

Utah Speculative Fiction Council

January 28, 2006

In attendance:

Jonni Davis
Lyda Mae Huff
Carl Stark
Heather Monson
Charlie Harmon
Pamela Oberg
Mike Oberg
David-Glenn Anderson
Ruth Hanson
Carol Jean Hanson
Laura Swift
Kammi Davis
George Bogler

Club:

MAS Fan Fiction Writers
Mountain-Con
President of UtahSF Council
Life, the Universe, & Everything
Trustee
CONduit
Educators 4 SF
Trustee

RFF
S.L.A.A.K.ers
USS Kelly

Meet and greet: no one new

Treasurer: Lyda Mae still resigning? Yes. Any volunteers? Charlie H. volunteers, Is she insane? No other volunteers, no large objections.. 10 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions

Charlie is the new treasurer, Heather expresses condolences

Entering quorum discussion.

Currently needs majority of member groups Heather wants to change this as when we have many important discussions and need to make decisions and don't have enough members to vote.

Looking for suggestions:

Many ideas thrown around, active/passive members, attending members, reduce majority to attending members. Allow anyone that comes to the meeting is allowed to vote-- Have the executive committee review any decision to approve or veto. On a vote count attending votes and absentee votes, and then allow another week for other absentee votes for those who thought they could come but couldn't because of life and last minute emergencies.

David Glen says we don't want to become like an advisory committee for city councils... Maybe not a full veto in the executive committee but a review and send it back for further discussion with suggestions.

Vote: do we want to change how the quorum requirements currently are?

8 for, 1 against, 1 abstain

Vote: Executive Committee reviews all decisions or veto 50% review or 2/3 majority Veto

9 for, 0 against, 2 abstain

Proposals:

Leaving votes open after the meeting for other absentee votes.--decided against trying Switching to regular and passive members, (skipping 2 meetings in a row and not participating online, requesting to be passive. (After discussion, this is determined to be more work than most of the

members want to do) Reducing the number needed for quorum from simple majority to: 20%, 33 1/3%, 50%.

20%—3 votes for,
33 1/3%—5 votes for,—Passed, there needs to be 7 present as a quorum
50%—1 votes for.
No objections/abstentions

Fund raising:

Space Center Fund Raising, need expansion, but need funds. Heather wants this to be the initial project for Utah SF to raise funds for. Details of what we are doing to be decided later.

Heather proposes that we would keep a certain percentage for us as well....Pam says 10% is too low. 20 % ok. For a specific proposed project with a specific end date.

Vote: Do we want to do something for the Space Center, yes, or no?
8 for, 1 against, 1 abstain

Joe says that this shouldn't be our only project or exclude other projects.

Vote: One year focus on the Space Center with the year starting on Apr. 1st. With all fund raising proceeds we do for them split 80/20 to them and us.
10 for, 0 against, 2 abstain

Trial for the Create-a-thon at the different cons this year. Asking the various chairs of the cons.. Lyda Mae explains. Charlie proposes a dry run at LTUE, with whatever donated to the charity auction there. 10 for, 1 against (mike can't be there), 0 abstains.

WHC bid committee would like at a parent organization with 501(c)3 status. Did the Utah SF want to try to be this when we are not quite yet filed for this status?

George wants to know what we would be obliged to give them. Dave explains that they would be run under our umbrella and they are being fiscally responsible but the agreement would be that we wouldn't be responsible for their left over debts but would have a say in what happens to any left over funds..

Carl summarizes that WHC would get the tax status and what would Utah SF get? One Suggestion offered: As a non-profit we could have a Cash bar and charge for it.....

Carol suggests that we get a contract written out and approved. Joe seconds. Charlie has a alternate suggestion that we conditionally support the WHC in that we support the idea and formalize it later. Pending on whether the contract meets with our approval and we get 501 (c)3 status
Vote: 6 for conditional, 4 for wait, 1 abstention, 0 against

Can't do a website tour until we can get a Internet connections

New business? Joe offers website hosting or discussions lists to any group that need them. Next meeting? Late March? Early April? Late March is out unless someone else want to do notes as the

Secretary is going to be in Seattle. The first of April is LDS general conference. Last (5th) Saturday seems to be the best. So April 29th, Noon, location to be determined.

Nothing else. Meeting adjourned.