Winnipeg Science Fiction Association Annual General Meeting Minutes May 22, 2022

Radisson Downtown, Terrace East, 2pm

Attending

Jess Lewis
Charles Lauder
Colin Lewis
Dave Strang
Cliff Stornel
LéAmber Kensley
Glenn Hosea
Lyndie Bright

Sean Ennis
Albert Sousa
Iain MacNair
Katie Helgason
Linda Ross-Mansfield
Katrina Beasse
Peter DeCourcey
Michele Pineau

Alex Stornel
Carol Leblond
Debbie Stern
Lisa Miller
Phoenix Emrys
Katrina Fuchs
Jordan Lasiuk.

Proxy: Nil

Late: Nil

1. Determine if a Quorum is Met

Quorum has been met at 2:05 pm

2. Call meeting to order: 2:05pm Chair:Katie Helgason Secretary: Sean Ennis

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by LéAmber Kensley

2nd by Cliff Stornel

That WinSFA approve the Agenda as amended

Opposed: Nil Abstained: Nil

Motion Carried

4. Approval of AGM September 12th, 2021 minutes

Motion by Carol Leblond 2nd by Glenn Hosea

That WinSFA approve the AGM September 12th, 2021 minutes, as

amended

Opposed: Nil Abstained: Nil

Motion Carried

- 5. Introduction of Senate Executive Each senate exec member introduced themselves.
- 6. Reports:
 - a. President's Report Katie Helgason
 - Katie ran through the active committees: Stand Operating Procedures, Diversity and InclusionI, Constitution and Re-Tooling committee and what they do.
 - ii. The past year has been about solidifying the structure of WinSFA to make it stronger going forward.

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b. Financial Report – Albert Sousa

- The 2021 financial year was quiet because there was no in person convention. The usual expenses were encountered (P.O. Boxes, Website, Storage, etc.).
- ii. We had expenses of \$3469.69
- iii. We put \$24,000 into a GIC to cover unexpected events.
- iv. WinSFA had \$450 in dues received from senators in 2021.
- v. Closing balance was \$30,998.43.

c. Attendance Report - Sean Ennis

- i. 17 current members 16 full members, 1 senate elect.
- ii. One member is inactive, the remainder are in good standing.
- iii. During 2021/2022 we had one resignation and two members (Sean Ennis and Peter DeCourcey) were raised from Senate Elects to Full Senators

d. Keycon 2022 Report

- i. At the time of the AGm, we have an attendance of approximately 275 persons (approximately 200 pre-rege and 75 at the door)
- ii. We gave up Ambasador B to reduce for costs
- iii. This year we still had significant sales on the brunches and newbie dinner
- iv. Getting lots of positive comments about being back in person
- v. Expecting to determine if we will be in the red or black as complete the final financials in the coming weeks
- vi. Iain discussed the layout of program space. We're using Ambasador C, D, E, Terrace East, Terrace West, and the Board Room
- vii. Another group has offered to run a computer/online gaming track for us in a future year.
- viii. Hospitality on 15 we sold out all Hospitality Suites
- ix. The room block was waived by the Hotel for 2022.

e. Reports by the Members from the Floor

i. Karly Swain

Cliff Stornel delivered Karly's report, as she was ill. Found the experience odd as 2021 was an abnormal year. Having now experienced an in person con for the first time she has a better understanding of how things operate and feels she is better equipped for the 40th anniversary con. Karly would be willing to do it again

ii. Peter DeCourcey

This year, he moved from a Senate Elect to a Full Senator. Was pleased to take part in the Keycon Retooling Committee. And looking forward to continuing with that.

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iii. Sean Ennis

This year, he was made secretary. He also moved from a Senate Elect to a Full Senator. He's also worked with the Retooling committee to help improve the convention's perception of the community, and start to make recommendations back to the senate on how to do that. That included a survey from the Keycon community and expanded community. Currently working on processing the results and analysis from that.

7. New Business

- a. Explanation of Senate Elect Program Katie Helgason Explained that it was a chance for members from the floor to see how the Senate works and participate in the decision making. The terms run from AGM to AGM, and Senate Elect's are welcome to join subcommittee and have voting power same as full members.
- b. Nominates for Senate Elect
 - i. Karly Swain Nominated by LéAmber Kensley, 2nd by Cliff Stornel (Accepted)
 - ii. Jordan Lasuik Nominated by Jess Lewis, 2nd by Peter DeCourcey (Accepted)
 - iii. Katrina Fuchs Nominated by Cliff Stornel, 2nd by Carol Leblond (Accepted)
 - iv. Leslie Brant Nominated by Amanda Brant, 2nd by Colin Lewis (Accepted)

Note: It was noted at 2:40pm that Alex Stornel had stepped away and should be marked as an abstention.

Motion by Carol Leblond

2nd by Cliff Stornel

That WinSFA expand the Senate Elect program to four members for 2023 approve the AGM September 12th, 2021 minutes, as amended

Opposed: 2 Motion Carried Abstained: Alex Stornel and 3 others

Cliff delivered Karly's introduction to the membership

Jordan Introduces himself to the membership

Katrina introduced herself to the membership

A secret ballot was held with an option (with an option of a yes/no on the full slate or individuals). The Result was an overall Yes to all four nominations.

c. Keycon 2023 gave a brief report about their progress.

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d. No bids have been received for Keycon 2024

Motion by Katie Helgason

2nd by Amanda Brant

That WinSFA defer the conchair bid meeting.

Opposed: Nil Abstained: Nil

Motion Carried

8. Next meeting:

a. Senate Meeting – June 25, 2022 7pm – Virtual

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Colin Lewis

Opposed: Nil Abstained: Nil

Motion Carried @ 3:01 pm