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Time Meddlers				LASFS Meeting	Open Gaming	Loscon 33 Open Mtg.
26	27	28	30	31		
FWEMS				LASFS Meeting		

Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Jpanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10:30 am
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

Loscon 33 Open Meeting - 3 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Calendar Details

BoD - Cancelled this month due to conflict with L.A.con open mtg. gaming still starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm

Thursday Program Items

- March 2** - Vote on Loscon 34 Bids, Panel on Hugo Voting
- March 9** - Tim Powers Reading
- March 16** - Nothing Scheduled
- March 23** - Nothing Scheduled
- March 31** - Nothing Scheduled

COLOPHON

De Profundis 398 – February 2006. Editor: **Milt Stevens**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Nlven**.

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We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: miltstevens@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

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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Loscon 34 Bids

Three bids have been submitted for Loscon 34. (2007) These bids are chaired by Sherri Benoun, Greg Bilan, and Susan Gleason. The club will vote on which bid to accept at the meeting of March 2.

March Board of Directors Meeting Cancelled

The meeting has been cancelled due to a conflict with the L.A.con IV open meeting.

Loscon 33 Open Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 3 pm. Anyone interested in possibly working on the con is invited. Or even if you aren't.

NEXT LA AREA LAFA FILKSING

combined with the San Diego Filksing

March 18, 2006, 7:30 pm

Sean and Linda Cleary (and Heather and Fiona Cleary, now 9 and 12 years old)

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting # 3569, January 5, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3569 to order at 20:14:54.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced some very interesting, different, and good news. There's a British fan, who used to be very active, one LeRoy Kettle (aka Roy Kettle). He's was a senior policy advisor on disability rights for the Department. of Work and Pensions. He's retired and joined one of the British fan e-lists. Every year at new years, the Queen customarily issues a list of honors. Roy has been created a member of the Order of the British Empire.

Ed Green had some bad news. Worldcon fan GOH Howard Devore passed away December 31. His passing was not unexpected merely unwanted. He remains GOH, just taking a less active role. Go to the LA Con IV website and do some reading. There is a tribute.

We had a long moment of silence.

Menace: Read and approved with one abstention as "read but not seen".

Let it be noted President Green lost control of the meeting at 8:32:17. Not a personal best...

Registrar: New registrar Marcia Minsky introduced Brian Cantor, who found us on the Internet. He's a writer looking for support.

We have two other illustrious guests. Last month, Marcia had given her last name as "Minsky, like the Burlesque." In response to the bet that we'd have strippers if she were elected, she introduced two strippers, bought from the hardware store that evening. They are the Kleen Strip siblings, one handles paint, the other handles stain and varnish, and they come elegantly attired in convenient spray cans with detachable caps.

Patron Saint: We have a couple of them. In the order they became saints...

Dan Alderson. Scratch: Dan was the club's resident genius, a mathematician extraordinaire, and with an interesting sense of humor, and I miss him.

Phil Castora: He was an exceptionally good man, exceptionally generous with his time and everyone loved him. He had an odd but good sense of humor. Charlie Jackson: Mr. Alderson was one of the fortunate few who became a cartoon character. Cartoon characters never die, they just go into Dimension X or someplace. Christian: I don't remember when, but Dan worked at JPL, and did the math for calculating how to get a space ship from A to B. He did it so well, sometime in the 80s, it was discovered the Russians had stolen the software and used it for all their satellites. Jerry Pournelle: In his universe, he immortalized Dan with the Alderson drive. Dan devised the fictional drive to fit Jerry's requirements. He also devised a real low thrust trajectory monitor called TRAM. It was written in Fortran, and thus can be compiled into any number of platforms. As far as Jerry knows, TRAM is still the heart of space navigation systems. Fred Patten: Believes him to be a charter member of the first comics fan APA, and may have had a complete collection of all the Capt Marvel books. Charlie Jackson notes he was indeed a charter member. Tepper: Dan was the one who, when told he should enter a self-denigration contest, sighed and said, "I'd probably lose". Marcia: At one point, Joe was having trouble finding a place to stay, Dan offered him a place to stay. Dan Alderson was awarded three Cheers, and a brand new Saab! Weep Wail!

