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First Friday September 5, 2014

Attending: Cathy Green, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Kathi Overton, Gayle Surrette, Paul Haggerty, George Shaner, Carolyn Frank, Michael Walsh, Steve Smith, David Keener, Ken Byrer, Eugenia Martin, Elizabeth Twitchell, Ivy Yap, Lee Strong, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Don Anderson

Meeting called to order at 9:15 by Bob MacIntosh.

President had nothing to report, VP had nothing to report. Treasurer reported we had money and that the year over year increase was significant and no doubt due to the money from Capclave memberships and book pre-sales. There had not been a quorum at the previous meeting. Trustees had nothing to report.

Capclave present needs volunteers for next month. Capclave Future will have Alastair Reynolds and Gordon Van Gelder at GOHs and needs volunteers to help run his convention. Capclave Far Future had nothing to report.

WSFA Press reported that the book should be ready the middle of September. WSFA Small Press Award Committee read the list of finalists. The social media guru noted that she would be tweeting more stuff now that it was only one month until Capclave.

The WSFA Facebook page added 4 or 5 people. There was no old business.

New business - 1st Friday cannot be at the Scheiners because they are helping to run World Fantasy Convention. Because a significant portion of the WSFA Board and membership are working on World Fantasy, it was decided not have a first Friday meeting in November.

People there for their first meeting - Don Anderson, who was brought to the meeting by Dave Keener. No one was there for their second meeting. Aaron and Angela Pound were there for their third meeting.

Announcements: Chessicon, the successor to Darkover, will be held Thanksgiving weekend. Steve Smith noted that an asteroid passed within the orbit of the moon and that he had brought watermelon flavored oreos. Paul and Gayle have a new cat. Lee Strong was at the meeting to represent the new proposed Museum of Science Fiction which hopes to open a starter museum next year. The Edgar Rice Burroughs Society will be having a dinner in the restaurant at the Capclave hotel at 6pm on Saturday of the con. Twilight of the Dogs is out on DVD. He wrote a sequel to an Edgar Rice Burroughs book which the estate was currently shopping to Dark Horse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Third Friday September

WSFA 9-19 at the Madigans.

Ken Byrer, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Mark Roth, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Gayle Surette, Elizabeth Twitchell, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Ivy Yap, Michael Nelson, Ginny McNitt, Frances Holland, Sam Hogan/Zen Lizard, Cynthia Moreno, David Keener, Lee Hong, Eugenia Martin, Don Anderson

Talk of the Diet Crystal Pepsi. Elizabeth said she would not pay for its membership since she is not willing to pay \$20 for a joke

3rd Friday began 9:16 said Prez Bob. No old business. Treasurer not here. Sec not here. Webmaster not here. Trustees got two new paid members. Paperwork handed to treasurer. Add to database and sent information to Secretary.

Capclave present: Carolyn said Rich and Nicki finished the restaurant guide and sent to Bill. Someone asked about a DC17 party. They are willing to help. Bob said Collette is running it. Capclave Future: Sam L. asked people who go to panels to let me know how they went. Mike said most are pro except a few who are poetry. Far Future not here.

Entertivities: Sam Lubell said Baltimore has a Book Festival.

No social media. First meeting in November will be cancelled due to World Fantasy. TalkSF said at the first Friday we will discuss F&SF.

No old business. No new business. No new attendees.

Announcements: Kindra has a job collecting signatures for the Green <Martian?> Party and has forms to register people here. Elizabeth said to bring your own book to WSFA. Talk like a Pirate Day

Meeting unanimously adjourned 9:33.

First Friday October

Cathy Green, Sam Scheiner, Bob MacIntosh, Sarah Mitchell, Bill Lawhorn, Ivy Yap, Paul Haggerty, Gayle Surette, Jack Henighan, George Shaner, Greg Key, Elizabeth Twitchell, Frances Holland, David Keener, Ken Byrer, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Stephen Brinich, Crystal Paul, Judy Scheiner, Madeleine Yeh, Kathi Overton

Meeting called to order at 9:12pm by President Bob MacIntosh

Last Meetings minutes were read.

