



JULY 2009

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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, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
 WORK PARTY/June 25 - see Elayne about this one

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JULY 2 - More like the movies, part 2
JULY 9 - Early TV sf - men into space
JULY 16 - 2-part salute to men landing on the Moon
JULY 23 - 2-part salute to men landing on the Moon
JULY 30 - Special Presentation: Radar Men from the Moon

(programme items subject to change
without notice)

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts 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
 FWEMS - Summer Festival - Ghosts

PROCEDURAL OFFICERS 2009, second half

President - Christian McGuire
Vice President - Rob Powell & Maryann Cranston (tag team)
Scribe - Karl Lembke
Registrar - Michelle Pincus

Treasurer - Elayne Pelz
(serves until July, 2010)

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 437– July, 2009. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: www.lasfsinc.info. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I 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, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. 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.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). July, 2009. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1389. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Charlie Jackson, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January—June 2009

President: Mike Thorsen. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, only)

Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009).. **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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EDITORIAL

*by Marty Cantor,
DE PROFUNDIS
publisher & editor*

Again, no editorial this time as I am still trying to get caught up on all of the minutes which are a bit old.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfsinc.info)

**Meeting #3738, April 2 2009
Mike Thorsen, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3738 hit the table at 20:12:32

The **Menace** were read and approved as "A rock named Poul Anderson".

Patron Saint, Chuck Donahue II: Chuck has been away for a while, and but showed up this evening. Matthew Tepper: he had a girlfriend who used to like to sit on the meat freezer we used to have in the meeting room. Joe Zeff: Chuck Who? Made a popular president of the LASFS, and continues to be a good Hell player.

Hare Hobbs: Up Chuck contributed to our rule against clothing reviews. CLJII called the cartoon character Duck Chonahue! Chuck was given three cheers and a hello, nurse!

Patron Saint, Tom Stern: Sandy Cohen notes Tom's stock went up when he decided to marry Marina. Tom works as a computer specialist. Tom, Marina, The Warrens, and Sandy went to Maui. The Sterns went to see sunrise on Haleakala. They managed to pick the worst day of the century to see the sunrise, or much of anything. Tom Stern was given three cheers and part of a boat.

Old Business, Standing Rules amendments. 22 approve, 0 opposed, 5 abstained. They win.

The Registrar announced a dearth of guests.

We have a **treasury report**. We have money, don't spend it.

Time Bound Announcements: Jerry Pournelle announced Baen Books has brought out yet another book – Fires of Freedom. It's a book that contains another book, plus a third book. Nowadays you can't publish thin things. So this big thick collection has been published. Go buy it.

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle reviewed an extremely accurately done historical of 15th Century Italy. Bellarion the Fortunate, by Sabbatini. He's stealing atmosphere from this book. The characters in the book are accurately drawn, and were real people (except of course the main character). If you have any interest in historical Venice and the era of City States, read it.

Milt Stevens recalls reading of that book that suggested resemblances to Dorsai. Dickson probably wrote Dorsai after Sabbatini wrote his book.

Miscellaneous: Martin Young wanted to announce that Freeman Dyson is being pilloried for being a Global Warming Skeptic. If Freeman Dyson has something to say, people should listen.

Jerry Pournelle asked if anyone wants to hear Dyson's reasoning. He rose to spell it out. It's not rocket science – Clearly the Earth has been warming. But with this year's solar minimum, back in the 1600s there was the Maunder Minimum, and it was quite cold. We also know it's been warmer – the Vikings didn't call Nova Scotia Vinland because it was cold and desolate – grapes grew there.

Carbon dioxide is not the most efficient absorber of infrared. Water vapor is a lot better. Any place you have water vapor, all the infrared is going to have been absorbed whether there's carbon dioxide present or not. The only place carbon dioxide makes a difference is in cold, dry areas of the globe.

There's probably an extended treatment on Jerry's Page.

We adjourned at 21:29:27.

