to submit a bid for Westercon 72, provided no corporate funds are used and no other bids are received. Motion approved 11-0-3. Nominees for bid chair/bid treasurer were Mark Boniece/Gary Swaty and Mike Fett/Lyle Dillie. Election was held by secret ballot; Mark Boniece/Gary Swaty were elected.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Leprecon, Inc. Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of 05/21/2017

Attendance

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Location: Spoke & Wheel Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 3.05 p.m.

Voting Board Members Present: Margie Grady (expires August 2017), Mandy Parker (Lep42 Chair, expires August 2018), Paul Tanton (Vice Chair, Lep41 Chair, Database Administrator, Social Networking Coordinator, expires August 2017).

Voting Board Members Absent: Kevin McAlonan (Secretary, expires August 2019).

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (Lep43/W70 Chair), Hal Astell (Quartermaster), Michael Fett (Lep44/Lep45 Chair).

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), Ron Oakes (Webmaster).

Members Present: Woody Bernardi, Mark Boniece, Sharan Hoyle, Marguerite Murray, Wayne Myers, Gary Swaty, J. B. Talbott, Willow Tanton, Susan Uttke, Lee Whiteside.

Guests: Len Berger and Leslie Fish.

Petitions for Membership: Leslie Fish. 13 members signed the petition, constituting a majority. Wayne Myers paid \$25 in cash. Dee Astell deposited it in the Westercon 70 account later in the day.

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1), Gerald Nordley and Kevin McAlonan to Paul Tanton (2).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 02/19/2017 meeting were available at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was approved 12-0-4.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce did not submit a report, so Margie called him on the phone. He reported a total balance of \$14,972.76 as of 04/30/2017, with this breakdown:

Leprecon, Inc. Checking: \$25.76

Leprecon, Inc. Savings: \$50.01

Conflag Checking: \$75.00

Conflag Savings: \$25.01

Westercon 70 Checking: \$14,482.93

PayPal: \$314.05

LepreCon 42 Report: Paul Tanton reported that Mike Willmoth's resignation from the organization has left Lep42 without a treasurer to close out the books. There were no volunteers, so Mandy as Chair will have to complete this task.

Westercon 70/LepreCon 43 Report: Dee Astell read a report (as attached separately). Margie Grady asked about memberships. Dee replied that we have 350+ warm bodies. Mark Boniece added that we're at 450+ room nights.

LepreCon 44 Report: Michael Fett reported that:

1. Chris Foss has pulled out as Artist GoH for health reasons. The replacement has verbally agreed but has not signed a contract yet, so was not named. The first of two Local Artist GoHs has signed and been announced: it's tattoo artist Manuel Flowers. A VIP package will be offered for \$1,000 that will include 8 hours of work by Flowers at con. The second will be Carlos Rivas, 'System Nervous', a spraypainter.
2. The venue will be the Unexpected Art Gallery at 734 W Polk St. and the contract has been signed. Cost is a flat rate of \$2,300 with \$500 deposit already paid. Load in will be allowed on March 14-15, 2018 with the con live on March 16-18. This will be part of Art Detour, which runs the same three days. We will be listed on event maps. Attendance is expected to be 10,000 in foot traffic to the bottom floor. This means that we can charge more for dealers (\$150) and art flats (\$50 per panel, \$25 per pedestal). 50% goes to the venue.
3. Content will be upstairs. Access will be through a \$60 membership, limited to 100 members. Capacity is 70. This includes t-shirt, lanyard and badge, free parking, consuite and panels. The venue is old and not handicapped accessible. The only way upstairs is up a single set of stairs, though the venue is working on a second set.
4. While this will be LepreCon 44, the event will be marketed as the Phoenix Sci-Fi & Fantasy Art Expo. The website is expected to be up by Phoenix Comicon. Four domain names have been registered.
5. There will be no associated hotel. They're very expensive in March.

Margie Grady added that the upstairs has good possibilities for ambience. Paul Tanton observed that multiple people are asking about ADA requirements. Michael Fett mentioned that the venue contract is upgradeable.

LepreCon 45 Report: Michael Fett reported that he expects to do the same for 45 as for 44.

Westercon 72 Bid: Mark Boniece reported that he generated a bid with a hotel contract, as required, and filed it with the Westercon 70 Site Selection contact (Ben Yalow) before the deadline. Utah for 2019 filed the day after, so the Leprecon, Inc. bid was withdrawn.

Bylaws Committee: Paul Tanton reported on Bylaw 4.3, which includes a line, 'The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be published in the convention program book.' Michael Fett proposed that this line be removed and Margie Grady seconded. A vote would be held during New Business. Paul Tanton highlighted that a program book does not need to be a physically printed object. Michael Fett withdrew his motion.

Hal Astell asked who was on the Bylaws Committee. Paul Tanton answered that it's the voting board and anyone else who shows up, with Margie Grady as committee chair. Wayne Myers and Sharan Hoyle asked to join this committee.

Database Committee: Paul Tanton reported:

1. The committee had previously been blocked from accessing the registration data of past conventions. Nobody present saw any reason why this wasn't made available, so Paul will ask again.
2. There are columns of unfathomable data, X's with unknown meanings. Paul asked if he could strip this data out. Nobody had any concerns.

Financial Review Committee: Hal Astell reported that Mike Willmoth and Bruce Farr had provided data but the committee had not met between quarterly meetings to examine it. We do not yet know if it's useful. The committee will attempt to meet before the AGM.

Policy Committee: Paul Tanton reported:

1. The new sponsorship policy was passed 4-1-0 at the April Executive Session. I don't have the text.
2. There is an active policy that reads: 'The Fan GoH position is retired, replaced with a secondary Artist GoH, traditionally a Local Artist GoH.' This was changed by a 4-0-0 vote to text I don't have, but speaks to the only required GoHs being Artist and Local Artist.

Hal Astell asked who was on the Policy Committee. Paul Tanton replied that it was the voting board. Hal asked to join the committee.

Policy Review Committee: Hal Astell reported that the only remaining task of this committee was with Mike Willmoth to trawl the boardlist for policies, decisions or interpretations. He has not done this and has resigned from the organization. Nobody with access to the boardlist is willing to take on this task. Hal asked that the Policy Review Committee therefore be dissolved, having done its job.

Positions Committee: Margie Grady reported that she has received some data and she is collating it.

Hal Astell noted that the Westercon 70 staff page lists some descriptions and that the WesternSFA and Worldcon sites have more.

Hal Astell asked who was on the Positions Committee. Margie was the only member. Woody Bernardi asked to join this committee.

Quartermaster's Report: Hal Astell reported:

1. We've emptied the storage unit at CubeSmart and moved everything to Kevin McAlonan's garage. The Logistics crew for Westercon 70 did most of the work as a dry run for con this year.
2. Our CubeSmart account is closed and we are fully paid up.
3. The padlocks are ours and they're in Kevin's garage with everything else. Hal still has the keys.

Hal Astell asked if anyone got Mike Willmoth's keys. Paul Tanton replied that they'd been given to Kevin McAlonan.

Hal Astell brought two banners for the failed Phoenix in 2014 NASFiC bid and asked if a) anyone knew if they could be altered, as per a prior suggestion by Mike Willmoth and b) if not, whether we had another use for them. Nobody saw a way in which they could be altered and suggested disposing of them. The membership voted 15-0-1 to give them to Woody Bernardi. Hal did so.

Social Media Committee: Dee Astell reported:

1. She did a couple of sponsored ads for Westercon 70. They increased our numbers.
2. She programs posts for Facebook and Twitter in advance using HootSuite.

Paul Tanton added that Leprecon, Inc. reposts everything Dee posts.

Michael Fett added that Patti Hultstrand is handling Marketing for LepreCon 44 and they will transition after Westercon 70.

Strategic Planning Committee: Paul Tanton reported that they had not met between quarterly meetings.

Hal Astell asked who was on this committee. Paul Tanton replied that it was voting board members and Michael Fett.

Surveys Committee: Margie Grady reported that she had nothing to report.

Michael Fett will work with Margie on a post-con survey after Westercon 70.

