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ANCIENT HISTORY

Minutes of the 108th Meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, August 2, 1981. Chair: Craig Miller. Mike Glyer, Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Craig Miller, Mike Glyer, Len Moffatt, Bruce Pelz, Milton F. Stevens, Bill Welden, Dan Deckert, Dan Alderson, J.E. Pournelle. Excused absenses: Jumper, Chapman. Others present: Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, June Moffatt, Marty Cantor, Linda Mayfield, Louis Gray, Dave Fox, Sue Haseltine, Patrice Cook, Elyse Cook, Danise Deckert, Stasia Hollander, Galen Tripp, Ken Porter.

Minutes were corrected and approved. New applicants for membership were: Rick Weiss, David Svenson, Alexis Santandrea, Rhonda Muir, Dori Horwitz, Michael Stephen Frank, Larry W. Fontenot, Cindy Johnston, Anita Henningsgaard, Dave Evartt, Russell Elliott, Gregory Barrett, Richard Wollman, Amy Carpenter, Michael Hale, Jeanne Saint Onge. All were approved, except for the individual who identified himself as "soldier".

Elayne Pelz reported that the full \$3,500 appropriated had been spent on the APA-L room. Bob Null described the electrical work done in the front building. The proposed rewiring, changes in outlets and wall switches would cost altogether \$1,200. Plans for remodeling the kitchen were discussed. Stevens said that Bob Null had removed the irreparable air conditioner from the front building. The junk was disposed of by placing it outside the front building, where it was promptly stolen.

Pournelle, seconded by Alderson, moved to spend up to \$600 for library fan installation and let Null and Haseltine make the best deal available. This passed by voice. A motion to allocate up to \$150 for electrical work on the shed was passed by voice.

Pelz provided a review of the bidding:

LIENS -	Library fan	\$ 600
	Shedd Electrical	150
	Electrostenciler	750
	Projector	1000
	APA-L Room Floor	400
	4SJ Electric	1000
	4SJ Kitchen	700

Pelz predicted \$2000+ to complete the work in the kitchen. He suggested that we attempt to defer the electrostenciler and projector acquisition. Pelz, seconded by Deckert, moved that the Board of Directors recommend to the club a postponement of buying its new projector for six months. This passed by voice. Pelz, seconded by Deckert, moved that if the club agreed to the six month postponement on the projector, that we raise by \$1000 the amount liened for work on the kitchen. This passed by voice.

<u>DUES</u>: Pournelle believed it was time to appoint a committee to look into the dues structure, given present inflation rates. Pelz recalled that we had just raised dues last year. He did not believe that should be raised again over \$1 per week.

BYLAWS: Pelz reported that he had not drawn up the draft of an amendment affecting the Building Fund. Miller looked up the Bylaws, which now say that expenditures are made by a vote of the club members. Pournelle sought a separation between the club and a body which was more serious and responsible.

DELEGATES: The LASFS elected the following persons as its delegates to conventions: DENVENTION - Liana Mirkin, Ted Marshall, Drew Sanders, John & Sharon Bohner, Marty Cantor, Bruce Pelz, Elayne, Louis Gray, Tim Merrigan, Dan Alderson, Dan Deckert, Danise Deckert, Jordan Brown. CAPRICON - Ken Porter, Alice Williams, Marty Massoglia, Sue Hazeltine.

SCIENCE FICTION SHOWCASE: Bill Welden, Showcase Chairman, asked the Board to pick a date.

LIBRARY COMPUTER: Sue Hazeltine announced that Frisbie had obtained discs and controller unit. Pournelle said Frisbie was going to contact him for software. Craig Miller expected an operational computer by the next Board of Directors meeting.

BIANNUAL LITIGATION CONVULSION: Craig Miller opened discussion of making APA-L's Official Collator appointive, via an addition to the Standing Rules. His proposed plan would make the OC responsible for the operation of APA-L, without club editorial interference. Marty Cantor said if APA-L is an official club publication, the Patron Friends, ets. would be entitled to a copy per the present bylaws.

Bruce Pelz explained that the OC job is not greatly sought after. Milt Stevens, seconded by Len Moffatt, moved to table the discussion pending an inquiry of our cousel for an interpretation of the club's legal position regarding libel in APA-L. The vote resulted in a 4-4 tie, and Miller took too long a breath before tiebreaking, resulting in Pournelle's withdrawal of his aye vote. Under LASFS' Rules of Order this caused the motion's defeat, by one of its advocates, no less. Miller closed the discussion by saying he would ask Jack Martin about it next time he saw him.

