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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2010

January 15, 2010: Algonquin Hotel, New York City. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Head Light Joseph Coppola chaired the meeting and called on Pj Doyle for a report on our registration as a 501(c)(3) corporation. Pj stated that it should be completed in early 2010. We now have an EIN and will no longer have to pay sales tax on purchases. Pj has donated to the Society all of the costs associated with this process. Head Light Joseph Coppola thanked Pj for all her efforts and suggested she be appointed to the Board permanently as she will continue ownership of this process and do all necessary filings.

Percy Phelps (a.k.a. Susan Diamond) reported that she has kept the Yahoo mailing list up-to-date and will be glad to send invitations to any prospective members. Head Light Coppola requested that meeting minutes from previous years be added to the website. A report of the Society's annual meeting has appeared in the **Baker Street Journal** for the past two years.

Bursar Carol Cavalluzzi reported a balance of \$4,379.33, a decrease of \$628.19 from the previous year. Major expenditures were the purchase of pins, a grant which will be discussed in the Awards report, website fees, office supplies, and flyers for the birthday weekend. Donations were down, but obtaining 501(c)(3) status and subsequently being able to accept funds through PayPal on the website should rectify that situation. Pin sales over the weekend have been extremely strong.

Communications Task Group chair and Beacon webmaster Marilynne McKay provided a detailed report on the reinstatement and expansion of the Society's website, the press releases that have been prepared with the help of John Sherwood, the development of the Society's new pin, and the inclusion of a Beacon Society flyer in all of the weekend dinner packets. The entire group expressed its thanks to Marilynne for her exceptional efforts during the past year.

Retiring Programming Task Group chair Myrtle Robinson could not attend, but the new chair, Francine Kitts, was present. Myrtle's final report summarized various items that have been added to the website over the past year. All members are encouraged to visit BeaconSociety.com to see the new materials, as well as the site's very user-friendly format. Myrtle is committed to working with Francine to ensure a smooth transition for this task group. Francine announced that Carol Cavalluzzi, Elaine Coppola, and Susan Diamond have joined the Programming Task Group. Pj Doyle volunteered to join at the meeting and was accepted. Andy Solberg has resigned from the task group due to extensive other commitments. Francine has sent Flo Spector an e-mail asking her to remain on the task group, but has not yet heard back from Flo.

Andrew Solberg, chair of the Awards Task Group, announced that the first Jan Stauber grant of \$250.00 was given to Karen Paulsen, an English teacher from Wisconsin. Changes were discussed for the grant program in 2010 to extend it to Canada and the United Kingdom. Andy also announced that the 2010 Beacon Award was given to Myrtle Robinson in recognition of her work with schools in South Carolina.

The Head Light announced that the Society needs a Fundraising Chair and requested volunteers and/or recommendations for the position. Thanks go to Christopher Roden for arranging the donation of 5 Barnes and Noble editions of the Canon (Chris wrote the foreword). New Beacon Peggy Perdue reported on her activities with schools in Canada. Her program on working with elementary schools have already been added to the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Z Diamond, a.k.a. Percy Phelps (Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2009

January 9, 2009 at the Algonquin Hotel, New York City. Head Light Joseph Coppola opened the meeting with a brief report on the Society's progress since he assumed its leadership last January and plans for increasing the Society's visibility in the next year.

A major priority for next year is to incorporate the Society and achieve 501(c)(3) tax status. New member Pj Doyle will head the committee to address these issues, assisted by Carol Cavaluzzi. The committee will identify the best state for incorporation and begin the process to do so. The next step will be to attain IRS recognition of the Society's not-for-profit status.

Treasurer Richard Olken reported a balance of \$4,847.52, an increase of \$621.04 over the previous year. No expenditures were incurred. He also reported that PayPal had blocked the Society from collecting funds because we needed to demonstrate we were a legitimate tax-exempt organization. The incorporation project will resolve this issue.

