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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and
Fallout Society
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information
Programming and Entertainment.
BOD = Board of Directors
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
Cinema Anime = Japanimation
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
Fictionados - Writer's Club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
BoD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
Work Party - 10:30 am
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
Fictionados - 7:00 p.m.
FWEMS - The Star Trek babes - season one

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JULY 7 - No information at time of publication
JULY 14 - No information at time of publication
JULY 21 - No information at time of publication
JULY 28 - No information at time of publication

(programme items subject to change
without notice)

My apologies to the readers for last month's calendar being taken from the same universe where I get my calendar which has an April 31. This month's calendar should be from a more reliable source. Maybe.

COLOPHON

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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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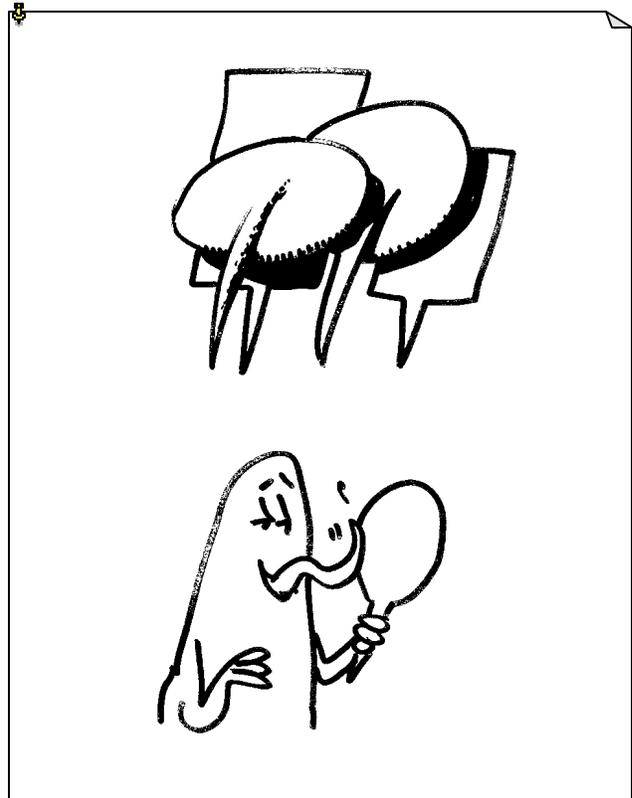
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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3534, May 5, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe
Performers: Tadao Tomomatsu
and John DeChancie

The scribe offered to read either the Menace or the Anti-Menace. The members voted for the Anti-Menace, that which appears below.

WAITING FOR THE MENACE

The Scene. Vladishmeer and Estrogen sit by the side of the road. It is day.

Vladishmeer
Who are we waiting for again?

Estrogen
Frodot.

Vlad.
Why are we waiting for him?

Est.
(long pause)
I don't know.

Vlad.
You should know. Doesn't he have the minutes?

Est.
Yes. Yes, he has the minutes.

Vlad.
That's why we're waiting for him.

Est.
Yes. Because he has the minutes.

Vlad.
The minutes are very important.

Est.
Yes. Very important.

Vlad. *(long pause)*
Why are they important?

Est. *(long pause)*
I don't know.

Vlad.
What was his name again?

Est.
Frodot.

Vlad. *(nods)*
Frodot. *(long pause)* What kind of name is that?

Est. *(thinks about it a while)*
I don't know. It's just a name.

Vlad.
Shouldn't it be Frodo?

Est.
What?

Vlad.
Shouldn't his name be FRO-do instead of Fro-DOT?

Est.
But it's Frodot, not Frodo.

Vlad.
(sighs)

Est.
(sighs)

Very long pause. Both try to say something.

Vlad.
No, you first.

Est.
No, you first.

Vlad.
Go ahead. I wasn't going to say anything.

Est.
Neither was I.

Another long pause.

Vlad.
So, listen.

Est.
What?

Vlad.
What are the minutes, anyway?

Est.

What do you mean?

Vlad.
What are they? What's in them?
What's in the minutes?

Est.
(long pause)
I don't know.

Vlad.
Do you know anything?

Est.
(Longer pause)
I'm not sure.

Vlad.
This is ridiculous.

Est.
It probably is.

Vlad.
I mean, this is completely nonsensical, our waiting for Frodot like this.

Est.
No doubt.

Vlad.
We have other things to do with our time.

Est.
Absolutely.

