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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am ZOOM (or equivalent) meeting

CALENDAR DETAILS

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 4 – Kim Steadman about Mars 2020

FEBRUARY 11 - ZOOM meeting this evening

FEBRUARY 18 - Standing Rule Presentation

FEBRUARY 25 - Standing Rule Presentation

Proposed Standing Rule change is on page 9.

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

Zoom LASFS Meetings are being held by Matthew Tepper while California's "Shelter at Home" rules are in force. Contact susanfox@kryptonradio.com to be sent an invitation.

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Kim Steadman, the Systems Engineer and the Operations Lead for the SHERLOC instrument, will be speaking to us about Mars 2020, the Mars rover mission by NASA's Mars Exploration Program that includes the Perseverance rover and the Ingenuity helicopter drone, scheduled to arrive at the Red Planet on February 21st. She has spoken to LASFS before.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 574— January 2021. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) net or at club meetings 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 custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate 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) sbcglobal (dot) net. January, 2021. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2358. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
JANUARY—JUNE, 2021

President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Susan Fox. Registrars: Michelle Pincus and Michelle Dane. Scribe: Karl Lembke Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2021). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2021). Vice-Chairman: Nick Smith (2023), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Scott Beckstead (2022), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2023), Elayne Pelz (2023), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2023), Mike Thorsen (2022). Special Advisor: Charles Lee Jackson II. Advisors: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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

LASFS' *NEW* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE

LASFS has moved to ON-LINE— temporarily!

I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS.

However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.

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 #4290, October 31, 2020
Marty Cantor, Phantasmally
Nick Smith, Scribing Spiritedly**

President Cantor called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Special Orders of Business:

We received word that longtime member Bill Curry passed away on October 21st. Memorial service will be at a chapel in South Pasadena on Friday, November 1st at 4 pm. [Nov. 7 addition—CLJ II received calls from Bill, but always lacking a complete address or phone #. He was interested in LASFS all that time.]

Today is the birthday of SF author Neal Stephenson, and also of that film creator Peter Jackson. You may recall the terrible controversy over his adult satire of the Muppets, and how his resulting film "Meet the Feebles" met with such outrage 30 years ago. I wonder what he's been doing since then?

Genny Dazzo is still hospitalized, and doctors have a good idea what's wrong, and it is treatable. She needs serious treatment for now, though.

Patron Saints:

Francis Hamit—George commented on his writing work on espionage, fiction and non-fiction. Served in Vietnam and has lots of war stories. Hare mentioned a play based on Vietnam veterans in group therapy, and Francis made sure that LASFS members could go see it.

Bill Rotsler—Marty pointed out that he still qualifies for Best Fan Artist Hugo, because his artwork is still being published. Bill Warren and someone else gathered the illustrations when Rotsler died, and handed them to Marty. Nick mentioned the time that he approached Rotsler to use something from one of his books for a game, and Rotsler didn't want any money for the use. George mentioned one of his books for Playboy Press that was sort of a space western.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. George McUrso paid \$1 to name them "Goodbye Bill Curry." They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: none

Board of Directors report: next board meeting will be on November 10th.

Treasurer's Report: none

Committee Reports:

Program Committee:

Board nominations November 7th.
Board elections November 14th if needed.
Auction may be on November 21st.
Thanksgiving on November 28th.

Loscon 46:

Coming your way at the end of November at the LAX Marriott. Essays on the films and some other stuff are on the way. The hotel has been remodeled, including the carpets and furniture. Even the room names have been changed.

Loscon 47: (*No entry for this item.*- ed.)

A Moment of Science:

American bourbon is apparently made funny chemically, compared to other whiskies from around the world. If you mix whiskey with water, then evaporate it, the dry residue from it should give clues to the chemical components. Oddly, American bourbons not only do that, but the residue forms patterns that vary from brand to brand. Apparently this is due to American companies constantly using new barrels for aging, rather than old barrels as Scottish and Canadian distillers do. They're still wondering why the different brands leave different but consistent residue, though.

Also, science fiction has once again influenced how science explains itself. NASA is planning a Mars mission for 2026 that would involve the lander sending back an unmanned container with dirt and air samples. The size and shape of the container for these samples was described in a press conference this week as being a "Darth Vader helmet."