Meeting #3739, April 9, 2009
Matthew B. Tepper, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3739 began operations at 20:10:58

Special Orders of Business: Len Wein's house caught fire early this week. The humans who were in the house at the time are all right; one of the dogs reflexively hid in the bathroom, which was one of the rooms incinerated. Work is underway to rescue stuff that can be rescued, and a list will be provided of replaceable stuff that needs replacing.

Dave Arnesson died yesterday, a year to the day after Gary Gygax. Make a saving throw.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “put something down for Ghod's sake”.

The **Registrar** announced that we have a guest, Brad Seligman, here for his second time.

We have a **treasurer's report**. We have money, don't spend it.

Karen Anderson rose to give us a **moment of science**. Marty Cantor announced there is no Board meeting Sunday. Second Sunday Open House will exist. It will open early. At Noon.

Elayne announced we have directories.

Patron Saint, Elst Weinstein: Sandy Cohen said he's a doctor, pediatrician. He throws wine and cheese parties at conventions. He's one of those who came up with the Ranquet. Banquets were expensive and not very good, and Elst and others set up the Ranquet, at the nearest McDonalds. They'd have a guest speaker, usually better than the one at the Banquet. HE was also involved in a number of hoax bids. He's still around, and still shows up at conventions. Milt: he founded the church of Herbangelism, whose scripture is the Holy Babble. He sold skate keys as the keys to truth, and sacred objects including the hard-to-get cinnamon lollipop. He edited Dangerous Crudzines, Again Dangerous Crudzines, and The Last Dangerous Crudzine. They even had APA-H, an apa for hoaxes. You had to not exist in order to join. They also had Hogu awards to pass out at ranquets. Best dead author (on Ko-Ko's little list), best new typeface, the Black Holes to parallel the Nebulas. And, of course, the brown hole, for professionalism.

Karen Anderson: He's also the curator of a small medical museum. He has a small garden where he plants medicinal plants. Cannabis is not being considered since the building manager would object. He's talking about working on a book about medicinal plants. Joe Zeff expanded on the Hogu and Ranquet. Elst and friends objected to the high cost of the hugo banquet and held their own version at the local McDonalds. With Inflation, by the time

of the 84 Worldcon, it was at the Hamburger Hamlet, and cost more than the Hugo banquet they originally objected to. Marc Schirmeister: He's quick on his feet at spotting humor. At a Hogu, at a classic Mac Donalds outside, Ed Green brought a rubber chicken. Elst put the chicken between two buns, and pretended to gnaw on it, to the amusement of the staff watching behind the glass panes.

And then there was Friends of Klingon. Someone came up with the phrase. Elst gets this bright idea look. And comes back with 50 names and \$100. He eventually took the money and held a Friends of Klingon Landing Party. Some of the people on the list actually showed up. CLJII: Most interesting and most pointless: if you go to the James Bond novel Goldfinger, it's Eliot.

Marc Schirmeister recalled Jerry's play about the horrible fat king. Elst had a parody about the king's brother. Elst Weinstein got three cheers and No, Mr. LASFS, I expect you to die.

Time Bound Announcements: Christian announced Tuesday, 10-27, 7 PM, we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of LASFS.

Sandy Cohen announced the news of the fire and work party at Len Wein's home.

Marcia: November 27 -29, Loscon 36. But wait! There's more!

Reviews: Karen Anderson reviewed the Contact conference. There was way too much of it. It was 3 days of concentrated stuff.

Fannish Committee Reports: Tadao did the title sequences for the Orange County Music Awards Friday morning. He got a call late Friday night, asking him to do back of house. He became the Live Voice of God for the entire show.

We adjourned at 21:15:33.

Meeting #3740, April 16, 2009

Mike Thorsen, President

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3740 slithered into the room at 20:10:35

Special Orders of Business: Indeed, we sadly do. LASFS member Jack Jardine, aka Larry Maddock, passed away this week. He had a stroke 5 years ago, and never fully recovered.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "I say they're spinach and I say the hell with 'em."

Committee Reports: Elayne announced director ies for sale, 50¢. Cheap.

The **registrar** announced that we have **guests**. These

is "Faith."

