

The WSFA Journal Jan/Feb 2020



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Bob banged the gavel for January First Friday (1/3/20). “Ladies and gentlemen, first Friday meeting in 2020. It’s 9:16. Alright boss, how about you tell us what we did at the last meeting in 2019.”



Sam L. read minutes and email from Sam S with budget. “I will not be at the meeting on Friday, here is my January treasurer's report. We currently have \$\$\$, which is \$\$\$ more than one year ago. The increase is a combination of three items: the surplus from World Fantasy (approx \$\$\$), the surplus from Capclave (approx \$\$\$), and the surplus from WSFA Press (approx \$\$\$). In this past year, separate from Capclave, we had \$\$\$\$ in income (dues + t-shirt sales) and \$\$\$\$ in expenses. About half of the latter was to purchase the t-shirts from Offworld Design.”

Capclave present. Bill said to hold off on financials from Capclave past until get final numbers, but in excess of \$\$\$.

For Capclave present, we have xx paid registration, xx total including guests and their plus ones. We are in good shape. Things are coming in. We had a Capclave meeting before this. Thanks to those who attended.

We went through a lot of material. Past chairs will write up their convention by May 31. If you don’t, I’ll make something up and put your name on it. We will do outreach to returning guests. See that they are coming so we can plan. Put in a call for donations to the silent auction. I will put in the Chinese toilet paper with extinct animals, including dodos. Rob Sawyer donated an illustrated *Three Body Problem* gift pack. No dodos in the *Three Body Problem*. If you have interesting items you can part with please donate early so we can drum up interest. Still have negotiations to do with space in the hotel. Currently only using space used last year, but if numbers go up, we’ll get more space.

We are working on getting rack cards and bookmark. Bill talked promotions. We are starting off in good shape. We’ll be asking for fun facts from our GoH. When we come out, share them around.

George for Capclave Future said, “I’m in the process of negotiating with my other GoH. I’ll know in a week if she can come.”

Trustees. Elizabeth said, nothing exciting this week. If you want to be an officer or continue to serve, talk to a trustee. Bill asked if any positions need to be filled. Elizabeth said we could use trustees. The main responsibilities are to be an adult and hold an election which last year took six minutes. Elizabeth said there will be a meeting to discuss process of updating the Capclave Code of Conduct in March.

Small Press Award. Cathy said set schedule and will send to Paul. Talked about doing a survey with small press publishers. The state of the industry has changed quite a bit since we started the contest. What questions to ask a small group and then survey publishers. Tiny tweak to rules, putting in a definition saying those who submit have to certify that they meet the requirements. Doesn’t require a vote. For next year there will be a rules overhaul. Need submitter to do the certification since we don’t always know. I will send changes to Paul this weekend.



WSFA Press. Nothing to report. Paul is sick and won’t be here. Courtney asked for a copy of the last book for the archives. Bill said Paul probably has an overrun we can use.

Sam L. gave schedule for Committee to Talk SF. Bill said First Friday in Feb Maria Thompson will do a reading and there will be a dinner before.

Entertivities - Cathy said Fathom will do a release of the Doctor Who New Year's episode.

Old business - Fifth Friday meeting. Sam L. volunteered, "My place is newly cleaned." Alex volunteered but would charge for community center use. Sam L. said had two shirts left, a L and M.

New business.



Mark said Candy had sent a Facebook message. I volunteered but have not heard anything. Bob said that we have not formally heard about ending housing WSFA. When we do, we will gladly move to your place. Bill suggested setting a date. Bob said wants to talk to Candy first to see when she wants to bow out. It's not that she doesn't love us anymore, but she doesn't really live in Maryland anymore.. I want to talk to her face to face. Rodger said Mark lives less than a mile from Wheaton on the Red line. Many buses. Elizabeth said he lives near 270 and the beltway. Mark said Randolph gets you close. Bob said tabling this until talk to Candy. Let her choose an end date.

Sam L. proposed doing print copies of the *WSFA Journals*. There was a discussion and people said five copies. Cathy said they would be useful for fan tables and fanzine lounges. Vote passed with only Bill opposing, no one abstained.

New people. Nicole Sbitani here for her third meeting.

Announcements: Mark doing song circle January 18th, third Saturday. Kathi thanked those who came to the New Year's party. Announced that Friends of Planetarium will screen a documentary about light pollution. Washington Liberty HS Auditorium Jan 11th (formerly Washington and Lee HS).