George mentioned that the U.S. Navy claims to have a working fusion reactor. He will try to give us more information next week.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements:

Matthew announced Tad Daley's event: Star Trek and Human Destiny, to happen free, but with tickets online, Saturday November 2nd 4-6 pm 3916 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City.

The Bearded Lady Mystic Museum, at 3204 W. Magnolia here in Burbank, is running their Evil Dead art exhibit through December 7th. (*At which point it will be moved to Pearl Harbor.* - ed.) In addition to the artwork being for sale, they are selling some remarkably strange **Evil Dead** merchandise, including a throw blanket using the design from the cover of the VHS release of the movie.

Reviews:

Hare mentioned that channel 5.2 showed the American International Poe movies recently. He recorded them to catch up on them.

George McUrso reviewed Post Modern Jukebox, which takes contemporary music and performs it in older jazz styles. They have even done "Pinky and the Brain" in this fashion.

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil is a movie title where punctuation matters. Once you understand what the title of the movie really is, grammatically, it's a very good movie. Not a necessary sequel to the original, but it has some wonderful tributes to the animated Sleeping Beauty film, as well as some other great scenes.

Matthew reviewed Nick's shirt, and described it as elegant after receiving a waiver of the rule against reviewing clothing.

Ben reviewed the original *King Kong* and the original *Godzilla*, in contrast. King Kong's importance to the world of special effects is major, but otherwise not a great film to a modern viewer. Dated and may make modern viewers uncomfortable in places. *Godzilla* more timeless, and perhaps a better movie, because it's a science fiction thriller. As a Japanese film made 10 years after WWII, the time period shows. The film plays for drama, almost a horror movie.

Motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 9:02 pm. Passed without fear of contradiction.

Meeting number 4293, November 21, 2019
President Mary Cantor,
Presiding Persnicketically
Scribe Nick Smith,
Scribing Sanctimoniously

MINUTES OF THE LASFS
Meeting #4293, 11/21/2019

Marty Cantor, Presiding Persnicketically
Nick Smith, Scribing Sanctimoniously

President Cantor called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. President announced the meteor shower scheduled to peak at 8:50 pm. He will be at LOSCON on Friday afternoon and evening.

Special Orders of Business:

Nate Brin, nephew of David, died in an accident recently.

We lost Brad McQuaid, the man responsible for causing fans worldwide to waste zillions of hours of their time. He was the man responsible for creating the first popular massively multiplayer online roleplaying game, *EverQuest*. Yes, that was his fault...

This week featured the birthday of one of the quirkiest writers of all time, Alan Moore. He was already writing for British comics like *Doctor Who* when LASFS member Len Wein hired him to write for comics here in the U.S. The resulting output of his work included several award-winning creations, including *Watchmen*, *V for Vendetta*, *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, *Constantine* and *From Hell*, all of which were turned into films over his strong objections. He also wrote *The Killing Joke*, a Batman graphic novel that is still considered one of the best comics ever written.

Patron Saints: Jim Tanenbaum

According to previous meeting notes, he was a professional sound tech

Fannishly, he was an APA-L contributor

Old minutes note, "He was given three cheers and a fir coat."

Hare mentioned that Jim worked on the sound in the *Avatar* film, but was not part of the Oscar-nominated sound crew.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Scott Beckstead paid \$3 to name them "Okay, that happened."

They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: (*None were reported.* - ed.)

Board of Directors report: next board meeting will be on November 10th.

Treasurer's Report: [the treasurer is busy collecting money]

Committee Reports: (*None were reported.* - ed.)

Program Committee:

Tonight is a big auction

Next week is LOSCON 46

The week after that is presidential nominations

2nd week of December is procedural elections

LOSCON 46:

Truck loading next Wednesday, 2 pm at 11115 Laurel Canyon in San Fernando. Michelle announced the Toys for Tots toy drive.