Social Club Committee: Michael Fett reported:

1. The next event is a screening of Aelita: Queen of Mars at FilmBar on June 3, 2017 at 8pm, with live accompaniment by the RPM Orchestra.
2. He is open to other suggestions and mentioned that Stephanie Bannon had suggested an art swap.

Hal Astell asked who was on the Social Club Committee. Michael Fett replied that it was him and Sharan Hoyle.

Tablets Committee: There was no report but some discussion. The membership determined that the old tablet related items in storage should be given to Westercon 70 for use in the event where kids take apart obsolete tech.

Website Committee: Ron Oakes did not submit a report.

Hal Astell reported that he'd updated the contact details for all our domains except worldfantasy2004.org because that needs approval from Lee Whiteside in an e-mail account he doesn't check. Hal added that this domain is set to manual renewal and is about to expire on June 16, 2017. The membership voted 16-0-1 to let it expire.

Michael Fett reported that he'd bought four domains: phxscifiandfantasyartexpo.com, .org, .info and .net. They're personally registered to him for now not to Leprecon, Inc.

Website Transition Committee: Hal Astell reported that our iPower account is about to automatically renew on May 29, 2017. The cost is \$179.40 for a 1 year period. This is very expensive, more so than any advertised plan at iPower. He gave background on the previously agreed upon host move to members and provided details of various plans. The membership voted 15-0-1 to have Hal move everything from iPower to the Word Press Business Plan at HostGator.

Old Business

Preferred Guest of Honor List: The membership voted 12-0-6 for this list to be migrated into a Google doc by Margie Grady.

Paul Tanton passed around a collection cauldron. \$35.01 was collected. Dee Astell deposited \$35.00 into the Westercon 70 account and will give Kevin McAlonan the remaining cent to go into the cash box.

Online Business

Paul Tanton reported and will provide a suitable summary to Kevin McAlonan. The membership ratified this 12-0-4.

New Business

1. Len Berger raised a concern that leprecon.org showed LepreCon 42 as the live convention. Discussion ended with an understanding that we're about to move everything to a new host and we should make LepreCon 44 the live convention on the website at the end of Westercon 70. Membership voted 12-0-6 for Hal Astell to make this so.
2. Hal Astell had a takeaway from the February meeting to draft a fresh proposal about retroactive application of policies. He made this proposal. Paul Tanton amended it to read: 'As of this meeting, all votes take effect as of the time they're voted in, unless there is a legally binding federal, state, tribal, county or

municipal reason why we need to retroactively apply them to a past date.' As this had legal connotations, the board voted 4-0-0 to pass this as amended.

3. Michael Fett raised a concern at our current requirements for eligibility to stand for the board. He was redirected to the Bylaws Committee to make a proposal.
4. Michael Fett raised the membership restrictions on Leslie Fish. Leslie Fish spoke at length and said that she was not aware that she had been restricted by Leprecon, Inc. twenty years ago and was surprised when fans recently raised this to her. The membership voted 11-0-7 to rescind her restrictions.
5. Michael Fett asked for the maximum membership price to be changed or rescinded. As we don't have one, this was deemed moot.
6. Hal Astell rescinded his resignation as quartermaster and took on the role of corporate webmaster.
7. Hal Astell asked if Bruce Farr will take on all the responsibilities of corporate treasurer, as defined in the bylaws, now that Mike Willmoth has resigned, as Mike had previously done most of these. Paul Tanton replied that Bruce had confirmed that he would.

Elections

1. Mike Willmoth's resignation left an empty board position. Paul Tanton was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination. The membership voted him in 20-0-0.
2. Paul Tanton's election to Mike Willmoth's former position on the board left an empty board position. One candidate (Lee Whiteside) was nominated but declined the nomination. Three candidates were nominated, seconded and accepted their nominations: Hal Astell, Wayne Myers and Sharan Hoyle. Hal Astell was elected in a silent ballot.
3. Mike Willmoth's resignation also left the chairman's position empty. Paul Tanton was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination. The board voted him in 5-0-0.
4. Paul Tanton's election as chairman left the vice chairman's position empty. Hal Astell was nominated, seconded and accepted the nomination. The board voted him in 4-0-1.

Announcements

1. Leslie Fish mentioned that Gerry Tyra, the sound engineer on her last three albums, has moved to Scottsdale. She recommends him highly. Hal Astell added that he's already on board to handle sound for the filk room and ballroom at Westercon 70.
2. Leslie Fish mentioned that Chris Madsen, former regular LepreCon attendee, has published his first sci-fi novel, *The Eyes of the Setting Sun*. She recommends it highly.
3. Leslie Fish also mentioned that her own novel, *Of Elven Blood*, has been reissued in paperback.
4. Len Berger mentioned that the new *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie is very good.
5. Hal Astell mentioned that the Poisoned Pen will be hosting another Eleventh-eddon event with most of the guest authors at Phoenix Comicon signing at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort on May 24, 2017.
6. Michael Fett mentioned that his GoH, Manuel Flowers, will be at Phoenix Comicon. Len Berger added that he would be there too.

Dates

The date of the next Executive Session was scheduled for July 23, 2017.

The date of the AGM was scheduled for 27 August, 2017 at 3pm at the Spoke & Wheel.

The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 8-3-0 at 7.22p.m.

LepreCon, Inc. | Minutes: Annual General Meeting 08/27/2017

Call to Order

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017

Location: Spoke & Wheel Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 2:58 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary, Quartermaster, Webmaster* - expires August 2017), Margie Grady (expires August 2017), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019), Paul Tanton (*Chair, Database Administrator, Social Networking Coordinator* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (*President*), Michael Fett (*Vice President, Assistant Vice President*).

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Members Present: Stephanie L. Bannon, Len Berger, Woody Bernardi, Mark Boniece, Craig Dyer, Michael Falinski, Leslie Fish, John Grigg, Earl C. Hedges, Jr., Sharan Hoyle, Patti Hultstrand, Howard Mieth, Vicki Mieth, Marguerite Murray, John Paul Ried, Valerie Ritchie, Andrea Rittschof, Duncan Rittschof, Annette Sexton-Ruiz, Gary L. Swaty, J. B. Talbott, Sandra Tyra, Susan Uttke, Lee Whiteside.

Guests: Mike Cassidy, Donald Jacques, Frank D. Williams, Patrick.

Petitions for Membership: None.

Proxies: Valerie Ritchie and Sandra Tyra to Dee Astell (2); Victor Bugg, Ivy Chapman, Tom Deadstuff, Michael Flanders, Shawn Flanders, Jeff George, Khurt Khave, Gini Koch, Sue Martin, Michael Senft, Jocelyne Simone Weathers to Hal C. F. Astell (11); Vicki Mieth to Stephanie Bannon (1); Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1); Margaret Grady, Howard Mieth Harlan Sparer, Jason Youngdale to Paul Tanton (4); Nadine Armstrong to Lee Whiteside (1).

Reports

Personal Thanks: Paul Tanton thanked everyone for their support after the passing of Mandy Parker. He also led a moment of silence in remembrance.

Secretary's Report: Hal Astell and Kevin McAlonan both circulated minutes from the 05/21/2017 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was approved 20-0-16.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin McAlonan provided balances for our bank accounts.

He also stated that Westercon 70 was mostly dealt with but some artists checks have not been cashed and postage costs are still unknown for sending printed materials to supporting members.

Margaret Grady asked for a rough profit/loss estimate; Kevin committed to between \$1,000 and \$10,000 profit. Michael Fett asked if that included the advance from Westercon 70 to LepreCon, Inc.; Kevin said that it did not.

Board Business: Kevin McAlonan reported on online business and on the Executive Session held on July 23, 2017.

Executive Session: Bruce Farr expressed a wish to stand down as Treasurer. Kevin took on that role and Hal Astell took on Kevin's former role of Secretary. We agreed to archive and retire both LepreCon, Inc. blogs, create a new e-mail address

(webmaster@leprecon.org) and retire an old one (5@leprecon.org). We added a quarterly meeting for board members and committee heads; this will mean a meeting a month; a public meeting, an executive session and a board/committee meeting each quarter. Fundraising is an important function of the board. Much discussion on LepreCon 44, with the voting board members raising concerns to Michael Fett about programming and website.