Andrew Solberg, chair of the Awards Task Group, presented the forms and process that schools and other organizations may use to apply for grants from the Society. It was agreed to post the information on the Yahoo list and to encourage members to share the information with any interested parties. The deadline for the first grant proposals will be May 1, 2009.

Marilynne McKay, the Society's new webmaster, presented her proposal for reinstating the Society's website which had lapsed in 2008. The Board unanimously authorized her to select a web hosting site and to reestablish the website as quickly as possible. The annual cost for maintaining the site should be under \$140 a year. Member John Sherwood volunteered to provide editorial assistance on the website, as well as to write press releases and provide other communications support. Elaine Coppola will also provide editorial assistance on the website, and Myrtle Robinson will help recreate the previous program content, as well as developing additional content.

The Head Light announced that he is working on identifying a new head for the Communications Task Group and would announce the appointment to the membership as soon as it is finalized.

Program Committee Chair Myrtle Robinson was unable to attend. Her annual report focused on additions to the website she expects to implement once the site is operational.

Sue Vizoskie, Chair of the By-Laws Revision Committee, presented the process for revising the by-laws and the major changes in the proposed new by-laws. The Board voted to approve the revised By-Laws and to submit them to the membership for ratification. Because the changes are extensive, members will receive both the revised by-laws and a copy of the existing by-laws. [A copy of the revised March 2009 By-Laws appears on BeaconSociety.com]

Andrew Solberg announced that Dr. Tracy J. Revels received the 2009 Beacon Society Award for her college classes on the Canon. Her certificate will be sent to Myrtle Robinson for presentation to Dr. Revels.

Richard Olken announced that he is the Society's official contact with the Sherlockian Who's Who website and will liaison with Who's Who members for Beacon Society listing. He is also happy to add any Society members not currently listed on the site to it.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Z Diamond, a.k.a. Percy Phelps (Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2008

January 11, 2008, the Algonquin Hotel, New York City. Head Light Scott Monty chaired the meeting.

Richard Olken, Bursar, reported that the Society has a balance in the treasury of \$4,226.48, an increase of \$623.55 from the prior year. Donations and sales of bumper stickers were the primary sources of revenue. The only expenses for the year were website costs of slightly over \$125 and PayPal service fees.

Allan Devitt suggested that an appeal be made to scion societies for donations. Myrtle Robinson said it was critical that there be a plan for using the money. There was strong group agreement on both points. Special thanks go to The Curious Collectors of Baker Street, represented by Chrys Kegley, who donated \$300 to the society during the meeting.

Myrtle Robinson, Chair of the Program Task Group, reported the following items:

1. Information on conducting a Mystery Writing Contest has been placed on the website. This was a contribution by Nadine Naujoks, Events Coordinator of the Sherlock Holmes Festival in Tryon, NC.
2. A Humanities 101 College Syllabus by Dr. Tracy J. Revels, using Klinger's **New Annotated Sherlock Holmes** as the text has been placed on the website.
3. Guidelines for working with libraries has been promised by Andy Solberg.
4. Judith Howell, the 2007 Beacon Award co-winner, is working on a website presentation, drawing on her years of experience in working with 12th graders, using Sherlockian sources.
5. Regina Stinson has submitted a one-time activity account on working with 5-9 years olds which has been submitted for the website but has not yet appeared.
6. Karen Murdock contributed a body of work dealing with certain figures of speech. Myrtle is looking for assistance in developing teaching materials from this information.

Myrtle recommended that the website include an area for "small" contributions such as individual visits to schools which would let site visitors understand that there are many valuable efforts underway and that each of these contributions is a "beacon" to inspire others. She also recommended that the Board have more frequent discussions to improve communications and strengthen the society's role.

Allan Devitt introduced Janice Weiner, head of the Chicago scion The Scotland Yarders. Janice is a junior high school librarian who has been integrating the Canon into the classroom for several years. She described various programs that have been in place at her school. She was asked what support would be of value. While her school is fairly generous in funds, money for DVDs would be helpful as the current visual materials are VCR tapes.