Vlad.
I have many concerns which demand my attention.

Est.
Doubtless so.

Vlad.
I'm wasting time here.

Est.
Indubitably.

Vlad.
Waiting for this Frodot fellow. And his minutes.

Est. Absolutely.	Est. Important things.	Yes.
<i>(Very long pause.)</i>	Vlad. Such as?	Vlad. You'll stay here and wait until he comes?
Vlad. But the minutes are important, I suppose.	Est. I don't know.	Est. I believe I will.
Est. Oh, very.	Vlad. Important things, such as. . .stuff. Well, look. I'm not going to put up with this any longer.	Vlad. Well, I'm leaving.
Vlad. Worth waiting for.	Est. I don't blame you.	Est. So long.
Est. I agree.	Vlad. I am not going to waste my time waiting for this Frodot fellow. Who knows if he's ever going to get here. We have no assurances, right?	Vlad. I've had enough.
Vlad. But I would like to know what's in the minutes.	Est. None whatsoever.	Est. I don't blame you.
Est. So would I.	Vlad. Nobody guaranteed that he would come. Let alone with the minutes, whatever they are, and whatever they're for.	Vlad. See you around.
Vlad. Do people speak in them?	Est. You and I are completely in agreement on this issue.	Est. Good-bye.
Est. I believe so.	Vlad. Well, I'm glad we agree on something. I'm leaving.	Vlad. Good-bye. <i>(Long pause)</i> I'm not going to wait another minute. Not me.
Vlad. What do they say?	Est. Good-bye.	Est. You would do well to leave immediately.
Est. <i>(After giving it some thought)</i> Stuff.	Vlad. Good-bye. I do hope Frodot shows up at some point.	Vlad. I will. Right now. <i>(Long pause)</i> I'm going to clear out.
Vlad. Stuff?	Est. Thank you.	Est. Good-bye!
Est. Various. . .stuff.	Vlad. So, you're staying?	Vlad. Good-bye!
Vlad. They speak of stuff?	Est. Thank you.	Est. <i>(sighs)</i>
Est. Things. They speak of things. It's just an expression.	Vlad. So, you're staying?	Vlad. <i>(sighs)</i>
Vlad. Things. What things? What things do they say?	Est.	

Neither moves. They both continue to sit motionless, waiting.

Est.
I forgot something.

Vlad.
What?

Est.
Something very important.

Vlad.
Oh? What was it?

Est.
I have the minutes.

Vlad
You have the minutes.

Est.
I have a copy of the minutes.

Vlad.
You've had them all the time?

Est.
Yes. I forgot.

Vlad.
You forgot. How could you forget?

Est.
I had a lot on my mind.

Vlad.
You're an imbecile.

Est.
(Takes out piece of paper and reads.)
This is very interesting.

Vlad.
(after watching him read for a long moment.)
Well, are you going to read them?

Est.
Read what?

Vlad.
The minutes!

Est.
If you want me to.

Vlad
Well, isn't that what we're here for?

Est.
Shouldn't we wait for Frodot?

Vlad.
Why?

Est.
Because we were supposed to.

Vlad.
Oh, come on. Show a little backbone. Read the minutes.

Est.
Very well. *(Continues reading)*

Vlad
Aloud! Out loud, so we can hear it!

Est.
Oh. Well, it says here the meeting started at 8:12.

Vlad.
What meeting?

Est.
(long pause)
I don't know.

Vlad.
There was a meeting?

Est.
Apparently. And these are the minutes.

Vlad.
Ah! Now we are getting somewhere. Continue.

Est.
Thank you. As I said, the meeting commenced at 8:12.

Vlad.
That's important.

Est.
Yes. Very important.

Vlad.
Why?

Est.
Time! Time is important! Time is of the essence.

Vlad.
What's that mean?

Est.
I have no idea. Shall I continue?

Vlad.
Please.

Est.
Apparently there was a saint.

Vlad.
This was a religious service of some sort?

Est.
I'm not sure, but there was a saint mentioned.

Vlad.
Saint who?

Est.
Saint Larry Niven

Vlad.
Never heard of him.

Est.
Neither have I. But people said nice things about him.

Vlad.
That's wonderful. Is there more?

Est.
Oh, yes. A lot more. People made announcements.

Vlad.
Announcements of what?

Est.

Meetings. Upcoming meetings.
Lots of announcements of upcoming meetings.

Vlad.
That's all? What about the business?

Est.
What business?

