



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: June 5, 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 15 attendees on hand. Those in attendance included:

Steve Mason	Liese Sherwood-Fabre	Sue Jepson
Pam Mason	Brenda Hutchison	Don Hobbs
Rusty Mason	Tim Kline	Marland Henderson
Donna Kutlus	Cindy Brown	Walter P. Pieper
Allen Osborne	Bill Pervin	Herb Linder

We skipped the introductions this month.

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Written and delivered by: Cindy Brown
- 2) Honoring: The Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* and Other Sherlock Holmes Societies Around the World

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge”
- 2) Winners: Walter Pieper and Bill Pervin
- 3) Top Score: Both scored 7 out of 10 with equal results on the tie-breaker questions
- 4) Awarded: Books pertaining to the Great Detective

DISCUSSION

Pertinent to the short story, Steve Mason introduced a topic concerning Sherlock Holmes’s assessment of Miss Burnet, the governess in the High Gable household. Holmes indicates that she is the one who wrote Garcia the note and he states, “I may add that Miss Burnet’s age and character make it certain that my first idea that there might be a love interest in our story is out of the question.” (Doubleday, p. 883) A variety of subjects broached during the discussion ranged from the expectation of marital prospects according to a female’s age during the historical time period to the status or class of a governess among the servants’ hierarchy in a household.



## VOTE REGARDING THE START OF THE SOCIETY

Steve Mason provided background into the investigation to discover the beginnings of our society, The Crew of the Barque *Lone Star*. Both Sharon Lowry and Bill Beeson previously identified the year 1970. A reference to the society by Francine Morris, found in an issue of The Baker Street Journal, sets the month close to April of 1970. Without more positive research results, this is the closest start period that can be found. Steve called for a motion to accept the month of April of 1970 for the establishment of the society.

Cindy Brown made the motion in favor. The motion was seconded.

*Due to the voting method, names are withheld from the results.*

Vote: 14 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstentions.

April of 2020 will be the fiftieth anniversary for the society.

## DECK CREW INVESTITURE

Tim Kline received his Deck Crew certificate and penny.

Steve Mason informed the assembly that he is carrying a Deck Crew certificate to the Minnesota conference in mid-June to award Greg Ruby.

## THE SECOND SHERLOCK HOLMES SYMPOSIUM

Steve Mason proposed holding the second symposium using the Allen Library facilities and shooting for late October or during the first two weeks of November. His suggestion is to focus upon “The Women of Sherlock Holmes,” whether from the books, pastiches, stage, or television and film.

Some proposed alterations in comparison to the first symposium:

- 1) Schedule for a shorter time period.
- 2) Schedule for one evening during the week, possibly a Tuesday or Thursday.
- 3) Allow for 3 or 4 speakers with 20-30 minutes allotted time each.
- 4) Produce a short mystery program that is suitable for children.

Some discussion took place.

Cindy Brown offered a motion in favor of the second symposium. Motion was seconded.

Vote: 15 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

Additional discussion took place. Steve Mason mentioned the possibility of producing this sort of event twice a year.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tim Kline – Displayed Who Thinks Evil (A Professor Moriarty Novel) by Michael Kurland that he obtained through Half Price Books. He states that the series is being reprinted. Additionally, he showed The Sherlock Holmes Book that he found at Barnes & Noble in the magazine section.
- B. Tim Kline – Lapel pins are available. Aside, it has been lightly noted that Holmes is spelled minus the ‘l’ on the pins.
- C. Walter Pieper – Movie Night will be this coming Saturday (6-11-2016). The movie is “Sherlock Holmes and the Leading Lady” starring Christopher Lee as Holmes. Since this is a two-part mini-series, the time to meet will be 5:30 p.m.

## CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title: “To Martha Hudson” by Beldon Wigglesworth
- 3) Source: The Baker Street Journal, March, 1973

## DISCUSSION

Steve Mason brought up the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. It falls on a Monday that immediately follows our regular meeting day.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the next meeting, Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, was to remain on the schedule as planned.

Time Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda Hutchison