Andy Solberg announced that Watson's Tin Box was the recipient of the 2008 Beacon Award for the scion's work in sponsoring an annual student essay writing contest.

Scott Monty stated that he was stepping down as Head Light and that the Board had unanimously ratified Joe Coppola as his replacement. Scott will now take over Burt Wolder's role as head of the Communications task group. Andy Solberg presented a wooden lighthouse plaque (which actually lights) made by Joe Coppola to Scott in recognition of his efforts over the past five years.

Joe spoke briefly to the group about his two primary goals for the society: 1) increasing the society's visibility in the scion world, thus stimulating more scion outreach activities as well as scion donations, and 2) getting new people (i.e., not just scion members and Sherlockians) involved in outreach activities and providing society funds through grants to encourage such activities.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Z Diamond, a.k.a. Percy Phelps

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2007

January 12, 2007, the Algonquin hotel, New York City. 22 members were in attendance.

Head Light Scott Monty announced the following:

1. The society has been licensed as a not-for-profit entity in Massachusetts and hopes to receive similar federal recognition soon.
2. The society web site is fully functional, and new materials are being added on a regular basis.
3. Details still need to be worked out concerning the Jan Stauber fund established by Al Gregory in memory of Jan, our first Beacon award winner. To date, \$50 has been donated to the fund. Al will match all donations and the fund will be used to provide grants to deserving teachers and schools.

Richard Olken, Bursar, reported that the Society has a balance in the treasury of \$3,602.93, an increase of \$486.10 from the prior year. Donations and sales of pins and bumper stickers were the sources of revenue. The only expenses for the year were website costs of slightly over \$100 and PayPal service fees. [Richard subsequently reported that the Society received an additional \$440 during the weekend from pin and sticker sales and a generous donation of \$250 from the Gaslight Gala (formerly the Baskerville Bash)].

Program chair Myrtle Robinson was unable to be in attendance so Scott read her report. Key points were:

1. Peter Burkhardt's study outline for 7th grade students has been linked to the Beacon website.
2. Several items are scheduled for placement on the website within the next year. These include a mystery writing contest, a college syllabus for Humanities 101, guidelines for working with 5th graders, and guidelines for working with libraries.
3. Additional projects are information on summer camp activities and a possible link to www.greathall.com which has pictures of literary characters including Sherlock Holmes.
4. Recommendations for the future are that the website be expanded to include a newsletter site for "small" contributions by individuals such as visits to schools and one-time events, inclusion of Myrtle's e-mail on the website so she can receive programming suggestions directly, a sign-in list at the annual meeting with e-mail addresses (implemented this year), and a round-table discussion of the Executive Committee/Board to address challenges the society faces.

Andy Solberg, chair of the Awards Committee, announced that for the first time in the Society's history there was a tie for the Beacon Award and the decision was to present awards to both winners. Peter Burkhardt was honored for his curriculum contributions mentioned above. Judith Howell received her award for her use of HOUN in her 12th grade honors classes. Approximately 75 students a year are introduced to HOUN through her imaginative assignments.

After the awards, the floor was open for general discussion. Two key issues surfaced. One was the feeling from a number of members that the Society should begin using the funds that have been raised to assist worthy teachers and organizations in promoting the use of the Canon in outreach activities. The Head Light pointed out that foundations typically disperse 5% of their funds each year which would be a relatively small amount. The counterpoint was that if people see funds being disbursed, they will be motivated to donate more. Certainly establishing the Stauber Fund on a firm footing would be one way to move toward this goal. The other repeated comment was that communications about the Society and its achievements need to be increased. Members are encouraged to share information about the Society with their local groups and to stimulate further involvement. Time limitations prohibited more in-depth discussion of either issue, but members are encouraged to share their views with the entire group through on-line communications.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Z Diamond, a.k.a. Percy Phelps, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2006

3 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2006 at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. Approximately 25 members attended.