EASEMENT: Elayne explained again the item brought before a special meeting of the Board. A realtor was trying to sell the building next to the dentist's to a commercial artist. The artist wanted access by car to the back of the building, which could only be made via our driveway (western side). After discussion, Dr. Pournelle, seconded by Pelz, first moved to rescind the action of the special meeting of 6/18/81, and to let the Chairman of the Board grant the right of access for 5 years through the western driveway. Both items carried by voice vote.

HALL USAGE: Stasia Hollander said the Fantasy Artists Network and LASFS fanartists wanted to start holding a monthly meeting at the club house on the first Saturday. Craig Miller gave permission for them to hold an artists' workshop open to all members at that time.

Miller said Dave Klaus had asked him whether Phantasmicon could rent the art show hangings if they paid for them up front. Pournelle, seconded by Alderson, moved to leave the setting of rental prices on the hangings, deposits, and conditions to a committee composed of the Chairman, Corporate Comptroller and Treasurer.

Miller set the next meeting for 10/4/81. Adjournment at 4:10 p.m.

MODERN HISTORY

Meeting No. 2302, September 24, 1981

Adams called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Guests introduced were: Judith Claire, Kelly Turner, Dan Davies, Nancy Kozeluh, Carla Kozeluh, Karen Schnaubelt, Wendy Hampton, Scott North, Marylin Penn, Kevin Rowland, Brian Mix, Nathalia Quirt, Mae Hobbs, and Edma Mae Harper. The minutes were read and approved. Adams auctioned off a pamphlet entitled "What Every Businessman Should Know About Electronic Brains", published by Sperry Rand in the sixties to Alan Frisbie for \$4.00. The first parking space went to Louis Gray for \$8.00, the second to Len Moffatt for \$8.00. Milt Stevens, Loscon Chairman, reminded everyone to send in hotel reservations. A motion was submitted to assign funds to bind one third of the paperback books published before 1974, with the eventual purpose of binding all the older paperbacks. [I presume this meant only the LASFS library's paperbacks, ed.] After considerable discussion, the question was called, and the motion failed. Bruce Dane announced that Phoenix is not bidding for the '84 worldcon, but is bidding for the '84 Westercon. Sandy Cohen announced that Oath of Fealty, by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle, is now available. Stasia announced that Rick Sternbach had won an Emmy for his work on "Cosmos". Frank Gasparik reviewed Their Majesties Bucketeers, as being a rousing locked door mystery on an alien planet with no signs of human types, and a marvelous depiction of a possible alien culture. Dennis, on the same book, thought the aliens all too human, and felt that the libertarianism in the background was too preachy. The program for the evening was a performance of the tape "The Sounds of Earth".

Meeting No. 2303, October 1, 1981

The meeting was gayeled to order at 8:10. Guests Libby Jo Snyder and Mark Marlow introduced themselves. opened the festivities with an anecdote about how someone had figured the cost of Sen. Proxmire's filibuster against the one trillion dollar deficit at \$65,000. The minutes were read, corrected and accepted. Milt Stevens again reminded people to send in their hotel reservations for Loscon. Bob Null had an old list of restaurants near the con hotel, and asked for updates. There was no business, old or new. Three cheers were given for St. Andy Andruschack. A Halloween mini-filk was announced, to be held at Brandy Hall. [Shouldn't that be Brandywine Hall? ed.] Charles Curley announced that a story written in 1927, entitled "Retreat to Mars" utilized the latest observations of Percival Lowell to postulate that the surface of Mars had long ago been worn so smooth that there were no geographical features approaching mountanous size. Dave Fox reviewed a mystery story based in a science-fiction convention in Hong Kong entiteld "Sci-Fi". The program was Dr. Pournelle talking on the status of the space program.

