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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 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 am
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Thursday Program Items

May 3 - What Have You Been Reading?

May 10 - Nothing Scheduled

May 17 - Science and Technology Roundtable

May 24 - Nothing Scheduled

May 31 - Nothing Scheduled

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

COLOPHON

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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 address: 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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Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, May 19, 7 pm
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8515 Penfield Ave.
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Pre-filk Potluck Dinner 6 pm

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Library Additions

The LASFS library has now acquired the 2007 Hugo nominees for best novel.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*Meeting # 3629, March 1, 2007
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

The meeting, such as it was, was gaveled to order at 20:02:12 .

We have a busy busy night, so we're starting early.

Jerry Pournelle cried out for by-laws. Since we're going to exercise some of the by-laws tonight, we'll skip the reading.

The President announced a special Special Order: We have super new business!!!!

*"We the members of the LASFS would like to extend our profound and sincere apologies to any guests who are present at our business meeting, tonight, March 1, 2007, for what they are about to experience."
The motion was signed by enough people for consideration.*

Menace: Read and accepted as "vermillion". \$5 from Karen Anderson for the privilege.

Fred Report: He will eventually be allowed back in his wheelchair. He seems to be in good condition and

spirits, but a little aggravated.

Patron Saint: Marjii Ellers!!!

Scratch called her one of his close friends whom he never had enough time to spend with. She was a lady who could do costuming, decorate bathrooms. Eric Hoffman said she was one of the first fans he met, and she made him feel welcome. She enjoyed talking to people. She was wearing her black queen costume at the time. She was the glamorous grandma, and deserved the title. Hare Hobbs said she was probably one of the classiest fans in this club. Tadao Tomomatsu had the privilege of knowing her only for a short time. On first meeting, she had a stake through her heart. Phil Castora has never known any body who could be so incredibly cute and sweet without turning his stomach. Jerry Pournelle: no one else fits the statement – if you ever need to show someone what a lady was like, Marjii was the one to show her. Marc Schirmeister was living with his grandfather in the 80s. Grandfather was impressive. Even though he was invited to come out and mingle, he never did. Somehow, he did come out to talk to Marjii, and she charmed him enough that he would attend the barbecues. He had a crush on her. She helped cheer the man up. Karl Lembke related a story from Lee Gold. Once, Lee managed to catch her hair on fire. The fire was quickly extinguished, and injury occurred. Some weeks later, Lee ran into Marjii, who said, "Oh, I see your hair caught on fire. Don't worry, it's hardly noticeable, and soon no one will be able to tell it ever happened." As it happened, Marjii, a professional hair stylist, had been the first and only one ever to notice.

Registrar: introduced Sakai, who hasn't been here in 16 years. In addition, we have an old friend of Michelle's Joe Masset. We also have David DeRico, and Brigitte.

Matthew Tepper reported that our own Laura Brodean Freas is the morning drive announcer on FM 105.1 HD 2 or 1260 on the AM dial. Everyone write the station and tell the management how good their morning drive host is.

And now, we move on to.....

Old Business: March 1, march 8, standing rules change. Discussion and vote on March 1, voting only on March 8.,

We will alternate between pro and con arguments on this issue. Speeches will be limited to one minute. We will auction off the number of minutes allowed to carry on debate.

1 Concern: spending money for purposes other than described in club charter. If we stop that, we can stay in budget and not raise dues.

Fact is, that won't help. Current budget provides for only maintenance and utilities, and we're still at a deficit. Last increase was 20 years ago. Costs have gone up 35-70%. Century fund is not growing, because money is going to day to day expenses.

Hare: neutral: has lifetime membership, so maybe he shouldn't vote.

Christian opined that every member should vote.

We used to rent the club out to other organizations. We could explore those options again.

Treasurer pointed out our insurance doesn't allow us to sublet.

Fred Patten recognizes inflation, considers \$1 increase reasonable

Jerry Pournelle remembers the last debate. Dues were almost pegged to the price of Analog, and this doesn't come close. Renting was income we used to have, when we didn't have insurance and didn't comply with requirements for public meeting places. We seem to have no choice.

Elayne: for raising dues. One reason – we have work to do that we can't afford to do. We need to upgrade now.