Online Business: Michael Fett reported on LepreCon 44; we now have a dedicated area to use for art, gaming, literary, filk, science and special events and Earl Hedges is now the Game Coordinator. Discussion about GoHs for LepreCon 44 and the status of the policy about reusing GoHs; it had been rescinded. Discussion of changes to the corporate website and other website issues. Discussion about the role of the board in fundraising efforts. Discussion regarding LepreCon 44 status and programming, which included a request for the venue contract; this was not provided. Question about the ownership of the domain names for LepreCon 44. Discussion regarding LepreCon 44 status and programming. Request for all past con spreadsheets; Kevin McAlonan has not yet responded. Discussion of a potential sponsorship for LepreCon 44. Discussion regarding gaming at LepreCons and separate gaming events. Discussion regarding CASFS and their request for funding. Discussion regarding committee members and access to the boardlist. Question and discussion regarding the LepreCon, Inc. annual operating budget. Discussion regarding weapon or prop restrictions at Westercon 70 in light of events at Phoenix Comicon. Discussion regarding the role of corporate webmaster. Discussion about iPower hosting. Questions regarding LepreCon 44 access to PayPal account login information. Discussion regarding CGC issues.

Paul Tanton raised passthru data; Kevin stated that he may have this in the paperwork that Mike Willmoth passed on to him but he hasn't found it yet. A motion to approve board business was approved 34-0-4.

LepreCon 42 Report: Paul Tanton reported that there was no treasurer to close out the books, following the resignation of Mike Willmoth and the passing of Mandy Parker. Some details are in parts unknown, such as passthru information.

Vicki Mieth asked if passthru would affect the 100 member cap for LepreCon 44. Michael Fett stated that they would get full access to LepreCon 44 but wouldn't get a T-shirt otherwise included with the VIP membership (available for a \$10 fee). Increased space available means that he can increase the cap to 150. However, he needed passthru information to better plan his convention. He proposed that passthru information be located and processed within 30 days. Hal Astell asked what would happen if this could not be done; Michael said that the board could delay. This passed 28-0-16.

Westercon 70/LepreCon 43 Report: Dee Astell reported that Westercon 70 was a success with warm bodies estimated at just over 600. She thanked those who attended and worked the con, calling out Operations and Logistics for going above and beyond. The Charity Auction raised \$2,609 for the Challenger Space Center in Peoria; she thanked organizer Cathy Book and auctioneer J. B. Talbott. The Blood Drive had to close early because of 111° temperature with 16 people signed up and 8 successful donations; she thanked Gary Swaty for acting as liaison with United Blood Services and the Heinlein Society. The Utah for Westercon 72 bid won with 32 of 43 votes cast; the Astells will be representing there and working the event. Most tasks have been completed to close out the event; all artwork has been sent back with artists' checks, the hotel has been paid and we're about to mail out publications to supporting members.

Michael Fett asked about Challenger Space Center closing; Dee replied that it was not closing, just moving within state. Annette Sexton-Ruiz asked for a list of artists who haven't cashed their checks and Stephanie Bannon suggested putting an expiry date on checks; Kevin said that they were sent from the LepreCon, Inc. bank account to avoid expiring when the Westercon 70 accounts are closed. Vicki Mieth raised concerns about the Dealers' Room, as her booth made little money; Hal Astell heard her concerns and responded that most dealers did OK to very well with one dealer needing to restock twice during the event, but booksellers generally didn't do well. Earl Hedges mentioned that other events happened in close proximity; Dee highlighted that NASFiC the weekend after impacted us. Craig Dyer suggested that author signings are better held in the Dealers' Room; Dee mentioned that this was the plan but circumstances led to a change.

LepreCon 44 Report: Michael Fett reported he had doubled available space for LepreCon 44 by booking downstairs rooms at the Unexpected Art Gallery. Filk would be held outside for free. The Art Show and Vendor Hall would also be free. The

upstairs area would contain a VIP lounge with food and some special events such as concerts. Patti Hultstrand will run a literary track in the downstairs area for members. There will also be GoH panels and gaming, plus a room for photo ops. He emphasised that he felt the need to stay under a budget of \$8,500 to ensure profit and he can't afford a hotel. Manuel Flowers has signed as Tattoo GoH. Carlos Rivas is in the process of signing as Graffiti GoH. There is a verbal agreement in place for Leslie Fish to be Music GoH.

Vicki Mieth raised strong concerns about Michael's intention to finance the con on the backs of vendors and complained that he was consistently not supplying information about art gallery sales figures during Art Detour; Michael responded and Annette Sexton-Ruiz spoke to changes in galleries from one Art Detour to another making this information difficult. Stephanie Bannon asked for the current membership count; Michael stated that 6 memberships and 20% of art space has been sold. Paul Tanton asked about merchants; Michael stated that 1 table has been sold. Paul also asked if GoHs would have tables; Michael said yes. Hal Astell asked why the required corrections to the website that Michael agreed to at the July Executive Session were not done; Michael's committee were unaware of these so Hal promised to send information afresh to Michael and Patti Hultstrand. Hal proposed that Michael have 30 days to fix; this passed 34-0-10. Valerie Ritchie stated that the core filkers had met recently about concerns with LepreCon 44 and that they would not be attending; she thanked the organization for the last three years.

Bylaws Committee: Margaret Grady reported that she'd started a Facebook group and had asked Kevin McAlonan for our Articles of Incorporation and our 501(c)(3) documentation.

Database Committee: Paul Tanton reported no change since the last quarterly meeting.

Financial Review Committee: Hal Astell reported no change since the last quarterly meeting.

Policy Committee: Hal Astell proposed that the Policy Committee be merged with the Bylaws Committee; this passed 20-7-12.

Positions Committee: Margaret Grady reported that she has started a Google Doc to create a base of information.

Quartermaster's Report: Hal Astell reported that he worked with Westercon 70 Logistics to move stuff from storage to the con and back. He's organized everything in storage but hasn't yet done a fresh inventory. Everything looks good, in that we have the right number of obvious things but he hasn't delved into boxes yet. The ownership chain was broken at con when the Art Show took their stuff out of the truck, leaving everything in disarray. The only things missing at this time (no fingers pointed) are our readers: Square, chip and PayPal. Dee Astell and Paul Tanton returned them after Phoenix Comicon but they were not found at con and Westercon 70 had to function without them. Annette Sexton-Ruiz asked to have the word 'ransacked' removed; Hal agreed and the proposed report was passed 37-0-6.

Social Club Committee: Michael Fett reported that Margaret Grady is helping him. Margie said that she was considering a number of potential one day events: a filk event (no longer likely), a CONflagration gaming event, an author event with CASFS, an art exchange event and/or a social 'flashback' fandom event. She has a potential private venue in Glendale and has a tentative hold on November 4, 2017.

Vicki Mieth suggested that a private venue would open up problems and offered alternatives. Hal added that November 4 fell within the time of Tucson Comic-Con and was also the date of the Tempe Book Festival. Stephanie Bannon asked how we're handling insurance; Kevin McAlonan stated that we're purchasing it per event not per year.

Social Media Committee: Paul Tanton reported that Dee had posted a couple of updates for Westercon 70 and that he had set up Michael Fett with access rights to the corporate Facebook page (but not yet the Twitter). Michael mentioned issues with infighting on the Facebook page.

Strategic Planning Committee: No report as nobody is in place to chair this committee.

Surveys Committee: Margaret Grady suggested a couple of surveys: a general one and a LepreCon 44 one.

Michael Fett asked about an anonymous survey for Westercon 70. Vicki Mieth said that Survey Monkey would provide anonymity. Kevin McAlonan and Stephanie Bannon both suggested that we were past the ideal window.

Tablets Committee: Hal Astell said that he was not in charge of (or even on) the Tablets Committee, but that the two old tablets we have (that can't use current readers) were sold to Dee Astell, as per a previous quarterly meeting. Michael Fett stated that he would consider borrowing before buying for use at LepreCon 44.

