

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, March 2, 2023, 7:00 PM
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES

Information Items: We are now in Hybrid meetings – Some members will attend at the Sentry Box and others can attend online.

New Members: Scott MacPherson

Attendance: 24 (11 at Sentry Box) (13 Online)

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for April, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Steve Swanson – Children’s Story (2500 words) – wants someone to read both versions or just final version Critiquers: Rachel Baird, Angela Zowtuk • Crit 2: Julian – spec fic 4600 words – Terminal Lucidity Critiquers – Michael Gillett, Jeannine 	Selene O’Rourke
	<p><u>Crits for May, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Don Dietrich – Sci Fi Story - Of Ships, Siblings, Friends, and Trust (3700 words) Critiquers: Randall, Devin • Crit 2: Scott MacPherson – short story – 5000 words called Good Bones – Julian, Calvin 	
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter Words and Their Affect on Mood & Voice 	Rachel
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"> • Lareina Abbott – finalist for writer’s guild of Alberta literary award for Priairie Witch story • Michael Gillett – write at Fish Creek Library – First book is in the library and second now on Amazon. • Randall – trip to Ecuador – trip report – spring edition in Gazette – went to Craig DiLouie’s book launch. 	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Michael

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8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2023 Writing Retreat: Writing Retreat - Dates: June 12 - 15, 2023 (4 days) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/ . All those interested please 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. Price to be announced later but is extremely reasonable 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. \$105 a day including meals. Currently have 6 people who have paid and 6 more who will pay. Max size is 15, so if you're interested, contact me ASAP. • Aurora Awards are open for nominations. A list of IFWA members who are eligible has been forwarded to the email list. Nominations close on April 22, 2023. Go here and nominate your favorites: https://www.csffa.ca 	Michael
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p>	

Next Meeting: May 4, 2023 (Star Wars Day)

Skills Session: Calvin Jim – Pantsing: The Undiscovered Country

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