Bill. Capclave new members looking for help. Looking for people with storage space to hold books etc. Bob asked Kim to stand up and show the Capclave t-shirt. If you wish one, let Bob know by email \$20. Art by Steve Stiles. Wide variety of sizes.

Mike Walsh has books, today is 128th birthday of JRR Tolkien. Craze of Baby Yoda is so frantic that even Disney can't keep up with copyright violations. Baby Jar-Jar Binks.

Motion to adjourn. Unanimously adjourned at 9:51.

Attendance: Courtni Burleson, Cathy Green, Kimberly Hargan, Frances Holland, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Michael Nelson, Kathi Overton, Sam Pierce, Mark Roth, Judy Scheiner, George Shaner, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Joe Radko, Alex Wallace, and Nicole Sbitani.



History of Dodo Cosplay By Dodomious of Dodolonia aka Gramps Transcribed by Sarah Mitchell

The history of dodo cosplay is long and complex like all histories. Back then we didn't have the internet, sewing machines, or humans with credit cards. We had to find raw materials then spin, weave, and sew

our costumes by hand. Resources were pretty scarce in those days, so we often shared supplies among ourselves and bartered with other communities. The great Knight of the Ugly Chicken, Ama, once said everyone becomes a better cosplayer when we share or trade from our stash. This way we know when every dodo gives their best work it elevates the entire extinction.



Procuring a small piece of teal fabric or an extra button is easy, ask nicely and chances are someone will say yes. Getting the teal fabric if unavailable meant having to spin, weave, and dye it to your needs. This meant having to track raw materials; to a young dodo, this meant an adventure. It meant leaving the security of the rocks and forest and peeking into the bigger world. In my many years I have seen much and traveled around the world. If I told you, my granddodos, half of what I have seen you would not believe me. Nothing compared to the excitement when my Gramps, we called him Pop Pop, said we would accompany him to visit the sheep.

Since we didn't have a human with a credit card and money wasn't a concept at the time, we spent weeks before the trip collecting wood and rocks. Sheep are expert prop makers; since their meadows lack materials we traded with them for years. Yes, we gave wood to sheep, get it out of your system now.

With our trade goods acquired, we headed to the meadows to trade with our sheep friends. Pop Pop was very shrewd and when it came to trade the sheep leader, Baabara, was an expert at the game. This year was extra special since I was allowed to sit with the trade delegation instead of being shooed off to play with the lambs.

We began with the traditional meal of alfalfa and water, then the negotiations began in earnest. I often told you, my granddodos, that one of the greatest things to see is a master at work. It doesn't matter if it's your tia on a surfboard or our beloved Uncle Howard at a convention. Baabara pretended to be insulted when her first offer was turned down, since she says each fleece is soaked in a sacred spring that gives the user +3 protection. Pop Pop pointed out something in the sacred spring interacted with dyes that made bright colors difficult. She claimed we had a less than ideal mix of hardwoods and softwoods which will affect their LARPing campaign. Part of me drifted away from the conversation since I really wanted to play with the lambs and the younger dodos.



When the talks reached an impasse, Baabara invoked the Challenge by Numbers which is how sheep resolve disputes. Challenge by Numbers requires a 10 sided die, as Pop Pop was not much of a gamer, he didn't own dice. Not an issue since special dice are kept by an elder known as the Dice Keeper for these occasions. Rules are simple: both parties roll three times and the highest score wins. For the first round Pop Pop rolled a three. Baabara after an elaborate ritual I'm told is common among sheep rolled a ten. Maybe there is something to it. Second round was Pop Pop 2 and Baabara 7, this is not good. Last round was Pop Pop seven and Baabara

nine. She won the impasse 12-26 and the deal was complete. This is also the reason we practice saving throws every day.



The Doctor Dodo Wins the Game of Thrones, Sorry Grover

We celebrated with a feast and exchanged gifts. Pop Pop gave Baabara a branch that fell from the Reading Tree, one of the most sacred places in Dodolonia. She gave Pop Pop the First Fleece from a black sheep; she said the birth of a black sheep is a sign of divine favor and their fleece can only be given away as a sign of respect. The first fleece gives the user +6 protection, +5 healing, and +8 constitution. Pop Pop never forgot about Baabara's gift to the extinction. I think of her often, she was a fair leader. She would not approve of Ramond allowing lambs to dye their fleece ridiculous colors. Tia thinks they look adorable and she says it saves time since the fleece is pre-dyed.

