

off trails

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to Ken Cheslin, 18 New Farm Rd
Stourbridge, Worcs., England

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13 items from 9 members. Total 239 equivalent quarto pages.

PABLO 2, Pardoe, 4pp. postmailed to the 55th mailing. (rev; 244pp)

There may be a contribution from Perter Roberts in this mailing; if I
get it by tomorrow night, Jan 8th 1970.

next deadline April 1st 1970. 57th mailing, magazines to:-

Ken Cheslin, 18 New Farm Road, Stourbridge,
Worcestershire, ENGLAND.

next deadline is April 1st...next deadli

Notes from the AE

Brian Burgess got stuck in France due to a strike, and has been under the weather with flu etc., As you say you've sent/given Beryl your dues, and will have something in the next (57th) mailing. I guess we can count that as a continuing membership.

Peter Roberts...no zines as yet, may still come tomorrow.

Re; mailing dates are legally March June, September & December.

I assume that the recent emergencies upset this. I propose to have the next deadline on April 1st 1970. Then revert to the older dates, ie; the 5th of the above months starting with 5th June 1970. However the members are entitled to vote and change this.

I have as yet had no contact with Ron Bennett. Frankly the chaos attendant on my leaving college in Yorkshire and moving back to Stourbridge, (complete with wife) has not yet subsided. I have things packed in boxes everywhere, and the boxes are underfoot, and I can't find a damn thing when I need it..etc., I've just started teaching too, and things are even more chossfull because of the demands this makes on my so-called spare time. Egad, if teachers got paid overtime we'd all be rich.

CORRECTION...CORRECTION...CORRECTION.....Don Studebaker's line should end reading..... Mar 72--00.

Oh, me being AE. if anyone wants the job please say so and I'll fix a ballot.

I think that OMPA could revive again now, all it needs is a bit of enthusiasm and regular mailings. Well, I'll try to supply the latter if the members supply a fair share of..er former. It would not be a bad idea if members did a little advertising-publicising on behalf of OMPA, some people will not have heard of it, others think its dead, and so on. Any other suggestions?.

Well, I hope your divers Christmasses were happy, ditto the coming year...hmm...stiff upper lip, don't give up the ship, and all that. Damn the New Wave, Science Fiction will rise again.

Yours fannishly,

Ken Chesler.

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CONSTITUTION

The Off-Trail
Magazine Publishers'
Association

Formed June 1954

1. FUNCTIONS. The Off-Trail Magazine Publishers' Association (OMPA) is composed of persons with a common interest in science fiction and fantasy. Its quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by the members.
2. MEMBERSHIP. There shall be no more than 45 members at any one time. Membership is open to anyone who applies to the Association Editor (AE) and is able to show proof of activity in amateur publishing during the previous twelve months to the satisfaction of the current officers. If the membership roster is full at the time of application, the AE places those applicants with proper credentials on a waiting list, in order of application. A free copy of OFF TRAILS is sent to each member on the waiting list, and he must acknowledge its receipt in writing to the AE by the deadline of the next mailing in order to remain on the waiting list. Within one week of publishing an issue of OFF TRAILS announcing a membership vacancy, the editor must write to the top waiting-lister offering him the place. To obtain the place, the prospective member must send to the editor, or post-mail, 50 copies of a 6 quarto page magazine (or its equivalent) by the deadline of the next mailing. If he fails to respond, he is removed from the waiting list, and the next waiting-lister is invited to join. Membership may be lost by not paying dues or by not maintaining activity requirements.
3. ACTIVITY. Each member is required to produce as a minimum during each membership year a total of 20 quarto (10" x 8") pages or the equivalent, distributed in the quarterly mailings. This material shall be produced in at least 50 legible copies submitted to the AE, and must be the work - to an extent that satisfies the officers - of the member concerned. All publications must bear in English the name and address of the publisher, as well as the name of the magazine, its date and issue number. The AE may count the production of OFF TRAILS as his activity requirement.

