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First Friday January

Attendance: Rodger Burns, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Kimberly Hargan, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Ghost of WSFA Meetings Past

9:15pm meeting called to order by Bob MacIntosh. Previous meeting's minutes read.

Treasurer's Report: We have money. We're down in the year over year, probably due to Capclave and WSFA Press.

Capclave Past has closed its books.

Capclave Present is beginning to ramp up. So far 90 people have registered.

Break even was discussed by chair and treasurer.

Capclave Future was not present.

WFC2018/Capclave 2020 discussed plans. WFC will be under BSFS auspices because they are a 501c3. Discussion have begun on logistics, hotel, and hospitality suite management.

WSFA Press - just made a sale of \$600 to an English class at Georgia Tech.

Reynolds book is just about at break even.

Web sites are operational.

WSFA Small Press Award - committee has met and updated the rules. Paul will make sure last year's winner is listed on all the club websites.

Possible translation award committee - Gayle and Colleen have joined Sam S.

Social Media - Facebook and twitter are going strong.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF will discuss Asimov's. Next meeting will discuss Lightspeed.

Old Business - WSFA Press looking into getting table at MACII (Worldcon)

New Business - Sam L. noted that there is a 5th Friday in January. After the crickets ceased chirping, Sam L. said he would host.

No one was there for their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd meeting.

The usual secretary and host announcements were made.

Announcements: Sam S. read an email from Leo Espinosa. Bill L. said he was in

charge of the World of SFF exhibit and discussed his ideas and asked for help and suggestions. It was suggested that he contact the various embassies and consulates for materials. Mike Walsh was selling books. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Third Friday January

The WSFA Third Friday 1/15/16 meeting was called to order by Prez Bob MacIntosh at 9:15. Sam Lubell took notes as the secretary was at Arisia.

Treasurer not here. Capclave Present not here. Capclave future yelled from upstairs that she had nothing to report. Capclave 2020/WFC had nothing to report. Bylaw Committee had no response from Judy Kindell. Small press award committee said the announcement went out, was in File 770. No webmaster. No WSFA Press. Twitter is traveling alone. BSFS will be reading Silently & Very Fast for its book club this month (except it was cancelled due to snow). Trustees had nothing to report; if you want an office see them. Committee to Discuss SF will discuss the current issue of Lightspeed Magazine (except no one else had read it).

No old business. No new business. Dues are due, Bob will collect. Barry raised issue of whether should publicize list of who paid dues. Bob said Sam S. has list. Announcements: MidAmericon has opened up hotels. Barry said Thunderbird downloads podcasts and RSS feeds. Mike has books. The Three Body Problem went through 10 printings and is now in Trade Paperback.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29

Attendance: Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Barry & Judy Newton, Courtni Y. Burlison, Sarah Mitchell, Bill Lawhorn, Steve Smith, Michael Walsh, Michael Taylor, Kimberly Hargan, and (way down the page) Ivy Yap.

February First Friday 2/5/16

Attendance: Rodger Burns, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Kimberly Hargan, Frances Holland, Judy Kindell, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Sarah Mitchell, Bill Lawhorn, Barry Newton, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Mark Roth, George Shaner, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap

Meeting called to order by Bob MacIntosh at 9:10pm. Minutes of the previous

meeting were read.

The treasurer announced that we had money and that people should pay dues. Discussion was held as to whether the names of current paid up members should be posted, and if so, where. Decided to post membership list on WSFA website.

The Trustees in the person of Mike Walsh reminded people to run for office. Capclave Present: we have a 2 year contract with the hotel. 92 people are currently registered. Colleen is running programming and is preparing to get the surveys out in the next couple weeks

Capclave Future has a hotel and dates thanks to the efforts of Paul and Bob. It will be October 6-8, which is Colubus Day weekend and also includes First Friday. The Capclave Future chair, Elizabeth Twitchell, also noted that she will be celebrating her 40th birthday party at Capclave 2016.

WSFA Press - we're probably not going to do a book this year, but all of our books are in break even or profit mode, so it is all good.

By-law committee had nothing new to say.

WSFA Small Press Award - 33 stories submitted as of Tuesday.

