



SEPTEMBER 2013

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 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
 L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group: 7 pm - 9 pm

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 5 - Eric Hoffman's Trailer Show
 SEPTEMBER 12 - Krypton Radio interview
 SEPTEMBER 19 - BIG Auction
 SEPTEMBER 26 - Krypton Radio Interview

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

CALENDAR DETAILS

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
 FWEMS - Mystery Programme



DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 487– September 2013. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *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.

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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 edress: [martyhoohah\(at\)sbcglobal\(dot\)net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)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-modified Intel quad-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.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2013

President: Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Gavin Claypool (2013), Mike Thorsen (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor. **Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Susan Fox & Gene Turnbow. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lemke). **Foodie Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

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If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 3953, May 16, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Fresh from a showing of "This Disk Cannot Be Played," President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3953 at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Thank You Eylat", and Eylat Poliner paid the pitiful sum of \$2 to so name them.

Patron Saint Tom Digby: Scratch: He's a unique and gentle gentleman, off kilter from everyone else. He has a beautiful sense of humor, including "Little Teeny Eyes". He was around the first and second clubhouse, and then moved north. Hare Hobbs: First time he saw Digby, Digby wasn't wearing a shirt, and had had his nipples pierced. This was back in 1980. He also had his nose pierced. He looked so strange, it's a miracle he was coming to LASFS. Milt: He would write fanzines as if he were explaining stuff to his friends on his home planet. If you go to a wine and cheese party, how to tell the difference

between the wine and the cheese, for example.

Marcia: Joe, Marcia, and their mother went to a Westercon, and Digby was there. Mother took one look at him, and was speechless for the first time in her life. Her mouth dropped open, and she was pointing at him. Marcia reminded her it's not polite to point at people in public. "What, or who, is that?" she asked. CLJII: Tom Digby was once described as the sort who would live around the corner from a place that sold dill pickle ice cream. While living on Berendo, he did live around the corner from a place which sold that flavour of ice cream. Joe Zeff: Tom Digby came up with unusual ideas in his APA-L zines. One was a race known as the clarinchi which could only have existed had the laws of physics been otherwise. They wrote books on why they don't exist.

Someone on a planet seeing a sign reading, "Use a hrashk, go to sreerb." When he asked what it means, he was told, "Don't worry. If you can't understand it, it doesn't apply to you". (Actually, it was more than that. "Hrashk" and "sreerb" were concepts that did not overlap with the set of concepts humans were capable of understanding. There was no translation for these concepts, because it was simply impossible for humans to understand the underlying ideas. Several people offered proposed translations, missing the point that it was impossible to translate even an approximation of what these words mean. -- Lee.)

Debra: Digby is the most unique person she's ever met. When she met him, what was in his nose was a bone. Eylat: Tom freaked the hell out of her when she first met him. He liked her, and she found him cute in a strange way. Christian: Tom struck him as a thoughtful and gentle man, and a very intelligent man. Matthew added, Digby is a compassionate human being. Never heard him speak an unkind word about anyone. He's very open-minded. Those who can approach him with their own minds open discover a warm and friendly person.

Jerry Pournelle: Remember, Digby would say things that made sense to those at a 45° angle to reality. One day, he was wearing an amber rod in his nose piercing. Jerry asked Digby why he was wearing that jewelry. He replied, "Why does anyone wear jewelry? To make myself attractive." Jerry thought to himself, "To whom?" Joe Zeff: Wanted to wait until after Jerry. Up at Westercon, the reason mom was stunned by Digby was he was wearing a pale green sari that left half his chest bare.

