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Minutes

First Friday, December 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:23 PM at the Scheiners', President Cathy Green presiding.

Treasurer's Report: Same as last time. Finally verified the change in Treasurer with the bank. It only took 7 months.

Capclave Past: Sam's Capclave Report is in the November WSFA Journal. The current calculations show a \$745.86 profit.

Capclave Present:

- Bill Lawhorn attempted to read the entire 10 page contract, but was gaveled down by Colleen, to everyone's relief..
- The basic hotel cost is \$1910 + 21% + 6%. Increased registration fee and about 7 more people should cover it.. Also, we only need 84 room nights. We don't want more than 500 guests.
- The hotel's Capclave web stuff is up
- Bill is working on Capclave binder with info on Capclave, the hotel, the area, etc.

- We have Capclave flyers. Please take some. Recruit!
- Bill is taking orders for fleece jackets with the Capclave logo; he's trying to put together an order. They'll cost about \$30. See Bill for details.
- Our registration numbers are one or two down from last year.

Capclave Future: Gayle will be having a meeting with Cathy Green and George Shaner about the hotel.

Capclave Far Future: Not yet

Entertivities:

- Capclave was better than Philcon, according to some of our guests who were there.
- Is there interest I trip to the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport? Provisional date is the 10th of January.
- Day The Earth Stood Still remake. IMAX version being made. Any good? Who knows? ~10 of Dec. Sam will look into it.

Publications: Nothing. The Webmaster wants directions to Cathy's apartment; in their absence, it's gonna be Google Maps.

Awards:

- After the election, Colleen is the new chair and Gayle is the new administrator. There was a round of applause for Sam for a job well done..
- Nominations for stories start in January. Authors, publishers, and WSFA members can nominate stories.
- Straw poll – elect in May, serve starting in Nov? People like the idea.

The Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction: Tonight's discussion will be on the December F&SF, while the committee chair finishes his fleece business. Bill sheepishly lost his issue.

Trustees: . No more elections until next year. Nothing from John except "Tell them that Judy Kindall and I are grappling. About what needs to be done."

Old Business: Special Finances Committee report on discussion of reporting requirements for Capclave.

New Business: None

New People: Ross Chalmer is at his second meeting.

Announcements:

- You know the rules.
- Colleen has books. Take them.. Michael Newfield will be speaking at the Library of Congress on the 9th about how Disney and Werner von Braun sold the space program.
- Adrienne says Borders in Gaithersburg on 355 closing; everything 20% off. She's exploring a book exchange party next weekend.
- Mike Walsh has galleys \$5 each; 5 for \$20.
- Ern asks if the *Day the Earth Stood Still* conserves angular momentum. He also announced that Forrest J. Ackerman died.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:04 PM

Attendance

Charles Abel, Christina Abel, Drew Bittner, Kat Bittner, Colleen Cahill, Adrienne Ertman, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Ernest Lilley, H. P. Lovecraft, Sam Lubell, Sarah Mitchell, Chris Neumann, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Kathi Overton, Judy Scheiner, Steve Smith, Lee Strong, Gayle Surette, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap.

Third Friday, December 19, 2008

At the Madigans'. Minutes by Adrienne Ertman

Treasurer's report: Financial situation unchanged. Bill Lawhorn reminds members that dues will be due at the January 1st Friday meeting.

Capclave Past: Absent.

Capclave Present: Is moving forward. Bill anticipates a big March meeting; smaller meetings before then, such as a publications-related committee meeting possibly in early February to co-ordinate awareness efforts. Bill Lawhorn has fliers and business cards, wants 2010 info on the next set of cards. On the membership front, Barry Newton reports six more members. Bill talked about ideas for the next Capclave.

Capclave Future: Is still looking for a hotel. Hotel sub-committee needs to do something about this.

Special finance committee: has a draft and will report at the next meeting.

Entertivities: Seeing *The Day the Earth Stood Still* on IMAX fizzled; Sam Lubell suggests going to Udvar-Hazy on January 4th (a Sunday). Elspeth Kovar asked about one-man Star Wars – it's over.