Next Patron Saint: Joe Zeff. Mary Ann: He is directly responsible for a certain local grocery checker finding out about fandom. Hare: When Dan was at his sickest, Joe's the one who took care of him. Marcia: Don't hold it against me, but he's my brother. MBT: admirably and wittily served in two offices, vp and scribe. Phil Castora: shared an apartment with him for a year, and has gotten to know him pretty well. Nobody's perfect. Even I'm not perfect. But Any faults Joe has, he more than makes up for in his willingness to help others. Karl – he served two terms on the BOD. Three

cheers, and a computer user too stupid to live.

Registrar: The registrar introduced Carolyn Moyer, who learned about us from Diana. She's a writing student.

Committee to Gouge: People went bats for the comic books that went up for auction. And a rack! (Nobody expects the fannish inquisition!) And some money, and the Egyptian God of Frustration, who ducked out as soon as possible.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Appointed Committee Reports:

CLJII: FWEMS will be resuming. This month, at 2 pm, a day of Hammer Films pirate movies, starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. February: In honor of Lupercalia, a day of Diana Rigg movies.

Tadao announced this weekend, Estrogen Zone Saturday, showing Firefly and Serenity. Tadao, being estrogen challenged, did not know the time each item would screen.

Reviews:

Mike Thorsen reviewed a new computer game Scorched Earth 3D. It's a nice simple blow up everything you can, including the earth itself. Graphics are good, and the assortment of weapons is good. You have a wide selection of tanks, turrets, and characters to use. Other thing: new years' party here. A fair number showed up, the movie section was well patronized, and we had card games. People had a good time.

Miscellaneous:

Phil Castora is now about as close as you can get to being a professional writer without being one. Six months ago, he sent in \$18 to an English couple for their online collection of 5000 old radio programs. He had trouble making payments. In lieu of payments, they've been reading the writings he's been sending about the programs. Sent off his article about Jack Benny, and it's being published.

Announcing candidacy, Sheri Benoun is bidding on Loscon 2007.

CLJII: That time of the year. Watched some movies over the past year. 159 new first time movies. 298 total.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:12:32.

Meeting #3570, January 12, 2005
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3570 to order at 20:14:40.

Special Order of Business: Charlie Jackson announced Jack Jardine, aka Larry Maddock, has been hospitalized with a stroke. His daughter is with him, and he's now making intelligible remarks when spoken to. Pray, think good thoughts, etc.

Menace: Read and approved as "Weep Wail!".

Registrar: Marcia Minsky announced some guests, not in cans. John Goodwin, publishes SF and Fantasy, and is with Galaxy Press. He'll be making a presentation later this evening.

Patron Saint: Tonight's is Bruce Pelz.

Karen Anderson rose to call him a lot of things. First encountered him in an apa they were in in the 50s. One of the most important things he did was take up filksinging and create new tunes for the songs in Silverlock. He published as well as writing filks. The songs he published had musical notation where possible. He published four volumes of the filksingers manual, and they're still available. Jerry Pournelle: He helped get the club building fund going Hare Hobbs: he was the elephant – for his memory. He was one of the people you went to for history. Christian: Bruce Pelz was THE elephant of the LASFS. He was one of those few who was considered an Omni-APAn, not something you can do any more. He was also an omni-fan. He did it all. He loved fandom, fannishness, and made no apologies for being a fan. Fred Patten has been