Will WSFA Accept First Offer?

“Alrighty,” said Prez Bob launching the 1-17-20 third Friday meeting. “This is first Third Friday meeting in 2020. The start time is 9:15. Mr. Secretary let these good folk know what we did last meeting?” Sam L. read minutes.

Capclave Present: Bill said Sam covered everything. It's not news, but hopefully by first Friday we will have a working link for the hotel reservations. We had a link but it was confusing.

Capclave Future. Bill said he emailed George. Things are close with the second guest. Not finalized. It may be settled by First Friday. Hopefully we will have the hotel settled by then. At least lock in a weekend.

Trustees: Rodger said the election is in May. They are looking for trustees and people to nominate for officer positions.

Small Press Award. Carolyn said have sent xx stories to Paul with another xx to go through. This is about the same number as last year. Barry said at least one person has volunteered to stay on the committee. No werewolves or vampires this time; this year's theme appears to be music. No animals. Sam asked, if there are stories about Beatles, don't they count? Wack. Rodger said last year we met his deadline for WSFAns nominating stories and a few became finalists. Send nominations to the small press administrator. Deadline March 31st. If x people nominate, I will bake cookies, if x, will bake twice.



WSFA Press. Paul has not reported. For social media, Sarah said dodos have been talking about small press award.

Sam L said Paul put up 3 journals. Up through June 2019.

Sam L. gave the schedule for Talk SF.

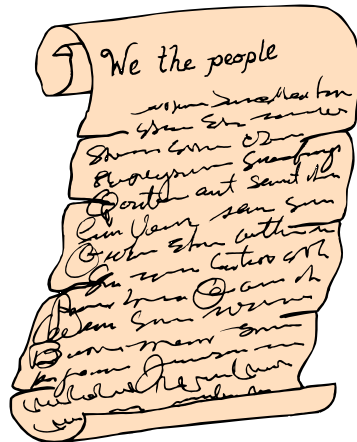
Bob said Hugo nominations are open, close March 15th. Now available to nominate. Bill said, reading after first Friday in February. Dinner at Raga at 7 PM. This is where we had dinner with Rebecca.

Intertivities. Greenbelt theater showing *Arrietty* on Monday, a Miyazaki film. Sarah emailed that Dr. Franziska Kohlt, an Oxford postdoc and expert on Alice in wonderland especially the dodo, is presenting a TV show where she visits the iconic locations in English literature. She is in discussion with a possible North American distributor. More details when available.

Old business. Bob said Candy is willing to host through Capclave. Through her daughter, I have said she doesn't have to go that long if she doesn't want to. Mark Roth is willing and able to host.

Barry asked if we are going to accept first offer. Sam L. said Cathy also volunteered. Barry said shame that more people not willing to offer. Sam L. asked if he was volunteering. Barry said no. Others said Mark has lots of space.

New business: Bob did a moment of silence for Steve Stiles. Sam L. asked about address for card. Mike Walsh said can find out online. Bob asked secretary to send a condolence card. He has contributed a lot to Capclave. Sam L asked about a card to Mike Resnick. Bob said yes. Discussion of illness. Bob said Steve Silver would be able to get address.



Announcements: Courtni said gave notice at her job and has a new job. "Now I don't have to raise 5 million. I will start at Americans United for Separation of Church and State. I was the third person leaving that week." Sam L. said progress on the job front. I will start Feb 3rd at the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service. Carolyn is going to New Zealand for three weeks touring from North to South. Lots more for the WSFA Journal. Will see Hobiton and will stay next to Mount Doom. They are having a major problem with measles so I got tested and I have had all the childhood diseases. Bill emailed with head of Nova Teen Festival and will have a table. March 14th day long free festival at an Arlington HS. (George C Mashall HS near Tysons).

Motion to adjourn. 9:49 unanimously.

Attendance: Courtni Y Burlson, Rodger Burns, Carolyn Frank, Kimberly Hargan, Frances Holland, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry & Judy Newton, Steve Smith, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Alexander Wallace, and Billy Aguiar.

TRIVIA contest By jim thomas

CONTEST CORNER



Hello WSFANS!