Patron Saint, Stan Burns: Tadao rose to call Stan one heck of a shutterbug. He gave us money, he's a nice guy. Larry Niven notes he attends parties at his house from time to time. One pool party, he stumbled over a ceramic cat of his, fell, shattered his hip, and didn't sue. He's a very nice guy. (And Larry's also a nice guy, he didn't sue for the broken ceramic cat.) (*It was not noted if the broken ceramic cat did or did not sue.* -ed) Stan Burns was given three cheers and a free pass from Agfa.

Arlene Satin reported on the **Marketing** meeting just passed. The West Hollywood Book Fair takes place in October. The Children's reading program should be in May, but may be moving to June. Book recommendations are being solicited. And finally, the 75th anniversary, is taking place here. A banquet is in the works. (*I think a restaurant is a better place for it.* - ed) Everyone be prepared!

We got a voicemail message from Sky MacDougal, regarding a radio broadcast of Bradbury's Leviathan '99, at the Writers' Guild theater on Doheney. Performers include Shatner, Sean Astin, and many, many others. May 3. Gate price is \$25. Details will be on the website.

Marketing needs volunteers. We're trying to improve outreach. We hope to have people spread book marks all over the place.

Karen Anderson presented a moment of science. There used to be an idea frequently used in SF, that there had been another planet in the solar system, and is now the asteroid belt. That idea didn't work dynamically, but there may have been another planet, which whacked into Earth and gave rise to the moon. Theia is the name of this planet - after the Titan who gave birth to Selene. Further clues may be found in the Trojan points in Earth's orbit. It just happens that a set of probes is getting out to these points, and will soon be in range to take a look. Look at / sungrazer.nrl.navy.mil/ for more info.

And the **Registrar** came back, with three more guests. Hugo Guerera, Ritchie Dunez and Elissa. Welcome!

Time Bound Announcements: Jerry Pournelle rose to talk about a private company, Solar Incorporation, that has negotiated with PG&E to sell 200 MW of space power, starting in 2016. That's probably smoke, but it's not outside the realm of possibility.

There was a segue into the history of the DC-X, a cheap, reusable space ship that would have been too much competition for the expendable spaceship model used by NASA and the big spaceship launching firms today. Some other country is going to have to exploit this model. Dong ma?

Michelle has a commercial. The last remaining independent SF bookstore wants to give LASFSians a discount.

Mystery and Imagination has a discount for LASFS members. There is a sign and flyers in the front building.

Miscellaneous: Don Wenner commented on the creature that's been running around the clubhouse. She does have owners around the corner, but those owners have more dogs, more cats, and a new baby.

Frank Waller moved that we adjourn

We adjourned at 21:24:18.

Meeting #3741, April 23, 2009
Robert Powell, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Shall we wait for an even, or for an odd?" Here? Definitely an odd!"

Meeting 3741, having melted earlier this week, flowed into the room at 20:07:29

Special Orders of Business: The crew announced that we do have special orders. This week, we've lost someone who knew how to spell and string words together. J.G. Ballard. (Which he pronounced with the emphasis on the last syllable.)

Mike Galloway announced that his mother passed the previous Saturday. Her favorite authors were Cherryh, Turtledove, and Pratchett. And now she'll never get to finish the new series. (Or maybe she will – depends on where she winds up.)

The **Menace** were read and approved as "The Cat Came Back".

Patron Saint, Bill Warren: Keep Watching the Skies – (*sayeth*) Jerry Pournelle, mentioning the book written by Bill Warren. Hare Hobbs: He's one of our elephants. He may know more than CLJII about the movies, but it's close, either way. Milt Stevens: He was in APA-L for a long time – What's New at the Wombat Works? was the title of his zine. He was in SAPS for at least a few years. He was on the BoD of LASFS for a few years, and he shows up at Loscon every year. Tepper notes he's from Oregon.