Website Committee: Hal Astell reported that we were unable to move from iPower to HostGator before our hosting was up for renewal; he renegotiated the price down from \$179.40 to \$107.40. He also switched gears to see if we could stay at iPower if we clean up the crap. His investigations into our webspace found 8 WordPress instances, 10 databases and lots of data not in use. He's backed up everything to an offline source. He deleted over half our data, uninstalled a number of obsolete WordPress instances and dropped 5 databases. Someone had inadvertently moved our 4 oldest sites into other folders; he moved them back out to be live. He completely rebuilt the corporate site, adding a list of officers and board members and removing links to obsolete blogs. We're getting reports on where our infections are; all are in WordPress instances that have not been updated since installation and he's trying to find login information to update. He set up a webmaster@leprecon.org address for registrations, default contact on old websites and as a default login for WordPress instances. We let worldfantasy2004.org expire. Our live domains are now conalope.org (expires 10 Jul 2018), conflag.org (expires 23 Nov 2017), leprecon.org (expires 11 Aug 2018) and westercon70.org (expires 10 Jul 2018); all will auto-renew.

Donald Jacques suggested a method to archive WordPress sites. Woody Bernardi asked if cleaning up the crap might fix our problems at iPower; Hal replied that it could well do so but we'd find out when we go live with LepreCon 44 as a new WordPress instance. Paul Tanton asked when this could happen; Hal replied as soon as Lyle is back from a birthday out of town.

Old Business

1. Kevin McAlonan said that Mike Willmoth may have passed on the Preferred GoH List with other paperwork after his resignation but he hasn't seen it yet; it may have been kept in Mike's head. Paul Tanton asked people to mail in their preferences.
2. Paul Tanton proposed that we abolish the agenda item about how people received notifications for the meeting; this passed 39-1-0.
3. Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron. \$22 was collected.

New Business

1. Leslie Fish raised issues about her/her stuff smelling of cat urine at Westercon 70 and recounted a saga of the responses she got when asking the hotel about expenses. Mark Boniece, who was Hotel Liaison for Westercon 70, stated that there were no charges but he had asked the hotel to redirect her to Dee Astell, Westercon 70 Chair. Dee said that it was fair enough for her to ask the hotel about her own room but that any questions about con function space should come to the chair to handle officially; she added that the filk room had been cleaned by the hotel (at no cost to the con) after complaints. Sharan Hoyle mentioned that the head of housekeeping had told her that no special cleaning was done.
2. Paul Tanton ran through the list of committees to identify changes:
 - (a) The Bylaws Committee is the voting board plus Sharan Hoyle. Margaret Grady is chair.
 - (b) The Database Committee will now be chaired by Michael Falinski. Donald Jacques mentioned that he can provide MySQL data.

- (c) The Financial Review Committee is Hal Astell, Margaret Grady and Sharan Hoyle. Kevin McAlonan will join the committee. Hal will chair until the group can elect a chair.
 - (d) The Fundraising Committee will now be chaired by Earl Hedges with Woody Bernardi and Sharan Hoyle.
 - (e) The Policies Committee has now been merged into the Bylaws Committee.
 - (f) The Positions Committee will remain chaired by Margaret Grady with Woody Bernardi, Earl Hedges and Paul Tanton. The chair is still to be determined. Stephanie Bannon mentioned that the WesternSFA site has some position data and that they're still willing to run ConRunners events.
 - (g) The Quartermaster remains Hal Astell.
 - (h) The Social Club Committee will remain Margaret Grady and Michael Fett. Sharan Hoyle and Earl Hedges will join them. Sharan will chair.
 - (i) Paul Tanton stood down as Social Media Coordinator but will remain on the Social Media Committee, with Dee Astell, Earl Hedges and Patti Hultstrand. Earl will chair.
 - (j) The Strategic Planning Committee was empty. John Grigg and Annette Sexton-Ruiz will join, the latter as of November. No chair yet. A proposal to defer this committee until the November meeting passed 41-0-2.
 - (k) The Surveys Committee will be Margaret Grady, Earl Hedges and Paul Tanton.
 - (l) Paul proposed that the Tablets Committee be disbanded; this passed 41-0-0.
 - (m) The Webmaster remains Hal Astell.
3. Paul Tanton proposed a change in the 12/02/2012 minutes from 'MadCap Theatres' to 'M.A.D.C.A.P. Theatres'; this passed 41-0-0.
 4. Paul Tanton stated that he had received an e-mail from Jeff Jennings asking if Westercon 70 would be willing to provide a grant to CASFS or sponsor a guest. Hal Astell added that he was going to suggest that LepreCon, Inc. consider sponsoring a Local Artist GoH at local science fiction conventions. Lee Whiteside suggested that this not be restricted to Local Artist GoH; Hal agreed. He proposed that LepreCon, Inc. consider sponsoring a GoH at local science fiction conventions and to let Jeff know that we'll defer a decision on his request until the Westercon 70 books are closed; this passed 38-2-4.
 5. Paul Tanton introduced elections for vacant board positions.
 - (a) Hal Astell listed those eligible to stand as Hal Astell, Mark Boniece, Margaret Grady, Sharan Hoyle, Marguerite Murray, Jim Strait, Gary Swaty and Susan Uttke.
 - (b) Michael Fett suggested a change in the requirement that members have to attend three of the last four public meetings to be eligible to stand for the board. Paul Tanton mentioned that this was a bylaw, so referred him to the Bylaws Committee to make a recommendation.
 - (c) Three members stood for election to the one year board position vacated by the passing of Mandy Parker: Margaret Grady, Sharan Hoyle and Gary Swaty. Gary Swaty was duly elected.
 - (d) Three members stood for election to the three year board position currently occupied by Margaret Grady: Hal Astell, Margaret Grady and Sharan Hoyle. Hal Astell was duly elected.
 - (e) Hal Astell proposed that elections for the chair of LepreCon 46 be deferred until the November meeting; this passed 32-4-1.
 - (f) Dee Astell will roll onto the board at the end of the meeting as chair of LepreCon 43 (Westercon 70).
 6. Paul Tanton introduced elections for officers.
 - (a) Paul Tanton stood unopposed for Chair and was duly elected 4-0-1.

- (b) Hal Astell stood unopposed for Vice Chair and was duly elected 5-0-0.
- (c) Hal Astell stood unopposed for Secretary and was duly elected 5-0-0.
- (d) Kevin McAlonan stood unopposed for Treasurer and was duly elected 5-0-0.

Announcements

1. Michael Fett stated that LepreCon 44 will have a table at First Friday in Phoenix each month.
2. Len Berger mentioned that SabotenCon will be held from September 1-4, 2017.
3. Patti Hultstrand mentioned that Mesa Book Festival will be held on December 9. Duncan Rittschof added that he would be one of the two merchants handling sales, the other being Bonny Books.
4. Hal Astell listed conventions between now and the next quarterly meeting: Saboten Con, RinCon, Thrill Halloween, YumaCon, Lady Death Fiend Festival, Doc Con, Arizona Cosfest, Tucson Comic-Con, Tempe Book Festival, TusCon, Phoenix Fan Fest and Arizona Fur Con.
5. Hal Astell mentioned that he and Dee Astell are Fan GoHs at TusCon 44 alongside Timothy Zahn, Theresa Mather and Melinda Snodgrass.
6. Hal Astell mentioned the Apocalypse Later International Fantastic Film Festival, which he runs.
7. Hal Astell also mentioned that the WesternSFA would be hosting ConKopelli 2, early in 2019, which he will be chairing.

Meetings

1. Meetings were set for:
 - (a) Committees Meeting (voting board and committee chairs) on Sunday September 24, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Denny's E Bell Rd (3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032).
 - (b) Executive Session (voting board) on Sunday October 22, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Denny's E Bell Rd (3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032).
 - (c) Quarterly Meeting (public) on Sunday November 19, 2017 at 3.00 p.m. at Spoke & Wheel (8525 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020).

