

# 1 Meeting Opened

- It was determined that a quorum was present.
- **Meeting declared open** at 1:15pm
- **Attending:**
  - Doug Burbidge (chair),
  - Lexi Hemsley (treasurer),
  - Frames White(administrator),
  - Jack Bridges (elected board member),
  - Stephen Griffiths (elected board member),
  - Margaret Watts (elected board member),
  - Anna Hepworth (elected board member),
  - Laura Hodge (elected board member).
- **Apologies:**
  - PRK (elected board member)
- **Minutes from Meeting [2016-06-05]:** Accepted. Subject to several minor clarifications in wording, and insertion of referenced texts.

## 2 Matters Arising from previous minutes

- Lexi -- Setup WASFF Paypal: I haven't yet made progress on the PayPal account, and would like some help to get it up and running.
- Anna, Doug -- have now brought Battye up to date until 2012 to the best of our capacity. See <http://history.sf.org>. 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 are not sorted. Still not got this added to a google doc. Frame's questions if it is better to put in Wiki, and agrees. Anna to sort.
  - Only swancon has been touched. We have not looked at the small cons.
- Wikipaloozi: Doug, Jack: We done it. Anna: made great progress, but still much to do. Barb D La Hunty would like to edit one of the sound files. Jack sort. Also record as fandom exit interview Laura Scabrook. Anna has a recording with Judith Hanna; and two from Grant Stone.
  - We need perhaps a storage system for audio information
  - We as an organisation are interested in why people leave fandom.
  - Jack had expenses, Doug has not yet sorted.

- Anna: 2 goals: Record Social History Succeed; but did not do so well at the second, which was to record practical information.
- Jack: This was a really great social experience for the long time members;
- Anna: Suggest afternoon tea, rather than dinner
- Doug, Anna, Jack: Make more Wikipalooza type plans, to do again -- no more than once per quarter.
- Anna: Make it more virtual to get information from people outside of Perth
- Related discussion about archiving minutes.
- Re: Applying for charity status. Margaret declined over email to provide details. Since it seems unlikely to succeed; since we are not a charity. Gains seems low. Suggest Brian postpone this til after 2017 is over.
  - Margaret notes that it is very time consuming, bigger organisations have spent ~5 years to get tax deductible gift status
  - Margaret: Related to that, is we should be added to the Registry of Cultural Organisations.
    - Increase status/visibility. Big plus for grants.
    - The other organisations on it are very similar to us.
    - Margaret will look into.
- Jack: 2018 got the \$500 from the WASFF account into the 2016 account; for Aurealis catering.

### 3 Correspondence

- Online Motion: Swancon 2018 Budget:
  - That the revised Swancon 2018 budget be approved.
  - Carried
- Email from Curtin RoboFair: Frames forwarded to Jack and Brian. Anna points out this email was them asking for money. We don't want to participate as a sponsor, just have a stall.
- Some feedback from Rohan Wallace, with regard to the constitution change. See below.

### 4 Chair's Report

- Nil

## 5 Treasurer's Report

- There are only 2 unpresented cheques left for 2015. I will follow up with them this week, and close the account when they're cleared.
- The Artifactory contribution has been paid, and I'm not expecting any major expenses soon, save for upcoming hotel deposits. I can't recall if the bookkeeper and insurance have been sorted.
  - Doug handled paperwork for insurance and Jack paid money.
    - 2016 paid all of \$3834.38 19 April 2016
    - WASFF to reimburse \$100 to 2016 account for insurance
  - Doug and Jack say we have paid the bookkeeper
    - \$1232 paid 14th April 2016
- Other tasks I've been assigned to I will need to be reminded of again, as they have been lost in a sea of emails.
- Account Balances:
  - WASFF Primary Account - \$1,012.76
  - High Interest Account - \$16,848.24
  - 2015 Account - \$7,902.81
  - 2016 Account - \$1,539.47
  - 2017 Account - \$13,133.63

## 6 Administrator's Report

- Frames reorganised Folder's and Files in the Drive.
- Anna: Will double check and email Frames any missing files. Anna believes they are all in the drive already.

## 7 CSC Chair Report

- CSC met 8th July 2016. Minutes have not yet been accepted
- 2017 is looking very much like they are going to be in the venue discussed in emails.