CLJII: His fine book, "Keep Watching the Skies" is a comprehensive look at the 50s SF film phenomenon. It's a standard reference work in a lot of places, and the new edition was supposed to come out last year. Now, it's supposed to come out this year. Soon it will be supposed to come out next year. Marty Cantor: In the final years of Rotsler's life, he and Warren were working for a French publication. Bill did the writing, and Rotsler did the photography. It was Hollywood Blue Video. Bill Warren got three cheers, and Klaatu Barata Nikto

Committee Reports: We have a treasury report. We have money. We're not spending it.

Karen Anderson rose to give us a moment of science. Gliese 581 now has 4 known planets. There was some discussion of extrasolar planets in general.

Arlene Satin announced the Leviathan 99 item is on the club website. On Saturday, 5/9, Imax is showing Star Trek. We'll be there representing LASFS. Anyone who wants to help man the booth, see Arlene. Those who help will be able to see the movie in Imax for free. If you want to see it in Imax, see it during the first two weeks.

Some very quick time bound

Hare: Barnes & Noble has bought "E-book" book publishing. Borders may be going out of business.

Jerry Pournelle: May 5 is the deadline to opt out of the Google Copyright Settlement. There's an interminable form to fill out.

We adjourned to the Big Fat Geek Auction and the Scribe bought a sculpture of a bir die, cheep!

Time Bound Announcements: Arlene Satin and Christian McGuire announced the LASFS 75th Anniversary, October 27, 7:30. The preceding Friday, 10/23, banquet at Castaways, \$50.

The Library is now accepting donations of books. Drop them off at the library.

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau has been diagnosed with Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome. It means he has difficulty getting to sleep before 3-4 in the morning. His prescription is to sleep until noon. (*Could we get his prescription extended through to the end of the LASFS meeting? - ed*)

We adjourned at 21:35:57.

Meeting 3742, April 30, 2009
Robert Keller, Presiding until Mike Thorsen showed up
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3742, having melted earlier this week, flowed into the room at 20:13:12

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Klaatu Barata Porno".

Patron Saint, Larry Niven: Karen Anderson says, He lets other people play in his yard. The Man-Kzin war stories gave Poul two chances to write known space stories. Zeff: It's very easy and a good idea to collaborate with him (judging by the results) JP: Well, now.... I wouldn't say that... Lucrative, yes. Easy, I wouldn't say that. Milt: Heinlein said he had the best alien since Stanley Weinbaum. And he gave us money. Larry Niven was given three Cheers and a flight on a horse at the high stakes table.

LAFÄ
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

LAFÄ Filksing
Saturday, July 18, 2009
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Sandy and Gerry Tyra: Pennies from Heaven
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PRE-FILK DINNER: 6 PM, Potluck. The Tyras will be providing a cold cuts tray (turkey, chicken, beef, and maybe ham -- plus assorted cheeses) for sandwiches, fresh fruit, and homemade lemonade.. People should bring other main dishes, side dishes, or salads.

DIRECTIONS: FROM ALMOST ANYWHERE: Take the CA-14 freeway to Ave. K. Turn West (Left) on Ave. K, 4.6 miles to 60th St. W. South (Left) on 60th St. approximately .3 miles. to Ave. K-4. Turn West (Right) on K-4 about 300 ft. to Hampton St., South (Left) on Hampton St. to 43306, at the corner of Ave. K-6 and Hampton St., just west of 60th St. West.

House is occupied by two four-footed babies of the canine variety.
LAFÄ info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

Registrar Michelle introduced a guest. One Scott Purdie, brought in by his friend.

We also have a returning member, David Schlosser.

Committee Reports: The committee to return lost keys attempted to return some lost keys.

Charlie Jackson reported the serial sub committee starts Gang Busters in three weeks, after the last two episodes of Dick Tracy. Professor Mortis and his league of murdered men do nefarious deeds.

He then took over the auction to sell off the required stuff we sell at the end of each month.

Time Bound Announcements: Len Moffatt announced Left Coast Crime, a mystery fiction fandom version of Westercon. \$200 to join before June 30. After that, \$250.

CLJII notes tomorrow is the beginning of the big Forry Auction. LASFS and SCIFI will have representatives there. We'll see if we get any of the good stuff.