Publications: Steve absent: no news. No website news.

Trustees: Lee Strong declares “a holiday for the holidays”.

Awards: GS is sending out announcements; he’s expecting nominations to start trickling in during January.

Old business: First Friday move from the Sheiners’ to Cathy Green’s. Brian Lewis wrote driving directions and planned to have them to the webmasters by the end of the weekend. First Friday meetings will be held at Cathy’s starting in February.

New business: Adrienne Ertman moved that the club thank the Sheiners for hosting WSFA. Erica Ginter suggested a plant; someone else suggested a plastic plant (in keeping with the crystal Pepsi?). Erica also suggested an edible fruit arrangement. The club voted to give Erica \$75 to buy and deliver this on the 26th/27th of December.

Announcements:

- John Madigan is employed!
- Bill Lawhorn had holiday cards for the 2009 Capclave Guests of Honor, which he asked club members to sign. He also had extras for 2008 GoHs.
- Bill Lawhorn also announced plans to buy Capclave “Dodo” fleeces. Brian Lewis asked about shipping time; Bill said he’d order the fleeces after the January 1st Friday meeting and they would ship to him about week from then, for pickup at 3rd Friday.
- Mike Bartman passed on Sandra Marshall’s wish for all club members to have a happy holiday.
- Sam Lubell announced Udvar-Hazy planning details.
- Paul Haggerty described NOAA’s unfortunate discovery that their redundant power feeds connected to the same Suitland power substation that blew Friday afternoon. With NOAA on diesel generators and limited fuel (Hanukkah jokes ensued), the PTB had no choice but to send Paul and other contractors home to telecommute. Paul registered his disappointment that this had not happened on Monday, which would have prevented him from coming into the office *all Christmas week*.
- Nicki Lynch announced the death of the Lynch’s cat Mimosa. Erica Ginter recommended Siamese rescue should the Lynches want another cat.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:03 PM.

Attendance

Not available

Alcohol Troubleshooting

For those annoying New Years Eve problems:

SYMPTOM	FAULT	ACTION
Feet cold and wet.	Glass being held at incorrect angle	Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling.
Feet warm and wet.	Improper bladder control.	Stand next to nearest dog, complain about house training.
Drink unusually pale and tasteless.	Glass empty.	Get someone to buy you another drink.
Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights.	You have fallen over backward.	Have yourself leashed to bar.
Mouth contains cigarette butts.	You have fallen forward.	You have fallen forward.
Alcohol tasteless, front of your shirt is wet.	Mouth not open, or glass applied to wrong part of face.	Retire to restroom, practice in mirror.
Floor blurred.	You are looking through bottom of empty glass.	Get someone to buy you another drink.
Floor moving.	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another bar.
Room seems unusually dark.	Bar has closed.	Confirm home address with bartender.
Taxi suddenly takes on colorful aspect and textures	Alcohol consumption has exceeded personal limitations.	Cover mouth.
Everyone looks up to you and smiles.	You are dancing on the table.	Fall on somebody cushy-looking.
Drink is crystal-clear.	It's water. Somebody is trying to sober you up.	Punch him.
Hands hurt, nose hurts, mind unusually clear.	You have been in a fight.	Apologize to everyone you see, just in case it was them.

Don't recognize anyone, don't recognize the room you're in.	You've wandered into the wrong party.	See if they have free alcohol.
Your singing sounds distorted.	The drink is too weak.	Have more alcohol until your voice improves.
Don't remember the words to the song.	Drink is just right.	Play air guitar.

—Lee Strong

WSFA History

Ten Years Ago

December 1998

Lee Strong suggested using the WSFA treasury to buy Russia. Stumbling point was what to do with the rest of the money.

Twenty Years Ago

December 1988

The “call to order” at the Third Friday meeting was for a pepperoni pizza.

Thirty Years Ago

December 1978

There are cons Registration rates were in the \$5 - \$8 range. Hotel rooms were \$25-\$35. And no, there are no missing zeros there.

Letters

From the Editor

Late again (or is it “late still?”).

— Steve Smith, Editor, *The WSFA Journal*