

Minutes of 11/18/2012 Leprecon, Inc., Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Priest Drive & Elliott Road, Tempe, AZ

Meeting called to order by Mike Willmoth at 3:09 p.m.

Voting Board Members present: Mark Boniece (L38 - exp. August 2014), Jeff George (exp. August 2013), Jean Goddin (exp. August 2014), Lee Whiteside (L37 - exp. August 2013), and Mike Willmoth (exp. August 2015).

Non-Voting Board Members present: Bruce Farr (Treasurer), Patti Hultstrand (co-chair L39), Donald Jacques (Database Admin.; co-chair L39), Kevin McAlonan (Secretary), and Paul Tanton (Social Network Coordinator) (by proxy).

Members present: Len Berger, Catherine Book, Michael Contos, Glenna Lawrimore, Craig D. Porter, Gary L. Swaty, J.B. Talbott, Susan Uttke, Doreen Webbert, Jim Webbert, and Jason Youngdale.

Guests: James Brines, Rachel Korthals, and Jeremy Cook.

Petitions for Membership: None

Proxies: Jim Strait to Mark Boniece

Ronald W. Book Sr., Patrick Connors, Lyle Dillie, Chris Swanson, Getonna Mazza, and Chris Paige to Catherine Book (6).

Jeff George to Michael Contos (1).

Deborah (Gus) Talbott to J.B. Talbott (1).

Nadine Armstrong, Michael Fett (by phone), and Jeanne Cook/Gini Koch to Lee Whiteside (3).

Franchesco Bufano, Louise Kleba, Sharolyn (Teri) Slaker, and Denise Wallentinson to Mike Willmoth (4).

David Gish, Tim Smith, and Paul Tanton to Jason Youngdale (3).

Reports

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 12, 2012, meeting were read and approved 15-0-2.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Farr presented the treasurer's report. Closing balance of all bank accounts (as of 10/31/2012) is \$25,903.23, plus the Paypal account has a little over \$2,400 in it. Treasurer's report accepted 12-0-4.

Condolences were given to Len Berger for the loss of his sister and to Sarah Clemens for the loss of her cat.

LepreCon 38 Committee Report: Mark Boniece reported that it was a good convention. Mike Willmoth reported a net loss of \$766.13. There were 420 memberships.

LepreCon 39: Donald Jacques reported that they are 90% staffed. Open positions are volunteers, Consuite, and program ops. They hope to have the next meeting at the hotel in January. Hotel reservations can be made from the website. Guests will be Jon Schindehette (artist), Shelby Robertson (local artist), and Nancy Freeman (filk). An author guest has not yet been confirmed.

Conflagration 2012: Mark Boniece said that he should have the complete report in the next thirty days. Mike Willmoth reported that it looks like we made about \$116 profit, but some things are still outstanding.

NASFiC 2014 Bid: Mike Willmoth reported that they have been sending out materials for the various conventions and had good promotion at Mile-High Con in Denver. The competition has a fair amount of east coast support, so we need to do more. LosCon is next weekend and they plan to have a fan table, a party on Saturday, and a program book ad. SmofCon is the following weekend, and they hope to do a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed voting fees with the Chicago chair at World Fantasy. Upcoming conventions are ConFusion in Detroit in January, Boskone in Boston in February, possibly Ad Astra in Toronto in April. He asked for help with the bid parties and encouraged everyone to sign up for pre-support. We have about 110 presupporters; Detroit is at about 50, including the bid committee.

Len Berger asked about ComicCon; Mike Willmoth said that he could not be there that weekend, but someone else could do a presentation if Len could set it up.

Bylaws Committee: Mike Willmoth said that recommendations would be presented later as new business.

Database and Database Standards: Donald Jacques reported that he is still processing the

Lep38 data. Mike Willmoth reported that they don't have the Conflagration data yet. A database standards report will be presented at the next meeting.

Tucson Book Festival: Lee Whiteside reported that the cost is the same as last year if paid by November 30th; the rates go up after that. Mike Willmoth said that it didn't look like we received any memberships from the last book festival, and that would be something we need to track if we do it again. Donald Jacques asked how often we have done the book festival, and Mike Willmoth said that it has been the last four to six years. Lee Whiteside said that it's good to get awareness out there. Gary Swaty suggested doing it one more time and track registrations better. Sue Uttke suggested that we offer a discount, a ribbon, or a sticker for people who sign up at the book festival. Patti Hultstrand said that we could offer a special rate for the book festival, since the price is scheduled to go up right before that weekend. A motion to pay \$395 for a Tucson Book Festival booth was made and approved 8-1-9.