Richard Costas asked if there were mechanisms in place to prevent overfree spending. Yes, we have the Century Fund and a Board that hates to spend money.

Ed Green called the question. There will be a vote now, and another vote next week with no discussion.

Program Committee: No additions. Next week is second vote. 3/29, Mechanical Propulsion Systems visits to show and tell on project to build first anime style robot. 4/19 is the date for the giant auction, where we auction off giants.(They might be giants).

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off ancient video technology, and the motion to apologize which went for \$4.

Fannish Committee Report: Doug Crepeau reported on a fellow who collided head on with a Hummer. He was found to have been using his laptop at the time. Proof that laptops and hummers don't go with driving. Also, Stephen Hawking is scheduled to ride the vomit comet.

George Van Wagner notes physicists may have found evidence of the Higgs Boson.

Karen Anderson rose to report on "earth grazer" asteroids and the risk they pose.

Jerry Pournelle had a couple of comments. He commends Sir Richard on wanting to take Hawking to space. He doubts it's possible, and the boost might damage him. Sir Richard has put up a \$25 million prize for tech to remove CO2 from the atmosphere. This is the sane way to address the problem. He spoke about climate change at some length.

Reviews: Len Moffatt reviewed and recommended a good old fashioned movie, Astronaut Farmer. It takes him back to the years when stories were about people building rocket ships in their back yards.

Miscellaneous: A motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:20:05.

*Meeting # 3630, March 8, 2007
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

The meeting, such as it was, was gavelled to order at 20:03:07

Christian vamped for a couple of minutes, holding a sheaf of papers in his hand. He provoked cheers with the topic of terminating members. There was only moderate kibbitzing from the Chairmanator.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced, sadly, we have some. Ellie Bloch, widow of Robert Bloch, passed yesterday, or maybe the day before. There is no particular cause – it seems to have been policy. **We** had a moment of silence for Mrs. Bloch.

We did not observe the death of Captain America, since it is thought to be a hoax.

Menace: Read and accepted as "keep watching the LASFS website". Ed Green paid \$5 for the privilege of naming them.

Fred report: His sores are getting better, but not yet fully healed. He spent four hours in the wheelchair waiting to be evaluated, getting nowhere. George Van Wagner mentioned Fred's old Earthlink address is still valid.

Old Business: We had the vote on raising dues. The motion has already been debated. Tonight, we only have the vote. It passed again. This being the second time it's passed, it carries. Dig deeper into your pockets, y'all!

Patron Saint: Dave Fox. **Joe Zeff:** Among many other things, he liked to write stories about a Mediterranean country called Khorlia. It had interesting native languages for a Mediterranean country, English and Japanese. **CLJII:** Dave Fox was an interesting sort of fellow. When he passed, he left a home, fannish in nature, cluttered, and disorganized. His daughter Vixen was going through things cleaning up with friends. No sign of a last will and testament. **Bill Warren** pointed out that Dave Fox would have likely done something like put his last will in an envelope and pinned it to the wall and there it was. **Dr Pournelle:** Dave had an external hearing aid with an external box. If he didn't care for what someone was saying to him, he would ostentatiously take the box out, and turn the volume all the way down to zero, and stand there smiling. Dave Fox was given three cheers and a blessed beast.

Tadao had a report. For everyone's convenience: do not open the emergency exit unless there's a real emergency. The neighbors are getting fnurky.

Committee Reports:

Karen Anderson announced our skies are too well lighted. But are the astronomers well lit? There is a light survey being conducted, to measure which stars are visible in different cities. Download details from <www.globe.gov/globeatnight/index.html>

And in response to Jerry Pournelle's question of "what do you get if you cross Hellboy and Catwoman", the answer is "Hellboy Catwoman sin (theta)." (You can't cross Catwoman with Spiderman, because Spiderman's a scaler.)

Rick Foss noted, on Sunday, the Skeptic Society has a cross between fantasy fandom and teaching – CalTech has a seminar, Physics and the Buffyverse. Check the skeptic society website for details.

Reviews:

Christian remembered having read a book this week. It was written by a writer – who is writer guest of honor of the 61st Westercon. Anvil of the Gods, Kage Baker. It was a quick read, entertaining, and very funny.