His bubbles were mentioned. He blows bubbles. He likes to blow trick bubbles such as concentric bubbles inside of bubbles. When he used to smoke, he would blow smoke-filled bubbles inside of bubbles filled with clear air. Karl Lembke mentioned his appearance as a character in the short story, "What Can You Say About chocolate Covered Manhole Covers?" CLJII: There are times Digby looks like Christ from a far future extremely liberal version of Christianity

Scratch: At his parties at his house, he had one clock that ran backwards. One would move a random amount for-

ward and backward at random times. There was a cuckoo clock that would sound just after someone had said something significant. No one ever figured out how he rigged that one. And we gave **Patron Saint Tom Digby** Three Cheers and a visit from probably something but not necessarily a chocolate covered manhole cover.

We had two guests this weekend: Mallory Nelson and William Beyermann.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller announced next Friday he will be going in to the hospital for a few days. Bladder, prostate, heart, and everything below the belly button is being checked. (*And the rest of him will be polka-dotted.* - ed.)

Scratch asked if anyone had any word about Dr Arizona. Marcia says last she read on Facebook, she had to go to SF to see a specialist. Good news is, it's not cancer. But they don't know what it is.

Matthew announced Jim Busby is taking steps now. Arlene has surgery next month.

Karl Lembke: Announced his magic number is 630. (Total units of platelets donated. Sign up with the Red Cross to offer your donations.)

Hare Hobbs is trying something today. He's been afraid to take bus home because he had a knife pulled on him a ways back. Today he's giving the bus another try. We wished him a safe trip. (*Just as long as he pays attention to his surroundings and doesn't get on a knife-wielding bus ...ed.*)

Marcia moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 10:10 or so.

Meeting 3954, May 23, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3954 at a score of minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Saying Something about Chocolate Covered Minutes", and Milt Stevens paid the pitiful sum of \$1 to so name them.

Registrar Michelle introduced a guest, Christopher D Carson (Publius).

Christian McGuire introduced the **Old Business** of changing the by-laws to bring them into harmony with the by-laws changes voted on last month. The nit-picky list of changes was read off.

There was some discussion about whether we wanted to keep the VAMF. After a vote of 18/0/4/1, the motion carried.

We have **New Business**. It was movee that whoever is in charge of AV system be requested to write a short de-

scription of the settings required in language that will be comprehensible to averagely technically competent members. Jerry Pournelle wanted it minuted that the intent is that someone teach Charlie how to work the video equipment when people are waiting for a movie. The motion carried on a voice vote. So Mike Thorson and/or Robert Powell have been asked to draw up such directions.

Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender: Jerry Pournelle barely remembers her. Milt recalls she and Roy were members of the Petards.

From the hagiography: She was a fan of mysteries as well as SF, an excellent hostess. She was active in First Fandom and the N3F and helped her husband Roy put on the World SF convention in Ohio. And we gave **Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender** Three Cheers and a page of purple prose.

Time Bound Announcements: Christopher Carson pointed out the National Space Society is holding its conference in La Jolla until Monday. One day admissions are available at good rates for local people. Buzz Aldrin and many others will be there.

Jerry Pournelle and Milt Stevens chaired the first of the Space conferences, and someone proposed they be made annual.

Reviews: Eric Hoffman collects soundtracks. (*Given how members tend to bring their collections to LASFS, we should all be grateful that he does not collect train tracks.—ed.*)

And...

Jim Busby is working on walking, decided to cheat. He's working on the cha-cha. His spirits are good but his muscle tone is weak. (*His muscle tone is probably weak because he insists on playing his muscles in the key of R. - ed*)

Hare Hobbs: the doctor is calling his left nostril a problem. (*If Hare would stop breathing he could easily cure that problem. - ed.*) He'll be seeing an ENT to see if he can be fixed.

Joan Steward moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 9:35 or so.

Meeting 3955, May 30, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"This looks like it for the moment", said President Matthew Tepper, "so on with the show!" He called meeting #3955 to order at a score of minutes after 8.

The President noted the passing of Jack Vance, a major author in the field. He was 96.