Vlad.
Well, at most meetings, business is discussed. Old business, new business. Did they discuss any at this meeting?

Est.
There was no old business. There wasn't any new business either.

Vlad.
Well, what exactly was the purpose of this meeting?

Est.
Apparently so people could get up and speak.

Vlad.
Ah. Ah. Speak. . . about what?

Est.
Movies they had seen and books they had read. And stories they had read in the newspaper or seen on television, or on the Internet.

Vlad.
Ah. Ah.
(Thinks about it.)
I don't get it.

Est.
Well, it's very interesting, all of it.

Vlad.
I'm sure it is. I'm sure it's just me who has a problem with it.

Est.
What's your problem with it?

Vlad.

Well, it's all rather pointless, don't you think?

Est.
What's pointless?

Vlad.
This. This is pointless.

Est.
This?

Vlad.
Sitting here, waiting for this fellow Frodot. Absolutely pointless.

Est.
I suppose.

Vlad.
Did anything else happen at this meeting?

Est.
No.

Vlad.
Was anything really important announced or discussed?

Est.
Except for the announcement of a man in ill health. A man named Sheckley.

Vlad.
Well, that's certainly bad. But wasn't this fellow's illness in the news?

Est.
Yes.

Vlad.
So the purpose of this meeting was to announce this man's illness to people who hadn't heard the news?

Est.
No, not really.

Vlad.
Well, tell me this.

Est

If I can.

Vlad
What was the purpose of this meeting?

Est. (long pause)
I don't know.

Vlad.
Ok, that's it. I'm done. I'm leaving.

Est.
Go ahead.

Vlad
I'm serious. This is pointless.

Est.
I agree.

Vlad.
I'm not waiting another second.

Est.
Good.

Vlad.
I have better things to do. Bigger fish to fry.

Est.
I like fried fish.

Vlad.
Don't be absurd.

Est.
I'm just being agreeable.

Vlad.
I'm leaving right now.

Est
Me too.

Vlad.
I'm out of here.

Est.
I'm with you all the way.

Vlad.
I'm not staying here another sec-

ond.

Est.
Excuse my dust.

(They both sit there and stare vacantly.)

END

***Meeting #3535, May 12, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe***

LASFS meeting #3535 commenced at 8:10 pm at the fan organization's North Hollywood clubhouse, a converted garage fronted by a rundown bungalow stuffed with soda cans and obsolete computers.

In the Year 3000

The meetings will be held in Luna City on the Moon. . . in a converted garage fronted by a rundown bungalow stuffed with soda cans and obsolete computers.

In meeting #3535, it was revealed that Louis Gray was in the hospital. For details see Don Wenner. Susan Gleason was welcomed back after long absence.

In the year 3000

Due to medical advances in the early part of the millennium, everybody alive then is still alive in the Year 3000. There is one and only one hospital in the entire Southern California region. Susan Gleason is the only patient, and she owes the place 500 billion dollars.

At meeting #3535 an auction was held to decide whether to read DeChancie's minutes of the last meeting or his curious "antiminutes." The "antiminutes" won hands down.

In the Year 3000...

John DeChancie, still the LASFS Scribe after almost a thousand years of producing minutes of high literary quality—will admit in a 12 step program that he in fact produced those quality minutes while he was high. DeChancie has made a living all this time ghost writing David Brin best sellers.

In meeting 3535 President Tepper admonished the membership to clean up the club after themselves. "It's a pig sty," he said.

In the year 3000

The LASFS clubhouse finally sprouted wings and flew

south, oinking all the way.

At meeting 3535, President Tepper read the Board of Directors' ruling on illicit drug use in and around the club.

In the Year 3000

President Hobbs will read the Board of Director's ruling on cranching in and around the club perimeter. Anyone caught cranching on club property will be subject to immediate furgleflipping. Of course, cranching with a zithroid assist, needless to say, is totally beyond the bounds of human decency. "I hope this policy is clear," President Hobbs added.

At meeting 3535, the Committee to Gouge the LASFS got up and auctioned off crap at premium prices.

In the Year 3000

The Committee to Gouge will get up and auction off the very same crap, re-donated to the club, at prices you will not believe.

At meeting #3535, there were the usual timely announcements.

In the Year 3000

The meaning of the word "timely" will disappear, as most people will have time machines. Many new indoor sports will spring up, foremost among these will be something called "gerrolding."