trying to decide which anecdote to mention. Mentioned how, when he joined in 1960, there were a lot of impressive fans who welcomed him into the club. Most had projects and let him help out – Bruce was one who went the extra distance to welcome him into the club. He encouraged Fred to become a full active participant. Bruce may be the person who helped make him feel welcome. Phil Castora: Bruce was competent, often exceptionally so, at anything he turned his mind to, fannish or otherwise. Even miniature golf. He had fun in myriad ways, and wanted everyone to join him in having fun. Elephant fits him better than almost anyone else. It's easy to tell when there isn't an elephant around. Len Moffatt got a fanzine from Bruce in the 50s. It was called proFANity. Cover was a picture of a stove with the oven door open, and a cat sleeping inside the oven. Then he came out from Florida after the 1958 worldcon, and after getting settled in, started doing things, including innovating things. Once it was started, he let someone else run with it. He was a fanzine fan, a convention fan, a club fan, and was outstanding in all of them. He was also in mystery fandom, having been an instigator of Boucher Con. Charlie Jackson: His interests were legion and manifest. He was interested in many more things than people would realize. Once he wrote a song that required people knowing both Flanders and Swann and Pokemon to get the jokes. Jerry Pournelle: Bruce Pelz had been an eagle scout. He also held a silver beaver. That's one in a million. Tom Stern notes Bruce had a deadly wit. Many years ago, the experience of attending business meetings at Westercons and the like were deadly boring, unless Bruce was chairing. Phil Castora: Power is delightful, and absolute power is absolutely delightful, and nothing exceeds like excess. Ed Green: we spent 20 minutes and barely scratched the surface. One of the few about whom you can say his passing rocked the community. We may never recover. He's missed. Three Cheers, and a cry of Here fish!!!!

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off, among other things, a chicken chucker.

John Gibbon announced the program, showing a documentary about the SF museum, final edits to be made after our comments.

Old Business: None.

New Business:None.

Appointed Committee Reports: Karl Lembke announced Loscon 32 turned over \$8100 to the treasury.

Fannish Committee Reports: Karen Anderson reported on the current issue of Pop Sci – Nascar with rockets. The rocket is slightly imaginative. They're really going to do rocket racing.

Ed Green: Deseret Morning News, Ron Stalwarth was asked to lead the local Klan chapter. He was black.

Miscellaneous: Jerry Pournelle showed off his new toy. It's a camera that takes hundreds of pix, has 2 lenses, wide angle and telephoto, and has a nice fast response time. It's five megapixel, the batteries last for hours. By Kodak.

Alan Frisbee notes scientists at National University Taiwan have bred three pigs that glow green in the dark. They're green all the way through, one lives in a house of glowing straw...

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:10:00.

Meeting # 3571, January 19, 2006
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3571 to order at 20:15:22.

Menace: Read and approved with one abstention as "tabled for 499 years".

Registrar: Marcia Minsky introduced Albert Sheehan, who found us through a used paperback store in the West Valley.

Patron Saint. Jeff Siegel. Jerry Pournelle: Part of the rat pack, Alex's best friend, lived three houses down the street, and is now finishing seminary to become a Lutheran minister. He's an all around good guy. Fred: Jeff was arguably responsible for anime catching on, because in 1976, he suggested having a special place to show anime whenever we wanted. Jeff Siegel was given Three Cheers, and something animated.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a bunch of cra .. er neat stuff.

Tonight's program is a European Space Agency DVD, for the 15th anniversary of the Hubble telescope....

Old Business: Thanks to the Ellerns for hosting the party for the 31st and 32nd Loscons.

Thanks to the people who helped prepare the clubhouse for the reception following the unveiling of Michael Mason's tombstone: Scratch Galloway, Susan Gleason, Ed Green, Allie Johnson, Karl Lembke, Christian McGuire, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, Joyce Sperling, Joan Steward, and Michael Thorsen.

New Business:None.

Appointed Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced the marketing committee is plotting to hold a reading at the clubhouse. The reading is free, there will be munchies provided.

Ed Green discussed programming. We've had no responses, but we expect to host a series of "for your consideration" evenings. Authors who have written stuff that they want nominated for Hugos will be showing up to read and discuss.... Also, here at LASFS, we'll be doing a bunch of Worldcon related programming. Stay tuned...

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle reviewed Paul Bremmer's book about his year in Iraq. In the first ten pages, you'll understand what went wrong.