With the assistance of Milt Stevens, we also noted the passing of Andrew Greeley, a priest who wrote several SF novels and some shorter works. "He was actually a pretty good sf writer", said Milt Stevens. Eric Hoffman stated that Rev. Greeley is known for a series of mysteries, titles based on the beatitudes, then "The bishop" fills in the blank.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Wouldn't it be lovely?", and Joe Zeff paid the pitiful sum of \$1.25 to so name them.

Patron Saint Ed Baker: Matthew Tepper remembers Ed from 1970 or so. He and Fred used to attend LASFS at the same time. Milt recalls how Ed Baker was easily flustered. So therefore, females at parties would try to get him flustered. He was an esperantist. He got thrown out of the APA The Cult for translating a fanzine into Esperanto. Milt and he used to go out to coffee shops at all hours talking until sunrise. Ed managed to get himself murdered near the family home down in the Adams District.

Joe Zeff: recalls in former years about Ed Baker having the ability to blush on cue. And we gave **Patron Saint Ed Baker** Three Cheers and B Kiln for Baking (or maybe a partnership with Jim Butcher and Raymond Chandler).

Gavin announced our three planets for the evening are now visible from the corner.

Mike Thorson announced Building Maintenance wishes it known we fumigated. We did manage to slow down some of the six-legged residents.

Registrar Michelle announced we have no guests, but we have a new member. Johnathan Olson paid his \$5.

Jerry Pournelle added to the AV resolution words to the effect that those who meddle with wiring in the equipment shall be punished by the President as he sees fit in a suitably fannish manner.

Reviews: Milt Stevens read Captain Vorpatril's Alliance by Bujold. This is a romantic comedy. Very amusing, with lots of twists and turns.

John Scalzi, Redshirts, about the backup characters in Star Trek realizing their life expectancy is limited. Try to figure out how to stay alive.

This justifies winning best fanzine Hugo.

1 Throne of Crescent moon

2 Captain Vorpatril's Alliance

3 Redshirts

4 2312

5 No award

6 Blackout (The amazing thing is that it was published)

Reviewed Ellery Queen's 16th Mystery Annual, The Exploit of the Embalmed Whale. The finest piece of fiction he ever read about an ex-whale. Not the only such story -- it's about the fifth. does not include waiting to ex-whale.

Mike Thorson called for a Soda Auction. It was auctioned, and Peter paid \$2.75 to stock the last slot with Diet 7-Up.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens saw something regarding cockroaches. They've figured out glucose is bad for them. Exterminators have been using glucose to knock off cockroaches so long, they've developed an aversion. After some discussion, the president called for a change of subject with a roach quip.

Jerry Pournelle invited Larry Niven to talk about the conference he was at. Larry rose and addressed the club.

1. This is starship century, a gathering of folks whose purpose was to discuss the possibility of reaching another star in this century. They held a previous conference in 2011. This resulted in a book and this conference was to promote the book and discuss it.
2. One conference attendee was a physicist who declared we can't power ships from vacuum energy. Or even push broom energy.
3. Meeting was arranged by Gregory and Jim Benford, and it went splendidly.
4. The campus is UCSD campus, and it's impossible not to get lost.
5. Larry begged a ride back with Jim Benford, who has perfect direction sense and he got lost. Larry took the shuttle, and the shuttle driver got lost the first time.
6. Freeman Dyson in his nineties is amazing.
7. Most innovative thing in it was the 20 kilometer tower under discussion. What to do with it? Put a restaurant on top. Keep the inside hollow for launching spaceships.
8. Author of record is Jim Benford and Gregory

Benford.

9. Starship Century Anthology is listed at Gregory Benford's website. Also at StarshipCentury.com
10. Nothing new on Bussard technology.
11. CLJII now has proof that Emperor's Gambit is available in paperback. His PE teacher has successfully ordered it. E book is \$3, Paperback is \$9.
12. Hare misced about T rex the music group. They're going through Borland tapes, and have parts of the SF rock opera he was working on when he died. There's not enough to develop a plot line, but this is, after all, a rock opera. 'the first CD is The Borland Tapes, vol I and II
13. Starship Century has a Facebook page.