There is no restriction on material as long as it comes within the postal regulations, but the minimum requirements for renewal must be original material, not reprints or material that has had prior distribution outside OMPA. Material insufficiently legible for credit, or violating the postal requirements for legality shall not receive activity credit; in the former case, however, material shall be distributed in the mailings, but in the latter case material shall be destroyed by the AE unless the contributing member recovers it in person. The AE's decision concerning the suitability or otherwise of matter for transmission through the mails shall be final.

Members may distribute post-mailings to the preceding mailing at their own expense and these shall count as activity credit except that they shall not count as minimum requirements for renewal unless they reach the AE prior to the mailing date of the fourth quarterly mailing of each member's membership year. Four extra copies of each post-mailing must be sent to the AE.

Presidential Decree issued in September 1967: Harold Palmer Piser, in view of his bibliographical activity, is granted an immediate non-contributing membership in the Association in return for the payment of double the normal annual dues.

4. FINANCES. Dues are 7/- (\$1) per year and are payable in advance; they must be paid by the first day of the month of the fourth quarterly mailing of each member's membership year. On admission to the waiting list, a prospective member must pay his first year's dues. Dues may be taken in stationery, etc., at the discretion of the Treasurer. If it appears that the Treasury shall lack funds to despatch the next mailing, an equal assessment shall be levied upon the entire membership, sufficient to meet the expected costs and provide a small reserve. Members not paying the assessment shall not receive the mailing until they pay for it, within a limit of three months, after which the member shall be dropped from the Association.

5. MAILINGS. The Association Editor shall send out identical mailings to all members immediately following the mailing dates, which are the fifth days of March, June, September and December. Mailings shall contain copies of all the publications that reach the AE by the mailing date, which is the deadline, plus the current issue of OFF TRAILS.

Each issue of OFF TRAILS shall contain the following:

- (a) A list of current members, and waiting-listers if any, with a clear indication of the standing of members with regard to dues and activity requirements.
- (b) Any reports of official business.
- (c) A listing of the contents of the current mailing and of any post-mailings to the preceding mailing not already listed in previous issues.
- (d) Any ballots (these to be provided in duplicate - one copy not to be counted as part of the mailing - on detachable sheet or sheets).
- (e) Any other relevant material at the discretion of the AE.

The Constitution shall be published in OFF TRAILS at least once a year.

Any magazine (including post-mailing) reaching the AE after the first day of the mailing month must be preceded by a letter detailing its title, publisher, number, and number and size of its pages.

6. OFFICERS. The following officers are elected annually by and from the membership, and have the following duties and responsibilities in addition to those listed elsewhere in this Constitution:

The PRESIDENT has general direction of OMPA affairs. In any disagreement over membership in any situation not provided for in this Constitution, or in any disputed interpretation of it, the President's judgement shall be considered final. He shall conduct an annual egoboo poll, the ballot for which will be distributed in the March mailing and the results published in the June mailing.

The TREASURER handles the OMPA finances, which must be kept separate from his own funds. He publishes a financial statement in every June mailing. He must be 21 years of age or over, and must reside in Great Britain. (Presidential Decree issued in September 1967: Ronald M. Bennett remains Treasurer of the Association. This despite his now residing elsewhere than in Great Britain.)

The ASSOCIATION EDITOR (AE) receives members' magazines and from these assembles and mails the quarterly mailings. He receives membership applications and acknowledgements to the waiting-listers' copies of OFF TRAILS. He must reside in Great Britain.

7. ELECTIONS. An election to all official posts is held annually. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot form must inform the AE by the deadline of the March mailing, and ballots will be sent out in that mailing even if there is only one candidate for each post. Write-in votes are

permissible. The results will be announced in the June OFF TRAILS, and the new officers will start their terms of office on July 1st. Election depends on a simple majority of votes received.

8. AMENDMENTS. Proposed amendments to this Constitution, in writing and endorsed by four members, no more than two of whom are officers, shall be submitted to vote in the March mailing. The proposers shall send a copy of the proposed amendment with signatures attached, to the President, and an additional copy to the AE. The gist of the proposed amendment must be given in the December OFF TRAILS. Amendments shall be carried if a simple majority of the votes received is attained, and a revised Constitution containing the amendments shall be published in the June mailing.