In meeting #3535

The **Patron Saint** was **Bob Null**. Scratch, Larry Niven, Christian McGuire, and Joe Zeff spoke up for him, saying nice things.

In the Year 3000,

The Vatican canonized Saint Merlin Robert Null. His two required miracles were pulling a con out of the red, and finally clearing all the junk out of the front building. He will be the first Living Saint canonized in the Catholic Church.

In meeting #3535

Christian McGuire personally passed the hat and put the late Michael Mason over the top for Sainthood.

In the Year 3000

Christian McGuire will be elected pope by the College of Cardinals in the Vatican. He had spent the millennium working his way up a real power structure.

In meeting #3535

Lafa
 (Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing
 Saturday, July 16, 2005
 Filk: 7 PM to ???
 Pre-filk Potluck Dinner: 5:00 PM

Terry and Paul Gibbons, hosts
 8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA
 91306
 (818) 361-6737: hit # as soon as you
 hear a voice, to skip the
 answering machine message

DIRECTIONS: Thomas Brothers.
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 (New) LA Co, page 530 E-1

FILK STYLE - moderated chaos

Lafa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
 (310) 306-7456

CLJ2 announced upcoming movies, Pepper touted upcoming meeting programs, Arlene Satin told of a marketing and outreach meeting, and Tadao spoke of the upcoming LaLacon.

In the Year 3000
 CLJ2 (ditto), Pepper (ditto), Satin (ditto), Tadao (ditto). Some things never change. *(Including ye ed preferring mimeo to ditto. – ed.)*

In meeting 3535
 Various members got up and

reviewed books, movies, and plays.

In the Year 3000
 Members will upload themselves into various books, movies, and plays, and never return to tell whether they liked them or not.

The 3535th meeting of the LASFS adjourned at 9:19.

In the Year 3000
 All LASFS meetings are digitized and broadcast to the known universe via FTL transmission. Nevertheless, Marty Cantor still cranks out *De Profundis* on the Gestetner. As a Pure Science Fiction Fan, he doesn't put much stock in all this fancy new technology.

Meeting #3536, May 19, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe

It was late in the afternoon and I was sitting in a café having an aperitif and watching the evening crowd on the Boulevard. It was a warm spring night and it was getting dark and the electric signs lighted up, and the crowd went by as the horse cabs clopped along with the taxis. I watched *les poules* going by, singly and in pairs,

looking for an evening meal. I watched one good-looking girl walk by, and then my eyes drifted to another. This second one passed and gave me the barest glance, but the first one had circled back, and she caught my gaze and came over and sat at the table.

“What are you drinking?” I asked.
 “Pernod.”

I ordered her a Pernod and she drank it slowly, looking out at the Boulevard. We had no more conversation until she turned her head and asked, “Well, are you going to buy me dinner?”

“Sorry, honey, I have a meeting,” I said, and got up and left.

I got to the clubhouse just as Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at 8:16 PM. Tepper was once middleweight boxing champion of the University of Minnesota. He hated boxing, and in fact had taken it up just for the inner satisfaction of a classical music nerd being able to knock down any jock or big man on campus who gave him trouble. He also liked bullfighting and rich American women who had lots of money to spend.

I started to take notes. My head was still buzzing from the Pernod but it was a good feeling, the kind that gets your fingers and toes tingling with sensation. There were two special orders of business. One was a report on club member Louis Grey. He's home from the hospital and doing fine.

The second order of business was noting that veteran member Lois Newman had contacted the club and wanted to sell some of her belongings, some of which might be of interest to other club members. She can be reached at lenewman@mindspring.com. Clj2 talked about upcoming movies for FWEMS on the 29th of May, and then announced that certain video tapes owned by the club were for sale. See Charles for details. Charles then announced that there would be few bullfighting events scheduled by the club in the near future, if any.

Tepper announced upcoming LASFS events, such as the impending election of club officers. Next week, as an aftermeeting program, Tom Safer presents the 3 Stooges. *(Lessee: Hare Hobbs, Matthew Tepper, Marty Cantor. . . no, that cannot be right. – ed.)*

There were no guests. Word had apparently leaked out.

The **Patron Saint** was **Tom Digby**. Karen Anderson said he's a great filksinger. Hare Hobbs said he is always polite, and is a marvelous wit. Marty Cantor said Digby has a strange and unusual mind. Larry Niven spoke about chocolate manhole covers. Niven is sometimes a silly man.