Rick Foss reviewed Swords Point by Ellen Kushner. It starts as a medieval fantasy with no particular magic,

but lots of diplomacy. The level of plotting becomes very intricate.

Sandy Cohen recommended people see the movie "300". It recreates the graphic novel very well, and follows the story pretty closely. The visuals are unlike anything you'll ever see. Charlie Jackson notes, wear your butcher's apron if you sit in the first three rows. Karen Anderson says, if you have any appreciation for history, check out what the heroic men actually wore. Jerry Pournelle added, it's a good representation of the graphic novel, but it does to history what the warriors do to each other. They do have a number of lines from the picture that are quite historical. They really were that tough, and they were that clever.

Hare read Silverlock, and enjoyed it immensely. The NESFA edition is well done. Christian added many NESFA volumes are found in the LASFS library. Jerry Pournelle seconded. Karen Anderson noted the NESFA edition is the gold standard.

Doug Crepeau warned us all about deep vein thrombosis. He didn't mention whether he was talking about the book or the movie.

George Van Wagner reviewed a daily comic strip – Cow and Boy. It features a boy whose best friend is a cow. Highly recommended.

Marcia Minsky reviewed ConDor. Bucky the robot caused a scandal by trying to do his interpretation of Harry Potter. The scandal arose because he didn't have the trademark scar. He did, however, take a theme award.

Miscellaneous: Motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:14:03.

Meeting # 3631, March 15, 2007

Christian McGuire, Presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Beware the ides of LASFS! After a brief epileptic Caesar, Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:02:31 Said Christian, as soon as the meeting came to order, "Somebody stole all my walnuts! "

At Jerry Pournelle's call, we had a reading of the by-laws, section 4 – dues. Next week, we'll have a reading of the dont's.

Special Orders of Business:

Charlie Jackson is not well today. His prompt recovery is expected, but not today.

Len Moffatt noted that Forry is in the hospital with a broken hip. He's at Fountain View Convalescent Hospital. He is 90 years old, and we all hope he gets out of that hospital. The Secretary was directed to send an appropriate card. The motion to so direct was passed by acclamation.

Mr. Burlake observes that Fred is doing better. He's still confined to his bed, except when they stick him in a wheelchair for four hours, and then do nothing with him.

.We had a moment of thinking good thoughts for all of the above.

Menace: The Menace were read, and approved as "russet", thanks to Karen Anderson's fin.

Patron Saint: Gavin Claypool. He is a member who now spends a great deal of time promoting our media bad habits. George Mulligan noted he was number one in the Hell Five standings last year. Matthew Tepper noted he is a kind and thoughtful soul, and the one who did the most to look after Allan Rothstein in his last years.

Jerry Pournelle said that he deserves credit for an awful lot of things. He never claims credit, he just makes things happen. He's devoted considerable time and effort to making the club a better place.

Joe Zeff: He's one of the most likeable of the members of the club. Gavin Claypool was given three cheers, and no two bid.

Committee Reports:

Arlene Satin mentioned, on the 24th, the California Science Center is having a fan open house. LASFS will have a table there, and Arlene will be working there. There are info cards at the Lizdesk.

Bob Null had a Charlie report. He had an attack of stomach pain, sneezing, etc. Fortunately, it's gone away except for residual

soreness.

Karen the Science Monitor rose to announce Titan has seas. At least they look like seas. It gives new meaning to "Adventure on the High Seas."

George Van Wagner was tempted to say, Yeah, whaddaya want? On March 29, Mechanical Propulsions Systems comes to talk about giant robots. On April 19, we have the auction. On the 5th, we have What Have You Been Reading Lately? For the 26th, attempting to get a panel on new developments in science and tech. Also, there's a chance one of these dates will be pre-empted by Peter S. Beagle, doing a reading.

Reviews:

German reviewed a book from somethingawful.com. "My tank is fight." All your tank is belong to us?

Christian reviewed two books by Will Shetterly, part of the Borderland series. Elsewhere and The Never Never. Both are light fantasy - a faerie has returned to the universe after the faerie and normal universes merged, and started mingling. The series is very well written, and features strong characters.

