

Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society
Minutes of the Board of Directors

2000

Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, Inc. **Notes of the Board of Directors**

Regular Meeting 1/28/00 9:11pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
6 Board Members were present: (Jeff Jennings, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Jim Cryer, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).
Pat Connors was missing.

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made (which included the decision to have Stephanie write a letter PAREX to try to get the \$400 back that was paid to them to build an arena, since they were not coming to Cons; and the resignation of Jeff George as Banker of CopperCon 20).

◆ Voted to accept (5 For, 1 Abstained)

The Board elected new Board Officers. Jim Cryer & Jeff Jennings received a tie vote for Chairman and Jim was chosen by coin toss. Jeff George was chosen as Vice Chairman and Jim Strait as Corporate Secretary by acclamation.

◆ Appointed to offices.

Another Financial planning meeting was discussed. Scheduling discussion would take place via E-mail. Jeff Jennings stated to clarify that the topic of the next meeting would be to define the duties and job description of the Internal Auditor.

Jeffrey Lu was presented as a candidate for membership.

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

The Board appointed an interim Banker for CopperCon 20 until the Special Election could be held by the general membership to replace Jeff George.

◆ Voted to appoint Kim Martin Interim Banker (3 Lee Whiteside, 3 Kim Martin, decided by coin toss)

(Note: Sharon Hoyle interested in Asst Banker position.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

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Special Note: Sunday February 6th, 2000, Jim Strait was able to determine some additional information about the PAREX Bot Bash Arena situation that had been discussed at the prior general meeting. It was then suggested to the Board that the decision by the General Membership to write a letter to PAREX to attempt to retrieve the \$400 be delayed. Five Board members responded (via E-mail) plus the agreement (via phone) of Stephanie's (Nick did not respond), to delay the letter till the General Membership could hear the additional information.

Date: Sun, 06 Feb 2000 16:09

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From: Jim Strait <Jim@Strait.org>

Subject: CASFS Board PAREX Robot Arena

CASFS Board,

At the last CASFS Meeting a discussion was generated that PAREX, the combat remote control robot group, was not coming to HexaCon, had not replied to E-mail sent to them, and that we were not seeing the \$400 of arena construction money donated by us. It was decided on (by general membership vote) that we write a letter to them asking that they support our events, return the money, return the arena (hopefully not), or at least tell us why not. Since then I have talked to John Kittelsrud (PAREX & CASFS member) to see what was going on. Also Jeff George has attended one of their meetings. I have some additional information.

Apparently, they have replied to our E-mail (on multiple occasions, per John) and somehow the replies were lost. They are interested in continuing a relationship with CASFS for future events. However, since we have locked ourselves in to the SunSpree, they have no room. They have increased their regular event to the heavyweight level now. There is not enough room anyplace at the SunSpree to hold this event. The money spent on the arena originally has been combined with what they were able scrounge and now very little of the original investment exists. I asked John if some future hypothetical Novice level event could be run at a CASFS Con. He replied yes, just not their regular BotBash. He said it is probably too late to put a combat together for the upcoming HexaCon but that the following CopperCon might be possible. I asked if a panel or a non-combat demo could be put together for Hex. He said it might be possible. Per a request from Stephanie, I have asked John if he could possibly attend the next HexaCon meeting on Sunday Feb 13th. He said he will mark it down and try (just to talk). Also I talked to Dave Hungerford, and he believes there is no documentation as to any agreement regarding the \$400 donation, other than a verbal request to support future cons. I doubt it was intended to be forever.

Based on what I have heard, a formal letter from CASFS, no mater how well worded, expressing they give us our \$400 back, might set off a rift that we don't want to happen. As I understand it, Bob Pitzer could easily react that way. I believe any attempt to get the money, in any case, would be futile. In speaking to Stephanie, although she also feels now a letter might not be warranted at this time based on this additional information, wants the Board's ok to delay writing/sending the letter till we can bring it up at the next CASFS Meeting.

Opinions? Do you all agree to delay? Do we need to convene a phone meeting? Does any one else have anything to add?

I will back up a delay in writing the letter.

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Regular Meeting 2/25/00 9:18pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
6 Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Pat Connors, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).
Jeff Jennings was missing.

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made (which included the rescinding of the prior meetings decision to have Stephanie write a letter PAREX, the \$60 purchase of the 2000 edition of the SFFWA mailing list, and the election of Kim Martin as replacement Banker for CopperCon 20).

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

J. B. Talbott and Sharon Barber were presented as a candidates for membership.

◆ Voted both to be accepted (Unanimous)

The next schedule for the Financial Procedures planning was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

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A situation was brought before the Board of Directors requiring a Special Board Meeting. The nature of the situation suggested a privacy concern. The Board, by advance (2/3) E-mail vote, decided that this would be a Closed meeting to the Board and the current Con Coordinators.

Special Closed Meeting Monday 3/13/00 7:11pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)

All Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Pat Connors, Jeff Jennings and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).

The Board voted to declare the meeting Closed to the Board of Directors and the current Con Coordinators.

