

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2022, 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Online**  
**MINUTES**

**Information Items:** none

**New Members:** **Fay Shlanda** (friend of Mark Murray in Manitoba – self-published Poetry book and has started short stories and novels – also has a Writers of the Future entry)

**Attendance:** 19 (4 at Sentry Box)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:30 PM	<p><b><u>Crit for November</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Mark Murray – prologue and 2 chapters of medieval fantasy / Crits by Sandy Fitzpatrick / David Worsick</li> <li>• Crit 2: Val – fantasy (very) short story (500 words) – Crits by Randall Thomas / Calvin Jim</li> </ul>	<p>Selene O'Rourke</p> <p>Sandy / David</p> <p>Randall / Calvin</p>
	<p><b><u>Crits for December, 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Sandy – short story set during World War II – crits by Lareina Abbot / Steve Swanson</li> <li>• Crit 2: Nicole Wilson – Ch 1 of fantasy novel WIP – princess to servant girl story – crits by Jim Sheasby / Michael Gillett</li> </ul>	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandy Fitzpatrick – Tax information for Writers</li> </ul>	Sandy Fitzpatrick
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>Braggs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Swanson – 7<sup>th</sup> book published (Dragon's Assassin)</li> <li>• Sandy F – 2 nice rejections from Fantasy Magazine, will be at Bowness Holiday Market later this month and Ross Carrock Market</li> <li>• Lareina – 1) read at launch of Prairie Witch, 2) become an OnSpec Slush Pile reader 3) Pitched to 2 agents in person at Surrey International conference and both asked for manuscripts</li> <li>• Sandra Anthony – First novel called Finding was self-published. Took a copy to Owl's Nest, Pages, and Next Page. Working on the sequel.</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Gillett - Finished second novel of Melrose Duology and it is at beta readers – in the middle of writing Bakerville Coven novel</li> </ul>	
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robin Herrington Memorial Short Story Contest run by Brent Nichols. Vote – IFWA shall donate \$500 to the Robyn Herrington Memorial Short Story Contest being run in 2023 by Brent Nichols VOTE: Michael Gillett moves, Dave Worsick seconded, AYES 16 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1 – Motion carried. Treasurer will write cheque to Brent.</li> <li>IFWA Writing Retreat Report (Karl/Michael) – See the announcements below. <b>Deposit is due on November 15.</b></li> <li>Hybrid – discussion about how camera and microphone working. For now it seems workable and room is larger and quieter. SB will be open until 10:30 PM. If IFWA comes in on Thursdays, door to SB will remain open so people can come in and use washroom. May need to make adjustment in room that someone is managing controls (muting and unmuting). Suggestion: in physical location, have 2 different camera angles in room, but only one doing audio. Get better view. Cameras do not have to be good either. Will have to make new arrangements in room. Suggestion given for an OWL camera – camera rotates to someone speaking. SB - we have the room for as long as we want at \$10 per night. If we decide we're not a private organization, but a social organization, we can allow people to come in and sit down and participate. It is another option. They will advertise and cut costs for us (can't be zero). Suggestion: pick up gaff tape to secure cable to floor and not ruin the floor. Look into buying a camera. If less than \$200, do it – discretionary amount. Other option, does IFWA want to own their own PC. Nicole has some free laptops installed with Ubuntu (Linux). They are free and not bad. We will see if we can arrange something. Val can pick up on Nov 12 when she comes through Lethbridge.</li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Writing Retreat</b> - Dates: January 16-19, 2023 (4 nights) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: <a href="https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/">https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/</a> - <b>NOTE: Deposit is due on November 15, 2022.</b>All those interested would email Michael Gillett and then pay Karl Buchner directly (Karl will pay centre). 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. As of now, we have 10 confirmed with 4-5 possibles. June writer's retreat</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<p>had similar numbers. Contact Calvin or Michael and get names to Karl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2022

**Skills Session:** Susan Forest – Finding Beta Readers

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](mailto:glenezbrown@gmail.com)