



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: September 1, 2019

Berth and Port: Two Guys From Italy, 11637 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, TX 75229

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:10 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 15 attendees on hand.

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Written and delivered by: Ann Caddell
- 2) Honoring: Mary Morstan Watson

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: The Sign of Four, Chapters 1-4
- 2) Winner: Sharon Lowry
- 3) Top Score: 10 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: A beautiful brass compass
- 5) Mary Butcher achieved second place to receive a book prize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Steve Mason

- A. At the close of collecting limericks for our 50th anniversary project, we have approximately 300. Organizing them, and then formatting by Liese Sherwood-Fabre, will be started soon. Karen Olson was one of two people who submitted one for every story. Don Hobbs submitted ten. We have been granted permission to use some written by Isaac Asimov. Bonnie MacBird contributed to the project. Others also submitted limericks. If three or more are given, a printed copy will be earned.
- B. We have been contacted regarding our newsletter by UCLA in union with the BSI. They are requesting that we accept for inclusion an article concerning the search for lost Sherlock Holmes films. Positive response.
- C. Bonnie MacBird's agent has inquired about placing an advertisement for a new book in our newsletter. Discussion. // Rusty Mason suggested that we offer to print our interview with the author in exchange for the author summing-up with the new book title and its release. This suggestion received positive response from attendees. // Steve requested that we help by providing questions to include in an interview of this sort. Send them to Steve.

DINNER BREAK

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: Scion Societies
- 3) Description: Starting with the early history of the BSI, Steve touched upon various American and international scions, the eventual inclusion of women in the BSI, and the meanings of 'geographic' and 'functional' types of scions. Noting the beginning of The Crew of the Barque



Lone Star in April of 1970, he acknowledged Bill Beeson, Marguerite F. Morris Swift, and Bullet Lowry in its history. Additionally, Steve acknowledged the aid of John Bennett Shaw. In 1979, Beeson and Lowry approached Texas Representative Tip Hall, who carried a proposal to the floor to add the Barque *Lone Star* to the Texas Navy. It passed, making the Barque *Lone Star* a “ship of the line” in the Texas Navy. A formal certificate exists as evidence of this bill, the barque is not included on the records of the Texas Navy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- D. Steve Mason – The main Half Price Bookstore on Northwest Highway has invited us to participate in an event for The Hound of the Baskervilles scheduled for November 15th. The 1959 Hammer film production starring Peter Cushing as Sherlock Holmes will be shown in the store’s meeting room. The room seats 75 people. Of course, the goal of the novel sales is associated.
- E. Don Hobbs – Conferring with Russell Martin, Dean of the DeGolyer Library, October 21, 2021, appears to be the date for an exhibition of Don Hobbs’ donated collection to SMU. Cataloguing of the collection will then be complete. A Sherlock Holmes conference for that weekend is being encouraged. Don said the topic would be Collecting Mania with about ten speakers planned. Additional details to be provided as firmly set. // Discussion. // Steve Mason explained that he was in favor of the endeavor as long as members of the society volunteer and the society “takes care of people” attending. // Discussion.
- F. Allen Osborne – Next month’s quiz will cover The Sign of Four Chapters 5-8.
- G. Walter Pieper – Next Saturday’s Movie Night will show Jeremy Brett in “The Sign of Four” at their home, 7:00 p.m.

DRAWING FOR THE GANGWAY PRIZE

Brenda Hutchison won this month’s drawing. The prize was an autographed copy of Victorian Enigmas and Sherlockian Puzzles by Dana Richards.

CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Brenda Hutchison
- 2) Title: “I Walked with You Once Upon a Dream”
- 3) Source: Written by Steven Rothman, *Baker Street Journal*, Spring 2010

Time Adjourned: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda S. Hutchison