Bursar Richard Olken reported that the Society had \$2,720.14 in the treasury at the beginning of 2005. Receipts during the year were \$535.41 and expenditures (for the web site) were \$138.99, leaving an ending balance of \$3,116.83.

Since Myrtle Robinson, Programming Task Group chair, was ill and unable to attend, Secretary Susan Diamond presented Myrtle's report to the group. During the past year, the committee conducted a survey on ways the Society could best promote educational activities on its website. The primary suggestions were providing source materials for teachers to download, developing program guides and lesson plans, organizing book drives and donating copies of the Canon to schools, and providing a directory to assist teachers in finding local scions.

Additions to the Beacon website included:

- A set of guidelines prepared by Chuck Kovacic on organizing and participating in book fairs, fundraising for books for school libraries, etc.
- A report on the essay writing contest for seventh grades sponsored by Watson's Tin Box. (The contest was conducted by Beacon member Andy Solberg and Cathy Shorreck of the Howard County school system with some funding provided by Barnes & Noble.)
- A study outline prepared by one of the eighth grade teachers who had been participating in the Hansom Wheels of South Carolina HOUN reading project.

The committee is also working on several other projects and needs additional members who are willing to participate **actively** in its various endeavors. If you are interested in becoming involved in this vital aspect of the Society's work, contact Myrtle at mtr@lindau.net

Burt Wolder, Communications Task Group Chair, reported that the website has been improved significantly but a process is needed to generate additional content and to ensure the website's updating. He suggests that material be added on (1) ways to use Holmes in the classroom less traditionally—creative writing, scientific applications, etc., and (2) ways to connect better with our members—possibly checklists that scions could follow to provide outreach in their communities.

Andy Solberg, Awards Task Group Chair, reported that there had been much discussion as to the best way to honor Jan Stauber, the first Beacon Award winner who recently died after a long and valiant battle with cancer. The Society has decided to establish a Jan Stauber Fund which would provide grants to schools and other organizations to establish outreach programs. Donations may be given to the Beacon Society with the specification that they should go to the Jan Stauber Fund.

The Third Annual Beacon Award was given to Lynn Beaulieu and Kim Bartolo, advanced curriculum teachers at the Fayetteville/Manlius school district in upstate New York. A few years ago Lynn and Kim introduced a Sherlock Holmes Mysteries unit in the fifth grade advanced reading class. In addition to reading a selection of the stories, the students explore deductive logic, forensic science, and the Victorian age. The unit has proven to be so popular with the students and such an effective multidisciplinary educational vehicle that it has become a permanent part of the curriculum. The Mycroft Holmes Society of Syracuse provides research material and visits the class each year. Joseph Coppola of the Mycroft Holmes Society accepted the award on behalf of Lynn and Kim.

Scott Monty reported that the latest fundraising activity is the 221B bumper stickers which have been advertised in the **BSJ**.

Members made the following suggestions:

Chuck Kovacic—recommended buying the Canon in bulk for schools to distribute; since Holmes is on the approved reading list at most schools, this simplifies matters and allows the school systems to give the books out where they are most needed.

Ted Friedman—will provide copies of his presentation to schools and encourages others to do the same.

Allan Devitt—consider venues other than schools such as park districts or libraries; also the importance of scion society donations.

Delia Vargas—described the programs she has established in schools in New York and Maryland.

Bob Coghill—described how active Peggy Perdue, the new head of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection in Toronto, has been in outreach.

Carol Cavaluzzi—donating books either to schools or to the society so they can be resold.

Marilyn MacGregor—World Wide Pro-Literacy organization—another possible venue for the Society to use as an outreach vehicle.