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 7.07 p.m. after a vote of 29-0-2.

LepreCon, Inc. | Minutes: Board/Committees 09/24/2017

Call to Order

Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017

Location: Denny's, 3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 7.33 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (expires August 2019), Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary, Quartermaster, Webmaster* - expires August 2020), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019), Gary Swaty (expires August 2018), Paul Tanton (*Chair* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Michael Fett (*Vice President, Assistant Vice President*, remotely).

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Committee Heads Present: Michael Falinski (*Database*), Margaret Grady (*Bylaws & Policies, Positions, Surveys*), Earl C. Hedges, Jr. (*Fundraising, Social Media*, remotely)

Committee Heads Absent: Sharan Hoyle (*Socials*)

Guests: Mike Cassidy

Collections

Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron; \$20 was collected.

Board Reports to Committees

A motion was made to define which roles constitute officers and which committee heads and to allow both to be added to the boardlist. This passed 5-0-0.

Committee Reports to the Board

LepreCon 42: Paul Tanton is trying to close out the books in the absence of prior treasurers.

LepreCon 43: Dee Astell reported on communications from ASCAP. Remaining printing costs have now been paid. What's left to do is to send certificates to masquerade winners and printed materials to supporting members.

LepreCon 44: Michael Fett reported on problems with artist guests; the older generation are dying and he asked for any recommendations who were under 60 years old and not comic book related. Hal Astell asked a number of questions, from a list that combined his and Paul Tanton's. Answers are below:

Q: How many memberships are sold? A: 6.

Q: How many vendor tables are planned and how many are sold? A: 27 tables with 2 sold.

Q: How many artist panels are planned and how many are sold? A: 10 art pedestals with 8 sold and 20 art flats with 5 sold.

Q: How many sponsors are on board and what are they covering? A: None. However, the Arizona Artist Commission may be willing to 'sponsor' the remaining art space, where 'sponsor' means fill it with art. This may not be sci-fi art and it may reduce the number of vendor tables.

Q: When will we see a major guest announced? A: No answer.

Q: When will we see any programming announced? A: This is a work in progress.

Q: How close is LepreCon 44 to having the venue fully paid? A: It's a third paid.

Q: How close is LepreCon 44 to having Kevin McAlonan's loan for the venue deposit paid back? A: Michael did not answer as he feels that the board is overstepping its bounds here.

Q: How many artists have claimed to like the PSFAFAE concept but have not yet paid for space of some kind? A: 10 are interested, but they're upset by comments by the membership on social media.

Q: Other than the website, social media and the First Friday street team, what is being done to promote the event? A: Michael declines to answer any further questions.

Q: When will leprecon.org show LepreCon 44 rather than LepreCon 42? A: Michael suggests that the corporate webmaster is overstepping his bounds and asks that he not talk to his convention webmaster (or other staff).

Bylaws & Policies: Margaret Grady reported that there was discussion on the Facebook group she'd set up for this.

Michael Fett raised the suggestion of a cap on spending by convention chairs. Margie asked him to raise this on the group for discussion.

Database: Michael Falinski has the data but has not finished working on it yet. He asked what we wanted out of that data. Michael Fett provided some details he'd like for LepreCon 44. Earl Hedges also had suggestions. Margaret Grady asked for information for the Survey committee.

Financial Review: No report.

Positions: Margaret Grady reported that this is a work in progress. Woody and Earl are to assist. Gary Swaty may have some position data from CASFS. It was suggested that descriptions be written up for committee co-ordinators.

Fundraising: Earl Hedges reported that media cons won't give to non-profits. He raised Kickstarter as an option.

Social Media: Earl Hedges asked about the role's mandate. Margaret Grady volunteered to proof social media posts.

Surveys: There was discussion about surveys. Michael Fett suggested holding one at registration. Michael Falinski said that he could build functionality into the database.

Socials: Sharan Hoyle was absent and had not provided a report.

Quartermaster: Hal Astell asked what Michael Fett would need for the LepreCon 44 street team and whether they expect to use our cash registers. A suggestion was made to order fresh card readers.

Website: Hal Astell reported that he had updated the website with fresh meeting dates and uploaded some new docs like our Articles of Incorporation. He had mailed Lyle Dillie, as per the wishes of the AGM, about granting him access to the LepreCon, Inc. hosting space so that he could set up the LepreCon 44 website there; Lyle said that he was discussing this with Michael Fett. He had also, as per the wishes of the AGM, sent the previously discussed concerns about the LepreCon

44 website to Michael afresh and cc'd Patti Hultstrand and the deadline for making those changes was September 26th; Michael replied that some changes would be done by the deadline but most (including those regarding the About page) would not because he didn't agree with them.

Other: Bruce Farr has been removed from the boardlist and any further handover to Kevin McAlonan as treasurer would be handled separately. The restrictions on Stephanie Bannon were raised and a proposal was made to defer these to the quarterly meeting, as the membership had voted on them previously; this passed 5-0-0. There was discussion about how we define quarters; a bylaw proposal will be crafted to clarify this.

Meetings

The next Board/Committees meeting was set for December 17, 2017 at the same venue, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 11.26 p.m. after a vote of 7-0-0.

LepreCon, Inc. | Minutes: Executive Meeting 10/22/2017

Call to Order

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017

Location: Denny's, 3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 9.58 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (expires August 2019), Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary, Quartermaster, Webmaster* - expires August 2020), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019, remotely), Gary Swaty (expires August 2018), Paul Tanton (*Chair* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Non-Voting Board Members Present: None.

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: Michael Fett (*Vice President, Assistant Vice President*).

Guests: None.

Collections

Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron; \$25.17 was collected.

Matters to Be Addressed at the Quarterly Meeting

Google for Nonprofits: Information is still needed for our transition to Google for Nonprofits. Gary will send his details in. Paul will ask Michael Falinski on Friday. Sharan Hoyle no longer needs to be added. Everyone else has sent in details already.

1Q Reports: Quarterly reports are due. The suggestion is that these should be submitted to the boardlist by the end of the month following the end of the quarter. See forthcoming clarification on how we define quarters.

LepreCon 44 Missed Deadlines: The 30 day deadline set the AGM for Michael Fett to update the LepreCon 44 website was not met. This was the second deadline provided and missed. Michael has also stated that he will not make most of the changes. Much discussion about what could be done to address this. We decided on four fresh deadlines for Michael Fett to meet:

1. Provide the venue contract to the secretary and treasurer by the end of October 24. If not, the board will seek this from the venue.
2. Provide all guest contracts to the secretary and treasurer by the end of October 24. If not, the board will seek them from the guests.
3. Provide a convention budget to the treasurer by the end of October 31. If not, the board will create one.
4. Transfer the phxscifiandfantasyartexpo domains to LepreCon, Inc. by the end of October 31. If not, the board will revoke Michael Fett's membership in the organization for cause.

This passed 5-0-0. Paul Tanton will contact Michael Fett with these requirements.

Socials Committee: In the absence of any reports from the Socials committee or attendance from Sharan Hoyle, it was suggested that this committee be disbanded at the next quarterly meeting if nobody steps up to take on the role.

To Dos: The Quartermaster should check the inventory for LepreCon 42 membership forms. The Webmaster should send purchaser information for LepreCon 42 to Gary Swaty, who has taken on the responsibility to close out LepreCon 42. Hal should also contact Margaret Grady and Mike Cassidy, who worked registration for LepreCon 42 to see who they gave the registration forms to.

Craft Agenda for 2Q Meeting: Paul did this with the assistance of the board.

Other Business

None.

Meetings

The next Executive Meeting was set for January 14, 2018 at the same venue, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 11.27 p.m. after a vote of 4-0-0.

LepreCon, Inc. | Minutes: Quarterly Meeting 11/19/2017

Call to Order

Date: Sunday, November 19, 2017

Location: Spoke & Wheel Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 3:24 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (expires August 2019), Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary, Quartermaster, Webmaster* - expires August 2017), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019), Paul Tanton (*Chair* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: Gary Swaty (expires August 2018).