Tom Safer moved we adjourn to the memorial. We adjourned at 9:15 or so.

Meeting 3956, June 6, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3956 to order at a score of minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "That's right, let the blade hooks do the work", and Matthew Tepper paid the pitiful sum of \$2 to so name them.

Greg Barrett reported on the passing of Randy Scherer Tuesday after a brain hemorrhage. He was 54.

Michelle Pincus reported on the health of Patrick Fahey, in the hospital with a stroke. He can't have visitors right now, so no location information is given. Eric Hoffman went to see him Tuesday, and he's wired up like Donovan's Brain. Requesting a card from the club. The report was given by Jim Busby.

Registrar Michelle announced a guest. Earl Dean Johnson.

Patron Saint Jim Glass: Milt Stevens: He was our librarian for a while. Pournelle: At the second clubhouse, he did a great job organizing our library, so we gave him the Evans Freehafer Award and he disappeared.

And we gave **Patron Saint Jim Glass** Three Cheers and a library fine. Or maybe a fine library.

Patron Saint Michael Bloom: Michelle said

he's a wonderful human being, very intelligent, a great programmer, and also her boss. Lee Gold: Michael's a sweet guy, he's been having medical problems lately, and his doctors are working on keeping him alive. Nick Smith: Before his medical problems, he attended lots of conventions in the LA area. It was his problems that caused one convention to move from its hotel. A hotel was unable to refund money from double-charging him for a room.

Joe Zeff: One the rare occasions he's here, he's a fairly good Hell player, and a pleasure to have in the game. Maryann Canfield: Admired his shirt with the fishes sitting around the table playing hell, and he offered to make her one. He refused to accept money for it.

And we gave **Patron Saint Mike Bloom** Three Cheers and another closet full of computer parts.

Old Business: Nominations for President. Nominated were Eylat Poliner, Scott Beckstead, and Joe Zeff, after which the nominations were recessed until the following week.

Registrar Michelle announced a new member. Dean is now a member!!!

Nick: After Earth had some of the worst science in a science fiction movie ever. Set-up for how they crashed was that gravity waves caused the mass of asteroids to increase so they repelled each other. (*It is just a movie - if you expect better you are a fool.* - ed.)

CLJII announced for those who have purchased a digital copy of The Emperor's Gambit, you can have an inscription.

Marcia asked people to police after themselves and take up chairs. And it was moved and seconded, and we adjourned.

Meeting 3957, June 13, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #3957 to order at a dozen minutes after 8.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read and accepted as "Vote for Michelle", and Michelle Pincus paid the sum of \$5 to so name them.

We have lost Iain M Banks to gall bladder cancer.

Registrar Michelle announced a the appearance of John Gallant and his wife. We had two visitors,

Phil Clement, who learned about us from his uncle; Meredith Bowman, heard about us from John Gallant.

Announcements: Marcia Minsky is stuffing the ballot box for the photo contest at her school. Find her photo on the Facebook page, vote for it. You can vote once per day. Chocolate cake for all if she wins.

Marcia also had a Vice President report. Friday night, she was the last keyholder on site. Because of her disability, it's hard for her to get around. Jeremy, Christina, and Ben helped out most graciously, and many thanks to all three of them.

Eylat added that on Second Sunday, thanks to Debra Levin, John Christopher, Frank Waller, and Tiny for help with clean-up.

Milt Stevens joined LASFS on June 13, 53 years ago. It happened to be the Thursday after he graduated from High School, and it's been downhill from then.

Committee Reports: Eylat Poliner: We had a chili cook-off Sunday. Barry Gold, Tom and Anna Safer, Marcia Minsky, and Harold Goldstein. Marcia was the judges' winner, popular vote went to Barry Gold.

The Salad Bowl has been moved to September 8.

Marcia said, "Chili cook-off judges, your checks are in the mail."

