

## Minutes of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

January 3, 2016

There were 20 people in attendance at the Addison La Madeline Restaurant.

The Opening Toast was given by Jim Brown in celebration of Arthur Conan Doyle, and the upcoming birthday of Sherlock Holmes.

We had 5 visitors at today's meeting including 2 from the East Coast.

The Third Mate passed out a collage he recently completed of the many images of Sherlock Holmes which have been used in the Baker Street Journal since 1946.

He also passed out the 2016 Sherlock Holmes calendar which he designed, and the bound edition of the Sherlock Holmes comic strip by Steve Mason, Rusty Mason, and Joe Fay.

We then had the monthly quiz on the story, "The Naval Treaty". The quiz was won by Sharon Lowry, and Walter Pieper took second place. (Way to go guys.)

Steve Mason then did a presentation on "A Rose by Any Other Name", describing the mysterious personality of Sherlock Holmes and how he was perceived by many. Many agreed that in 1893 when his wife was diagnosed with TB, he turned to spiritualism. We also discussed the relationship between Doyle and Harry Houdini, and how spiritualism affected each of them.

We then discussed the history of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star and we are honored to still have some of the very early members in our midst, e.g. Sharon Lowry, and Herb Linder.

We did a Deck Mate investiture of Bill Pervin, and noted his wonderful presentation on mathematics and the Sherlock Holmes canon.

We then discussed Sherlockians Searching for Sherlockians, mainly Bill Beason, who was one of the founding members of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star, along with Sharon Lowry's late husband Bullet. Steve described the many steps it took he and Don Hobbs to locate Bill in a long term care facility in McKinney. They apparently had a good visit, and would like to follow up with an interview to obtain the oral history of the club.

Steve then gave a State of the Society, which included our accomplishments and adventures in 2015.

They included the many activities the Crew has been a part of: the trips we took to hear speakers (Tulsa), and see plays (Houston), attending the BSI weekend in New York City, going to the library at the University of Texas to see the Conan Doyle collection, our relationship with the Perot Children's Museum and the Allen Public Library, donating books to children and to the senior citizen centers, the wonderful website, the comic strip, the movie nights, and many other activities.

The Peipers have asked that we set a specific weekend night each month to have Sherlock Holmes movie watching night. The group agreed on the second Saturday of each month starting in February. In January we will have the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday be our movie watching night, so on January 30, we will be watching "A Study in Time".

The Beacon Society of the BSI has asked Steve Mason to be one of the Board Directors. ) **Steve what was the official title?)** This is a great honor to our Third Mate who does so much to educate children as to the

pleasure of reading the Sherlock Holmes novels. He went on to explain how the 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Bethesda School District had a competition on writing a Sherlock Holmes story, and possibly we could consider doing something like that in the Dallas area.

We also took a few minutes to discuss the airing of the newest "Sherlock" story, The Abominable Bride, which was viewed by the majority of the club on New Year's Day. Steve mentioned that in the show there was a picture on Holmes wall called "All is Vanity" which is the same picture his Sherlock loving Father had passed down to him.

Steve Mason gave the Closing Toast from the Baker Street Journal on July 1960, entitled "Holmes the Epicure".