Other Officers Present: Michael Fett (*Vice President, Assistant Vice President*).

Other Officers Absent: None.

Members Present: Stephanie L. Bannon, Len Berger, Woody Bernardi, Mark Boniece, Mike Cassidy, Craig Dyer, Michael Falinski, Margaret Grady, John Grigg, Earl C. Hedges, Jr., Sharan Hoyle, Duncan Rittschof, J. B. Talbott, Susan Uttke.

Guests: None.

Petitions for Membership: None.

Proxies: Michael Ritchie and Valerie Ritchie to Dee Astell (2); Ivy Chapman, Crystel Flanders, Michael Flanders, Shawn Flanders, Khurt Khave, Michael Senft, Gary Swaty and Jocelyne Weathers to Hal C. F. Astell (8); Jim Strait to Mark Boniece (1); Sharan Hoyle to Paul Tanton (1).

Donations

Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron. \$37.95 was collected.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

Hal Astell circulated minutes from the 08/27/2017 (quarterly), 09/24/2017 (board/committees) and 10/22/2017 (board) meetings. Two members asked that they be read aloud, so Hal did so.

1. Michael Fett said that he had concerns, though he repeatedly declined to identify any, and asked that his name be removed from the minutes. Discussion followed about our legal responsibility to keep minutes accurate. A motion to keep Michael's name on them passed 20-2-6.
2. Michael Fett raised concerns about the paragraph about Leslie Fish. He asked for her name to be removed, but members felt that this was inappropriate, especially as she'd raised the issue for discussion herself. A motion was made to remove the last sentence. An amendment to drop half a sentence more failed 10-13-4. A further amendment to replace the last line with one detailing Sharan Hoyle's interaction with the hotel passed 21-0-6.

A motion to skip reading of the committee section passed 22-1-4. A motion to skip the rest of the minutes passed 22-1-5. A motion to approve the minutes as read was approved 23-0-4.

A motion to accept the board/committee meeting minutes for 09/24/2017 as read was passed 19-2-5.

A motion to accept the board meeting minutes for 10/22/2017 as read was passed 20-0-6.

Hal Astell reported on online business:

1. Michael Fett asked for new wording to put on the About page on the LepreCon 44 website.
2. Michael Fett raised the idea of setting up a hardship membership. Discussion about how.
3. Bruce Farr sent our Articles of Incorporation. These highlight that our name is LepreCon, Inc. (with a capital C).
4. Kevin McAlonan shared registration lists for LepreCon 42.
5. Discussion about keeping Margie Grady (and committee heads) on the boardlist. A motion was made and passed 5-0-0.
6. Hal Astell shared draft minutes for the AGM.
7. Michael Fett shared that Basil Gogos isn't going to be able to sign as a GoH for LepreCon 44 and that he's open for suggestions about alternatives.
8. Discussion about our table at Phoenix Comicon.
9. Michael Fett raised the Stephanie Bannon restrictions and suggested that they be removed. This was deferred to the board/committees meeting for discussion.
10. Paul Tanton reported that Mike Willmoth has passed ownership of the Yahoo! group for Conflagration to him.
11. Paul Tanton has received and activated a LepreCon, Inc. debit card.
12. Bruce Farr mentioned that our sales tax license is due. Discussion about what this means and what we need.
13. Paul Tanton shared various policies. Margie Grady updated centrally.
14. Michael Fett raised Wayne Barlowe as a possible Artist GoH at LepreCon 44.
15. Paul Tanton presented a passthru list from LepreCon 42 to 44. Paul and Gary Swaty approved.
16. Hal Astell reported that he had replied to Jeff Jennings's query about LepreCon, Inc. possibly providing CASFS with a grant.
17. Paul Tanton asked for an update to our leprecon.org domain settings as part of the move to Google for Nonprofits. Hal Astell made this so.
18. Paul Tanton asked people to provide login details for Google for Nonprofits. Many provided.
19. Hal Astell reported on concerns with the LepreCon 44 website and the approaching deadlines set by the AGM. Much discussion.
20. Michael Fett asked for suggestions on food trucks at LepreCon 44. Discussion.
21. Michael Fett responded to the new deadlines set at the board meeting. He provided contracts (not signed) and a budget. He set a succession of conditions on handing over the domain names.
22. Michael Fett raised the possibility that WizardWorld may be ceasing to be.

A motion to amend by adding Paul's approval to 15 passed 24-1-3. A motion to accept as amended passed 27-0-0.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin McAlonan provided balances for our bank accounts. We have a total of \$15,242.62. Westercon 70 still needs to mail printed material to supporting members, but otherwise costs have been taken care of.

1. Michael Fett asked how much this amount would decrease with Westercon passalong funds; Kevin said that half would go to the next two Westercons.
2. Len Berger asked if all cheques had cleared; Kevin said that they had.
3. Len also asked what our net profit is for Westercon 70; Kevin said that we didn't know at this time. Hal Astell noted that events had precluded sending the printed material to supporting members sooner but this should be done in the next couple of weeks, which would identify the postage cost.

A motion to accept passed 26-0-3.

President's Report

Michael Fett reported on LepreCon 44:

1. The average age of convention attendees being around 60, preferred Guests of Honor are over 80; this is making it difficult to sign them. Chris Foss was willing but fell ill. Basil Gogos was willing but fell ill and passed. Michael stated that we should look for younger GoHs. Wayne Barlowe wants to come but cannot in 2018. Without a high profile artist guest, Michael suggested that we cancel the scheduled event and all current contracts and regroup.
2. Len Berger asked how much it would cost to cancel the venue contract. Michael replied that there would be no cost up to 30 days out.
3. Paul Tanton asked what Michael's suggested plan would be. Michael said to cancel the event and set up a one day fan gathering instead. He would continue to chair under the name of LepreCon 2018 with the possibility of retaining some concom members. 2019's plans would continue as is.
4. Dee Astell asked if he would stay in March. Michael said no; it should be moved to later in the year.
5. Hal Astell asked if he would keep the current GoHs and whether he would consider a hotel. Michael said that he would start from scratch on GoHs and maybe use a hotel.
6. Dee asked if he would run the Phoenix Sci-Fi & Fantasy Art Expo in 2019 on his own or as a LepreCon. Michael said it would be as a LepreCon. He suggested that we need to find a balance between the board doing too much and not enough.
7. Earl Hedges said that he was prepared to move forward on gaming except on certain dates.
8. Paul Tanton asked if there was a LepreCon 44 committee meeting planned to discuss. Michael said yes.
9. Stephanie Bannon asked for a current membership count. Michael said around 10.
10. Michael Fett proposed a motion to change LepreCon 44 to a fan gathering at a later date, at a different venue and with new guests. A motion to amend by adding a \$2,500 cap on expenditure passed 15-1-11. A motion to amend by removing the restriction on reusing GoHs passed 18-1-7. The resulting motion passed 15-2-11.
11. Hal Astell raised the four deliverables that were still in effect from the 10/22/2017 board meeting, in particular the fourth regarding the transfer of phxscifiandfantasyartexpo domain names. Michael said that he was willing to transfer them to corporate but he wants to retain a veto over who runs it in the future and for this to be done through a contract. Much discussion. Mike Cassidy asked if he bought the domain under LepreCon, Inc.'s name; Hal checked the registration dates online, which were 04/14/2017, after Michael was elected chair of LepreCon 44. Many members clarified the legal position as per corporate property with the same points. Earl asked why the need for a veto; Michael replied that only those with a sufficient knowledge of art should chair. A motion to write a contract under which Michael would transfer the domains to LepreCon, Inc., who would pay him for them if he so chose, but with no other conditions, passed 23-0-5. Michael refused to acknowledge the validity of the vote as he felt it was a board matter. The board then voted on the same motion and this passed 3-0-1. Michael refused to acknowledge the validity of this either, so resigned from all positions with prejudice and left the meeting. He returned later to apologise for how he had left.

A motion to accept passed 22-0-3.

Vice President's Report

Following Michael Fett's resignation, the position of Vice President is now vacated and no report was given.

Assistant Vice President's Report

We do not currently have an Assistant Vice President so no report was given.