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau notes that a strain of 450-pound jellyfish has appeared off the coast of Japan, ruining nets and lowering catch sizes. Recipes that use these fish have not taken off. Too bad they canceled Iron Chef.

Charlie Jackson notes some of the newer buses have automated announcements of stops. It must be hell when they stick in the wrong tape.

Jerry Pournelle announced from Francis Hamit: Amazon is publishing the first of his series of civil war novels.

Phil Castora did some of the proofing on a couple of chapters, and Francis is a good writer.

Miscellaneous.

Kay Shapero announced Cynthia McQuillan has recently died. January 14 of renal failure.

Larry Niven announced Draco Tavern is out. Twenty-six stories, covering 30 years of his career.

Hare Hobbs bought himself an atomic solar watch and now glows in the dark..

Charlie Jackson has a magic number – 5120. This is his lifetime total.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:00:00.....

Meeting # 3572, January 26, 2006 Ed Green, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Ed Green called meeting number 3572 to order at 20:12:38.

In a brief excursion into silliness, we auctioned off which of the officers at the head table would wear which Mexican wrestling mask.

Menace: Read and approved with one abstention as "must be jelly because jam don't shake like that".

Registrar: Martin Rabinovitch, who found out about us from a friend online, and Crystal Sheehan, who found out about us from her dad.

Patron Saint: One who is no longer with us, Rick Sneary. The cakes and stuff are in his honor, because his mother made good cakes and cookies. Many years ago, Len Moffatt received a letter from Rick asking for permission to reprint an article Len turned out not to have written. His letter was full of misspellings – due to his poor health, he was unable to attend a school that taught spelling. Eventually, people thought his spelling errors were on purpose, because the mistakes made more sense than the actual spellings. Many editors, including pros, passed his errors along because they thought they were deliberate, and clever. He served as LASFS president, treasurer, and in other offices. He helped hold the club together during the doldrum days in the fifties. It was easy to get elected then, if you stood for office, you got elected.

People spent a lot of time sitting down at these meetings. He also helped bring Worldcon to South Gate in '58. He was a wonderful guy, with a great sense of humor and a sharp mind. Rick Sneary was given three cheers, a lysdexic complement.

Also: Gail Selinger: Scratch: has crashed with her and Frank Gasperik. She earned her sainthood. She's a lady of many talents, and lives in the Valley. She adds so much maturity to the club. Matthew Tepper: Gail has many talents and abilities. She had been a NYC schoolteacher, and knew how to handle the little daleks. ...um.... **Darlings**. Larry Niven: She ran an art gallery for a while. And so we had an outlet for F&SF artwork. Ed Green: And she recently sold a "dummies" book on pirates. She was given three cheers and a bottle of rum.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a whole bunch of stuff.

Old Business: None.

New Business:None.

Appointed Committee Reports: George Van Wagner (Marketing Committee) – last night we had the first in what we hope will be a series of readings at the club. This was in conjunction with My People Connection, and a number of people turned out, including 14 who never had been in the club before. The readings were well received, and half the newcomers signed up for mailing lists of future readings. Next time, club members are invited to show up. Thanks to the committee, Arlene Satin, Shawn Crosby, Tadao, George Van Wagner, Vanessa Van Wagner, Beverly Widder, Susan Gleason, and Selina Phannara.

Charlie asked for a sense of the club – we have lots of videotapes of movies and stuff, we have a lot of DVDs. DVDs take up a lot less space. How many people have VCRs and are likely to check out stuff from the club? How many have DVD players?

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed *At All Costs* by David Weber. Also, Solvang, which is a good place to make your wallet lighter and yourself heavier. They have lots of neat stuff, swords, cloaks, chocolate, wine, and other food.

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau reported that Science has confirmed what we always suspected. Emory psych department confirms that staunch Republicans and Democrats... once mind is made up, people are reluctant to re-evaluate.

Joe Zeff: 15 kilos of ambergris discovered on the beach in Australia, 17 euros per gram. If they can sell it, it's a nice chunk of change.