Joan reviewed The Prestige. She didn't know much about stage magic before watching. It's named after the third part of the magic act. It was extremely good, and featured Nicola Tesla. Highly recommended.

John DeChancie was in Target, and saw Sin City on DVD. He put it in the player. He was determined to watch it to the end. He didn't make it. The comic doesn't work on film. Milt Stevens: Likewise bought Sin City, and never finished watching it. As a retired crime analyst, he found the violence extreme, beyond all

reason and ability. It seemed an exercise in excess. Whisky commented, "That's one of the trademarks of the director, Rodriguez."

Christian: If you want to see Rodriguez at his best, see El Mariachi. Hare Hobbs bought Sin City, and didn't have time to see it all the way through. He watched it a few stories at a time, and found it bearable that way.

Jerry Pournelle observed, having grown up in the 30s and 40s, back then comics were different. They were longer, and had literary references in them. Nowadays, comics are done for shock effect. They used to be a reasonable part of a person's education, and now they're just a way to spend time. David Okamura notes comics used to be self-contained. Nowadays, story lines last a year, to be packaged in trade paperback form, and their structure reflects this destiny. Whiskey: Another comic, done by the writer of Sin City, is 300. Both are Frank Miller, and in both cases, the comics were ripped apart and used as storyboards.

George Mulligan reviewed a book club James Schmitz Witches of Carris. They're finally reprinting the works of James Schmitz. His main comment: He is suddenly reminded of everything he liked about SF and fantasy as a kid. It brought back what he loved to read, and why he loved to read it.

Miscellaneous: Doug Crepeau misced about dating areas. On Craig's List, there was a notice from someone claiming to be an ex NASA female astronaut, who likes long drives and meaningful conversations with women, and a person trying for a date with Cthulhu.

Gizmo found chocolate pop rocks. He also found some chocolate Bubble Yum.

Frank Waller disappeared off the face of the planet - spent the last two days at a hospital, with a rapid heart beat. Now he has eight bottles of drugs.

George Mulligan proposed that if T shirts are to be raised at all, they be raised Catholic.

Whisky reported Mayan priests are cleansing a sacred site after a visit by George Bush.

Motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:09:17 and we proceeded to cleanse the clubhouse.

*Meeting # 3632, March 22, 2007
Tadao Tomomatsu and Christian McGuire,
Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Having just arrived, Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:06:43, driving it all the way home. Sadly, Christian does not have the by-laws to read. He also doesn't have the agenda, so we'll make one up.

Menace: The Menace were read, and approved as "Ruby", again paid for by Karen Anderson.

The board is accepting bids on a cleaning service for the club. Any interested in cleaning up can submit bids to the treasurer. Submit bids to before May 1. Put the word "Cleaning" in the subject line.

Patron Saint: Tonight, we honor Saint Dan Deckert, who hasn't been around for a while. We have readings from the Book of Saints. Doug Crepeau notes Dan had security clearances to operate on missiles. One hurdle he had to clear was his membership in the LASFS. Fortunately, the person handling the investigation was Doug's brother, also a member of the LASFS. Len Moffatt: Dan did quite a bit for the club. He was on the BOD and a convention worker, and a great guy to work with. He was program director at a Bouchercon run by the Moffatts. He had the good sense to marry a very lovely lady, Danise Cook. Marty Cantor: He wrote zines for LASFAPA and APA-L, and he was one of our better presidents. To

speed things up, he came up with the procedural dodge of “All in favor say Aye, those opposed say Aye, the Ayes have it.” Joe Zeff: His APA-L-zine, Entropyⁿ, where n = the disty number, continued to issue 500. Christian: He has two children, Elana, and a son named something.

Dan Deckert was given three cheers and silence.

Registrar: We have no guests. Again!

Committee Reports:

Tadao announced that the front building has a visitor, who’s already chewed up a couch. Watch out for the traps.

Karen Anderson had in her hand an obituary, John Backus, the father of Fortran, and there by the father of all software. He died at age 82, or 122 in octal.

Reviews:

George Van Wagner noted, on CSPAN2, on the weekends they have Book TV – interviews with authors and programs from literary events. Now in the rotation, we have Neil Degrasse Titan, astronomer. This is promoting his book, Death By Black Hole and other cosmic quandaries.