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000 Principal Keeper of Printed Books, British Museum, London. WC1. excused
 205 Ashley. M. 8 Shurland Ave., Sittingbourne, Kent. Sept. 70. --19.
 5 Bennett. R. 45 Namly Garden, Shanrook Park, Singapore. 10. Sept. 70--20.
 201 Bishop. G. 10 Marlborough Rd., Exeter, Devon. EX2 4TJ. Mar 72--9.
 203 Boak. G. c/o 7 Oakwood Rd, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts., Mar 72--20
 168 Charters G. 3 Lancaster Ave., Bangor, Co Down, N. Ireland. OV 70--oo
 193 Cheslin K. 18 New Farm Rd, Stourbridge, Worcs., Mar 72--oo
 55 Gray R. 14 Bennington St., Cheltenham, Glos., GL50 4ED Sep 70--11
 89 Jeeves T. 30 Thompson Rd, Sheffield, Yorks., S11 8RB. Mar 72--oo
 31 Lindsay E. Courage Hse, 6 Langley Ave, Surbiton, Surrey. Sep 70--14
 172 Mercer B, 10 Lower Church Lane, St Michaels, Bristol BS2 8BA. Sp70--oo
 206 Muir J. 50 Holker St., Manchester. M13 ODE. Sep 70--oo
 192 Pardoe D. c/o 32 Coniston Ave. Headington, Oxford. OX3 OAN OV 70--16
 207 Piper D. 24 Dawlish Dr., Ruislip Manor, Middlesex. Sep 72--oo
 177 Reed M. 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts., Mar 72--oo
 196 Roberts P. 87 West Town Ln, Brislington, Bristol. BS4 5DZ Mar 72--20
 30 Roles. J. 26 Pine Grove, Waterloo, Liverpool. 22. OUT
 200 Winstone C, 71 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham. 23. OUT

185 Boggs R. Box 1111, Berkeley, Calif 94701, USA. Sep 70--10
 202 Dietz's A&F. 655 Orchard St. Oradell, NJ. 07649 USA. Mar 72--20
 61 Enev R. CORDS Region IV, APO San Francisco 96215. USA. Mar 72--~~09~~
 136 Fitch D, 3908 Frijo, Covina, Calif 91722. USA. OUT
 204 Hickman L. 413 Ottokee St., Wauseon, Ohio 43567. USA. OV --oo
 115 Metcalf N, PO Box 1368, Boulder, Colorado 80302. USA. Mar 72--19
 157 Patten F, 11863 West Jefferson Blvd, Apt. 1. Culver City,
 California 90230, USA. Sep 70--oo
 139 Studebaker D. 2815 Forest Ave., Berkeley, Calif 94705, USA. OV 70--oo
 187 Schwenn, (as Redd Boggs) Sep 70--20
 NEW MEMBER

208 Nicholls R, 32 Coniston Ave., Headington, Oxford, OX3 OAN. Mar 72--oo
 6pp in next mailing please.

Waitinglist.

Burgess B, 20 St Albans Cres., Bournemouth, Hants., BH8 9EW. 7/- due April

 OV means subs overdue, out if not paid by April 1st 1970.

The following owe money.... Charters, Pardoe, Hickman, Studebaker.
 ----- pages.... Bennett(?), Pardoe, Schwenn.

A glance at the activity column will show why, though technically
 liable to be dropped, I have exercised my discretion and not done so.

 VERY IMPORTANT NOTE.

----- according to the copy of the constitution I have
 here the mailing dates should be the Fifth day of
~~Monday, April~~ March, June, September and December. In the light of these
 regulations I assume that other mailing dates have been emergency ones,
 therefore, unless the membership disagrees, I propose that after the
 April mailing the next one be in SEPTEMBER, and so back into routine.
 Dates on the list above have been adjusted, in favour of the member, so
 that the return to the constitutional mailing dates can take place.

KMPC...AE.