Meeting No. 2304, October 8, 1981

The meeting began. Guests introduced were: Alicia Ramos, Peter Maschwitz, John Robinson, Chiaki Kawamura, June Amamiya, Saki Hijiri, Peter Donen and Daniel Walker. The minutes were approved. After a moneygouge, committee reports were heard. EdFink announced that the Ed Hoc committee was attempting to get a group together to see Superman the Musical at Richmonds. Tickets would be \$5.50 each. Bob Null announced the 2nd Sunday Open House. Under old business, Milt Stevens had a report from the Board of Directors nominating Bill Rotsler, H. L. Gold, Ross Rocklynne and Bob Silverberg for the Forry Award. The club was invited to come up with other nominees. It was pointed out that the Forry Award was a lifetime award. After some heated discussion, the vote went to H. L. Gold by a margin of 19 to 14. There was no new Adams announced a two-ring program: At the clubhouse there was a showing of trailers while at Dangerous Visions bookstore there was an open house for LASES members, with wine and cheese as well as an extra discount. Marty Massoglia announced that the library would take donations of books - any books - from members. Marjii announced that the oldest artifact found in California, produced by Calico man, has been featured on "2 on the Town". West Coast Comic Club was having its tenth annual festival at the City Shopping Center in Orange. Tom Locke announced that JPL might shut down Voyager 2 to save \$225,000,000 over the next ten years. Edfink announced kittens. Dave Fox reviewed an article in the <u>Smithsonian</u>, an excerpt from a book entitled <u>After</u> <u>Man</u>, a biology of the future.

Meeting No. 2305, October 15, 1981

The meeting was started at 8:14, to the applause of the assembled multitude. Guests introduced were: John Wilhoyte, Lionel Heredia, Scott White, James Ferrel, Karen BenAri, Sam Sjiogren, Betsy Lasarow, and Scott Kramer. The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected with the welcome news that Voyager 2 would not be turned off. Three cheers were given for St. Randy Greiner. Adams auctioned off a CyLume mini light stick for \$1.10. Milt Stevens again reminded people to send in hotel reservations for Loscon. A moneygouge was conducted by Bruce Pelz. Sylvia Stevens announced that "Mommy Dearest" is going the way of "Rocky Horror Picture Show", with patrons showing up in costume, carrying wire coat hangers, etc. EdFink, as the Ed Hoc Program Committee, had three reports: 1) It's too late for group rates, but Mummenschantz will be at Lal-Tech Mov. 1; 2) It's not too

late for group rates for "It's a Bird...etc.", and the performance is at Richmonds, Sunday, November 15; 3) The Museum of Science and Industry has a new exhibit on Media and a trip is being organized for Saturday, December 5. Charles Curley announced that Rockwell, in Anaheim, was looking for programmers. Milt Stevens announced the Space Advocacy convention — NOT an SF convention — currently costing \$20.00 for members of groups such as the L5 society and \$30.00 for non-members. Andruschack read a letter from Bruce Murray, director of JPL, regarding budget cuts. The Solar Polar Probe is definitely cancelled, and there will be no U. S. probe of Halley's Comet. But Galileo is on track and Voyager 2 is on its way to Uranus. Marty Cantor announced that the day was National Grouch Day. Sylvia Stevens announced that the Bookie Joint, on Reseda Blvd. north of Sherman Way, was offering a 10% discount to LASFS cardholders, and that they have a good selection of used SF. Nola Frame reviewed the special showing of "The Watcher in the Moods". She said the new ending was great, the movie was scary without being gory, and there was no violence. Betty Knight reviewed "Fantod", described as a Victorian fantasy, having good acting. The program for the evening consisted of Joe Zeff, as John Wellington Wells, demonstrating the powers of the mind on the audience.