Hare recalls gamers talking about the difficulty of building tunnels. The Feds have discovered a tunnel going across the border. Very sophisticated, and packed with marijuana. The suspects probably weren't gamers

Jerry Pournelle: it was 80 feet below ground, big enough to drive a car through, and done without the knowledge of the Mexican government, it says right here.

Fred Patten notes on Tuesday, got an e-mail invite to a screening in Mumbai, India. He doesn't plan to go.

Miscellaneous: Bob Null noticed there was a motorcycle officer behind the Union station. That's a regular speed trap. Smokey's taking pictures, good buddies....

Ed Green amplified: LAPD has been doing sweeps of the nearby parks, especially around the orange line. The homeless have migrated into our yard. Be aware of your surroundings – we haven't had any major problems yet, and we don't want any.

Jerry Pournelle announced the death of Trevanian – Eiger Sanction, etc. Rod Whitaker, old friend of Jerry's, and Jerry was the company manager of his master's thesis play.

Bill Ellern had an item: he did a book report on Draco Tavern. First story reminded him of his wife, and he thought it was brilliant. His wife has a slightly different take on it.

Motions to run screening into the night were approved at 21:24:52...

Board of Directors Meeting, January 8, 2006
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Secretary

Directors Present: Karl Lembke, Tadao Tomomatsu, Brett Achorn, Bill Ellern, Cathy Beckstead, Elayne Pelz, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Michael Thorsen, George Van Wagner.

Others Attending: Milt Stevens, Joe Zeff, Marcia Minsky, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Marty Cantor, Joyce Sperling, Matthew Tepper, Scott Beckstead, Vanessa Van Wagner, Anne Morrel, Michael Pell, Susan Gleason, Greg Barrett, Bill Green, Greg Bilan, Joan Steward, Selina Phanara

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Karl Lembke at 11:22. The chair wished everybody a Happy New Year, welcomed incoming board members Elayne Pelz and George Van Wagner, and gave a hearty thank you to outgoing board members Marty Cantor and Joe Zeff. A brief nod was added to the electronic secretary, Mic Macintosh, and organic backup, Joan Steward.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 2005 board meeting were corrected to note the new pricing of the festival of books and to clarify the H&R Block tax preparation offer discussed at the December meeting, then were accepted as amended.

Vocal attendance was taken for the benefit of the electronic secretary.

Election of Officers: Karl Lembke was nominated and unanimously re-elected Chairman. Mike Thorsen and George Van Wagner were nominated for Vice-Chairman, but when it was revealed that Mr. Van Wagner was a willing victim for the position of secretary, that nomination was rescinded and Mr. Thorsen was unanimously re-elected to the position of vice-chairman. George Van Wagner was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary, Brett Achorn was nominated and unanimously elected Comptroller. All were given congratulations and condolences as required (condolulations?).

New Members: Mike Pennys and Laura Brussel Fichter were accepted unanimously, despite amazingly rumped applications.

Treasurer's Report: The annual budget spreadsheet was handed out and after some discussion, it was moved that the budget be approved as is, with a review

in three months at the April board meeting, with an eye towards improving projections and removing outdated carryover items. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz brought up two topics that had been discussed last month: the LA Times/UCLA Festival of Books and supplementary insurance for the Library. Ed Green asked that we ask Greg Bilan his opinion on continuing participation in the Festival of Books, as it has been his project. Greg recommends that we discontinue due to increased cost. A motion was made to discontinue the LASFS presence at the Festival of Books and was approved unanimously, with a huge thank you to Greg Bilan for all his work for the club.

Additional insurance for the library would cost \$400 annually for \$200,000 in coverage. This is the replacement amount for the entire collection. The fire insurance of the club covers the building not the contents. A motion was made to insure the library for \$350,000 at a cost of approximately \$600 per annum. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities: The board officially noted and approved the request by the Mason family to hold a reception at the clubhouse after the unveiling of Michael's headstone on January 17th in conjunction with the monthly Time Meddlers meeting. All LASFS members are invited. We discussed purchasing new chairs to replace broken ones in the meeting room. Bob Null will be going to Staples to price (and possibly buy) some. Elayne Pelz volunteered to assist Ed Green with expediting of the sign repairs. For cosmetic spruce-up, there was discussion of replacing parking signs and roping off parking spaces, as well as replacing or repairing the front door of front building.

