

**IFWA MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 1, 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:** Michael Lee – is writing a fantasy post-apocalyptic story about 2 mages

**Attendance:** 25 (8 at Sentry Box) (14 Online)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
7:00 PM	<p><b><u>Crits for June, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Mark Murray – 2-page story – The Help (Science Fiction) Critiquers: Ed Wilson, Angela</li> <li>• Crit 2: Dave Worsick - Urban Fantasy - Critiquers: Chris Carolan, Scott MacPherson</li> </ul>	Selene O'Rourke
	<p><b><u>Crits for July, 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crit 1: Chris Carolan – Carnacki story (ghostly sci fi) 9000 words Critiquers: Val, Calvin</li> <li>• Crit 2: Nick – excerpt hard sci fi novel “Last Geologist” Critiquers: Steve Swanson, Devin Ravn</li> </ul>	
8:00 PM	<p><b><u>Skills Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celeste Peters – Limina Symposium: Unidentified Arial Phenomena</li> </ul>	Calvin
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>• Selene – submitted novel fragments for consideration for a contest</li> <li>• Sandy F. – received copies of anthologies she is in – New Spaces anthology, and Things Improbable, accepted in another anthology and got apologetic rejection</li> <li>• Kevin – Has play at Pumphouse theatre – one act being performed – parody of CW based on Romeo and Juliet</li> <li>• Don Dietrich – first public reading in Regina attended by a lot of people one of whom is Poet Laureate who later introduced me to someone else as a writer</li> </ul>	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz – One of my short stories is up for Aurora Award – been getting interesting messages from the witch community. Hayden is also in this anthology</li> </ul>	
8:40 PM	<p><b><u>Discuss / Decide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	Michael
8:55 PM	<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Summer 2023 Writing Retreat: The June 12 - 15, 2023</b> writers' retreat at the W.O, Mitchell Centre near Sundry (<a href="https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com">https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com</a>). is fully booked. Please consider attending the Jan 15 -18, 2024 retreat. It is three full days and the projected cost is somewhat over \$300 including meals and GST. Should you wish to attend, please email Michael Gillett.</li> <li><b>Writers in YOUR House - Special Pandemic Edition</b>– October 7-10, Location: Your Place, Time: June 2, 2023 @ 8:00 AM to June 5, 2022 @ 10:00 PM. Join other creatives this WIYH weekend for an online writing experience. Check in and out on this Facebook Event any time Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday. 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. The next best thing to being there! Link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1396195474567433/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1396195474567433/</a></li> <li><b>Prairie Soul Press Spring Fling:</b> Recharge your creativity this season! Join us as we celebrate local authors and indie publishing with the first annual Prairie Soul Press Spring Fling! Authors from different genres come together to read, mingle and share a love of the written word. Readings, prizes and inspiration galore! – <u>Where:</u> Owl's Nest – 815a 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW – <u>When:</u> Thursday, June 8, 7:00 PM Link: <a href="https://bookmanager.com/1675575/?q=h.calevent&amp;eid=26442">https://bookmanager.com/1675575/?q=h.calevent&amp;eid=26442</a></li> </ul>	Michael
	<p><b><u>Calls for Submissions</u></b></p>	

**Next Meeting:** July 6, 2023

**Skills Session:** TBA

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)