◆ Voted to be Closed (Unanimous)

Stephanie Bannon gave details regarding a suit that was filed against her (personally) relating to an incident at the prior CopperCon. Stephanie stated, in discussion, that maintaining privacy on the issue was not a concern to her. She also stated that she did not request any assistance (money, legal, witness gathering, etc.) from CASFS at this time.

The Board discussed all aspects of Stephanie's and the related incidents in detail.

A motion was made and seconded that Jerry Yeager be banned from all future CASFS sponsored events.

◆ Voted to accept (5 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions)

A second motion was made and tabled to a subsequent Special Meeting, pending consideration & further review.

◆ Voted to table (6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention)

The meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

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Special Meeting Monday 3/27/00 7:21pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)

All Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Pat Connors, Jeff Jennings and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).

Based on prior meeting discussion. This meeting was not deemed to be Closed.

The prior made and tabled motion was reopened that Jonnene Alders be banned from all future CASFS Sponsored events.

◆ Voted to accept (3[+1*] For, 2 Against, 1 Abstention)

David Hungerford (CopperCon 10 Banker) addressed the Board regarding an urgent need to increase HexaCon 10's seed money by at least \$500.

After discussion and clarification, a motion was made and seconded that the Board approve a transfer to HexaCon 10 of up to \$1000 for additional seed money from the CASFS main account, at the Corporate Treasurer's discretion.

◆ Voted to accept (6[+1*] For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention)

The Special Meeting adjourned to begin Financial Procedure discussion at 7:57pm.

** Note: By CASFS Bylaw a present Board Member who fails to vote, has his/her vote counted as "For" (Assent) the issue.*

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Regular Meeting 3/31/00 8:59pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
7 Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Pat Connors, Jeff Jennings, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made (which included allowing LepreCon to use the credit card machine, delaying the next Convention Officer election one month, and moving the June 30th, 2000 regular meeting June 23rd, 2000).

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

No new candidates were presented.

No other business was brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Regular Meeting 4/28/00 8:49pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
6 Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Jeff Jennings, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).
Pat Connors was missing.

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made.

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

No new candidates were presented.

No other business was brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Regular Meeting 5/26/00 9:09pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
6 Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jeff George, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Jeff Jennings, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).
Pat Connors was missing.

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made (which included recognition of Jeff George closing the CopperCon 19 books and nomination of new officers).

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

One new candidate was presented, Margarete Murray.

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

The previously developed CASFS Financial Procedures and CASFS Financial Policies were presented for approval. A motion to accept them as assigned procedures by the Board of Directors under bylaw provisions was made.

◆ Voted to accept (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

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Regular Meeting 6/23/00 9:59pm. JB's Restaurant (Indian School & I-17)
5 Board Members were present: (Jim Cryer, Jim Strait, Stephanie Bannon, Jeff Jennings, and Nick Schumacher (treas.)).
Jeff George and Pat Connors were missing.

submitted by *Jim Strait*

A motion to accept the regular business and ratify the Treas./Sec. reports was made (which included the approval of a purchase of 2 label makers for \$250 in time for use at HexaCon, the approval of the purchase of 3000 badge laminates at up to \$75, the recognition of a Bylaw Amendment proposal allowing the Internal Auditor to be a member of the Board of Directors, the election of Dave Hungerford, President; Lee Whiteside, VP; Angel Hungerford, Secretary; Brian Korn, Treasurer; and Jeff George, Nick Schumacher, & Dave Hungerford to the Board of Directors).

◆ Voted to accept (4 For, Jeff Jennings abstaining)

Nick Schumacher announced that CopperCon 18 had received an additional \$38.25 since official close.

Brian Korn resigned as Internal Auditor effective with the next meeting. Note: his election as Corporate Treasurer just earlier. At the suggestion by Jeff Jennings, further discussion and consideration of a new Internal Auditor was tabled till after the new Board would take office and the results of the proposed Bylaw Amendment would be known.

An issue of official ownership of CASFS Sheds and their contents and their insurance coverage was brought forward. It was decided to table the issue till the following meeting. Further E-mail discussion in the interim was suggested.

Jim Strait extended complements to continuing Board members in acknowledgment of stepping down from the Board and the Corporate Secretary position. The question was posed if 2 other positions held (credit card signer and Corporate Agent) needed to be reassigned. It was generally agreed that they were not related to the held position.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09pm.

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Regular meeting
July 28, 2000
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Present: Stephanie Bannon, Jim Cryer, David Hungerford, Brian Korn, and Nick Schumacher.
Absent: Jeff George and Jeff Jennings.