Co-ordinator Reports

Bylaws & Policies Committee

Margaret Grady reported that there has been limited discussion on the Facebook group. Earl Hedges and J. B. Talbott expressed a willingness to join this committee. Dee Astell, Hal Astell and Kevin McAlonan all stated that they should be able to contribute after Thanksgiving. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Database Committee

Michael Falinski reported that a prototype is now in place. He also raised the issue of redundancy and suggested that he bring a couple of copies to the board on thumbdrives at meetings. Hal Astell stated that he could set Michael up with access to put copies into a folder on our webspace. Craig Dyer volunteered to donate a couple of thumbdrives. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Financial Review Committee

Hal Astell reported no change since the last quarterly meeting as the committee had not been able to meet. Paul Tanton asked if an action plan could be drawn up by the board/committee meeting; the committee agreed to aim for that. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Fundraising Committee

Woody Bernardi reported that some restaurants give a percentage of the take from a meeting/event to the non-profit. There's a website that lists which; Denny's is not on the list but IHOP is. Woody will share. Earl Hedges mentioned Kickstarter as a potential means of selling memberships and other things such as art books. A number of members raised copyright concerns. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Positions Committee

Margaret Grady reported that she was still building her Google Doc and both Woody Bernardi and Earl Hedges have access. Some descriptions for co-ordinators had been written up. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee has been empty but both John Grigg and Annette Sexton-Ruiz were due to join in November. John is willing to chair. Earl Hedges asked to join and it was decided that voting board be members by default. Margaret Grady asked who would update the Google Doc; it was suggested that she chair a Google Doc Committee and she agreed. Discussion about reaching out to schools. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Quartermaster

Hal Astell reported that Mark Boniece had expressed interest in taking over this position and he agreed to step down for him to do so. Hal also agreed to work with Mark to complete the inventory he had planned to do in the winter months. Mark's appointment and a motion to accept were passed by acclamation.

Socials Committee

Paul Tanton gave a report after Sharan Hoyle had left the meeting. She asked for someone to serve as a co-co-ordinator with her; Woody Bernardi volunteered. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Social Media Committee

Earl Hedges reported that he had posted to social media during the quarter but asked about the more legal posts that Paul Tanton had been handling; Paul asked him to just copy/paste those. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Surveys Committee

Margaret Grady proposed a survey for members at the quarterly meeting. The board voted and approved this 4-0-0. Margie then circulated the survey to be completed during the meeting. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Webmaster

Hal Astell reported that, after a board request, he had changed the main page at leprecon.org to focus on LepreCon 44 rather than LepreCon 42. This highlighted a problem with the LepreCon 42 site which was a WordPress instance installed in the wrong folder; the index files clashed and he was unable to change without moving the LepreCon 42 site into a different folder. This turned out to be problematic because of infections (he addressed 5 viruses in 12 files); the net result is that the LepreCon 42 site is not accessible at present. Everything else is still live. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Old Business

LepreCon 42

Gary Swaty has been appointed chair of LepreCon 42 for the purpose of closing it out, given the passing of Mandy Parker and the resignation of Mike Willmoth. With Gary absent, no further report was given. Dee Astell mentioned that Kevin McAlonan should have a passthru from this convention. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

LepreCon 43 (Westercon 70)

Dee Astell reported that most remaining costs have now been paid including the last printing bills, party expenses at LosCon and a half refund to Massoglia Books, a vendor who was unable to attend. What's left to do is to send certificates to masquerade winners and printed materials to supporting members. This should be soon, now that Arizona fandom is quietening down for the winter. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.

Google for Nonprofits

Paul Tanton reported progress in our move to GSuite (Google for Nonprofits). He will get details from those newly elected to officer or co-ordinator positions. Hal Astell highlighted that we now know that more things need to be moved to GSuite than were covered in the board's original vote, such as the default webmaster's e-mail address. Paul withdrew a motion to move all else to GSuite with a resolution to discover what else needs to go and what ramifications that would have. This will move to the boardlist.

New Business

1. Paul Tanton brought a concern about quarterly reports from the board meeting to the membership. He explained how we should see quarters, namely as the three months from the previous quarter (i.e. July, August and September would count as the previous quarter for a November meeting). This should mean more timely reports. A motion to accept was passed by acclamation.
2. Paul Tanton raised the discovery that the bylaws preclude a future convention chair from holding any other official position. We have previously interpreted this as meaning that a future convention chair cannot serve on the voting board at the same time, but the bylaw clearly also addresses the other officer roles, including secretary, treasurer and the various presidents. In other words, if someone is elected to the role of President, to run the next LepreCon, (s)he cannot also run the one after or the one after that. Discussion followed. The board will work to clarify and update the bylaws.

3. Paul Tanton raised the Stephanie Bannon restrictions. These had been raised to the board, which had declined to overrule the membership's previous vote on the matter but agreed to bring it back to the membership for discussion. A motion was made to revoke her restrictions. A secret ballot was held and the motion was passed.
4. Hal Astell raised a motion to thank Michael Fett for his many contributions to previous LepreCons and to donate to him in thanks the Arizona tradename for the Phoenix Sci-Fi & Fantasy Art Expo. After multiple suggestions that the latter may be impossible, he amended this to look into whether such a donation can be made. This passed as amended 14-5-6.
5. Woody Bernardi volunteered to stand for the now vacant position of President; Hal Astell confirmed his eligibility. Nobody else eligible was willing to stand. Paul Tanton proposed a motion to remove the restrictions passed during the President's Report; this passed 9-4-15. Mark Boniece proposed a \$2,500 cap on expenditure for a fan gathering in 2018 but withdrew after discussion. Woody spoke to his qualifications and experience in fandom. Stephanie Bannon asked about seed money and Paul spoke to how we have handled that recently. A secret ballot was held and Woody was elected as President.
6. A motion to delay elections for Vice President (LepreCon 45 chair) and Assistant Vice President (LepreCon 46 chair) until the February meeting was passed by acclamation.
7. Margaret Grady thanked members present for completing her survey.

Announcements

1. Hal Astell mentioned that he'd relaunched his archive of Arizona fandom in an expanded form (with fanzines, newszines etc.) under a dedicated new domain, azfandom.org.
2. Hal Astell also mentioned that the WesternSFA and CASFS have joined forces to host CoKoCon on the Labor Day weekend in 2018. This will be a joint ConKopelli/CopperCon. He and Mark Boniece are co-chairs. Dee Astell is vice-chair. Stephanie Bannon and Kevin McAlonan are joint bankers. This was announced at TusCon 44 where 28 memberships (+1 child) were sold.
3. Hal Astell listed all known Arizona conventions for the next quarter. 30 Nov - 2 Dec - The Vampire Diaries: Official Convention (Mesa). 9 Dec - LIBCON West (Glendale), Mesa Book Festival (Mesa) and Star Wars Fan Fest (Chandler). 5-7 Jan - Taiyou Con (Mesa). 13 Jan - Nansei Anime Con (Yuma). 13-15 Jan - Ace Comic Con (Glendale). 27 Jan - Tempe Public Library Comicon (Tempe). 2-4 Feb - Shindig Monster Camp (Mesa). 9-11 Feb - Arizona Game Fair (Mesa). 17-18 Feb - AZ Eventure Con (Glendale).
4. Len Berger highlighted that the Dark Ones had rented a theatre on December 16 for a screening of Star Wars Episode 8. Mark Boniece confirmed that tickets were still available.

Meetings

The next quarterly meeting was set for 3.00 p.m. on February 25, 2018 at the Spoke & Wheel (8525 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020).

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 8.10 p.m. after a vote by acclamation.

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Call to Order

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2017

Location: Denny's, 3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 7.17 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (expires August 2019), Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary*) - expires August 2020), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019), Gary Swaty (expires August 2018), Paul Tanton (*Chair* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Other Officers Present: Woody Bernardi (*President*)

Other Officers Absent: None.

