

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2022, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online
MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: Kassandra Lynn (from Lethbridge – writes fantasy)

Attendance: 25

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Kelly Derksen – horror story from campfire anthology Crit by Jeff Thompson and Sulya Fenichel • Crit 2: Cassandra (opening of YA or Paranormal Romance fantasy novel) Crit by Lareina, Martina 	<p>Selene O'Rourke</p> <p>Jeff / Sulya</p> <p>Michael / Sandra</p>
	<p><u>Crits for June, 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Sulya Fenichel – Dark Dystopian / Utopian story Crits by Martina and Calvin • Crit 2: Keely – High Fantasy – excerpt of novel series Crits by Sandy F., Karl Buchner 	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sulya Fenichel – Creativity First, Rules Last • See presentation attached 	Sulya Fenichel
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calvin – obtained 1st Kyu in Karate. Next grading will be for Black Belt. • Lareina – essay accepted for publication to an anthology about Metis Stories of Hope • Susan – Will be editor guest at Key Con • Ellen Easton – received a nice rejection letter • Renee – swiftest rejection on Monday – sent 4:30 PM and got it back at 6:00 • Liz Grotkowski – 1) Finalist for Aurora Awards – short story / YA Novel – Quality is nuts 2) went to Calgary Comic Expo and rented table – was on panel with Ron and Mark Watson talking about IFWA and their writing journey 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kassandra Lynn – joined IFWA because of Comic Expo panel Liz was on. 	
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of Meeting Space for IFWA – Michael – if size is an issue, we may consider Writing Retreat – Karl Buchner – at W.O Mitchell Centre – link is here: https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/ - \$90/day plus \$15 for lunch first day. Karl will be facilitator for it. All those interested would email Karl and then pay the Centre directly (and not give money to Karl). Right in foothills – 25 miles north of Cochrane. Shared accommodation and bedrooms. Monday, June 27 to Wednesday, June 29. More information will be sent out in a separate email. Hybrid Meeting – Update – can do hybrid meeting – just need tools and pieces. Will reach out with Hybrid Committee. David said he had a screen. Kelly had a projector. Will we try for live in June? June will still be on Zoom. David Worsick would like to try a small meeting on Zoom. Glen says it has taken 6 meetings to get Zoom correct with hybrid meetings. Still have people in IFWA who still want to stay with Zoom. 	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition– May 13-15, Location: Your Place, Time: May 13, 2022 @ 8:00 AM to May 15, 2022 @ 10:00 PM. Join other creatives this Omicron weekend for an online writing experience. Check in and out on this Facebook Event any time Friday-Saturday-Sunday. Work on your writing projects knowing others are as well. Note your progress in the discussion comments. See what other writers are doing knowing they support you in your efforts. <i>The next best thing to being there!</i> Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1057447464817773/?ref=newsfeed Topic for the IFWA Bedtime Stories at WWC 2022: <u>The Great Conspiracy</u>. Start your writing. You have less than 3 months. 	Michael
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p>	

Next Meeting: June 2, 2022

Skills Session: David Worsick – Historical Misconceptions

If you have a Presentation you would like to give at an IFWA Meeting, please contact our Skills Session guru, Glen Brown: glenezbrown@gmail.com