- The first order of business was nominating and electing Board officers.
Nominations:
Chair - Jim Cryer
Vice Chair - Jeff George
Secretary - David Hungerford (decline), Jeff Jennings
All were **elected by acclamation.**
- The business of the general meeting was ratified, **5-0-0.**
- We discussed appointing a Corporate Auditor. No acceptable candidates were available, so the position remains vacant.
- We discussed the ownership of the CASFS sheds. There is general disagreement about what the original agreement between CASFS and Mark Boniece was. Records are being sought. After a good deal of debate, it was agreed to table the discussion until the August Board meeting.
- We discussed moving the bank accounts. BankOne is charging us monthly fees on some of the accounts, sometimes, and is getting more inconvenient to deal with in general. Bank of America apparently has a nice interest-bearing account that has no fees as long as the combined total minimum balance on all accounts is at least \$7500. No action was taken.
- The Chair and Banker of CopperCon 20 approached the Board to ask for an advance of \$1500 from CASFS Main. There are more pre-con expenses than there used to be. There was some general discussion of increasing seed money for all the conventions. There was considerable discussion of how this advance would affect the balance in CASFS Main. In the end, Nick moved and Jim seconded that we give them \$1000 now with the understanding that they can ask for the other \$500 later and we'll consider it on an emergency basis at that time. **Passed, 5-0-0.**
- Stephanie brought up ConNotations funding. After discussion, we decided to wait to transfer funds to the ConNotations account until November, when we'll fund two issues worth.
- Brian raised the question of who should be the second signer on CASFS Main. We decided it should be the Chairman.
- Nick moved and Brian seconded that we adjourn. **Passed, 5-0-0.**

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Regular meeting
August 25, 2000. 9:14 p.m.
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Present: Stephanie Bannon, Jim Cryer, Jeff George, David Hungerford, and Brian Korn.
Absent: Jeff Jennings and Nick Schumacher.

- The business of the general meeting was ratified, **5-0-0**.

Old Business

- Corporate Auditor - Nothing new.
- Sheds - There was more discussion. There are still no written records of what the original arrangement was. Mark will email the Board with his position on the matter before the next CASFS meeting and we'll all hash it out.
- Moving the bank accounts - BankOne continues to deliver a level of service we are unhappy with. The reason some accounts have monthly fees and some don't is that they used to offer a free account for non-profit organizations, but no longer do so. The older accounts are grandfathered in, but the newer ones will continue to cost us money. The down side of moving is that we would have to prepare new signature cards.

New Business

- Kim's objections to the Financial Procedures - We have enough going on right now. With the agreement of all parties, these have been moved to the October meeting.
- Jeff G. moved and David seconded that we adjourn. **Passed, 5-0-0** at 10:00pm.

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Regular meeting
September 29, 2000 8:50 pm
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Present: Stephanie Bannon, Jim Cryer, Jeff George, David Hungerford, and Nick Schumacher.
Absent: Jeff Jennings and Brian Korn.

- The business of the general meeting was ratified, **5-0-0**.

Old Business

- Corporate Auditor - Nothing new.
- The shed - We're done.
- Moving the bank accounts - As Brian was not present, we tabled that.

New Business

- Jeff Jennings has missed sufficient meetings that he's technically not eligible to remain on the Board. There must be a vote of the Board taking official notice of this before he would be considered as having resigned. As enforcement of this policy has traditionally been lax, we decided to contact him to determine why he's been missing meetings and what his intentions are. No formal vote was taken.
- It was moved and seconded that David Hungerford be elected Board Secretary. **Passed by acclamation.**
- The missing CD - Nothing new. David was asked to contact Brian on behalf of the Board and find out the status of the discussions.
- We discussed how to modify the attendance policy to make it more meaningful. It was proposed that the attendance sheet not be available for signing in until the meeting starts. **Passed, 5-0-0.**
- Kim Martin dropped off a copy of the CopperCon 20 budget.
- We need an information handling policy. We decided to discuss it in email.

We voted to adjourn at 9:11 pm. **5-0-0.**

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Regular meeting
October 20, 2000
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Original notes currently misplaced. Minutes will be forthcoming once said notes are rediscovered. Your scribe apologizes for this lapse and has taken steps to prevent a reoccurrence.

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Regular meeting
November 17, 2000 9:05 pm
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Present: Stephanie Bannon, Jim Cryer, Jeff George, David Hungerford, Jeff Jennings and Brian Korn.

Absent: Nick Schumacher.

- The business of the general meeting, including the corrected Treasurer's Report, was ratified, **6-0-0**.

Old Business

- Corporate Auditor - Nothing new.
- Moving the bank accounts - It's costing us around \$6/mo. in service charges to stay with BankOne. Ordering new checks would cost much more, and we can solve the deposit problem by getting a drop box key pre-con and doing drops.
- Information handling procedures - The discussion continues online.

New Business

- The 1999 incorporation papers were not filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission. We're working on getting this dealt with.

We voted to adjourn at 9:24 pm. **6-0-0**.

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Regular meeting
December 8, 2000 9:37 pm
JB's, I-17 and Indian School

Submitted by David M. Hungerford III

Present: Stephanie Bannon, Jeff George, David Hungerford, Jeff Jennings, Brian Korn and Nick Schumacher.

Absent: Jim Cryer.

- The business of the general meeting, including the Treasurer's Report, was ratified, **6-0-0**.

Old Business

- Corporate Auditor – Nothing new.
- 1999 Incorporation Papers – They've been filed. Brian showed us Xeroxes.

New Business

- We are not on the IRS web site list of 501(c)3 corporations. We need to find out why.
- VNNSA lead-up table – Bob will get info from Robert Barber about how to contact the city.

We voted to adjourn at 9:46 pm. **6-0-0**.