Milt Stevens asked what the LASFS representative is going to try to do. Tom Khamis will try to pick up a couple of more recent items. (*There are some paper records and other things from when LASFS was Chapter 4 of the Science Fiction League. - ed*)

Elayne – LASFS' 75th Anniversary is in October. LASFS will put on a banquet. Open and read the invite. Banquet is \$50. Payment is being accepted any time.

A brief update on the Google books deal. It's been postponed from May 5 to some time in October, and the Justice department is inquiring into the legality of the deal.

Karen Anderson rose to report on some science.

We have some info on how our galaxy may have been formed from earlier ones. In one theory, Smaller galaxies would come together, their black holes would merge, and form a large galaxy. Now they think galaxies absorb satellite galaxies. Their black holes would be pulled into a fast-moving orbit in the absorbing galaxy, dragging a cluster of stars along with them. Given an inhabitant of a planet around one of those stars, what would he see, what would he think about it, and what kind of religion would he invent?

David Okamura: There's a new development in the program to replace the shuttle. Current proposal is Aries 1, a solid rocket booster with a second stage and the orion capsule. Hopefully, this can be made to work, or we'll need to rely on the Russians or the private sector. Major Nelson's genie is not contributing.

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle announced, if we want to be part of the Festival of Books, we have to work at it, and there's a lot of competition for the spaces. About a year ago, the Times called and asked about doing a panel at this year's FOB. He was dealing with his tumor, and told them to call Niven.

Milt Stevens – Location of Nebula weekend was supposed to connect with FOB.

Karen Anderson announced the opportunities for taking part were the same time as the business meeting.

Hare: When Ray Bradbury opened his speech, if they didn't restore the book review section, he wouldn't be back.

Fannish Committee Reports: Jerry Pournelle rose to talk about what we'll replace the Shuttle with. If you follow material science, there's a sort of Moore's law at work. Stuff is getting stronger and lighter by the year, thanks to bucky-stuff. As a result, we're going to have reusable space craft. WE have SSTO now, where the payload is out in the third decimal place. IF you use propane and LOX, 93% of the gross liftoff weight is fuel. Maybe 90% if you solve drag problems. Of the remaining 10%, 90% is structure. That leaves 1% for payload. If you cut the structure's weight in half, you have the potential for more.

The design of the space station is not very good. They decided to launch hardware partway through the design process. But it's not rigid enough to avoid shaking itself to bits. But NASA and space aren't driving the quest for

stronger materials – that's the private sector.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens – got an email from someone who had read American Nerd and liked what they read. Asked if there was something similar to LASFS in Sacramento. Referred them to Baycon, Loscon.

Hare Hobbs had another old fart moment. Surprised at how few of the young whippersnappers recall Hawkwind. (*You may be a fart, youngster, but you are not old. I am thirty years your senior and I have never heard of this Hawkwind thing. - ed.*)

Frank Waller passes. (*He died? - ed.*)

Board of Directors meeting, February 8, 2009

Karl Lembke, Chairman

Darnell Coleman, Secretary

minutes edited by Marty Cantor

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen, and Robert Powell.

Members and visitors in attendance: Barry and Lee Gold, Heide Nichols, Greg Barrett, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Greg Bilan, Marty Cantor, Robbie Bourget, Fred Lazzelle, Joe Zeff, Joyce Sperling, Bill Ellern, Anne Morrel, Kathy and Scott Beckstead, Michelle Pincus, Jennifer Burr, and John DeChancie.

The Meeting started at 11:11.

The **Minutes** from the last meeting were corrected and approved.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Secretary (Darnell Coleman): I'll know the names of the people in the audience in three months.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz): (See the Treasurer for the amounts.) Elayne filed the LASFS taxes, and she also brought up that it is yearly dues time.

Quartermaster (Mike Thorsen): Vending machine-Machine units sold to date \$10524 / this period 339 to date. Total sales to date \$6796.00/ \$254.95 this period. A written report was given to the Secretary.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): Boskone 46, run by NESFA, is running 60 members lower than last year. Nationally conventions are down in attendance. We need to be careful with LOSCON budgeting.