There was Old Business—the reading of the club's policy on clean up by members—clean up after yourselves! *(Taking a shower before the meeting would*

help, too. – ed.)

Joe Zeff got up and said something about zebras and children. The Scribe must have had more Pernods than he previously thought.

The meeting ended up with a Putridity Report from Joe Zeff, and a dumb criminal story from Tom Safer.

After the meeting, we ate dinner at the Coral Restaurant. The place was crowded with Americans and we had to stand and wait for a table. I had last eaten at this restaurant just after the Armistice in 1918. Finally, after being seated, we had a good meal of chicken in truffle sauce, and some good wine from Bourdeaux.

Later we went out and walked along the river, noting how the concrete was crumbling and in need of repair. There had been much rain that winter, and the waters had rushed through the Valley. It had been a hard year, and the peasants were restless and dissatisfied. The partisans were in the hills, and the rain had stayed mainly in the plains, and the phalanxes had shelled the hill towns and bombed with airplanes. It had been hard going.

I remembered when I had run with the bulls in these hills, a long time ago, back when the world was new and war had not yet come. The rains had come that year, too, but not as hard as this year, and not as hard on the peasants.

I spoke to the woman who was with us, asking her how she was called. She called herself Ingrid, which I thought a funny name for where we were. She then asked me if the earth had ever moved for me. I said that I had only been living in Los Angeles since the middle-90s, and had missed pretty much everything. She gave me a funny look, adjusted the straps on the machine gun she was carrying on her back, and walked ahead a few paces.

Suddenly, a leopard leaped from the bush just a few paces ahead, which I also thought strange. Stranger still was that he was shivering, as if he had just come in from the cold. I asked him what the matter was.

“I was up on the great mountain,” the Leopard said. “It may be spring here, but it is still cold on the mountain.”

“What were you looking for at that altitude, my friend?”

“I’m always losing sunglasses,” the Leopard said. “I must spend a hundred bucks a year, so I was up there looking for a lost pair of Serengetis. Nearly froze my spots off.”

end

***Meeting #3537, May 26, 2005
Matthew B. Tepper, President
John DeChancie, Scribe***

North Hollywood is quiet tonight. A hush pervades the corridors of power. The captains and the kings have departed, the power brokers are gone, the smoke filled rooms are clear once again. Important in this landscape, LASFS Meeting #3537, a gathering of denizens of that curious subculture known as fandom; an island of the outré amidst a sea of the mundane; a one-way ticket to a sense of wonder for the chronically reality-deprived. A brief foray into the fantastic; in short, a waystation before going out and getting something to eat.

This evening, president Matthew Tepper, affectionately known to his fellow fans as “Duck,” gaveled the meeting to order at 9:11 PM. He asked CLJ2 for any Special Orders of Business, and Mr. Jackson noted the passing of Ed Kellaher, sometime horror actor, Howard Morris, noted comedian, Thoro Ravenscroft, voice actor, and George Danzig, mathematician.

Marty Cantor reported on the curious fate of Robert Sheckley. That famous science fiction writer was previously reported in the hospital in the Ukraine, of all places, with respiratory failure. Cantor updated that report to “doing better, and being shipped back to the States, accompanied by a private medical staff (!), courtesy of the Ukrainian government, due in large part to the intervention of the son of the current president of that country.”

The Menace of the last meeting were read in a painful Hemingway pastiche, and were accepted as “running with the bulls,” if not the stuff bulls leave behind when they run.

Jerry Pournelle gave the web site for donations to Robert Sheckley’s medical fund.

President Tepper said today that Susan Gleason is to be thanked for making “Raiders of the Lost LaLacon” a success. The Secretary pointed out that the Riddle Competition was a smash, and made the con.

Tom Safer announced next week’s program as The Three Stooges. (*Lessee: Ed Green, Tadao Tomomatsu, June Moffatt . . . no, that cannot be right. – ed.*)

There were lots of guests: Joanna, Monica, and Thomas—Chris Bauer brought them. And Clare Waterson made another guest appearance. (*Also: Manny, Moe and Jack. Also, The Three Stooges . . . no, that cannot be right. – ed.*)

The Patron Saint was Dee-Dee Lavender. Three cheers were given.

In other news, parking spaces were auctioned off. The Heinlein space went to Brian for \$20, the Alderson space to Bill Ellern for \$16, and the Gary Louie space —again, to Bill Ellern for \$20.

Old business once again was. . .clean up after yourselves when using the club for any function or purpose!!!!