LOSCON 47:

Scott announced that the artist GOH has been confirmed, and will be announced at LOSCON

A Moment of Science:

A local clean energy company called Heliogen has made a breakthrough. They have developed a way of concentrating solar energy into a higher temperature process, which means that they can use the energy for more than just creating electricity. A lot of high-temperature industrial processes use fossil fuels and create CO₂, and this new system can help replace some of those. For example, 7% of the world's CO₂ production comes just from creating cement in factories, and this system could be applied to that process.

Also, besides the AI systems that will become our mechanical overlords, there are ones being designed with really interesting purposes. Currently archeologists have programmed an AI system to identify Nazca Line drawings in Peru. The purpose of these large drawings is still unclear, but the big ones found by people flying overhead are apparently only a fraction of what was created. Researchers at IBM and at Yamagata University in Japan have now identified more than 500 possible geoglyphs while searching just a few square kilometers of aerial photos, and they haven't even started using the laser scanners yet.

Elon Musk's Tesla company is introducing an electric pickup truck.

Hare mentioned that stem cells are being tested to restore muscle, and they are working too well, compared to the theory.

Karl mentioned new anti-cancer therapy that is development to infuse antibodies quickly, as opposed to the current very slow methods...5 minutes instead of 5 days.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements:

Friday night is Holiday in the Park here in Burbank, and Dark Delicacies is participating with their annual photo-ops for charity. Yes, for only \$10, you can have your picture taken with Krampus, the one who carries off children who have NOT been good this year.

Reviews:

Marty reviewed the Topanga Symphony Orchestra, for which club member Barbara plays cello. They were playing one of Marty's favorite pieces, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, and the violinist for the piece was young and excellent. She got a standing ovation from the audience.

Nick reviewed Three Cases of Murder, dark fantasy from the 1950s shown recently at the Egyptian Theater. Orson Welles was in one segment.

Hare reviewed the new Watchmen streaming series.

Barbara reviewed Artemis by Andy Weir. About a clever person getting by with her wits, doing a clever SF financial caper story.

Gizmo says season 4 of Rick and Morty has started, up to their old hijinks.

Miscellaneous:

Larry Niven and his wife are both out of medical rehab. Larry was here at the meeting.

Gavin is the conduit for a big coffee table, free if you want it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm, by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 9:11 pm. Passed without fear of n.

Meeting #4295, December 5, 2019
Marty Cantor, Presiding Presidentially
Nick Smith Scribing Scribblingly

Comments from the president: This is Marty's last year of being on the Evans Frehafer committee. It was time to name a person for 2019. The committee, after long and complex debate, chose Nick Smith.

Also, the **Gift Exchange** will be on December 19, with a very short meeting.

Special Orders of Business:

Sadly, one of the most important women ever to be involved with SF television has passed away. Dorothy Fontana, who often used her initials [D. C.] or various pseudonyms in TV credits, died at the age of 80. As D.C. Fontana, she was the person who kept Gene Roddenberry on track with a couple of shows, one of which was called **Star Trek**. She was also a major fan of things she had nothing to do with, especially **Star Wars** and the **Indiana Jones** movies. Along with her friend Lynn Barker, she helped introduce the idea of fan-created filk music as something worth putting on convention stages, rather than hidden in back rooms and staircases. I don't

think she was ever a LASFS member, but she was a panelist and/or a musician at lots of conventions in the L.A. area.

Michelle mentioned the eulogy written by David Gerrold, which is now on the LASFS Facebook page.

This would have been director Fritz Lang's 129th birthday, but he didn't live that long. His science fiction work included **Metropolis**, **The 1000 Eyes of Dr. Mabuse**, and the often overlooked **Woman in the Moon**, but he also did some fantasy movies, including silent versions of two of the stories that Wagner had turned into operas. Sadly, his two final adventure fantasy films, **The Indian Tomb** and **The Tiger of Bengal**, were chopped up and mashed together into one short movie by American International, so what American audiences got to see was a mess called **Journey to the Lost City**, which only included about half of Lang's footage.

Patron Saint: Marty Massoglia, book dealer extraordinaire

Matthew said he was a friendly book dealer, now in Arizona, and he was at LOSCON 46. Hare mentioned Marty's incredible memory, and gave an example. Charlie remarked that Marty has excellent taste in LOSCONs, but then Charlie is biased. George mentioned a long friendship, and how Marty let him pay for a set of books over time. Nick mentioned Marty's ability and willingness to contact authors for LOSCON.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting: Nov. 21, George bid \$2 to name them "All hail the robot overlords."