New Members: Anita Nunez, Tim and Serena Powers were approved for membership. 9 -0-1

Facilities (Tadao Tomomatsu): The APA-L room

Library: Elayne Pelz reported that the Librarian, Vanessa Van Wagner, is stepping down as LASFS Head Librarian. Moved by the Board to Applaud and thank Vanessa Van Wagner for all her Hard Work in the Library. Elayne was appointed Interim Head Librarian, assisted by Darnell Coleman as Acting Librarian.

Events (Marcia Minsky): LaLaCon is on the calendar, the 75th Anniversary, Westercon, and LOSCON is moving along. LOSCON 35 turned in \$6,300.

There are two groups interested in meeting at the clubhouse. The groups that were brought up were Enigma of UCLA and a group that discusses books on Physics. We would like to make sure that the groups we may look for or come to us aren't detrimental to the Society. Milt Stevens said that we need a liaison for the UCLA science fiction fandom group, Enigma. Arlene Satin said we should go to the two groups for more information. Heide said she would see member Wendy Newton to see if she wanted to be liaison between LASFS and Enigma. Robert Powell stated the 3D group tried the clubhouse twice and discovered it wasn't filling their needs. Bill Ellern said we need to work with other Science Fiction and Fantasy groups.

Webmaster Liaison (Milt Stevens): The website is active, and Forry Ackerman should be removed as advisor to the BoD. Christian McGuire brought a motion that Forry Ackerman should not be removed as an advisor to the board though he is dead as Death Shall Not Release Him; he just won't be coming to coming to the BoD meetings, and the Board can't communicate with him but still he should remain an advisor. The motion passed, 8 -2 -0

Marketing (Arlene Satin): I am working on the Book Fair and the Star Trek Enterprise opening. Also, I am working with a Terry Pratchett discussion group and a Psychic book discussion group. Elayne said, "The only problem is that most weekends are filled and that they have to donate 30-60 dollars per meeting but the first 6 months are free." Scott Beckstead, "Have them become members and pay dues." Milt said, "We want them to join LASFS." The Marketing Committee is working on the next Book Fair/ The West Hollywood Book fair for 2009. Marketing is working on representing LASFS at the "STAR TREK" opening day.

Elayne as Calendar Scheduler pointed out that most weekends are filled. She also noted that groups would have to donate \$30-\$60 per meeting; however the first 6 months would be free.

Elayne Volunteered to call the Roofer for the Front Building to check and repair the Apa -L room Section.

Agenda:

Forrest J Ackerman Memorial: Karl thanked Tadao and his minions for making the Memorial to Forry Ackerman successful. Tadao thanked the people who helped (like Mike Thorsen), and also thanked the Chairman of

the BoD, The BoD, the President, and the Attending Membership at the Memorial.

BY-LAWS: Anyone who has any questions about the By-Laws should note that the Bylaws have to be printed in the society newsletter. Milt motioned for the BoD to accept the Society Bylaws for the club and if anyone wants a hard copy to contact Elayne. The Bylaws and Standing rules were then put forth in the meeting. The By-laws passed 10-0 and then the Standing Rules passed 10-0. There should be a Thursday meeting set aside for a read-ing of both. Motion -Passed 10-0

LOSCON 37-Bids:

Heide Nichols-Theme 2010 Odyssey; Elayne Pelz-Treasurer, Christian McGuire-Hotel Liaison.

Bill Ellern- To boldly explore time and space using Fantasy and Science Fiction. Elayne Pelz-Treasurer, Christian McGuire-Hotel Liaison.

Greg Bilan - Theme: Quest for the Forgotten Lands; Liz Mortensen will be Vice Chairman Elayne Pelz-Treasurer, Christian McGuire Hotel Liaison.

Sherri Benoun and Scott Beckstead- Theme: Operation Chaos, Elayne Pelz-Treasurer, Christian McGuire Hotel Liaison.

Christian McGuire said that the person(s) elected as LOSCON chair must be willing to be Chair. The Chair of LOSCON needs to be proactive. Elayne moved that all four bids be sent to the club and this was passed, 10-0.

