

Minutes to the July Meeting of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star
July 6, 2015
16 members in attendance

Cindy Brown gave the Opening Toast to Sir Ian McKellen, who is starring in the soon to be released movie, Mr. Holmes.

Steve Mason did a show and tell with his new (very old) gasogene.

We then proceeded to the quiz. This month's story was The Adventure of the Copper Beeches. Jack Pugh won the contest for getting the most answers correct on the quiz. His prize was a book and a magazine.

Steve noted that Pam Mason is developing a scrap book for our club and would like any additions for inclusion that members may want to offer.

Steve spoke about the recent trip that he and Pam took to Washington D.C., during which they got to attend a meeting of The Red Circle, the Washington D.C. scion for Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts, and another meeting of the Baltimore club, Watson's Tin Box.

Steve described that the Baltimore club puts out a yearly journal, and he would like for our club to do something similar. It is usually published in August, and accepts pretty much anything that people want to include in the line of pastiches, etc.

He also mentioned that the Baltimore club sponsors an essay contest each year for all the 7th graders in the County. Each class/student reads a Sherlock Holmes story, and the students are assigned to write a 5 paragraph essay about the story. They all read the same story. The benefit is great, by getting students to read, and read something from the cannon, and learn of the enjoyment of reading a Sherlock Holmes story. Win/Win!

Prizes are given out for the first, second, and third place essays. We discussed the possibility of doing something like that here in the Dallas area.

Steve also reported on a member of a society in Redding, PA, who has developed a replica of 221B Baker Street, in his basement, in great detail. All Sherlockians are invited to visit when in the Pennsylvania area.

Liese Sherwood-Fabre gave a presentation on Order in the Victorian Times. This was a follow-up to her presentation last month on Law in the Victorian Times. Liese also pasted out bookmarks for her website. We liked them so much we are considering doing bookmarks for our next event at the Allen Library.

Our next event at the Allen Library is a Fall Symposium possibly titled Sherlock Holmes in Modern Times. It will be on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9 am until 3 pm. We are still in the development stage, but have decided to keep it simple and make it as enjoyable as possible.

So far the agenda includes,

Opening Remarks about Sir Author Conan Doyle and the development of Sherlock Holmes, by Cindy Brown

The Maniac Book Collector, by Don Hobbs

Games of Sherlock Holmes, by Tim Kline

A Radio Play

Author Carol Nelson Douglas, will do a lecture "Do Any of the Current Ladies Live up to Irene Adler" and Q&A

And we may be adding more topics.

We will break for 90 minutes for lunch so we don't have to worry about feeding people onsite. But we may provide coffee, donut holes, and cookies for snacks.

In Washington D.C. in late September there will be a showing of the Gillette silent Sherlock Holmes movie at a public theater. We would love to do something like that here, and will try to contact some movie theaters. In D.C. the costs will be approximately \$15 per person.

Brenda Hutchinson and Liese will do the advertising for the Fall Symposium. We will hopefully be able to advertise in local schools, and bookstores, as well as invite the Tulsa, Austin, and Houston scion societies. We will also try to find other bookclubs in the area where we can advertise.

We will have our next movie watching party on July 18, and will be watching Sherlock Holmes and the Leading Lady, in honor of the memory of Patrick McNee and Christopher Lee who both (prior Sherlockian actors) passed away recently.

In closing Steve Mason read from the Editor's Glasslamp of the Baker Street Journal, "The World that Was". A good time was had by all!

Opening Toast

Sherlockians please raise your glass to honor a 76 year old English gentleman, who has given us so much entertainment during his career. He has starred in movies, such as: The X-Men Series, the Lord of the Ring Series, The Dresser, and Plays such as: Waiting for Godot, and TV series such as: Vicious, Coronation street, The Prisoner, and many others.

He is the recipient of 6 Lawrence Olivier Awards, a Tony, A Golden Globe, a Screen Actor's Guild Award, a BIF, and 2 Saturn Awards.

He's also the recipient of the CBE= Commander of the British Empire, in 1979, and a KBE= Knighthood of the British Empire for Service to the Performing Arts, in 1990.

And now he's given us Mr. Holmes, which opens in the United States on July 17.

Please raise your glass to honor Sir Ian McKellen.