We have two patron saints tonight, both are here, and both are alive! (It's so awkward when only the first is true.)

Patron Saint Sandy Cohen: CLJII: He doesn't throw the chocolate hard enough to hit me from where he is. Eylat: Went to Ren Faire, and found out something interesting about Sandy. He likes kids, and he's fun to be around. Marcia: Thank you for the chocolate Sandy.

Michelle: He's not horrible to be around. Tepper: He's been a fixture of the club since Matthew joined. He's a photographer par excellence, and a wit. He is sacred Chancellor of Chocolate, because he gave enough money to be a Sacred Object, and he chose Chocolate as his object. And we gave **Patron Saint Sandy Cohen** Three Cheers and chocolate.

Patron Saint Hare Hobbs: Shirley Hobbs gave a

short run-down of today. It was a day of going around in circles and a week of preparing to have the house tented, so she's been in slave-driver mode. She had forced Hare to implement the vinyl solution. It was definitely a mixed up day. Debra Levin said Hare's one of the most interesting people she knows, and she's always enjoyed talking to him. He's a Gemini, just like her. Eylat: It's his birthday today. Hare is really good at following instructions. He's also willing to help unload 80 cases of soda from a van.

Joe Zeff: Hare is very dyslexic. He reads more books than people without that excuse, because he doesn't let it stop him. Hare is one of the Usual Suspects when it comes to running cons. Unload, load, set-up, tear-down, keep cons running. Tepper: one of the things he respects is the way Hare pursues reading.

Poliner: The first two people he met at LASFS were Dave Fox and Hare, and despite that, he still attends club meetings. Jerry Pournelle: it's unfair to bring his mother. He doesn't have a lot to say, but when he does say things, it's worth listening to. Tom Safer: Hare, we always appreciate having you here at the meetings, you're always smiling, have good things to say. We're glad you're a Patron Saint and appreciate having you around.

Scratch: many years ago, he was one of the truck drivers for cons, and could count on seeing Hare as part of the loading crew. Shirley: Hare is now now 5/6 of the way toward Sacred Object. Hare: thinking of making his dad a Patron Saint, because he was one of the prototype machinists for the space shuttle. When stuff was delayed because of waiting for a part, it was on his bench.

And we gave **Patron Saint Hare Hobbs** Three Cheers and a new CD.

Old Business: Nominations for President: Nominations had been previously made for Eylat Poliner, Scott Beckstead, and Joe Zeff, Nominations were re-opened, and then closed, after everybody else made their saving throws.

After the voting, we elected the following officers:

President: Eylat Poliner

Vice President: Debra Levin

Scribe: Karl Lembke

Treasurer: Elayne Pelz (by railroad)

Registrar: Michelle Pincus

Miscellaneous: David Okamura reported on this Sunday marking the 50th anniversary of the first woman in space. This also marks the first anniversary of the first female taikonaut. The following Tuesday is the anniversary of the late Sally Ride's trip.

Mike Thorsen reported that once again, supplies are disappearing from the club, especially from the kitchen. The amenities provided by the club such as coffee, sugar, creamer, first aid supplies, and such are for use at the club and not to be taken home.

Marcia offered her usual comment and moved to adjourn. We adjourned at 10:10 or so.

Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2013
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Elayne Pelz, Rob Powell, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, and Christian McGuire, Mike Thorsen, and Gavin Claypool. Warren "Whisky" Johnson had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Greg Bilan, Ed Hooper, Matthew B. Tepper, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, Joe Zeff, Mary Ann Canfield, Bill Ellern, Tom Safer, Frank Waller, David Okamura.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): Welcome to the July meeting of the LASFS' Board of Directors and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board member, Gavin Claypool. // With a new member it is usually an occasion to change Board member areas of oversight. Oversight positions will be discussed at a later date. Gavin was elected Comptroller with one abstention.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of June 9, 2013, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There was 1 application for membership submitted by: Bryant Luba. Having paid his \$5, he was accepted.