Computers: The Pubs computer needs replacing. The board approved the purchase of a new one.

Communications: There was some discussion of the payphone in the front building and if there were some way to reduce the cost of the line.

Trademarks: The comptroller informed us that there was one more filing needed to be done for club trademarks.

Gestetner: Everything seems to be working.

Video: The projector is dying. There was discussion about replacement.

Sound System: Speakers are being purchased for the Frehafer Hall sound system. In conjunction with the donated digital surround receiver, this should result in

much better sound for video presentations at the club. And there was much rejoicing.

Marketing: The board approved readings at the clubhouse in conjunction with My People Connection. This will be a series of readings, with the first on January 25th. Marketing also requested an expanded slot at the February board meeting to discuss plans for future events. It was requested that the Marketing Committee forward their meeting minutes to the board.

Website: Our webmaster is still scheduling a meeting with Tony Todaro, who has volunteered to do a professional redesign of the LASFS website. Webmaster also noted that for the moment, emails should be addressed to addresses at lasfs.info, not lasfs.org as the .org mail server seems to be grumpy.

Events: Loscon 32 wrapup is pending. \$8100 is the current turnover. Loscon 33: Everything proceeding according to plan. Loscon 34 bidding will be at next month's meeting. LaLaCon: The board approved LaLaCon for a return in 2006

Printing Cost: Marty Cantor gave his report on cost of materials for duplication using the Gestetner. There was some discussion of whether the current charges for printing were sufficient to cover their share of wear and tear as well as materials. Discussions will continue offline.

Institutional Memory: There were three categories of institutional memory discussed: Archives, Records, and scheduled/docketed items (renewal dates, deadlines, milestone dates, etc.). Various options were brought up including software solutions. A committee consisting of Brett Achorn, Ed Green, George Van Wagner, Cathy Beckstead, Tadao Tomomatsu, and Liz Mortensen was appointed by the chairman to study what we need to store and track and how we'll do it.

Lighting: Elayne Pelz volunteered to take on responsibility for oversight of improving lighting in Frehafer Hall and installing some sort of ceiling in the south half of the meeting space, as this has been budgeted for some time. At the request of Greg Barrett, LASFS Librarian, Elayne will also get an estimate for improving/replacing lighting in the library.

Cleaning: The Board is considering hiring a cleaning person to come in on a regular basis. The board will be creating a list of what we need to have cleaned. Bathrooms, floors, vacuum floors and couches, and general dusting were the initial suggestions. This will be investigated further with potential cleaning persons. Note: cleaning services generally don't do dishes. This

means that we'll all have to kick in to make sure that the sink in 4SJ is kept clear. This means you!

Bob Null reported that the APA-L room lock is now functioning properly.

With that glad news, thanks to the outgoing board members were reiterated loudly and with great huzzahs, and the chairman adjourned the meeting at 13:50.

Letter to DeProf

I see you're now editor. In the last issue, there was something that might be considered embarrassing to the club. I don't know who it was who referred to Richard DeLap as Richard DeLapp, and implied he was a total nonentity. One, he's dead, one of the first fannish victims of AIDS. Secondly, while he was alive, he was an especially well known critic of the field. Criticism is as evanescent as yesterday's dew, but he really was very well known.

Also, Merian C. Cooper's first name was spelled, uh, that way, rather than whatever spelling was in DeProf.

--Bill Warren

[I should have caught the spelling on DeLap, since I knew how he spelled his name. It being my first issue, I hadn't thought about possible reasons for excluding something from the publication. Something really vile or obvious libel would be reasons. However, whether someone is obscure or deserves to be obscure are matters of opinion and could be debated. I don't think the comment was harsh enough to warrant deletion. --Milt Stevens]

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