

Crew of the Barque Lone Star Monthly Meeting

Feb. 5, 2017

There were 20 in attendance

The opening toast was provided by Ron Lees, from the Denver SH club. It was originally written by Carl Heifetz and is called "Watson's Finest Moment". The toast was read by Pam Mason.

His finest moment was when he agreed to share quarters with Sherlock Holmes.

We then had a quiz on this month's feature story, "The Three Students." The quiz was won by Karen Olsen and Sandra Little came in second. Both received great prizes for their efforts.

Allen Osborne gave a wonderful presentation entitled Sherlock Holmes and the Firearms in the Cannon. He conducted a very informative talk on firearms of the early 19th Century and how Sir Arthur Conan Doyle made use of them in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Allen also followed up his presentation with a quiz.

Steve had a number of important announcements this month.

The podcast, *I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere* has requested to include the Baker Street Elementary cartoons on their website. So Steve, Rusty, and Joe are being syndicated.

There were a number of Crew who attended the BSI weekend in New York this last month. Plus, Steve Mason and Dean Clark were invited to the BSI dinner, as was Don Hobbs who is a member of the BSI. There were a total of approximately 15 people from Texas (either born, raised, or currently living) at the BSI weekend.

At the BSI there was a discussion about one of the scion societies who is doing an opera about Sherlock Holmes and Jack and the Beanstalk. Steve would like for our society to do some pastiches intertwining Sherlock Holmes and the Grimm's Fairy Tales. He has put out the request for volunteers to offer to write some stories as a first draft attempt. We could display the finished product on our website, or make it into a bound journal and possibly sell the stories. If the society decided to do that we would need to decide early on, just what to do with the money (income) from the stories.

The Dallas Morning News recently had an article on the new book, "Arthur and Sherlock", and Steve Mason was quoted.

The Allen Public Library has asked the Crew to do another symposium in September of 2017. We all agreed that would be fun, and the topic will most likely be Sherlock Holmes goes to the Movies. We are considering having 2 or 3 short presentations and then show a movie, possibly The Great Mouse Detective.

The meeting was well attended, with lively discussion. We also had 4 visitors with Bill Bryon and his daughters.