WSFA website has added some journals. There was discussion as to which emails the web masters had received, and emails will be re-sent.

The twitter feed has added a new follower. Facebook is active and Meet up is going strong as well.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF will be discussing the current issue of Fantasy & Science Fiction. Next month we will be discussing potential Hugo nominees.

WFC 2018 - things are progressing and people are being added to the staff/committee. Guest search continues.

Capclave 2020 has nothing current to report.

Entertivities noted that this week's X-Files was awesome.

No old business. New business - Sam wants to expand committee to look at bylaws to look at 501c status.

Announcements - secretary and host made the usual announcements. Marc Roth said tomorrow would be his birthday. Kathi Overton announced upcoming events at the Arlington Planetarium and that they would be doing another SF weekend in March. Rodger reminded people that ReGeneration Who was the 3rd weekend in March. Barry Newton went to the theater and ran into Pat and Laura Jones (former WSFA's). As usual, Mike Walsh is selling books.

Meeting adjourned.

Third Friday February 2-19-16

George Shaner presiding. Called to order at 9:15. Acting Secretary Sam Lubell was not given minutes. Sam L. said no minutes, no financial info. I'm not the real secretary. Elizabeth said not the club you are looking for. No Capclave present. Elizabeth for Capclave Future said contract signed for both years. Same hotel, Columbus day weekend, prices will be almost the same. Oct 6-8, 2017. Bill said got a \$99 rate for the hotel. Bill for other conventions said nothing on 2020, World Fantasy is progressing. Website goal is to have a website up sometime by summer. Capclave present walked in with bookmarks. Rack cards are delayed a couple of days. Not a whole lot going on now, working with Colleen on programming. Hotel page not up yet. Need treasurer to cut a check before it becomes official. Then the hotel page can go up. Paul announced plans to spend the month of October in the Bahamas.

Social media. Elizabeth said people using the Meetup. Will set up meetups for Capclave. Bill suggested setting up a Friday dinner at Balticon. Publications. Paul said continue to sell books. Bill said Cathy sold one at Boskone. Paul said got a pdf of purchase order for one of the Alastair Reynolds books. Twitter, Sarah said dodos have been busy tweeting, including Pancake day. Some are now at Boskone. Bill said we are changing the picture for Capclave each month so Facebook sends out a notification that keeps Capclave in people's mind. Small Press Award, Carolyn said 38 stories so far. Wants social media to remind people about nominating stories. Carolyn asked about including social media information when a story is submitted. Carolyn said admin@wsfasmallpressaward.org. Members of WSFA can submit stories. If you ask the editor of a magazine and tell them it is for this award, they can send a clean copy. That lets them know about the award and that this story has been chosen.

Bylaws committee will discuss this with Cathy at Mysticon.

Entertitivities – Bill said heard good things about Deadpool but don't take kids to it. Bill said a friend said Witches is best horror movie in years.

Committee to talk SF will discuss people's choices for Hugo nominations. Bill suggested posting this to Facebook and WSFA list. Include a link to the Locus recommended reading list.

Old business: Science & Engineering Festival in DC. BSFS will run it. Sam L will take charge. Bill suggested getting Professor from Capclave Tom Holtz to do material about de-extinction of dodos.

Bill moved that the club authorize up to \$150 for copying handouts. George did

count and have quorum. Bill said there's time to come back if need additional funds. Motion passed. Sam L. said will update WSFA handout, but Bill said should email to someone to proofread. Erica volunteered.

New business. None.

New people – Penny Martin, Candy told her about the group a long time ago, but this was the first time she had a chance. She is a reader and interested in sf and fantasy since high school. When high school, went to a library, no one knew what Lord of the Rings was. Saw the books, took out the Two Towers, no indication that this was a trilogy. Wondered about the author's interesting technique of dropping the reader in the middle of events. Liked C S Lewis. Likes interesting writers.

Open position: administrative assistant to the Chemistry Dept at the University of MD.

Carolyn said 2 weeks ago she was in Belize and got to pull the tail of a jaguar (gently) . We were in a cage and he was on top of it.

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 9:53

George accepted new members – Monica Herald, Vickie Disanto, Carolyn Frank, and Michael Ikeda. \$80.