Fundraising - For Zazzle.com, we provide the art and they make the stuff. We need to get a group to set price and art. Elayne warned that if we get too much money for this fundraising procedure, this could make us do more tax forms. Chairman appoints the committee.

Marty Cantor has a proposition to manage *De Profundis*. The newsletter would become owned by Marty Cantor who will run it like it was when the club had it. Marty will treat as a private newsletter. There will be an electronic newsletter. It will basically be the same as before.

The Registrar, Michelle Pincus, wanted the page one sheet of the calendar for the guests. It was moved to allow Marty Cantor to have *De Profundis* until at such a time as the Board removes the name. This was amended that the zine can be taken from his estate and the motion was passed 9-0-1.

Gallifrey One's Chairman: Robbie Bourget requested the use of several pieces of LASFS equipment. Gallifrey One would like to in kind donate \$350.00 to the LASFS.

Christian McGuire of the 75th Anniversary Committee requested a line budget of \$500.00 for Admin Costs.

Open forum:

Tadao pointed out that we had other clubs that were

Point of information - The lemon tree was trimmed.

Christian moved to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 1:10

Board of Directors meeting, March 8, 2009

Karl Lembke, Chairman

Darnell Coleman, Secretary

minutes edited by Marty Cantor

Board Members: In attendance were Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Darnell Coleman, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen, and Robert Powell. Elayne Pelz had an excused absence but she arrived at the meeting whilst it was in progress.

Regular members and others: Michael Pell, Heide Nichols, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Greg Bilan, Marty Cantor, Joe Zeff, Joyce Sperling, Bill Ellern, Michelle Pincus, Jennifer Burr, Warren Johnson, Bill Ellern, Tom Shaffer, Patrick Bradley, Anne Morrel

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 am.

There were opening remarks by the Chairman and then the **Minutes** were approved with corrections.

New Members: Elayne was not at the meeting so there was no paperwork for any new members.

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz was not at the meeting at the time of this report but she arrived later.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No special report.

Vice-Chairman (Bob Null): No report.

Secretary (Darnell Coleman): At the end of the minutes I will name the Board members who helped me.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): Nothing to report.

Library (Elayne Pelz): Elayne was not yet in attendance but Warren Johnson was approved as Librarian.

Archives (Bob Null): The Pubs computer is working fine. Our clocks go through batteries. But then, batteries do get old.

Librarian: The new Librarian said that we have books for the LOSCON Guest of Honor.

Physical Plant (Tadao Tomomatsu): Elayne has mentioned that the roofers have fixed the roof over the APA-L room and the plumbers will be called to fix the front restroom. The refrigerator will be kept on at a lower cost mode. We have lost some carts, and we are wondering what happened to them. We are calling people to find out if they know what happened to the carts. Bob Null said we should place a name on the cart. Joyce said that sometimes she does this - but the carts are still lost.

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): The AV remote for the slide projector is done.

Units to date 10,801, money brought in to date \$7,400. A report was turned in. Units this month, 277, money brought in this month, \$207.75.

The Chairman said the vending machine looks well and the money was changed to bills.

Publications (Milt Stevens): Milt said that Barry Gold sent an email to see if board members get email individually and most of the board members replied to this posting individually saying that they received this posting.

The Chairman reported that Lee Gold sent an email around that the engine of the web site has an issue with cascading style sheets. [There is a comment on this statement. See http://www.lasfsinc.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=19&Itemid=561#CSS]

Milt Stevens said someone is going to get Dik Daniels convention pictures. Lee Gold is picking them up. These pictures will go on LASFS' and Fanac.org's web sites. *De Profundis*: Marty is doing *De Profundis* as an unofficial LASFS newsletter. He is selling paper copies to those who want them at his cost of 55¢ each plus postage if mailed. He is also providing .pdf versions to the LASFS web site and to Cathy Beckstead for forwarding to those on the .pdf list. He also provides (for free) 3 complete copies for the club records. We finance 20 copies of page 1, the page with the calendar, for the Registrar.