Nov. 28, Krystal bid \$1 to name them "It wasn't just a turkey in the oven." Someone bid something to name the minutes something or other

Board reports: No board meeting in December, the next one will be the 3rd Sunday of January.

Treasurer report: (*No report submitted.*)

Committee reports:

There may be a small auction on December 26th.

Marty reviewed LOSCON 46. He was there on Friday for gaming and the awards at the Ice Cream Social, and other than his disappointment at the Starbucks closing early, he enjoyed himself.

Matthew thanked the convention committee and staff for doing such a great job. Attendance was up slightly from the previous year, both in paid attendance and warm bodies in attendance. Guests of honor did a wonderful job. Howard Waldrop was great, even with problems with his plane and his flight arriving late.

Hare praised the con's special guest, Nicholas Meyer.

George mentioned that the closest to a complaint was the lack of mayonnaise in the staff lounge. (*This is not close to a complaint, it IS a complaint. I was not able to get my early evening cup of Coffee because Starbucks closed early and the various con venues which should have had coffee had none. GRUMPI! - ed.*)

Ben Levin said that there were ways in which logistics could be improved. (*Like having coffee for civilized people - and me. - ed.*)

Debra Levin mentioned that the con suite was fun. She enjoyed meeting Howard, and Mark Poliner. (*It did, though, lack coffee in the evening. - ed.*)

Nick mentioned that Edie and Moshe were delightful

guests to work with on programs. (*Except they did not provide me with any coffee.* - ed!)

LOSCON 47: Dr. Gregory Benford, writer GOH; Jeff Sturgeon, artist GOH; The Cherrys, fan GOHs. This is the 20th anniversary of them doing the blood drive.

Science News:

Old Business: Nominations for President George nominated Gavin Claypool, who declined. Richard nominated Matthew Tepper, who accepted courteously. Hare nominated CLJ II, who declined. George nominated Nick Smith, who declined for the present. (*It really would not have hurt you to accept the present.* - ed.)

New Business: (*None submitted.*)

Announcements:

The Egyptian Theater in Hollywood is having a Terry Gilliam double feature this Sunday night starting at 7:30 pm, with *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* followed by *Jabberwocky*.

Reviews:

CLJ II reviewed the new edit of the Grinch Christmas special, very slightly shorter than normal.

Hare reviewed LOSCON 46, he enjoyed the writer GOHs a great deal.

Mike Thorsen has now seen more of The Expanse trailers. Trailer #2 is the best of them, and #3 may have too many spoilers.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Gavin reports as the committee to report mysterious middle initials. He points out Matthew B. Tepper as an example. Supposedly, the B. stands for Bruce, but Gavin has uncovered other evidence that the B. really stands for Bonfield, and produced a book to prove it, by Asimov, Bonfield and Levin.

Miscellaneous:

The real world has figured out that fans have money, and spend it. DC Comics and Warner Brothers have begun to issue a fannish credit card. Not only does each card have a design based on superheroes or, in one case, a supervillain, but the rewards you earn include movie tickets, studio tours, theme park admissions, and even comic book and movie-based clothing. So if you just happen to need another credit card in your wallet, you can pull out one with a Bat or a Wonder Woman symbol on it, or the face of Harley Quinn.

Tom mentioned that Space X has successfully launched a cargo Dragon, en route to the space station. Cargo will include barley for a beer brewing test and mice for muscle deterioration tests. Oddly enough, that latter is important because of the ways in which humans lose muscle mass in zero G. Cube sats will be transferred to a Grumman craft to take them to a higher orbit. Also a report that a crewed Dragon will be tested again soon. Also, the cure for Ebola is up to about 65% effective.

Motion to adjourn passed at 9:01 pm.