Jim Thomas/Nydhogg Dragon here, long time GAFIating WSFA member, drawn back by the online meetings. My 'thing' for a few years now has been Pub Trivia, and our team was driven online by the Pandemic along with WSFA.

In addition to playing that way (at [<](#)

<http://www.pourhousetrivia.com> > - check them out - anyone can play), I started creating an online test for my team, as well as a few friends and family.

It was suggested at the last meeting that I submit a test to the WSFA Journal as a trial balloon, and here it is! I have lots more tests if there is a demand. This is 'fire and forget', the answers should be later on in this issue, just grade yourself. Please let me know how you did, whether you liked it, and whether you'd like to see more in future issues. I could even do a science fiction themed test maybe.

Have fun and stay safe!

Jim < dragon@nydhogg.com >

Thought of the day: "A Genius is just somebody with the IQ of three Morons put together" - me

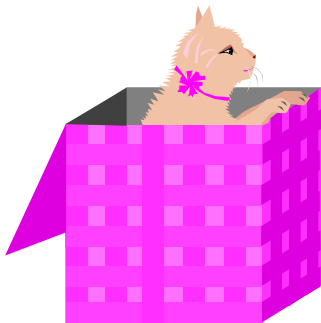
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Home Trivia Test X

This week it's just 10 questions, all different categories, all 20 points each.

The first five categories are adapted from the categories in Saturday's Jeopardy rerun.

1. (Zoology) What is a Wombat? Where is it found? (10 points each)
2. (Hats) What do you call that hat that Indiana Jones wore? (writing "that hat that" made me smile)
3. (Slang) What does "wala" mean? Note: I tried to find something to use from "Urban Dictionary", but you would NOT believe how "shift-F7" some are! Seriously, don't look. You looked, didn't you?
4. (Pro Sports Venues) What "Curly" NFL Stadium's name has been in use unchanged for the longest time of any stadium?
5. (Generals) Who was the "Stormin" general that led US forces in the first Gulf War?



6. (Science) What quantum physicist described a "thought experiment" involving a cat in a box that was neither dead nor alive until you opened the box? (Spelling doesn't count!) ... And wouldn't you be able to tell by the smell?! ... Decoherence Rules!

7. (It's a Spelling Question!) Spell that thing that became 'new' at midnight on 12/31/2000.

8. (Movies) For the movie "Alice's Restaurant", give any two of the following: Who wrote the song that the movie was based on, and played the lead role?, Who did he visit in the hospital (his real life father)?, What got him out of the

Vietnam War? (any two correct for 20 points, one for 10, guess at all three)

9. (Guest Question) In the Bond, James Bond, movie series, whom did Bond marry (actress or character name)? What happened to her? (10 points for name, 10 points for fate, pat on the back for all three!)

10. (Hard Question) What musician, who died in 2009, invented not one, but two of the most important technologies present in nearly all Rock music today? Bonus: name them. Double bonus: what third technology, now passe, was he also closely associated with? (10 points for name, 10 point for technologies, pat on the back for all three!)

Bonus/Survey: What's the oldest thing you use every day? (Several 'correct' answers, perhaps many, are possible depending on how you look at it. I'm interested to see how you respond. I'll post the answers next time.)

Good luck!

(The Answers are at the end of the issue)

WSFA [Website] Is Completely Restored

The WSFA First Friday 2/7/2020 meeting started Bob going, “Hearye, hearye, let’s have a meeting. We have a guest here, we don’t want to delay her too much. Enlighten us on what we did last meeting.” Sam L read minutes.



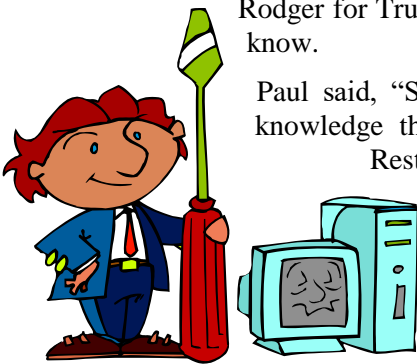
Mr. Treasurer reminded people to pay 2020 dues. I will be accepting money after the meeting. As of Feb 1, \$\$\$ and year over year \$\$\$.

Cathy said this was more \$\$than been in years. Bill promised I will burn through it soon.

Bill said Capclave had xx paid members, up from normal January. A big push needs to happen soon. Had been waiting on program system. Don’t want to get too many people before we can handle it.

