



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: 2-7-2016

Berth and Port: La Madeleine’s French Café, 5290 Belt Line Road, #112, Addison, TX 75254

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:15 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 19 attendees on hand.

Pam Mason	Niko Ford – New	Charles Olson – New
Steve Mason	Don Hobbs	Cindy Brown
Allen Osborne	Sharon Lowry	Herb Linder
Diane Tran	Dean Clark	Marland Henderson
Rusty Mason	Sandra Little	Brenda Hutchison
Walter P. Pieper	Jim Webb	
Linda Pieper	Karen Olson – New	

INTRODUCTION ROUNDS AT TABLE

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Pam Mason
- 2) Honoring: Susan Cushing and the Cardboard Box
- 3) Source: “Ruminations on the Cardboard Box,” *The Serpentine Muse*, Summer, 1998.

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Adventure of the Cardboard Box”
- 2) Winner: Sharon Lowry
- 3) Top Score: 10 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: The Sherlock Holmes Puzzle Collection by Dr. John Watson,
Project Editor: Richard Wolfrik Galland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Steve Mason – Informed those assembled that Jack Pugh has moved to an assisted living facility in the Dallas area. Jack no longer plans to attend the society’s meetings. Walter Pieper made a special Sherlock Holmes card to mail to him and we took turns inscribing upon it our good wishes.
- B. Walter Pieper – Announced the next Movie Night will be next Saturday, February 13th. Especially for Valentine’s Day, the movie will be “The Eligible Bachelor”.
- C. Steve Mason – Made known that Greg Ruby, of The Fourth Garrideb, is planning to hold a dinner at a Dallas restaurant, the Green Door Open House, on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm. This scion society primarily focuses upon numismatics (coin collecting). Mr. Ruby is extending an invitation for the dinner, a social occasion. Also, at the regular meeting on the following weekend, March 6th, Mr. Ruby will be speaking about Basil Rathbone, presenting the actor’s life with respect to his commercial work.



- D. Steve Mason – Revealed that the Beacon Society has announced its Sherlock Holmes Teaching Grant deadline as May 1, 2016. Please distribute information about this grant opportunity to teachers and librarians so they might choose to apply and to enhance their instruction with Sherlock Holmes.
- E. Steve Mason – Extended a challenge to our society to introduce young people to Sherlock Holmes. He suggests donating to the cause copies of the original works, *not* pastiches, either from personal bookshelves or from book outlets, while noting that The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes or The Hound of the Baskervilles would be good choices. Then, give the books away while focusing upon presenting to a young person, directly or indirectly for their benefit, and, coincidentally, exercising good judgment regarding the circumstances under which the book is given.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: “Friends, Romans...lend me your Ears”
- 3) Basic Description: Explored and compared writing links and duplication, publication timing, and some background history for “The Adventure of the Cardboard Box” and “The Resident Patient”. Presented more recent supportive history for the use of ears as forensic identification, including a 2010 lab study recording a 99.6% positive result (greater than that of fingerprints), a 2011 police record of a criminal captured due to leaving his ear-print on window glass, and the present use of ear identification in the war on terrorism.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Don Hobbs, Dean Clark, and Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: “Review of the BSI Weekend”
- 3) Basic Description: Offered commentaries about the BSI Weekend. This year’s BSI Weekend events schedule ran from the 13th through the 17th of January, 2016. There was good representation from the Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* with Don Hobbs, Dean Clark, Steve Mason, Rusty Mason, Stu Nelan, and Stu’s daughter, Kami in attendance. Honors and recognitions (in no particular order) among our society’s group:
 - Steve Mason – Communications Chair for the Beacon Society
 - Don Hobbs – Silver Pin with BSI Tri-color Ribbon for the BSI International Series Editor
 - Dean Clark – “The Case of the Missing Vernet”, one of Dean’s radio plays, was performed on Friday evening at the Gaslight Gala.
 - Steve Mason --The Whimsy Award for his radio play, “Death Comes for Doctor Watson”.
 - Steve Mason – His donated needlework wall-hanging of Sherlock Holmes in the style of Frederic Dorr Steele sold at auction, in support of the Watson Fund, bringing \$88.00 from Jerry Margolin.



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- F. Don Hobbs – Displayed a copy of Spain and Sherlock Holmes. This is the first book of the BSI International Series on which his name has appeared as an editor and on which many in the society gave assistance. John Bergquist complimented the quality of the final submission.
- G. Dean Clark - Sandra Little is scheduled to speak before the Afghanistan Perceivers (Tulsa, OK) in April, 2016.
- H. Dean Clark – Steve Mason is going to be one of the speakers at the Tri-Annual Conference: “The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes” in Minnesota (June 17-19, 2016).

CLOSING READING

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title: “Yes, Virginia. There is a Sherlock Holmes.”
- 3) Source: *Baker Street Journal*, December 1961

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- I. Sandra Little – The Allen Library has edited and released the (November 7, 2015) Symposium’s speaker segment featuring Carole Nelson Douglas on YouTube.

Time Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Brenda Hutchison