Tadao: LASFS domain names have been paid up to date.

There has been no response from the Physics group or the Terry Pratchett group.

Elayne reported that she will donate a dollar for 20 copies of the first page of the *De Profundis*.

Events (Marcia Minsky): Loscon is moving right along now and has 480 members,

Christian McGuire reported that Westercon is moving right along.

It was also reported that the 75th Anniversary Celebration is going to be at the Castaways in Burbank on October 25th, in the Lagoon Room.

LaLaCon: The date is set for June 6 for it to start. LaLaCon would not be interfering with anything. Save up your money for the weekend relaxacon.

Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): Arlene has made the Art release form as an e-mail form. Arlene will work on the Zazzle.com stuff like the LOGO and fannish artwork. This should be up in June. It was reported by somebody that if we were selling over \$1000.00 of stuff sold on this site we would have to pay the sales tax on these items.

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): We will send paperwork to The Book Fair and will work with Elayne to get 2 booths at \$150.00. We need to update marketing stuff because the marketing stuff is old. So the marketing committee is looking for nice items to put on the marketing table at The Book Fair.

We need to direct people to our web site. Arlene is sending stuff out on the web site. She would like to start a fan gallery to show artwork done by fine artists. She will discuss this with Milt and Barry.

Marty said that *De Profundis* will operate as if it was the official LASFS newsletter even though it is not.

Christian McGuire moved that the President should tell the general membership about the web site.

Patrick Bradley told about a Fundraiser with internet sales at bookcrossing.com. A book would be marked and when people get the book it is noted so it's like Geocaching for books. We should make a web site to do Science Fiction and Fantasy. The idea is to make a for-profit web site. We enroll people into the website. This will promote a long-term use of the web site. Christian asked if we need people who will work on the site. Patrick said he will work the web site for a year. Bill Ellern said that this should be made as a charitable enterprise. Joe Zeff asked Patrick if he knew how many hits the site will get? Joe said that his site only got a 4% hit rate and Marcia's got no hits. Arlene asked about the cost of labels, wondering how many labels did we get for \$25.00? Patrick replied that the starter kit with 25 book labels are a dollar a piece. A question was brought up about whether the site would be a money making venture or some kind of non-profit venture that will help the club. Marty asked Patrick if he was able to do the work to run the business alone because of club finances. Patrick called the site Science fiction book crossing but this name can be changed. Tadao said there was a time that we gave out a lot of books but no one came to the discussion group. Tadao thanked Patrick for bringing this up but at the next meeting he should bring a business proposal to show us. Coleman's objection to the proposal: The Board won't have enough hits on the site. Milt's objection - We don't have enough workers. Patrick said we will have enough workers if we offer paid compensation whether the workers are members of LASFS or not. There was a motion which was seconded that the motion for a working name of Science fiction book crossings.com to be brought back to the Board next month. There was a tentative withdrawal of motion. There was a request to see how interested was the board to continue the idea of the web site. The vote was 2 ayes, 4 nays, and 3 abstentions. Christian's objection was that there was not enough time for these to be done. Marcia objected that there would not be enough hits on the site. The Chairman decided to table the web site proposal for the next meeting.

Tadao requested a closed-door session. It started at 1:05 pm and ended at 1:35 pm.

Agenda Items:

Tom Safer had a donation for his film -screening event last week, and this was given to Christian for Elayne. The donation was \$100.00. The next event will be the forth Saturday in either July or August.

There was a motion that Tom could have a date for a movie: 8 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention. Elayne will set the days.

Open Forum:

The Geocaching event requested by Patrick Bradley was for 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday, May 30th. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Ellern had a request for membership which was given to Elayne.

Take-Aways:

The Club president will promote the LASFS website

The Board is available to take on issues brought up by the membership.

Tadao wanted it noted that he did not leave the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

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. Reading books, whatta concept...)

**75TH ANNIVERSARY
Photography Shoot**

July 12, Second Sunday,
after the LASFS Board Meeting.

Approximately from
2 pm to 4:30 pm

Check the LASFS web site
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