

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017, 7:00 PM**  
**Sentry Box**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Susan Lawson, Dean McRorie

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for May</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Chris' Space Opera Heist Crit by Ed, Joey</li>   <li>• Crit 2: Ed – First Chapter – Space Engineering Fic Crit by Shannon, Dan Hampton</li> </ul>	Shannon Ed / Joey  Shannon / Dan
	<p><b><u>Crits for June, 2017</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Jeff – Short story Science Fiction Crit by Brent Nichols / Michael Gillette</li>   <li>• Crit 2: Ron Friedman – YA Science Fiction Crit by Ann Cooney / Justin Acton</li> </ul>	Shannon
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b>            Editing – Michael Gillett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What motivates us to write? Why do we write? To tell stories. At some point, you do it enough, you get better at it.</li> <li>• <u>Types of Editing (Freelance)</u></li> <li>• <u>Reader Edits</u> – Higher level edits – most people can give you feedback on higher level</li> <li>• <u>Manuscript Critique</u> – Feedback on character development, POV, voice, plot, theme etc. – this is a first edit. \$1500 US for a novel.</li> <li>• <u>Editor's Memo</u> – will give examples of inconsistent pacing and how to fix it, overarching themes, narrative voice and what is wrong, reconstructing the plot, missed opportunities for character development, cutting (kill your darlings), repetitive weaknesses, etc.</li> <li>• <u>Comprehensive Edit</u> - \$5,000 or more – will be ripped to shreds – tighten dialogue, phrasing, rhythm, line edits</li> </ul>	Michael Gillett
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Braggs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randy McCharles – written 25,000 words on 5<sup>th</sup> mystery novel</li> <li>• Susan Forest – sold story to Analog Magazine</li> <li>• Kevin Weir – Launched web series on YouTube – The Ghostening – Here are the links (corrected from minutes originally sent by e-mail):</li> </ul> <p>Downtime Productions:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNNUw5lofq3sziZ7Dzv62Q">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNNUw5lofq3sziZ7Dzv62Q</a></p> <p>The Ghostening:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe92d8hSAGHc7dAMnizJdxw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe92d8hSAGHc7dAMnizJdxw</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesley and Shaun - Babes With Books – next discussion – May</li> </ul>	Michael

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	11, 2017 – Live <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Friedman – Escape Velocity is now a number 1 bestseller</li> <li>• Gary – Book 4 in Chandler Affair launched</li> <li>• Calvin – Rose’s Arm in Where the Stars Rise – got contributor copy</li> <li>• Josh Pantalleresco – 100 podcast episodes this month</li> <li>• Michael Gillett – Went to write off</li> </ul>	
8:35 PM	<b><u>New Business</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed – has to sell tickets to Helsinki – World Con – can no longer make it</li> </ul>	Michael
8:40 PM	<b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Story Contest – Patreon Discussion part 2 – shelved until next month because Shannon was supposed to look into things</li> <li>• WWC – Friday Night Readings Susan got room last year – bought stuff and will not have party – need to rent a room again – cheaper to book the room Susan MAY volunteer will get room Make it clear that it is READINGS not party Readings with beer and cheezies –  <b><u>Theme – Cheezy Readings</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Lesley to rent a room, Ed seconds</li> <li>• Motion by Selene, seconded by Michael to change original Motion to give maximum \$350 total budget for room and food and drinks</li> <li>• Yays many / Nays 0 / Abstain 0</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<b><u>Announcements</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aurora Awards:</b> Nominations close Saturday, May 6, 2017 at midnight. CSFFA members can nominate eligible works. Membership is \$10 / year. Note: Last year Enigma Front was one vote shy of being a finalist. Don't say your vote doesn't count.</li> <li>• <b>Short Story Contest Deadline:</b> Sat. May 6, 2017</li> <li>• <b>Taste of Local Authors:</b> Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at Owls Nest Books – 815, 49 Ave SW, Calgary – great way to get exposure. Party, not just book reading</li> </ul>	Michael