Treasurer: There is about \$20,000 in the treas-

LAFa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, September 21, 2013
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filksite--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned

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

ury.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): There was a discussion about the LOSCON 2014-2018 hotel contract. Christian asked for and received Board permission to sign the hotel contract when it is signable. Christian mentioned that the new contract will have yearly room-rate raises or either \$2 or \$3 and the room bloc will be reduced. This was passed. // Westercon 2015 will be in San Diego.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): Marty talked of producing a paper and on-line publication detailing our information about our Patron Saints. The paper version would be at his cost and he proposes to produce further (but limited) editions each year we have additional Patron Saints. He proposes that Michelle Pincus and Kay Shapero assist him. He also proposes to converse with those Patron Saints who are both alive and contactable to see if the information we have about them is correct – and if they wish to add anything. (I will get somebody else to write and edit *my* entry.) Idea approved by

the Board.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Gavin Claypool was elected the new Comptroller, replacing Michelle Pincus in that office.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 26,438 units to date, 377 units this period. Soda money: \$21,181.00 to date, \$382.25 for this period. // About \$40 was spent on operational supplies this month. // One of the toilet seats has developed a hairline crack.

Library (Warren “Whisky” Johnson): Elayne mentioned that the library computer has died and she temporarily resurrected it. She is getting another computer.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): We have archives. She will be working with Debra Levin on archives, weeding out duplicates to create more space.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Air conditioning unit in other room has died (There is a major crack in the freon supplier. It costs \$200 to refill it each time the repair-people “repair”). A new unit cost: 5 ton AC unit will cost \$6425. Possibly we can add a duct into the computer area. It was moved to authorize an expenditure of up to \$7000 for a new AC unit plus ducting if possible. This was passed unanimously.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report to him about problems since May.

Events (Eylat Poliner): There was a Chili Cook-off in June, 4 people entered, many people consumed the chili. The Salad bowl has been postponed, and will possibly be in October on that month’s 2nd Sunday. // LOSCON 40: we sold 24 memberships at WESTERCON – there was much interest in LOSCON at WESTERCON. The LOSCON room block is now open and is on our web site.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): (See Marketing)

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Michelle showed the new bookmark. Michelle thanked Joyce Sperling for asking Sarah Clemens to donate artwork, Sarah Clemens for donating the art, thanking Michael Bloom and Elayne for all of their hard work., and the Board for approving the budget. // North Hollywood is having a literature

walk in October. Michelle is talking to the promoters about what we might do at that event. // West Hollywood Book Fair: the Board decided that the Fair was not what it once was and we should not spend the money on it as Elayne said we were getting no new members from it. We might get back to it in the future.

Club President (Eylat Poliner): We have new programme people, Susan Fox and Gene Turnbow. We have a new food critic, Mark Poliner. // Mike Thorsen asked if there was a food budget for the Harryhausen Memorial and Eylat responded that as far as she knew, Charlie Jackson was running it as a pot luck affair.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): The new Standing Rules have replaced old ones. Asked Gavin for his e-mail address for the Board of Directors list. // Elayne has renewed Westercon.org for two years.

Agenda items:

??Westercon brand? There is currently no bid, nor rumor of a bid, for anybody wanting to run a WESTERCON in 2016. (Christian made this report.)

Repeal Board Standing Rule #6 (regarding “zero tolerance” policy). Elayne moved that we remove Board Standing Rule #6 and let the club put it into the Club’s Standing Rules (#19). This was seconded and passed. Karl will review the current standing

rules.

Eylat proposed we thank the outgoing procedural officers and to welcome the incoming procedural officers. They appropriate officers were thanked and welcomed.

Rob thanked Ed Hooper for attempting to get the computer club to meet here.

The next meeting of the Board will be on August 11, 2013.

Closed session: There was a very brief closed session.

Open Forum:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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