

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**ONLINE**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:**

**New Members:** Morwan

**Attendance:** 31 online on Zoom

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Critiques</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Randall – Twilight Zone story – reworking of red button – Crit by Jim Sheasby &amp; Rex Lenicek</li> <li>• Crit 2: Kathy Briant – short story – sci fi with kids – Crit by Dave Worsick &amp; Amurlee Ashton</li> </ul>	<p>Selene</p> <p>Jim / Rex</p> <p>Dave / Amurlee</p>
	<p><b><u>Crits for July, 2020</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Sandy F. – Short story – 7400 words – Fantasy based in a Celtic world Crit by Shannon Allan / Fernando Giroto</li> <li>• Crit 2: Morwen “The Grand Fusion” Novel excerpt – Crit by Suzy V. / Michael</li> </ul>	Selene
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <p>Dale McShannock – Anatomy of Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached Presentation</li> </ul>	Dale McShannock
8:30 PM	<p><b><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><b><u>Brag</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan F. – Bursts of Fire included in SFF Book Bundle – has been selling well</li> <li>• Sandra F. – Next novella in Alter Ego series, “Recruit” will be up later this week</li> <li>• Ron F. – Doing presentation through SF Canada – Free because of COVID-19</li> <li>• Adrian B. – wife has a brag – story in Swashbuckling Cats came out last week.</li> <li>• Ellen and Rob both wrote Novella in 7 days and got them submitted in Novella contest</li> <li>• Cassandra Arnold – book out on Amazon: Explode Poetry for Activists. Did Launch – Got up to #48 on Amazon for 10 minutes. Exciting.</li> <li>• Liz – signed contract for Prairie Gothic</li> <li>• Calvin – signed contract for Prairie Gothic as well.</li> <li>• Suzy – Got a surprise launch this month - Book 3 of Fountain series drops tomorrow. Will be running online book launch. Owls Nest is partnering.</li> </ul>	Michael

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8:40 PM	<u><b>Discuss / Decide</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWC Online Festival – Interaction and community is more important than pre-recorded</li> <li>• Bed-time Stories – we need a topic – will discuss at July meeting. ABC or Trunk Stories</li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<u><b>Announcements</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aurora Awards ballot is out. Congratulations to all the nominees. A few IFWITS are on the ballot including Susan Forest, Hayden Trenholm, Liz Westbrook-Trenholm, Swati Chavda, Randy McCharles and Ron Friedman. Also out, is the voters package which you can download at the Members page located at the Prix-Aurora Award website. Voting closes on July 25, 2020.</li> <li>• Owls Nest is open. They are providing free local delivery and/or curbside pickup.</li> </ul>	Michael

**Next Meeting:** Thursday July 2, 2020 (ONLINE)

**Next Skills Session:** Susan Forest – The Hero’s Journey Vs. The Virgin’s Promise