George said, I had hoped to announce my second guest of honor but she is editing the third book of her trilogy. Waiting for Collette to send me the date with the hotel and make arrangements to see if she is willing to finalize.

Rodger for Trustees asked for people to be an officer at WSFA or Capclave to let the trustees know.



Paul said, “Since I haven’t been here a while please bear with me. To the best of my knowledge the WSFA website is completely restored <Does that mean we are in the

Restoration Period?> including all the legacy pages. Number of attacks has dropped since they cannot get through. Got Capclave hotel online. I have to ask the Capclave registrar for list so I can put them online. People are asking if they are members and I cannot help them. Getting the Zambia program online, hopefully more on that next meeting. WSFA Press selling books in California. We are still owed money from University of Georgia. Small Press Award, now have xx stories up online and ready for committee to read and

enjoy. <He says with a smirk>”

Small Press Award – Cathy said, Carolyn sent that as of end of January, xx stories sent to Paul, between 959 words to 16,000 words. Average length 5500. We’re making the authors verify that publisher is small press. This forces them to read the rules. <And many didn’t at first so have to redo it>. Cathy said one trend, made an effort to hit the professional organizations. Saw a whole bunch from Christian publishers, probably because we sent to RWA and someone there sent it to Christian groups. We did expand number of places we sent to let them know about the award. All the publishers who submitted before, File 770 and Locus and Amazing. Horror writers and Romance Writers Groups. Broad Universe, SFWA. Get a lot from the retweets when Sarah sends.

Discuss SF - Guest reader immediately following the meeting. Sam L. gave schedule.

Entertivities. Kim saw TMYWYMY license plate in car in front of him.

No old business.

New business. None.

First, second, or third meetings. Joe Kielbowitz, knows Bill. Bill says he will be joining Discon III.

Announcements. Cathy said Hugo nominations close by the middle of March. If you like the work Steve Stiles did for us, he is eligible for fan artist. Sam L announced he is now a government bureaucrat.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:40. Maria Thompson gave a



reading to the club.

Attendance: Rodger Burns, Apurva Desai, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Kimberly Hargan, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Michael Nelson, Kathi Overton, Aaron & Angela Pound, Mark Roth, Judy & Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Elizabeth Twitchell, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Bill Aguiar, Alexander Wallace, and Nicole Sbitari.

Review of Ragnarok (Netflix series)

By Alex Wallace

I was recommended the Netflix original series *Ragnarok* by a friend of mine who frequents the same dance venues I do. I watched it over a period of two days, watching three episodes each night to finish the six-episode series. That's one of the few virtues of this show: it's short, which means you don't have to marinate in its flaws for too long should you choose to finish it.

The show starts off with a family of three, composed of older son Magne, younger son Laurits, and single mother Turid moving into the small town of Edda, in western Norway. There, Magne is given powers by an old man who the subtitles will immediately let you know is Odin. From there, Magne and Laurits begin attending Edda Secondary School and acculturating themselves to the high schoolers of this town, and from there begin to unravel a conspiracy regarding the pollution of the river that runs through Edda.

To be brutally frank with you, when I once again ran into that friend who recommended this show to me, I bestowed upon it the dubious nickname "*Stranger Things* but shittier." In all honesty, that's still the best description I can give you. It has the basic idea of a group of adolescent protagonists up against a supernatural conspiracy that exists with the full backing of local elite, but approaches it with not a fraction of the elegance and engagement that the Duffer Brothers did.

A large chunk of the show, perhaps even the majority, regards the cliquish social structure of Edda Secondary School, somehow managing to be set in an entirely different country and yet regurgitate all the dreary clichés of American high school-based media. It's a cavalcade of crushes and rejections and love triangles that lack any of the gravity that the title of 'Ragnarok' promises you. One particular bone of contention for me is a love triangle in which a girl named Gyr (pronounced like 'gear') must choose between Magne and another character without any likeable qualities whatsoever. She goes for the other character, and it had me in conniptions over how poorly thought out this plot device was.