Committee Heads Present: Hal C. F. Astell (*Financial Review, Website Archiving*), Michael Falinski (*Database*), Margaret Grady (*Bylaws & Policies, Google Docs, Positions, Surveys*), Earl C. Hedges, Jr. (*Fundraising, Social Media*)

Committee Heads Absent: Mark Boniece (*Quartermaster*), John Grigg (*Strategic Planning*), Sharan Hoyle (*Socials*)

Members Present: Stephanie Bannon, Mike Cassidy, Craig Dyer, Michael Fett

Guests: none

Collections

Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron; \$12.00 was collected.

Board Reports to Committees

Paul Tanton asked Hal Astell to confirm who was currently eligible to stand for office; Hal did so from memory and will bring a current list to future meetings.

Committee Reports to the Board

LepreCon 42

Gary Swaty reported.

He has no further information at this time but will try to provide an update by the next meeting.

LepreCon 43

Dee Astell reported.

Remaining tasks are to send certificates to masquerade winners and printed materials to supporting members. We've picked up card from storage for the certificates and had Duncan Rittschof price up the mailing costs for printed materials; this will be under \$3.00 per supporting member. She expects both tasks to be taken care of shortly.

LepreCon 44

Woody Bernardi reported.

He's currently planning a fan gathering of either one or two days. Date is to be determined, but he's looking at the St. Patrick's Day weekend to cater to tradition. Venue is to be determined, but he did a walkthrough earlier in the day at the Phoenix Center for the Arts with Earl Hedges; this is close to hotels and halves the price for non-profits.

Discussion about what to announce and when. Earl read his cancellation notice for social media and asked Paul Tanton for fresh account details for Twitter. Woody will write a new announcement and get that to Earl for social media; Hal Astell asked for the same for the website.

Kevin McAlonan asked for permission to refund the membership/vendor/artist fees for Michael Fett's cancelled event; Woody agreed and both Woody and Kevin asked for data from Michael.

Hal Astell asked about cancellation of venue and guests; Woody asked Paul to cancel the venue contract by end of year and to seek copies of the guest contracts.

Bylaws & Policies

Margaret Grady reported.

There has been some discussion on the Facebook group. She circulated an Oversight Policy, stating that it is a beginning only. This proposes that the board **may** review/approve event budgets; review/inquire about event goals and status on milestones; and review, question, approve/amend or cancel contracts including guest, venue and sponsorship. Much discussion. Michael Fett asked for a timeframe on response; many said that ten business days is standard. Craig Dyer asked what if that timeframe was not met; Margie suggested a default of yes. Kevin McAlonan suggested that the chair **must** submit these items; the board **may** review. This will be moved to the Facebook group for further discussion.

Michael Fett suggested a mandatory post-con audit by members who did not work the con. Much discussion. This will be moved to the Facebook group for further discussion.

Michael Falinski asked if we should have a database policy. It was suggested that he draft one.

Hal Astell raised a currently binding decision that @leprecon.org e-mail addresses be restricted to board members and convention committees, given that he's using webmaster@leprecon.org as an officer and paypal@leprecon.org isn't any of the above. He will rewrite and submit to the committee.

Michael Fett suggested a limit on proxies. This is an active discussion on the Facebook group.

Database

Michael Falinski reported.

He thanked Craig Dyer for donating two USB thumbdrives and confirmed receipt. He should have a prototype database ready for the February meeting.

Financial Review

Hal Astell reported.

Earlier in the day, he received from Kevin McAlonan a box of financial statements that had been sent by Bruce Farr, the former treasurer. He hopes for the committee to meet to look over these before the January meeting.

Fundraising

Earl Hedges reported.

Woody Bernardi spoke about restaurants who will provide donations to non-profits from receipts, one of them at 50%, and suggests that we move our quarterly meetings to one of these, though he does not have a particular suggestion at this time. Kevin McAlonan suggested that the board check it out first. Earl provided soapboxie.com and groupraise.com as the source data.

Discussion about more social events, perhaps at restaurants, to fall under the above logic. Discussion about moving this to the Socials committee.

Google Docs

Margaret Grady reported.

She's reworking some of these. The new master is LepreCon, Inc. Management. She asked who should get what access.

Positions

Margaret Grady reported.

She circulated a new list of descriptions and asked for more. Stephanie Bannon will extract useful information from the ConRunners minutes.

Quartermaster

Hal Astell reported in Mark Boniece's absence.

Hal completed a new inventory (excluding the registration box). He disposed of two damaged items (a plastic tray and a plastic plate). The only things obviously missing are the PayPal/Square/chip readers and some pool noodles. Dee Astell suggested that some of the latter were used in craft workshops at Westercon 70.

Michael Fett asked what we can dispose of. Hal raised some things, such as old blank badges, LepreCon 42 program books and pocket programs and cash registers. Gary Swaty will check to see what still needs to be sent to supporting members for LepreCon 42. Discussion about cash registers vs. cash boxes ended with the suggestion to keep all the above for now.

Dee asked about sponsored items provided to Westercon 70 (e.g. swag bags, Arizona maps and tourist guides, *Star Wars* samplers etc.), with a view to donating some of these to other events/organizations. Paul Tanton stated that she could chose to do so as the Westercon 70 chair.

Hal said that his next steps are to compare the new inventory with the old one and share with the board. Margaret Grady asked for a copy to convert to a Google doc.

Social Media

Earl Hedges reported.

He asked Paul Tanton about Giving Tuesday; Paul replied that it's the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, when people are asked to donate to charity.

Earl mentioned that LepreCon's entry on Wikipedia is out of date. Discussion about who can update, given Wikipedia's Conflict of Interest policy.

Socials

Michael Fett reported in Sharan Hoyle's absence. He has agreed to co-chair the committee now that Woody can no longer do so after his appointment as President.

Sharan now understands that she needs to give reports. They had discussed rules for socials, such as that they should be to have fun and promote the group rather than to be hijacked into being business meetings. Paul Tanton suggested that the responsibility to keep such a rule would be with whoever was running them.

Much discussion about the difference between an event and a social. No firm definitions were provided and this will be further discussed.

Michael suggested that the hosting of any social should go to the board for approval, as the LepreCon name would be attached to it. General agreement.

Michael also suggested that we could attend events hosted by other groups as a LepreCon social. Hal Astell asked if a list of such events could be provided.

Surveys

Margaret Grady reported.

17 people completed the survey that she passed round at the previous meeting. She circulated the results. She asked Hal for the attendance count at that meeting; he promised to provide that to her.

Website

Hal Astell reported.

His only changes since the previous meeting were basic ones (e.g. updating meeting times/dates) or the announcement of the cancellation of LepreCon 44 in its advertised form.

Other

Dee Astell asked when Michael Fett will be removed from the boardlist. Paul Tanton said that he's now a co-ordinator so would continue to be there.

Discussion about the PSFAFAE website and domains, given that the former is still active (and taking payments) and the transfer of the latter is still not done. Paul rang Michael (who had left the meeting before this) to obtain the information needed to draft the contract Michael requires to transfer the domains to corporate control. Michael promised to send to Paul by noon the next day and stated that he did not require payment.

Discussion about whether we should keep the Socials committee, given the strong overlap with Fundraising, and about their function. Kevin McAlonan suggested that they exist to promote events (e.g. LepreCons); Margaret Grady raised the promotion of the organization as a whole; Paul Tanton referenced the bylaws that suggest that doing the latter does the former. A motion was made to disband the Socials committee, with the note that socials would become the responsibility of individual event COOs. This passed 2-0-3.

Much discussion about Michael Fett's continued involvement with the organization after his outburst and resignation at the previous meeting. Many stated that they were not comfortable with him on the boardlist or in any role that officially represents LepreCon, Inc. A motion was made that, as this is the first face to face meeting of the board since the events of the November quarterly meeting, based on Michael Fett's conduct at that meeting, we should revoke his membership as per various bylaws and prohibit him from holding any position at LepreCon, Inc. other than member for a period of five years. This was deemed to be a board decision. It passed 5-0-0.

Meetings

The next Board/Committees meeting was set for March 19, 2017 at the same venue, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 11.50 p.m. after a vote of 9-0-0.