Meeting No. 2306, October 22, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 8:11, admist a great deal of noise and energy. One guest was discovered: Sherilynn Thagard. Adams auctioned off a copy of the X-15 flight record from Thiokol rockets for \$2.25 to Ed Glaser. The parking spaces went for \$9.00 and \$10.00 to Dan Alderson and Frank Gasperik respectively. Stevens reported as the Committee for Surrealism in Everyday Life and Odd Inventions that a firm in London manufacturer prayer rugs with compasses for Moslems who have trouble locating Mecca. An authorized Adjunct report from the same committee: To obtain copies of medical reports for court cases, one is requested to contact an office at 10,000 Aerospace Rd., Landham MD. Upon calling the number given it was discovered that the only office at 10,000 Aerospace Rd. was a Dept. of Agriculture research station. The office in San Pedro where the records had been kept reported sending all of the records in question to 10,000 Aerospace Rd., Landham MD. George Jumper announced there are 325 members of Loscon so far, and the program book will be ready before the convention. Moffatt announced Mythcon 13 at Chapman College in the City of Orange, August 13-16, 1982. Sherilynn Thagard announced Fright-Fest over Halloween weekend and wished to make it known that it is <u>not</u> a Doug Wright ripoff. Doug Crepeau announced a display of original props from old horror movies at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences building. He also mentioned seeing a poster for the movie "Snow White and the Seven Happy Sadists" and that a pay TV channel was showing "Dracula Sucks". Bruce Dane announced that memberships in the '82 Westercon are available at \$20.00, and that CopperCon will be held next year the week after Worldcon with GoH Fred Saberhagen. Anyone interested in getting the Casio programmable Music Machine for \$58.00 (including tax) should see him. Frank Gasperik announced that the lastest Travis McGee novel, Freefall in Crimson, is available at Dangerous Visions. Jim Hollander reported that UCLA Excess and Surplus Property has IBM Selectrics for sale at \$300.00 each, plus \$75.00 if you want it reconditioned. Adams announced he was looking for someone with a van to drive to the shuttle landing in. The Change of Hobbit needs workers. Virginia announced that Lucasfilm was offering Star Wars and Empire Strikes Back to the networks for only \$20,000,000 each. Charlie Jackson announced the Tenth Anniversary Special of Brontosaurus and Road comics will be available at Loscon. Regular price is \$2,00, but for LASFS members it's only \$1.00. Charlie Jackson reviewed Galaxy of Terror in which these Space Patrol types travel to some other planet to rescue a previous party, find this mystical pyramid, split up, and get killed. Someone reported hearing 15 minutes

of a BBC radio version of Lord of the Rings on KPPC. John Christopher reviewed the latest Wonder Woman Comic Book: They have evidently done some strange things to Wonder Woman and her universe. Charlie [which one? ed.] said he had seen a sign which didn't seem to do much good. It said: "Illiterate? Write to..." Dave Fox reviewed the Space Shuttle Tie he had received through the mail from the Smithsonian. The program for the evening was Jim Ransome lecturing on black holes, quarks and the temperature of Hell.

FANZINES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE PRESENTS: A Trip to Exposition Park! Saturday, December 5, 1981. The MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY has a new exhibit of Media which we can play with and it doesn't cost anything: (Unless you can't find free parking). The NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM does charge \$1.00 to get in (\$.50 for Students and Senior Citizens) but most people think that it's worth it. We'll be there at 1:00 p.m. by the Rose Garden. Be there or be square!

CALTECH LECTURE SERIES - Beckman Auditorium, located on Michigan Ave. at Constance St. in Pasadena, two blocks south of Del Mar Blvd. No admission charge, tickets not required.

Nerve, Myelin and Multiple Sclerosis, Jeremy Brockes, Ph.D. Wednesday, November 18, 1981 - 8:00 p.m.

Particle Tracks in Solids, Thomas A. Tombrello, Ph.D. Wednesday, December 9, 1981 - 8:00 p.m.

The California Crustal Shuffle, Leon Silver, Ph.D. Wednesday, January 6, 1982 - 8:00 p.m.

Where Do We Go Next in Spaceu Bruce Murray, Ph.D., Wednesday, January 20, 1981 - 8:00 p.m.

LASFS WRITER'S GROUP will meet Sunday, November 15, 1981 at approximately 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. at the LASFS cl. house.

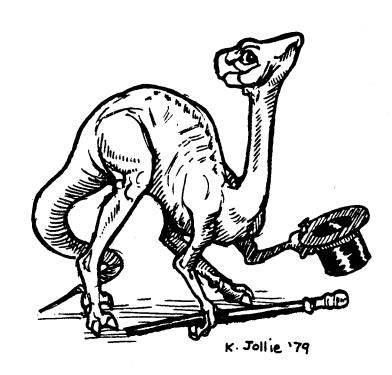
C/FU MEETING: Saturday, November 21, 1981. Afternoon: Inglewood Public Library Lecture Hall, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90301. Evening: Studio A, 401 S. La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301. (213) 673-4167

REGENCY DANCING: The third Friday in November at the Youth Activity Center on Indian Hill, in Claremont. (Also at Loscon, but by the time you read this Loscon will probably be over.)

Speaking of LOSCON, Marjii Ellers has accomplished an amazing feat - LOSCON will have the first masquerade in history to have a program book!



The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society 11513 Burbank Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91601 Dennis Fischer wishes everyone to ponder this thought. author wishes to remain unknown. I decided to humor Dennis because the rest of this newsletter is so boring. Here it is: The only thing an SF fan understands is an Andre Norton novel or a belt in the mouth.



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