IFWA MEETING Thursday, August 4, 2022, 7:00 PM Zoom Online MINUTES

Information Items: none

New Members: none

Attendance: **

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	Crits for August	Selene O'Rourke
	Crit 1: Michael Knudsen - Science Fiction – short story Crits by Karl Buchner, Kevin Wilson	Karl / Kevin
	Crit 2: Kevin Wilson – short story – main character in novel – fantasy (humourous) – Crits by Michael Gillett, Susan Forest	Michael, Susan
	Crits for September, 2022	Selene O'Rourke
	Crit 1: Crit 1: "Al-Care" by Randall Thomas – Crit by Calvin Jim and David Worsick	
	Crit 2: Kelly Derkson story – Crit by Val King and Celeste Peters	
8:00 PM	Skills Session Renee Bennett – Bad Words	Renee Bennett
8:30 PM	Call for Agenda Items Brand new members putting stories in	Michael
8:35 PM	Ellen: Starting new job at local library Sandy: got a novella up for pre-order called Confession. Will be available everywhere Val: brother found tape of Buffy:tVS "Once More With Feeling" done by IFWA Players – Randy and Val has performance at Food Truck Event at their Co-op	Michael
8:40 PM	Discuss / Decide Hybrid Meeting – Update: scheduling test session. Likely to be ready for next month. Sandy has key and door code needed for when testing is done. Crits Participation by new members – Discussion – we have had a lot of drop-outs by new members. Should we make	Michael

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	 them wait before joining that portion of the meeting. Two of the crit participants are long standing members. Maybe reinforce that they are committed to be at next meeting. Crit document must get sent out. Writers at the Improv – need another member for it? Last time may have played game without partners 	
8:55 PM	Writing Retreat - Dates: January 16-19, 2023 (4 nights) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/ – All those interested would email Michael Gillett and then pay the Centre directly. Right in foothills – 25 miles north of Cochrane. Shared accommodation and bedrooms. Booked for an early start Monday morning. \$104 per night and includes 3 meals a day. Do writing in a loft with room for 60 people. Wonderful social experience. Karl will try to get 16-20 people from IFWA to come out. We'd love to have the whole facility for 13 - which will give us enough for exclusive use.	Michael
	Calls for Submissions	

Next Meeting: September 1, 2022

Skills Session: Selene O'Rourke – On the Shoulders of Giants – Critiquing the Masters

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