The entire show is based around the conflation of the Norse myth of the death of the gods and the modern phenomenon of climate change. It's a rather 'woke' premise, one that I think had so much potential, but the show renders its professed progressivism a false promise due to several creative decisions. The most damning one, I think, is encapsulated in the character of Isolde, a student at Edda Secondary that Magne befriends. She is seemingly the only person in Edda concerned with the pollution of the river by the Jutul family, who owns the problematic chemical plant around which so much of the plot revolves. She has a YouTube channel which has her pontificating about the factory, which would have been good had her ramblings sounded like how people actually speak, and with titles that didn't suggest irritating clickbait. She is also revealed to be a lesbian, which would have been fine had she not been unceremoniously killed at the end of the first episode. She represents the sole non-heterosexual character, and she is disposed of in short order to forward a drama which would have been much better off had her *Nellie Bly*-esque muckraking been allowed to continue through the rest of the show.

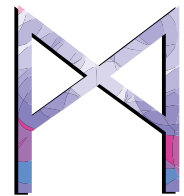


Another failure of the show's stated political stance is the treatment of the single black character, who is shown time and again lusting after the white girls at Edda Secondary to the extent it seems to be his only character trait. I do not know whether the stereotype of the black man lusting after white women is a stereotype known in Denmark (where the show was made), but it resonates quite poorly here.



In its messaging having performed one swindle, the show performs an even greater swindle in its portrayal of Norse mythology. One would think that a show named after the end of the world would have a sense of awe and terror that such an event would inevitably provoke, but the show infuriatingly refuses to bring the supernatural out into the open. There are two Norse gods that show up as local old people who nudge the plot along whenever it is needed, and Magne's occasional use of the power of Thor that isn't nearly as interesting as Chris Hemsworth. You'd think that the show named after the end of the world would have provided you just that, or at least some spectacle of destruction of a small Norwegian town, but you don't even get that. The subject of a Wagnerian opera is reduced to two guys unimaginatively beating each other up in an abandoned building on a Norwegian national holiday. This isn't even dime-store Wagner; this is a third-grader with a picture book on mythology's paper sketch Wagner, inexplicably given Netflix's money.

The most infuriating thing about this series is that it had so much potential, and yet it was all flushed down the drain. The idea of Norse-inspired urban fantasy as a commentary on climate change is such a promising idea, and in the hands of good writers could have been something spectacular. But we didn't get that. We got "*Stranger Things* but shittier," with cliquishness and pettiness and bizarre school dance scenes, and barely any Norse mythology. If you want a good Netflix fantasy series, there's *The Witcher*. If you want young people going up against the powers that be, watch *Stranger Things*. If you want Norse mythology, watch any *Thor* movie. All of them are more worthy of your time than this.



I Am a Believer in Storytelling

The 2/21/20 WSFA meeting began with, "It's time," said Prez Bob. "Let's go people! He banged the gavel. Quicker we get going, the quicker we can get it over. Third Friday in February. Usually I'm in Boston this weekend. It feels strange.

Sam L read minutes

Cap Present. Bill said Rodger moved forward on Zambia a few users have access. Kate Secor will be doing programing meeting on 14th of March afternoon. Want to get kinks worked out before Eric gets swamped with Balticon stuff. Info hasn't gotten to Paul on current membership, need to get it online before price increase. We have negotiations on gifts for returning GoHs. Covers everything.

Cap future not here.

Trustees. Rodger, said elections in May, will finalize slate for April, come to me or Elizabeth if want to be an officer.

Small press award. Not much new. Carolyn is enjoying self in New Zealand. Early yet.

Social media. Dodos are tweeting. Pedro at Capricon said Sarah. Lots of snow.

Talk SF. Sam gave schedule.

Entertivity. Steve said that in a blast from past, Mark Hamill tweeted the President should pardon the Star Wars Holiday Special. Warren said not much he can do with international war crimes. Courtni is doing readings on Saturday. Bill said Ken Liu doing signing March 9th Tuesday at Politics and Prose.





Old business. Bob said, Candy has informed us that this is the last meeting she will host at this location. She did say she could host in Virginia in the future if the Scheiners are unable to do so. So we will be meeting at Mark Roth's house. Erica Ginter proposed sending flowers to Candy at her Virginia location. Seconded. Bob asked for amount. Erica said \$75. No one opposed. Two abstentions. Sam said, they don't get cookies. Erica will take care of it.

New business. Bill jumped the gun. What do you want. Bill said, based on the WSFA rules, the membership of our hosts are paid for. It is a potential issue. Just bringing it to attention. Bob said Mark Roth has already paid his dues.

