



# The WSFA Journal

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## Minutes

### First Friday, 7 November 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:12 PM at the Scheiner's, President Cathy Green presiding.

**Treasurer's report:** Tina Abel

\$14721.33

The mailing address on the accounts are still hosed.

**Capclave Past:** Sam Scheiner

The Chair thanks everybody; he is in Connecticut. GoH really enjoyed his gifts. "best gift in 40 years". Everything went well. Final attendance: 251 preregistered, 16 at the con, 13 daily, for 315 total. We also got 59 preregistrations for Capclave 2009.

We probably made about \$1000.

**Capclave Present:** Bill Lawhorn

No report

**Capclave Future:** Gayle Surette

No report

**Entertivities:** Sam Lubell

There was a Capclave! We're having an election! There will be a Philcon!

**Publications:** Steve Smith, Paul Haggerty & Gayle Surette (Webmasters)

No Journals.

The Webmasters are hoping to revamp site in December

**Awards:** Sam Scheiner

There will be an election for the two open slots on the Awards Committee following the regular meeting. The Trustees nominees are Charles Abel, Colleen Cahill, Paul Haggerty, and Sandra Marshall. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

**The Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction:** Bill Lawhorn

They'll be discussing the double issue of F&SF. At Third Friday, they will discuss the double issue of Asimov's.

**Trustees:** Colleen Cahill, Judy Newton, Lee Strong

1. Passed Emily's emergency signup form to treasurer.
2. Treasurer needs new membership cards
3. John Pomeranz is still collecting info on cash flow. There is forward progress.

**Rules:** Steve Smith

No report

**Old business:**

None

**New business:**

The January First Friday meeting will be at the Scheiners' as usual. We'll be meeting in Cathy Green's apartment from February through September. The Webmaster wants directions, especially driving directions. There is some (not much) on-street parking. There was a brief demonstration thanking Cathy. (Chanting, but no signs).

**New people:**

First meeting:

- Robin Sullivan, Michael Sullivan found us while looking for cons. Robin works with publishers and does business side workshops. Michael's novel *The Crown Conspiracy* is out published by Aspirations Media.
- Aaron Siegal found us in the *Washington Post Book World*.
- David Bartell has been published in *Analog*. He saw Capclave mentioned in a magazine.

Second meeting: None

Third meeting: Sarah Kapan

**Announcements:**

- Welcome to new folks.

- Bob Macintosh showed an example of the fleece jacket that Bill Lawhorn has been planning on getting. If we get enough orders, we may get the price down to \$30/ea. Contact Bill for details
- George Shaner got a promotion, and may be looking for a house.
- Mike Walsh was at WFC despite sausage making backstage. Next year's con will be in San Jose over Halloween. The 2010 con will be in Columbus, OH.
- Sarah Kaplan is looking for a ride to the Metro Red line in Rockville
- Kathy Overton thanks helpers for Halloween. They had 244 people go through.
- Tina Abel reminds us that we need to re-up in January. She is close to getting her tax preparation certificate, and is planning on doing taxes, with a discount for WSFA members.
- Lee Strong has leftover goodie bags from Capclave. He has also gone to a couple of SF/Fantasy meetups and an meeting of an Edgar Rice Burroughs group. He will try to introduce them to WSFA at some point.
- Colleen Cahill announces that Scott Edelman will be at the Library of Congress on November 19.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:57 PM.

#### **Attendance**

Charles Abel, Christina Abel, David Bartell, Drew Bittner, Colleen Cahill, Adrienne Ertman, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Keith Marshall, Chris Neumann, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Kathi Overton, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, George Shiner, Aaron Siegal, Steve Smith, Michael Sullivan, Robin Sullivan, Gayle Surette, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh.

#### **Election**

Meeting called to order at 10:15 PM, Trustee Lee Strong presiding, for the election of two new members of the Awards Committee for the WSFA Small Press Award.

The Trustees' Slate was Charles Able, Colleen Cahill, Paul Haggerty, and Sandra Mitchell. There were no nominations from the floor.

The new members of the Committee are Colleen Cahill and Paul Haggerty. Congratulations to our new ~~slushpile~~ readers Committee Members.

#### **Third Friday, 21 November, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 9:23 PM at the Madigans', Vice President Adrienne Ertman presiding.

**Treasurer's report:** Tina Abel

\$10563.37. The bank has finally changed the mailing address. They've also apologized.

**Capclave Past:** Sam Scheiner

No report. *[Written report above submitted later -- editor]*

**Capclave Present:** Bill Lawhorn

The Chair is actively looking for minions.

**Capclave Future:** Gayle Surrette

No report.

**Entertivities:** Sam Lubell

(In the absence of the Committee Chair, the report was made by the Committee of the Whole.)

- There is Philcon.
- The movie “*Twilight*” is out. It was described as “Mercedes Lackey with vampires, only worse”, and possibly for 14 year olds.
- The latest in the never-ending sequence of James Bond movies *Quantum of Solstice* is out.

**Publications:** Steve Smith, Paul Haggerdy & Gayle Surette (Webmasters)

The Webmasters need directions to Cathy’s apartment.

**Awards:** Sam Scheiner

Nothing to report. Waiting for new material to come in.

The **Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction:** Bill Lawhorn

In the absence of the Committee Chair, if anyone interested in talking SF, talk to Adrienne after the meeting.

**Trustees:** Colleen Cahill, Judy Newton, Lee Strong

On the tax front, no news is good news, we assume. John Pomeranz is busy and will probably be busy into January.

For a change, there won’t be an election for a while.

**Rules:** Steve Smith

No report

**Old business:**

Remember that the January First Friday is at the Scheiners’ as usual; however, the February First Friday will be at Cathy Green’s apartment.

**New business:**

Chris Newman proposed written reports for Capclave to start ASAP and presented a detailed proposal. After discussion, the motion was tabled and passed to a Special Finances Committee for further discussion.

## **New people:**

First meeting: Ross – referred from Chris & Charles Abel.

Second meeting: Shahid Mahmud, David Bartell

Third meeting: none

## **Announcements:**

- From the Host: White bunny bites. Don't give dog chocolate. There is lost & found under the coat rack. The money on the floor is supposed to be there.
- Niki Lynch has raffle tickets for a quilt
- Eva Whitley reminds us of the BSFS business meeting tomorrow.
- Adrienne Ertman, in a moment of madness, bought a 35mm film camera; now she needs film. If anybody has extra 35mm film, she'll take it off your hands.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:06 PM.

## **Attendance:**

Charles Abel, Christina Abel, David Bartell, Mike Bartman, Adrienne Ertman, Erica Ginter, Nicki Lynch, Rich Lynch, Bob Macintosh, Shahid Mahmud, Sandra Marshall, Chris Neumann, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Steve Smith, Lee Strong, Ivy Yap.

# **WSFA History**

## **Ten Years Ago**

**November 1998**

Debut of the most famous of the House Rules for Stately Ginter Manor: "Do not lick the cats".

## **Twenty Years Ago**

**November 1988**

More debate on the possibility of WSFA buying a new computer.

There was a Halloween party at Jack Chalker & Eva Whitley's

## **Thirty Years Ago**

**November 1978**

Alexis Gilliland had a review of Lord of the Rings (the Bakshi version, not the Time Traveler's Special) It was one of the few reviews that wasn't totally poisonous – the worst he said about it was "falls short here and there of what I had envisioned".

## **Letters**

### **From the Editor**

Late again (or is it “late still”?).

— Steve Smith, Editor, *The WSFA Journal*