Head Light Scott Monty concluded the meeting by recognizing and thanking all of the committees and their chairs for their efforts, as well as Maribeau Briggs, the Society's founder and by pointing out that while much progress has been made, more needs to be done.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Z Diamond, a.k.a. Percy Phelps

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2005

January 8, 2005, the Algonquin Hotel, New York City.

Head Light Scott Monty chaired the meeting and announced that we are working towards 501(C)(3) status as an independent entity, thanks to the good offices of John Genova, which means that donations to the Beacons will become tax deductible this year. Betsy Rosenblatt is going to be our source on intellectual property issues that may arise around curricula development. If individuals would like to claim propriety ownership to certain modules, we might be well served to suggest a donation to benefit the Beacons.

Bursar Richard Olken reported that the treasury is sound with a balance of approximately \$2,700.

Congratulations go to Myrtle Robinson, Dr. Twyla Tuten, and the Hansom Wheels of South Carolina, the recipients of the 2005 Beacon Award for their annual HOUN project! The Award recognizes exemplary accomplishments in the area of Sherlockian outreach. Myrtle, Dr. Tuten, and the Hansom Wheels have been sponsoring this most innovative project since 2002 and have made extraordinary commitments of time and money to ensure that 8th grade students in their area become acquainted with the Canon. [More information on this project and the Beacon Award can be seen on BeaconSociety.com.]

The Programming task group, headed by Myrtle Robinson, developed a survey to find out what various scion societies are doing in terms of outreach and to help shape the Society's programs. To date, 18 Sherlockians have responded on-line. Early data indicates that 75% of respondents are interested in supporting the goals of the Beacons. The top two most-preferred program suggestions are providing source materials for teachers to download and developing program guides and lesson plans. Everyone is welcome to participate. Go to: <<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=68015785066>> to respond. No personal information will be captured or shared.

One project already underway is to develop a syllabus for incorporating the Canon into a college chemistry course. Needless to say, we feel this is a project that would be near and dear to the Master's heart.

Chuck Kovacic has agreed to prepare a set of guidelines on organizing and participating in book fairs, fund raising for books for school libraries, etc using questions from the Programming task group to establish his framework. The Programming task group will be working to develop the questions.

Myrtle also has the promise of a study outline from an 8th grade teacher who has been participating in the Hansom Wheels HOUN project for the past three years. She anticipates it will be web site ready in spring 2005.

The Programming Committee is also considering the following activities: (a) guidelines for Sherlockians who would like to be involved with schools in a limited way such as one-time visits, (b) guidelines for elementary school children involvement, (c) a directory of scions with individuals whom teachers could contact for help, and (d) a sharing program in which products of school projects could be shared with Sherlockians and educators.

Burt Wolder, Chair of the Communications Task Group, has just established the Beacon web site (<www.beaconsociety.com>) and also has an outline for a newsletter. He needs content for both. Thanks also go to Burt for underwriting the first year of web site costs.

Andy Solberg reported on the success of the recently launched essay contest sponsored by Watson's Tin Box with funds provided by Barnes & Noble. We hope to have his framework up on the web site and are working to obtain approval of those involved.

As you can see, much has been accomplished in the past year. Thanks go to all of the individuals who've been helping but especially our three committee chairs: Andy, Burt, and Myrtle.

Percy Phelps, Secretary a.k.a. Susan Diamond <susanzdiamond@yahoo.com>

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2004

Dear fellow Beacons,

I hope this email finds you well and recovered from various activities of the last month. Please take the time to print out or read this email in its entirety. I would like to thank you for your support of the Beacon Society and our mission: *Supporting educational experiences that introduce young people to the Canon and recognizing exemplary efforts to do so.*

This year, the Beacon Society made its first public appearance with a great show of support from all around. In 2003, we managed to create our By-Laws, thanks to the diligent efforts of Andy Solberg and his committee; we had our first round of nominations which resulted in our first Beacon Award; and we embarked on our first fundraising drive. I am extremely proud to be associated with people who have gotten so much done in such short order.

