

Minutes of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

May 2, 2021

54 in attendance

The Story for the Month was The Stockbrokers Clerk.

We started the meeting with an opening toast given by Ann Caddell, on Her First Encounter with Sherlock Holmes. She had a book with a preface by Christopher Morley. At the time she didn't realize how special that was, but now she does.

We had our first quiz on The Stockbrokers Clerk. There were too many winners to list them all. Great job guys.

Donald Zaldin then gave a toast to Mrs. Henry Baker by Mr. Henry Baker.

Robert Katz led a discussion on the story and gave a great description of Typhoid Fever and George Budd.

Steve, the Third Mate made the following announcements:

Steve talked about Mattress Matt who made a \$2.4 million wage on the Kentucky Derby and lost.

The winners of the Joel Senter essay contest announcement will be made next week and for the second year in a row, Eleanor Hebert submitted one of the winning essays. Eleanor is a proud member of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star and all of her deck mates are very proud of her.

The Crew of the Barque Lone Star will be publishing its fifth book later this year. The topic this year will be "Holmes and Me". The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2021.

Our friend from across the pond, Mark Jones, gave a wonderful presentation by telling the story of The Stockbrokers Clerk in a Cockney accent. He had all of us rolling in the proverbial isle with laughter. The presentation was called "Cockney in the Strand". Mark also does the podcast "Doings on Doyle".

The Third Mate then led the group in the Lightning Quiz. Rob Nunn won with nine out of ten correct answers.

To end the meeting, we started a new tradition by reading the Vincent Sterrett poem, "Ode to Baker Street".

Mark Alberstat then did a presentation for the second part of our meeting, which focused on Arthur Conan Doyle, by talking about Doyle as an athletic and especially his love of bicycling.

The Crew hopes to be meeting in person at Two Guys from Italy for our August meeting.