Jerry Pournelle reviewed “Farm Wars” on the internet, a short Star Wars spoof, and a very funny one.

Tom Safer pointed out an error in *De Prof.* . .June 31???
(*From the same universe where I got April 31 – and he missed that one. Nyah! – ed.*)

Jerry Pournelle had a report on his seeing the restored fresco paintings in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

Brett Achorn announced that tonight he was Liz in drag and wanted to be paid.

Francis Hamit reported that his play, produced up north, went fantastic, and that he’s also suing for copyright infringement—not the play producers, however. In addition he reported on a recent important out of court copyright settlement, the details of which he will divulge at a later date.

The meeting was concluded at 9:15. All of which begs the overwhelming question. How does this affect the balance of power in Europe? Will the falcon heed the falconer, or will that wayward bird continue on his widening gyre? Will the center hold, or will mere anarchy be loosed upon the modern world? Only time will tell, and time proceeds at a rate of one second per second.

The meeting was concluded at 9:15, and that’s the way it was, Thursday evening, May 26, 2005. Thank you for listening.

Board of Directors Meeting, May 8, 2004
Karl Lembke, President
Joe Zeff, Secretary

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Tadao Tomomatsu. (Brett Achorn, Cathy Beckstead absent, unexcused.)

Others: Joyce Sperling, Anne Morrel, Susan Gleason, Greg Bilan, Joan Stewart, Matthew Tepper, George Van Wagner, John DeChancie.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:18 a. m., just after the scribe got his computer ready. The chair brought in copies of the various letters Michael Mason had sent about getting our trademarks re-registered. The registrations were so out-of-date that we had to register them from scratch again instead of simply renewing. Ed Green moved that copies of the current Bylaws, Standing Rules, LASFS and Westercon Trademarks, WesterCon Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation be kept in the Library, and available to the general membership on demand. The Chairman of LASFS will be responsible for seeing that this is done and kept current as needed. After discussion, the motion passed.

Minutes: After a minor nitpick by Marty Cantor about the clarity of a perfectly clear sentence was accepted as a change, the minutes were accepted as corrected, with the Scribe voting for the original form.

New Members: Brian Simmens, Joyce Carol Grace and Peter Grace. As Peter Grace heard about us from NESFA, Ed Green moved that he be considered separately. After this passed, Mr. Green moved that he be accepted unanimously. This too passed. The other two were accepted together.

Treasurer's Report: Not as funny as they were when we accepted Stelloi for dues, but we still have money and we're still not allowed to spend it.

Facilities: Our attempts to keep the clubhouse clean and get members to cooperate with this have largely failed. Various possible ways to deal with this were brought up. One of the ideas was to close events if the club is left in an unacceptable state. This has the difficulty of deciding which group of two caused the problem in some cases. It was eventually moved and seconded that the Presiduck notify the club every week until the next Board Meeting that events that leave the clubhouse a mess will be shut down, and that this is to include Friday Night Gaming and Second Sunday. Mat hew indicated his willingness to make the announcement and the Board voted without dissent or abstention to do what's needed. Karl also mentioned the possibility of locking the supply cabinet so that only a keyholder can get in, lowering the chance that random people will take out bowls and leave them in the sink. Marty Cantor brought up the difficulty he's been having because of too much storage of inappropriate material in the APA-L Room. He made it clear that such things as Second Sunday and LaLaCon supplies are appropriate and that he has no problem with this. There was a motion made, seconded and passed that the Board and Procedural officers will support Marty in this and give him any assistance needed.

Building Maintenance: Ed will need to get a new quote on the sign, because the guy he was working with isn't there anymore.

Hall Decoration: Nothing to report.

Computers: Nothing from Bob except for routine printer, and that it will be cheaper to replace one of the printers than buying a new cartridge. The scribe brought up the issue that the

power-strips on the computers are being left on, allowing the monitors and speakers to burn energy for no reason. The Veep agreed to check on this and ask people to do what's right.

Lighting: After one false start, Bob has bought and installed the right type of sensors to control the fluorescent lights in the courtyard. He's still fumdiddling with one or two to get them to turn on and off at the right time, but doesn't consider it a problem.

Gestetner: The machine is currently running on three belts out of four. It can do this OK, so there's no reason to have the repairman come out just for that. We can have it done as part of his next service call, getting all four replaced together along with whatever else needs doing.