Treasurer's Report: We have significant amounts of money - \$50, 127.14

Trustees report - nothing to report.

Capclave present: We're having a Capclave. Rates are \$60 full weekend; \$20 Friday, \$40 Saturday, \$20 Sunday. Military and student rate: \$25/weekend; \$20 Saturday only.

Capclave Future was not present.

Capclave Far Future has plans.

WSFA Press: *Dream Houses* has arrived. 248 signed copies, 500 trade hardcover.

Website is being maintained and operating within normal parameters. On social media the Capclave twitter account has been pushing the convention and more new people have signed up for the Facebook group. New people have joined meet up and Elizabeth will add an event for Capclave.

Entertivities noted that Green Hills of Earth was available online on SiriusXM.

Old Business: 5th Friday (Halloween) will be at the Bungalow The theme this year is The Premature Burial.

New Business: There will be no 1st Friday meeting because most of the officers will be working World Fantasy Convention. In addition, Elizabeth Twitchell proposed that WSFA pay for a cleaning service to come the day before WSFA meetings at the Madigans' place. Because of their situation, while they still want to host, doing the cleaning themselves is not an option. There was discussion, all in favor of the proposal and WSFA unanimously voted to provide a cleaning service for the Madigans for up to the next 9 months.

People here for their first meeting: Greg Key. He's already preregistered for Capclave. No one was present for their second or third meeting.

Announcements: Secretary and Host both made their usual announcements. Mike Walsh brought used paperbacks for sale, \$1 each and 10 for \$5. There's an event at the National Academy of Sciences. The \$600,000 fine against Marriott for cutting off all wifi and wireless but their fee paid version was mentioned. Bill Lawhorn mentioned that Paolo Bacigalupi will be appearing at the Library of Congress tuesday as part of his book tour for The Doubt Factory and will also be at Politics and Prose bookstore that night. Barry Newton has brought the current version of the Capclave flyer.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:46pm.

Third Friday October

Attendance: Carolyn Frank, Cathy Green, Kindra Gresham, Michael Ikeda, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Candy Madigan, John Madigan, Walter Miles, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Judy, Newton, Shirl Phelps, Steve Smith, Elizabeth Twitchell, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Vickie Di Santo, Frances Holland, Keith Marshall, Sam H/Zen Lizard, Cynthia Moreno, Billy Aguiar, James Weber, Monica Herald

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm.

Old Business - no first Friday meeting due to World Fantasy Convention.

Capclave Past: Bill Lawhorn announced total registration of 461, 383 paid, an increase of 50 from 2 years ago, with 64 new attendees. Hopefully we will close the books on the account in December. Overall the convention seemed to be a positive experience for most people. Dream Houses is well on its way to hitting the breakeven point. We are currently involved in discussions with the hotel regarding the issue with the other events.

Capclave Present: Alastair Reynolds and Gordon van Gelder are the Guests of Honor.

Capclave Future: Looking at hotels Colleen has agreed to do programming.

Social Media: twitteratti happy with Capclave

Committee to actually discuss science fiction will be discussing Clakesworld on first friday and Galaxy's Edge on third friday

Old Business - none; New Business - none

Anyone here for first meeting - no; 2d meeting: Bill Major from College Park MD, wrote for rpgs, including Serenity; 3d meeting Monica Herald, grew up in the area, lives in Gaithersburg. Really liked the exotic weapons demo and the no means no panel, and Bookstore RIP; Vicki DiSanto is from PA and lives in Gaithersburg and enjoyed the plotting workshop.

Secretary and Host made the usual announcements.

Judy Newton was selling raffle tickets for a quilt for her quilters guild.

Bob MacIntosh relayed the information about a writing contest run by Sci-Fest Los Angeles.

Stories can be submitted at www.sci-fest.com.

Bob also relayed an email from Sarahanne Driggs of the National Press Club announcing an event with Sean Astin on October 27.

ZenLizard promoted Chessiecon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14pm.