

Minutes for the Crew of the Barque Lone Star (Virtual Meeting)

May 3, 2020

Attendance 23

Steve, the Third Mate, opened the meeting by giving a toast to Beth Austin, a long time Sherlockian who recently passed away.

Ann Caddell then gave a presentation on “Romance in the Canon”. She described how even though Sherlock Holmes was not a particularly romantic character, there was lots of romance some with happy endings and others not so happy, in the 56 short stories and 4 novels written by Conan Doyle.

Next, we had a reading of her Joel Senter award-winning essay, by Eleanor Hébert. It was a fascinating discussion on the difference between Sherlock and Mycroft and whether they were influenced more by environment or heredity.

Next month, Thomas Hébert will read his award-winning essay from his age group in the recent Joel Senter Essay Contest.

The Crew then participated in a quiz called “What’s Your Business.” This quiz listed different businesses by name from stories in the Canon and we had to guess (or remember) what type of business it was. Again, The Third Mate did a good job of stumping most of us.

We had a number of guests log into the Zoom meeting from other scion societies.

Gregg Ruby from Baltimore gave information about the upcoming Scintillation of Scions which is scheduled to be held in Baltimore June 12 through the 14. The conference will not be held in person because of the Covid-19 virus; however, it will be a virtual conference. They will still be hosting a number of interesting speakers, including our own Steve Mason. The conference will now be free to participants.

The 50th anniversary party celebrating 50 years of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star has been postponed but Karen Olsen is still planning on hosting the party at her home. Hopefully we will be able to meet together to celebrate in September 2020.

We discussed the upcoming 2021 Conference being planned by the Crew of the Barque Lone Star and SMU, with a working title of The Collecting Mania. Don

Hobbs has already lined up a wonderful group of speakers from all over the country to attend the conference.

We then discussed the upcoming Allen Library Symposium to be held November 11, 2020. Liese Sherwood-Fabre and Cindy Brown will open the symposium by giving an overview of Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes and how Holmes used science to solve many mysteries in the canon. The deadline for all presentations, displays, and mystery games will need to be submitted to Allen Osborne by August 15, so he can get them to the Allen Library by their deadline of September 1, 2020. The symposium will be called The Science of Sherlock Holmes. Steve is still accepting ideas for different types of presentations for the symposium.

Once again, the Crew of the Barque Lone Star will be publishing a book in 2020. This year it will involve actual notices from the Agony Columns, from Victorian England. The deadline for story submissions will be August 31, 2020.

On Friday, May 15 the Harpooners of the Sea Unicorn, from St. Charles, MO, will be having their monthly meeting and we (The Crew) are invited to log into their virtual meeting. It will be at 7 pm and Steve will follow up with information on how to log in.

The meeting was closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Brown