- 2017 working on Lotterywest grants. Referees are sorted, it will be put through soon. Which will be just in time for first cycle, and then after that there will be a second cycle.
- Programming Meeting happened with programmers from 2016/2017/2018 and others
- 2017 Quiznight is at Bar Orient on Sept 8th
- Screenings have been happening
- 2018 have been having meetings. And have almost sorted venue
- 2018 will not be officially endorsed as Natcon until next meeting of the standing committee, which will be in 2017.
- Anna: I haven't seen much advertising. Stephen: It should have gone out. This seems like it is just Anna. Stephen to remind 2017 to advertise it more about now.
  - Anna/Doug: Suggest sending something on facebook etc, to tell people to check they got an email, and if not then telling them how to subscribe
- Things are bubbling along
- Next CSC meeting is on 25/09/2016

## **8 Change to Recognition of Years of Attendance Bylaw (20/30/42 Badges)**

- Prompted by Anna at previous meeting (2016-08-05)
- From Frame's Email:

The current wording is:

22. Attendance at the WARSFC counts towards a recognition for number of attendances whether as a member, Teen Attendee, or Child Attendee. Supporting "memberships" and non-financial attendances do not count.

Is in PART3 - BY-LAWS MADE BY THE BOARD (By-Laws made in accordance with section 13.4), and it is thus within the power of the board to change them.

I suggest it be made more permissive (which is what we discussed at the meeting, but delayed as the meeting was going overlong)

22. Years in which a person attended WARSFC as a Member, Teen Attendee or Child Attendee are counted for the recognition of number of attendances of the WARSFC. Other years of attendance, such as years as a Child In Tow, Panelist, or Dealer, may be additionally counted; determination of this is by the consideration of the Board.

This allows us to recognize other people who were at the convention, and clearly members of the community.

This recognition really matters to some people.

This is more a matter of writing it down as a rule than any true change;

since the board can just motion to give someone a 20 year badge for whatever reason they want with the same consideration (Indeed can pass an ongoing bylaw that says all people named Joe Bloggs will always be considered to have attended the convention for 500 years).

In a practical sense, there are several precedents where the above rule has been followed informally.

- Frames moves the above amendment to the bylaws. Doug: seconds.
  - Carried Unanimously
  - Doug to amend bylaws

## **9 Forming a Working Group for the Constitution Change**

- Frames made 3 drafts for various ways the we could scope a task to change the constitution. The 3 drafts focussed around:
  - 1. Change the current constitution as little as possible to get through new rules.
  - 2. Change the New Model Rules, to bring in line with current constitution.
  - 3. Change the New Model Rules, to bring in line with the spirit of the organisation, while also taking advantage of the change to make sweeping changes to the actual operational parts of our rules (both constitution and bylaws); to separate WASFF from

Swancon on a constitutional level, and reattach it only through bylaws.

- There will be a working party of the board, consisting of Doug, Margaret, Laura, Frames, and PRK if interested.
- It will proceed more along option 2, or 3, (i.e. Adjusting Model Rules), than point 1 (adjusting current constitution). And beyond this will self-scope.
- Option 1, is considered likely the board to be very difficult to pass Department of Commerce; due to incompatibilities.
- The Board does recognise the concerns Rohan raised; with regard to the new model rules not ideal perfect rules.

## 10 Swancon 2017 Budget

- Summary of changes. Quote from Brian's email:
  - The Optimistic Venue lines 148-149 updated respectively
  - Line 84 Removed \$1500 grant as I don't see it being applied for with the time and people we have left (Lottery's West \$15,000 remains)
  - Line 134 Updated guest accommodation prices to match hotel's costs
  - Line 113 Pronoun Ribbons optimistic is 300 at \$0.43 (\$129)
  - Line 110 Optimistic includes Catering for 150 people \* 3days \* \$10 for lunch (Take away container of X) \$4500 this is my way of giving back to the community as we are going to a cheaper venue but membership isn't changing. This is yet to be discussed with the venue in any way and can be pulled from the budget if required.
- Frames: Asks where Welcome to Country, and the Shuttle Bus prices lines are (that were mentioned in prior email).
  - Welcome to Country is there
  - Shuttle Bus does not seem to be.
- Anna is unhappy about the catering, given it is so hard to source foods that universally accessible, with regards to allergies etc.
  - Stephen: Concom is aware. This is a plan if there is a surplus of money and labour, on final days of the convention
- Costs

- Conservative total payments \$64,140, total receipts \$64,402, surplus \$262, income
- Optimistic total payments \$82,397, total receipts \$93,582, surplus \$11,185
- Stephen moves that we accept the budget, Doug Seconds. Carried.