Meeting #4296, December 12, 2019
President Marty Cantor,
Presiding Persistently
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing Sequentially

Special Orders of Business:

According to Mike Glycer, this week was the birthday of fan Nicki Lynch. Why is that important? Well, she and her husband did win six Hugos, after all, out of the 14 nominations they received. Their fanzine, *Mimosa*, was an attempt at preserving the history of fandom in print. She was also a LASFAPA member at some point in time, (*she joined in LASFAPA #30 and her husband, Dick, joined her membership in LASFAPA #35.* - ed.) and she was known to at least some LASFS members, including Forry, Bruce Pelz, Roy Lavender and others who wrote for *Mimosa*. Sadly, the zine is no longer in production.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Fred Patten, whose conversion from European comics to Japanese manga and anime changed the very course of history. Longtime contributor to APA-L, even after his stroke limited his ability to type. He chaired a LOSCON, and was one of the signers of the paperwork for the incorporation of LASFS, as well as being one of the founders of CFO. Helped open one of the early dedicated comics shops, in Long Beach. His art collection has been donated to the Eaton Collection out in Riverside.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Christian bid \$2 to name the minutes "Farewell, D. C. Fontana."

Introduction of Guests:

Joseph Emerson, fantasy and media fan-created
Alex Summers, artist, real world occupation is musician
James Krivchenia, loves SF books, movies, also a musician

Germaine van der Sanden, scientist. Learned about the club from the web.

Buck Meek, musician. Encouraged to visit by an undying hunger for the unknown

Board reports: Next meeting will be January 19th.

Treasurer report: none

Committee reports:

December 19th is the Gift Exchange, with rules in *De Prof.*

Science News:

In addition to the stuff that it was supposed to be doing, the Parker Solar Probe appears to have solved a minor astronomical mystery. The Geminid meteor shower every December shows up like clockwork, but even the Hubble telescope couldn't find its source. Unlike other meteor showers that have sources in active or former comets, it turns out that the Geminid stuff comes from the path of an asteroid with a really eccentric orbit, but the amount of debris isn't explained by anything found so far. The only thing that scientists have determined so far is that there must have been a catastrophic event in the distant past, of which the asteroid Phaethon and the meteoric debris are the leftover bits.

Also, and I brought this one especially for Matthew and Marty, there have been recent scientific studies of Stradivarius and Guarneri violins, to try to explain why violinists have found these old instruments to be such huge

favorites. Oddly, the old theory about the wood being different has been disproved, but the chemical composition of the wood suggests that they were treated in some way that causes them to have a high percentage of aluminum, copper, zinc, calcium, sodium and potassium. Scientists are still trying to figure out what the treatment was for, since it's not an apparent part of the wood lacquer used on the instruments, but instead some pre-treatment. That, however, is not the weird part.

Acoustic scientists and musicians devised a way to do a blind test of these violins, masking both their appearance and distinctive scent so that modern musicians could fairly compare their actual sound to that of modern violins. Another test was done to check the response of listeners to the sounds. In the various tests, the sound in different settings was also compared, in case that was the difference. Overall, the actual test result was a slight preference for the sound of the modern violins. In other words, if you didn't know that it was a Stradivarius or Guarneri, you might not prefer it, as a player or a listener.

Barbara mentioned a project to record the different sounds of different age violins.

Small auction: Some.

Old Business: None.

Nominations and election:

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Vice President: George McUrso

Nick nominated Marty Cantor, who declined

Barbara nominated George McUrso, who had accepted by email.

Registrar: Michelle Pincus

Barbara nominated Michelle

Scribe: Nick Smith

Marty Cantor nominated Nick Smith

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Meanwhile the Dark Delicacies bookstore is having a Friday the 13th signing, but it's on Sunday the 15th. Composer Henry Manfredini, who did the music for several of the films and the video game of Friday the 13th will be signing at the store on the 15th at 4 pm.

Reviews:

Hare reviewed the first parts of the CW DC crossover, and found it good so far, but fans have to wait until January for the conclusion

Miscellaneous:

Matthew announced that Corky's is closing their restaurant.

Gavin mentioned the Black Friday DVDs and BluRay things that he brought for club members to buy.

