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SFPA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance before mlg 223 sent out	\$202.28
Regular postage for mlg 223	-\$48.97
Dues received (Hlavaty, Brooks (in advance))	<u>+\$30.00</u>
Balance before mailing 224 sent out	\$183.81

This includes the postage for a replacement mailing to David Schlosser. His original mailing didn't arrive after three weeks, so I sent a replacement via priority mail. The replacement took ten days to arrive, followed by the original a week later. See more on mail problems and a possible solution under "Miscellaneous Business."

FIRST CLASS ACCOUNTS

First class accounts will be terminated with the January mailing. See the discussion under "Miscellaneous Business." This mailing is the last one in which this section of the OO will appear.

First class for mailing 223 was \$2.17 more than book rate. The state of the first class accounts before mailing 224 goes out is: Dengrove \$10.66; Hughes \$14.71; Koch \$2.50; Larson \$6.09; Lillian \$9.97; Wells \$2.12.

After I know the states of these accounts as a result of disgorging mailing 224, I'll send you each e-mail about the dues differential for first class mail through to your next regular dues dates.

THE RULES OF SFPA

1. The membership limit is 30; we will reinstitute a waiting list when we reach that point. Copy requirement is two more than the current roster count.
2. Minimum activity is 6 pages of original and personal writing and/or artwork in every two consecutive mailings.
3. Dues are \$15 per year, or \$30 per year to receive the mailings by Priority Mail. Dues are payable by the deadline of the mailing listed by each member's name. Failure to pay dues on time can result in the OE holding the mailing until dues are paid.
4. So that was what got me started traveling. What brings you to Benares?
5. It costs \$5 to join the waiting list and an additional \$3 annually to remain on the list. Waiting listers must respond to the OO at least once every other mailing. Mailings are available to waiting listers and other interested parties for \$5 each on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. Cohabiting couples can share a membership slot. Each member must meet minac and each has a vote. But they share one mailing and just one set of dues is required.
7. As expounded in SFPA's constitution, the contents of each zine are the responsibility of the contributor, not the Official Editor, who doesn't actually exercise any editorial control, but only acts as a distribution agent.
8. Always read *The Southerner* or you may not know what changes the OE is making, or how annoyed he is that even though we all survived September 11th, the post office is still out of commission.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- ➔ When you **overnight your zines**, please remember to sign the little "no signature required" box. There isn't always someone home to sign for them.
- ➔ Note that the "**SE**" in the OE's address is **vital**: there is a 165th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue, too, and confusion is worth two days at the post office.
- ⇒ As usual, I will put the table of contents from the mailing and contact information for me, up on the **web**. See <http://alumni.caltech.edu/~copeland/sfpa>, for the time being until Steve Hughes and I can get our act together to take the show on the road.
- ➔ Note that the OO doesn't get printed until Saturday afternoon of deadline weekend. The mailing doesn't go to the post office until Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. As long as your zine gets to me by Saturday's mail delivery you're guaranteed to make the mailing. In other words, no matter which Thursday is the statutory deadline, the **effective deadline** is the following Saturday.
- ➔ As noted under "Rules", I'm instituting a higher dues rate for those wishing to receive their mailings by First Class (or more properly Priority) mail beginning with the January mailing. (I'm going to work real hard to not call these "first class dues.") This will make the bookkeeping for everyone involved simpler, and will mean that members wanting first class mailing only have to think about it at dues time. As I indicated in the financial report, I'll contact current users of first class accounts to coordinate shifting to the new scheme.
- ⇒ I've again delayed the mailing for a week to wait for zines from Markstein, Ackerman and Brown, which each took more than 7 days via priority mail to arrive. If it had been just one, or if my first week in December had allowed time for fannish pursuits in the evenings, we would have had a post-mailing; but for all three, it was more prudent to wait.
- ⇒ The state of mail delivery in the country is bad. Both Gary and I have braced our local post offices about the delays to no satisfaction. We've gotten answers like, "Gosh, we don't actually guarantee service, except for express mail," and "There must be some problem, but we can't tell you what it is or how to plan for it." Bleh.
- ➔ However, I notice that Mike Weber's zine was also mailed from Georgia *after* the delayed zines, and arrived in two days, via priority mail, in a USPS priority mail box. I suspect (but can't prove) that the delivery confirmation sticker Mike used helped. The PO charges 40¢ for the service for priority mail, and if nothing else, it allowed Mike and me to track when his package was going to get here. I've attached a delivery confirmation form to each OO, so you can use it next time if you ship by priority mail. The post office will waive the fee if you print out a mailing label from the form on their web page with the tracking bar code already attached. Assuming they haven't re-worked their web site, go directly to http://www.usps.com/cgi-bin/api/shipping_label.cgi.

SFPA ROSTER AND WAITING LIST NEWS

As usual, copies of *The Southerner* will go to **Robert Lichtman**, PO Box 30, Glen Ellen CA 95442, and **Arnie Katz**, 330 S Decatur, #152, Las Vegas NV 89102.

Due to this mailing's delayed departure, Gary Brown's zine for the next mailing memorializing George Harrison actually arrived before his regular *Oblivio*. I've included it in this mailing with his permission.

Unrelated to the mailing delays, there is an expected post-mailing from Guy Lillian of *Challenger 15*.

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Members gained: None

Members lost: None

COA: Ackerman (e-mail), Markstein (e-mail)

Pages owed: Ackerman (2), Feller (2), Hlavaty (6), Khadro (6), Koch (4), Lynch (2) Wells (6).

Dues owed: Brooks (paid), Gelb, Hughes, Lillian, Markstein, Metcalf, Robe, Weisskopf.

The deadline for SFPA 225 is:

Thursday 31 January 2002

(with institutionalized slop to the following Saturday)

Send **26** copies of your zine to

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