

## May 2021 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The May meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, May 15, 2021 on Zoom at 6:06:10 PM by President Mary Lampert and the crickets, who seemed to be signaling SOS.

### OLD BUSINESS

Sam deposited a bunch of dues checks.

Next month we're scheduled to meet in person! Please individualize your food offering for the After-the-Meeting Meeting if you can. It should be a normal meeting. The planned program will be a lady talking about how she makes dice. Sam will check to see if Zoom connectivity at Willowbrook Church is good enough for some people to attend virtually. The meeting location should be open for gaming at 2 PM on the day of the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Judy was planning to hold the NASFA auction at the August meeting, so start gathering your crud. She had not settled on July programming yet, but she was planning to reach out to Les about a reading one of these months.

### CON BUSINESS

Mary set up a room block for Not-a-Con 2021 that will be good until mid September. The block should have two handicap accessible rooms. Not-a-Con 2021 is scheduled for the second weekend in October. Various people explained Not-a-Con to Morgan from Starlight Arcade. Sam wanted Not-a-Con details so he could update the web site. Jim and Tracey volunteered for registration. Judy volunteered to help with food. We still needed someone to handle t-shirts. Mary was planning to check with David O. Miller about a new t-shirt design.

Sam reported on DeepSouthCon 60. (DSC 60 is planned for 2022.) He had been in contact with the convention hotel, emailing back and forth. There were eight weeks between the May meeting and DSC 59. Sam was aiming for the third weekend in October for DSC 60, but if he can't manage that, he's looking in the September to October time frame.

Morgan noted that there's an upcoming steampunk event at Lowe Mill on June 5.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:23:29 PM.

The May program was a presentation over Zoom about pinball machines by Scylla and Morgan from Hale Electronics and Starlight Arcade at Lowe Mill. They repair pinball machines for Pints and Pixels, among others, and they have their own arcade business where their collection is available to play. They showed us the innards of various pinball machines, talked about some history of how pinball machines transitioned from electromechanical to solid state controls, and demonstrated playing the games. The After the Meeting Meeting was also held on Zoom.