Steve said he hasn't hosted six meetings yet. Bob said the assumption is that they would be hosting for the full year. We won't penalize Greg and Candy after 17 years. Bill said it will affect ratio for the small press voting. Bob said it has been noted.

I see a new person. In a universe far far away, I was an idea... No, I'm joking. Bill said the story is just getting good. Fabrice Guerrier. I come at this as a storyteller. Started Syllable, a writer's organization. I heard about this from one of my colleague. I'm getting into the sci fi flow. I love storytelling. Being able to create worlds. I am a believer in storytelling and stories' ability to change the world. Happy to be here at the last chance to see the house.

Erica and Candy went to wedding of Susan Cohen's daughter.

Meeting adjourned 9:41.

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TRIVIA CONTEST ANSWERS BY JIM THOMAS

Rules

- The First Rule Of Trivia: You do not talk about Trivia!
- The Second Rule Of Trivia: You DO NOT talk about Trivia!!
- The Third Rule Of Trivia: No looking up answers!
- The Fourth Rule Of Trivia: NO looking up answers! You're on your honor on this!
- The Fifth Rule Of Trivia: There's no crying in Trivia!
- The Sixth Rule Of Trivia: There's no fighting in Trivia!
- The Seventh Rule Of Trivia: There's no whining in Trivia!
- The Eighth Rule Of Trivia: There's no complaining about Trivia!
- The Ninth Rule Of Trivia: There's no escaping from Trivia!
- The Tenth Rule Of Trivia: Always go with your first answer



There's no penalty for wrong answers, so guess away.

Spelling doesn't count unless it's a spelling question. You may interpret your answer in your favor if it's not precisely correct, but don't get carried away!

And, remember: my use of smiley faces is purposeful and usually indicates a possibly lame attempt at a joke. Please don't be offended!

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Home Trivia Test X Answers

NO PEEKING!

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20 points each or as noted.

1. (Zoology) What is a Wombat? Where is it found? (10 points each)

A small Australian Marsupial

2. (Hats) What do you call that hat that Indiana Jones wore? (writing "that hat that" made me smile



A "Fedora"

3. (Slang) What does "wala" mean? Note: I tried to find something to use from "Urban Dictionary", but you would NOT believe how "shift-F7" some are! Seriously, don't look. You looked, didn't you?

Misspelling of "Voila" (French for Voila "Shift-F7" means "A phrase to use when you lack an adjective in your conversation"

4. (Pro Sports Venues!) What "Curly" NFL Stadium's name has been in use unchanged for the longest time of any stadium?

Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisc. Named for Curly Lambeau, coach of the Green Bay Packers there from 1919 to 1949, the stadium has been named for him since 1965.

5. (Generals) Who was the "Stormin" general that led US forces in the first Gulf War?

Norman Schwarzkopf (thanks spell checker!)

6. (Science) What quantum physicist described a "thought experiment" involving a cat in a box that was neither dead nor alive until you opened the box? (Spelling doesn't count!) ... And wouldn't you be able to tell by the smell?!

Erwin Schrodinger (Hah! the Mac spell checker didn't know this one! ... even with an umlaut.)

7. (It's a Spelling Question!) Spell that thing that became 'new' at midnight on 12/31/2000.

Millennium

8. (Movies) For the movie "Alice's Restaurant", give any two of the following: Who wrote the song that the movie was based on and played the lead role?, Who did he visit in the hospital (his real life father)?, What got him out of the Vietnam War? (any two correct for 20 points, one for 10, guess at all three)

Arlo Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, jailed for littering!

9. (Guest Question) In the Bond, James Bond, movie series, whom did Bond marry (actress or character name)? What happened to her? (10 points for name, 10 points for fate, pat on the back for all three!)

Diana Rigg (as Tracy Di Vincenzo), shot by Ernst Blofeld's henchwoman Irma Bunt at the end of the film. ("On Her Majesty's Secret Service" with George Lazenby as Bond) ... "Diana Rigg" and "Killed" are sufficient for credit.

10. (Hard Question) What musician, who died in 2009, invented not one, but two of the most important technologies present in nearly all Rock music today? Bonus: name them. Double bonus: what third technology, now passe, was he also closely associated with? (10 points for name, 10 point for technologies, pat on the back for all three!)

Les Paul, the Solid Body Electric Guitar, overdubbing, and multi-track tape recorders!