

April 2021 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The April meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, April 17, 2021 on Zoom at 6:03:36 PM by President Mary Lampert and the returning crickets. Many moons ago, someone at an auction won the right to smash the crickets with the gavel, but it never actually happened. We may want to auction the rights to put new pictures on the plinth to be smashed every month, since the current pictures of Jar Jar Binks and the demon bunnies are getting old.

OLD BUSINESS

Nope.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary mailed Sam a check on Friday. Dues are still due. You can mail your dues to Sam at the post office box.

Randy moved to have an in-person NASFA meeting on the regular Saturday in June. Doug seconded and the motion passed 6 to 1. Sam made a note to inform Willowbrook Church, where we met long ago in the pre-COVID days. Mary needs to find out if the church has any food restrictions.

CON BUSINESS

Mary noted that Not-a-Con 2021 did not have an official date selected yet. The regular hotel was not available on the usual third weekend in October, so it would probably be the second or fourth weekend. Any preference? Doug kinda wanted the later weekend to keep more even spacing between meetings. Columbus Day weekend (October 8-9) was ultimately picked. Mary needed volunteers for registration, food, and running the spades tournament.

Jim and Tracey Kennedy volunteered for registration. Judy volunteered to help with food. We still need to find Judy an assistant for food, possibly Mike Cothran. Ray will bring desserts. Sam reminded the club that DeepSouthCon 60 will be held a year after this year's Not-a-Con, so it would be a good idea to test a virtual convention setup at Not-a-Con. Not-a-Con will be held at the same Holiday Inn Express in Madison at Highway 72 and Jeff Road where we held the previous two.

Sam reported on DeepSouthCon 60. (DSC 60 is planned for 2022.) He transferred some money into the account to get the ball rolling. He would like to hire Amy Herring to be the lawyer for dealing with hotel contracts, or ask her to recommend someone.

Sam had a good slate of potential guests to ask, but suggestions are welcome. There were no official picks for officers yet, except Randy, who agreed to run the Art Show.

Mary asked if anyone had anything interesting to talk about.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:32:06 PM.

The April program was a presentation by Randy Cleary about his hobby of collecting the earliest personal computers from the 70s and 80s. The After the Meeting Meeting was also held on Zoom.