Social Networking: Paul Tanton is still doing it.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Committee Positions: No report.

Quartermaster: Donald Jacques reported that there has been a little activity, with stuff coming back in good shape and no changes in inventory. Mike Willmoth mentioned that he would need some things for upcoming bid parties. Mark Boniece noted that some cases of water belong to CopperCon, but didn't get to the convention.

Non-Profit Status: We need to get the current books finished and provide them to the IRS. We hope to have that done by December 15, 2012.

Corporate Details on Website: Lee Whiteside said that he needs to get the last few meetings' minutes.

Preferred GoH List: Please let Mike Willmoth know of suggestions. The Board is to figure out who to bring in as special artist guest of honor now that Lep39 has chosen its guests.

Online Business:

- Database Integrity meeting scheduled to September 16th at 3pm.
- Mark Boniece asked the Board for \$100 towards Adam Niswander's memorial wake, approved 4-0-0.
- Discussed creating and publishing an anti-harassment policy. Comments from the quarterly meeting: Bruce Farr suggested looking at LosCon's policy. Mike Willmoth discussed the history of the problem. Please send an email to

Mike Willmoth if you want to be on the committee. In response to a question from J.B. Talbott, Mike Willmoth said that we have had problems in the past that were handled by Con security.

- Patti Hultstrand asked the Board to borrow one of the video projectors; approved 4-0-0.
- Paul Tanton requested a copy of the VelaVision videos in storage for use online; he needs to coordinate that with Don Jacques.
- Patti Hultstrand asked the Board about the feasibility of hosting a party at TusCon 39 for LepreCon 39, discussion followed.

New Business

Bylaws amendment: On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Mike Willmoth proposed an amendment regarding behavior. Among the concerns expressed were:

- Catherine Book questioned whether § 2.1.3 could be a problem procedurally; she also mentioned that “antisocial” is a ticklish word, and would like to have that word removed from the bylaws altogether (it also appears in § 9).
- Catherine Book also asked about the meaning of “neutral members” in § 9.3.3.1 and suggested that it be defined (this issue also was raised by Don Jacques).
- Catherine Book also noted that the amendment made no provision for the accused to tell his side, for due process, and related concerns.
- Gary Swaty asked who picks the committee.
- Len Berger asked about due process and illegality.
- Jason Youngdale asked whether the complaint could be raised again if the committee decided not to proceed or the membership voted it down.
- J.B. Talbott asked about double jeopardy.

Members of the Bylaws Committee (Mike Willmoth, Kevin McAlonan, and Michael Contos) responded to these questions by explaining the committee’s intent. In response to a question from Jason Youngdale regarding whether we could revise the amendment before voting, Mike Willmoth said that we could do that or vote on the amendment and then tweak the language.

Gary Swaty moved and Bruce Farr seconded that the membership vote on the proposed amendment; passed 20-15-2. The motion to approve the proposed amendment as written was defeated 10-21-5. The membership was asked to email suggestions for the bylaws to Mike Willmoth and Kevin McAlonan.

LepreCon 40: Mike Willmoth reported that there is a proposed contract with the Mesa Marriott for Mother’s Day weekend. Don Jacques moved and Glenna Lawrimore seconded to accept the Mesa Marriott contract even though no Lep40 chair has been elected; approved 18-0-14.

Don Jacques offered to chair Lep40. J.B. Talbott moved and Kevin McAlonan seconded

to elect Don Jacques as Lep40 chair; approved 19-0-16.

Conflagration: Jason Youngdale stated that a decision had not yet been made to hold another Conflagration convention in the future. Mark Boniece said that he would be willing to do one in 2014. Jean Goddin suggested that we do not skip a year. Don Jacques moved and J.B. Talbott seconded that the matter be tabled until Mark Boniece investigates the feasibility of doing Conflagration again; approved 23-0-10.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the Coco's Restaurant at Priest Drive & Elliott Road in Tempe, Arizona.

Motion to adjourn approved Many-3-2. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.