## 11 Swancon 2018 Budget

- Jack: Maya and I are not planning a Optimistic Budget. If we get a large surplus of pre-sales, we will draft an optimistic budget.
- Discussion of the value of optimistic and conservative for planning, and for marking what is a discretionary items, and for showing grant giving bodies what we will do with the grant
- Anna: It is useful given a surplus may appear really quickly, and you don't want to passes it through CSC/Board.
- Frames queries that given the discussion last week that we may want some nominal change for Child Attendee. Margaret thinks it is reasonable.
  - We must be cautious, because this is an equity issues.
  - We will leave this too Concoms and the Family programmer
- Jack moves we accept the conservative budget 2018, Stephen seconds. Motion carried unanimously.
- We will expect an optimistic budget from 2018, once they hear from there guests.

## 12 General Business

### Ally Training:

- After Jack and Will Knox's presentation on gender identity, it was suggested to them that WASFF runs a related Ally Training for the board and concoms, volunteers; and consider later extending it to the wider fandom community
- 35-40 people at a time. 4 hour duration.
- Would cost \$260. Which would cover paying Will, morning tea, and some photocopying.

- Some talk of venue. We need separate unisex toilets, and accessible toilets. We can likely get a university's Ally program to source us space. Or other sources.
- Doug Moves that the Board approves an expenditure of up to \$300, for Ally training. Jack seconds.

## RetconGames

- WASFF gave retcon games a small grant 2 years ago, to make a boardgame, that project failed (like many do).
- Frames is no longer invoked in Retcon games, but believes they a looking to give WASFF back the unspent grant.
- Frames asked if the board would like to own the art purchased with the grant. Otherwise it will be creative commons licensed. Board says they don't really want art of some mechanical spider, and are happy to have it open sourced.

## Fairbridge folk Festival

- Margaret has been talking with the people who run Fairbridge Folk Festival with regards to cross promotion.
- Jack: a lot of older fans certainly have cross over.

## WASFF Mailing List

- Margaret: there appear to be non-members of WASFF on the list, who are being generally awful; and have driven other actual members.
- Doug: some of these people, have some positives, but they are out weighed by the negatives.
- Stephen: Related: we should change the name, as it is dangerously similar to the wasff-board, which can result in confusions.
- Stephen proposed creating a new list.
- Laura asked if have code of conduct. We do not. Stephen: we could do that on a new list.



- Talk of making current list bounce, and port over people who are current WASFF members to the new list, with a code of conduct
- Frames: Would it be a WASFF-discussion list, or a Swancon-community list cos they are different
  - Anna: WASFF-discussion: for community knowledge
- Doug is onboard with creating a new list with a new name, and having more than one moderator. But still not moderated.
- Doug to advance plan for updated and enhanced list.
- **Date of Next Meeting:** Sunday 13 November 2016, 1pm. Doug's office.
- The Board Meeting was closed at 4:30pm

## Action Item:

- Lexi: WASFF to reimburse \$100 to 2016 account for insurance
- Jack and Lexi to setup WASFF Paypal (Ongoing from 2016-06-05)
- Doug, Anna, Jack: Make more Wikipalooza type plans
- Doug and Anna: to give Battye materials from Swancons 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. These are not sorted.
- Jack/Doug/Lexi sort out wikipalooza expenses.
- Anna to transfer the listing of the Battye holdings of Swancon materials to the sf.wiki page.
- Jack to organise venue for Ally training.
- Jack sort, with regard to SF. Wiki recordings Barb de la Hunty would like to edit one of the sound files.
- Anna: Will double check from google drive and email Frames any missing files. Anna believes they are all in the drive already.
- Stephen to remind 2017 about advertising quiz night
- Doug to advance plan for updated and enhanced list.
- Doug to change Bylaw: 22. Years in which a person attended WARSFC as a Member, Teen Attendee or Child Attendee are counted for the recognition of number of attendances of the WARSFC. Other years of attendance, such as years as a Child In Tow, Panelist, or

Dealer, may be additionally counted; determination of this is by the consideration of the Board.

- Doug, Margaret, Laura, Frames, and PRK if interested: To actionize the constitution change working groups.
- Margaret to investigate adding us to Registry of Cultural Organisations.