Video Library: We have 16 mm equipment and films that we'll never use and that are hard to find a good home for. CLJII agrees that it can go away, but nobody wants to put it in the dumpster. We also have two spare monitors, one of which needs to go. We decided to get rid of both and spend up to \$300 on a new one to replace both. An enabling motion passed.

Sound System: No report.

Marketing Committee: Chairman Lembke brought in a proposed Policy on illegal drug use. After the traditional grammatical/syntactic nitpicking, Staff Sgt. Green moved that the policy be added to the Standing Rules of the Board of Directors. There were multiple seconds, and no naysayers on the vote. Marty then moved that the policy be posted in various, appropriate places at the clubhouse. Again, it passed unanimously. Marty said he'd place it in *De Prof* and Matthew Tepper agreed to read this notice at the next regular meeting.

Publications: Not time, yet, to update the Kid's Lit list. We don't know who's going to take over the Adult list and CLJII isn't present to give a report on the Video list.

Fred Patten Collection: A large quantity of Fred's stuff has been donated to UC Riverside, including his complete collection of APA-L. Marty, understandably, would like to see the collection remain complete and plans to send copies of each week's disty to them. This will cost small amounts of money, and he'd like to get Board approval for the one or two dollars per month needed for this. Ed moved that we increase the DeProf mailing budget by \$25/year to provide for mailing *De Prof* and APA-L to the Eaton Collection at UC Riverside. Surprisingly, it passed.

Lasfs.org: Kay Shapero complained in APA-L that she's been unable to get the webmasters to make various minor changes to the website. Marty has been unable to get the address for APA-L changed for a year and a half and the list of officers is years out of date. Granted, this is volunteer labor, but it only takes a few hours a week to keep up, and we're not getting that small amount of maintenance. Barry Gold has offered to take over. George Van Wagner thinks we might ready to get a professional to deal with this, so that it's taken care of properly

and promptly. One benefit of this is a content management system, so that no one person has to do everything. If we are going to have it designed professionally, it shouldn't be done by a member, to keep things on a professional basis. The current webmasters will get together with Barry to co-ordinate any turnover and we will check with Barry to find out what content management he has or can work with. We also need to decide just what we want from our site.

At this point Mike Thorsen left the meeting to buy provisions for Second Sunday.

Events: Our presence at the Festival of Books worked well. Karl told us that bringing some Hugos to the booth was a real success. Ed estimated that 25% of the people seeing them said, "Oh, that's what a Hugo looks like," including one of the creators of a TV show that's been nominated. Greg came in to support this, and mentioned several other film and TV people brought over by the display. We might be able to get one of them here for as a program item. We gave Greg our thanks, and he passed the thanks along to his helpers. We're on-line for next year, although the price has gone up about \$100. Greg would like us to get a better banner and Liz asked him to bring it up next January, when we're working on the budget.

LOSCON 31: Nothing to report except that there's no more to report.

LOSCON 32: It's had its first meeting. The committee is now filled up unless something new turns up. Everything is on-track.

LOSCON 33: Probably on-track, but the chairman isn't here to report.

Enigmacon: We've received a request by email to host a room party there, the same weekend as BayCon. Ed Green moved to allocate \$50 for anybody that would like to do this, and it passed, although nobody stepped up to bell the cat. We'll check with the Marketing Committee, as this is really in their bailiwick.

LaLaCon: It will be going on and there are lots of neat ideas, including a Riddle Quest.

Convention delegates: Ed, Liz and Karl for Baycon. Bill will be at BookExpo.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26:55 p.m.

Zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: *Einblatt!* June 2005 (MinnStf). *ConNotations Vol. 15, No. 3* (CASFS). *The Unofficial Memphen Annual No. 1* (MSFA). *WARP 59* (MonSFFA). *BCSFazine #385* (BCSFA). *Meeting Notices* (PSFS). *DASFax Vol. 37, No. 5* (DASFA). *NASFA Shuttle Vol. 25, No. 5* (NASFA). *Instant Message #753*

(NESFA).
other zines:

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. The Librarian has no current new listings at this time.)

**TO THOSE WHO DO NOT
NORMALLY READ THE
MINUTES:**

*Our Scribe is a filthy pro and he has been using creativity in recording the minutes. In February he recorded the minutes as a 14th Century French Ballade. **This month continues his experimental minutes-taking, including Waiting For Godot and Hemingway pastiches. READ THESE MINUTES - they are a tour-de-force. ENJOY.***

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