Motion to adjourn passed at 9:02 pm

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES
HAVE YET TO BE GIVEN TO ME!**

Meeting #4273, July 4, 2019

Meeting #4297, December 19, 2019
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4298, December 26, 2019
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4299, January 2, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #1300, January 9, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4301, January 16, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4302, January 23, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4303, January 30, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4304, February 6, 1020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4305, February 13, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4306, February 20, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4307, February 27, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4308, March 5, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4309, March 12, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4310, March 19, 2020

Meeting #4315, April 23, 2020

Meeting #4316, April 30, 2020

Meeting #4317, May 7, 2020

Meeting #4318, May 14, 2020

Meeting #4319, May 21, 2020

Meeting #4320, May 28, 2020

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Note: We (LAFAs) are complying with California's "stay safe at home" order. LAFAs filks will be held via Zoom until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

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

Meeting #4321, June 4, 2020

Meeting #4322, June 11, 2020

Meeting #4323, June 18, 2020

Meeting #4324, June 25, 2020

Meeting #1425, July 2, 2020

Meeting #4326, July 9, 2020

Meeting #4327, July 16, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4328, July 23, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4329, July 30, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4330, August 6, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4331, August 13, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4332, August 20, 2020

Meeting #4333, August 27, 2020

Meeting #4334, September 3, 2020

On hand, will print later

Meeting #4335, September 10, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4336, September 17, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4337, September 24, 2020
On hand, will print later

Meeting #4338, October 1, 2020
On hand, will print later

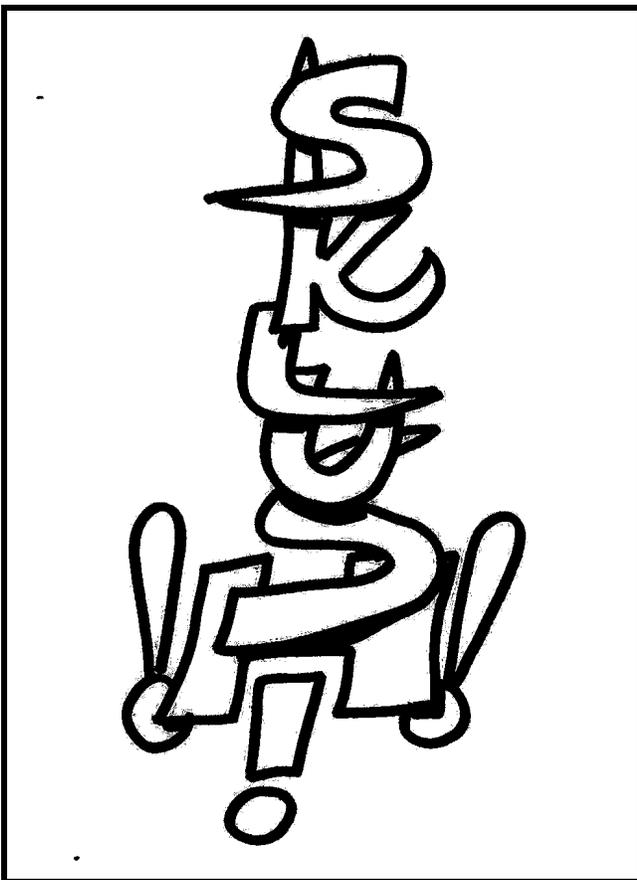


**WILL THOSE WHO TOOK THE
MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT
YET BEEN GIVEN TO ME PLEASE
DO SO ASAP?
THANK YOU!**

PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGE

Resolved, that Standing Rule 21, Section B, Paragraph 2, be replaced by the following:

1. A LOSCON bid must designate those who will serve as chairman, treasurer, hotel liaison, and webmaster.



BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights when LASFS owned its own clubhouse, has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.

FOR THE DURATION
OF THE
SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER
THERE WILL BE NO
BOARD GAMING
AT
PAPER HERO'S GAMES

But I am gaming in my carport -
limit 4 gamers. Contact
Marty Cantor for details as we
sometimes have openings.

SOME, er, WORDS
AS PER USUAL
BY
WILLIAM ROTSLER

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Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
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Phil Castora
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**LASFS MEETINGS -
WE NOW MEET IN OUR NEW
VENUE EVERY THURSDAY**

**OUR NEW MEETING HAPPENS
TO BE
ON
ZOOM**

See details on page 1.

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