Bill Ellern: Last weekend on Sunday, they had sneak previews of The Last Mimsy, taken from Louis Padgett’s short story. It’s been padded, there are extra items in it, but it’s treated very gently. It’s enormously entertaining, and highly recommended. It doesn’t have loads of gratuitous sex and violence, and is kid friendly.

Doug Crepeau bought The High Crusade – He liked nds reading the story, but the movie is like a remake of Monty Python and the Holy Grail done by Ed Wood.

Rob Cole: Cliffhanger series perfectly captures the movies of the era.

Frank Waller: Mimsy is a family oriented SF adventure film.

Kay Shapero reviewed Baen Books’ release of the entire Liaden series. Sharon Lee and another author. It’s worth reading.

CLJII reviewed an episode of “Crossing Jordan” – SF forensic show. In it, the Boston Medical Examiner’s office was examining a mummy to determine how the mummy was actually killed 3000 years ago. The investigation was sidelined when the mummy turned out to have plastic fillings, and was a murder victim from 3 years ago.

Christian – two items on History Channel. The 300, a documentary of the battle, along with a great deal of the history. Then, in another program, there’s a dissection of the movie. They didn’t trash the movie, but experts pointed out the occasional bits where the movie agreed with history.

Tepper; Last night’s South Park, Lice Capades, was humorously SF, positing intelligent head lice. (Pardon me for interrupting your dream, but...) thinking they were maybe doing too much to the world they were living on.

Whisky reviewed The Dresden Files. They took from the first book, and kept pretty much to it.

Miscellaneous:

Hare was at the Hollywood Highland center, and was drawn out by the noise of police sirens. What happened was that at the Grauman’s Chinese theater the guy dressed as Batman was arrested for trying to use the porta-potty there. Batman couldn’t use the Bat-room.

38 years ago, today, Matthew Tepper joined the LASFS.

George Mulligan found a book last week – the Flying Buccaneer. Published in 1923, about aerial piracy in 1952. Written by Jack Bins. On research, it seems 95% sure he was the first radio operator to facilitate a rescue at sea.

CLJII: Kosher Coke is now in stock. This is made with sugar, not corn sweetener. Look for the yellow caps.

Doug Crepeau noted that several colleges have stopped accepting Wikipedia as a source.

Hare: We could have seen Shaun Crosby on the news last week. He was standing next to a mailbox made up to look like R2D2.

Motion to take the late hour into account passed at 21:13:05.

*Meeting # 3633, March 29, 2007
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Christian gavelled the meeting to order at 20:03:13, launching a meeting to run on Ultra Lite Agenda.

We came, we saw, we adjourned.

In deference to Jerry Pournelle's absence, there were no readings from the by-laws. (Well, it was actually to leave time for the program, which we do care about.

Special Orders of Business:

Herman Stein, composer, composer of a great deal of music for films from the 50s, has died. He was 91, and the causes of death were congestive heart failure, and being older than 90.

Nick Smith reported on the induction of Bruce Pelz into the Filk Hall of Fame. The award is being sent to Elayne by mail and should be at the Tower today.

Michael Burlake reports that Fred is improved, but still being held incommunicado.

Menace: The Menace were not read this week, due to the extra light agenda.

Patron Saint: Sue Hazeltine

Milt Stevens notes she was our librarian for at least a couple of years.

George Van Wagner notes she gave us money.

CLJII: She married the right Frank brother.

Sue Hazeltine was given three cheers and a new book

Registrar: We have guests. Lots of them! We have four guests. Christine Amarantis, aka Rogue, Brandon DeMaria. Finally, Chris, introduced as Michelle's new pet – Christopher Weddington.

We also have the presentation givers, Alexander Kunstmann, Tommy Amick, James Black, Earle Bishop, Scott Renkes, and Duane.

Committee Reports:

George Van Wagner: This Week: Mechanized Propulsion Systems. April 5th is the "What are you reading now" roundtable. April 19th is the auction. April 26th was scheduled to be a round table, but will be Brigit Landry at JPL, about the Cassini Huygens mission.

Hugo Nominees have been announced. John Hertz is nominated best fan writer.

A motion to get on to the program passed at 20:14:51.

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