We are a virtual society, with members all over the globe. We are organized under the leadership of a Headlight (Scott Monty), Bursar (Richard Olken), and Percy Phelps [Secretary] (Susan Diamond) with Awards, Programming, Communications, and Fundraising task groups. If you would like to read our By-Laws, you can email our Percy Phelps (szdiamond@yahoo.com) for a copy or join our Yahoo Group and look under "Files." [See PDF on BeaconSociety.com]

The **Awards Task Group** is being organized under the leadership of Andy Solberg (asolberg@earthlink.net). Thus far, we have the following members on the committee: Joe & Elaine Coppola, Carol Cavalluzzi, Betsy Rosenblatt, John Genova, Sue & Ben Vizoskie. Please contact Andy if you would like to participate.

This year, the Awards task group selected Jan Stauber as the first recipient of the Beacon Award. She was the unanimous choice of the Awards task group. For 10 years, she has been going to 7th and 8th grade classrooms to introduce and educate the students on Sherlock Holmes. In the words of one of her nominators, "I was particularly impressed by Jan's initiative in doing this project completely on her own with no group support - only a sincere desire to spread the Sherlockian word. She is an inspiration to any of us to might wish to start something on our own." For her efforts, Jan receives a year's subscription to the Baker Street Journal, which I understand she is donating to her local library. Kudos! For more information on Jan's exemplary work, please see: [BeaconSociety.com]

Nominations for the next Beacon Award are welcome at any time; be on the lookout for other great Sherlockians, talk to your local scion societies about it. There's always room for more great educators!

The **Fundraising Task Group** is under my leadership. My loyal and trustworthy team consists of: Richard Olken, Laurie Manifold, Maribeau Briggs, and Chrys & Jerry Kegley. We had a handful of creative fundraising projects arise during the last few months. Your Headlight and Bursar secured a lighthouse lapel pin that was based on the wonderful artwork by Laurie Manifold. Laurie's version of the Eddystone Lighthouse, specially commissioned by the Beacon Society, now graces our official correspondence—a special thank you to Laurie for donating her time and talent to this project. Pins are given as thank-you gifts to our donors. There is no set level of gift required for a pin; "let your conscience be your guide," for gifts to the Society.

We received our first major gift over the summer, c/o STUD and the Watsonians in Illinois. Susan Diamond and Allan Devitt run a wonderful weekend every spring, and they managed to have an auction that raised \$400 for the Beacon Society. We thank Susan and Allan for their enthusiastic support.

Maribeau Briggs thinned out her Sherlockian collection at the Vendors' Room at the Algonquin Hotel during the Birthday Weekend and managed to raise nearly \$500.

Chuck Kovacic donated the "artist's proof" of a truly inspiring portrait of Holmes, Watson, and Moriarty set against the backdrop of the London skyline. We held a silent auction and raised another \$150 for the group.

The Bursar gave his report at the meeting, noting that we have more than \$1,000 in our account now. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Next year, the Beacon Society will have its own table at the Vendors' Room; we encourage you to save up extra copies of any items you might have, or to set aside some of your collection that might help us raise money. In-kind gifts are always welcome. Larger gifts may be tax deductible; we are working with the BSI to make this a reality. In the meantime, checks may be sent to: W. Scott Monty, Headlight, 1836 Columbia Road, South Boston, MA 02127.

So now comes the work. The Programming and Communications task groups need to make things happen. This is crucial, because we need to explain what our priorities are, what we're spending our money on, and why we exist.

The Programming Task Group is responsible for how we support those looking to teach children about Holmes. We'll create curricula for different age groups, gather suggestions for working with local school principals, teachers and school boards, and anything else that experienced Sherlockian educators can think of. Myrtle Robinson (MTR@lindau.net) is ably chairing this group and is joined by Jan Stauber and Mark Favermann. Any other member with expertise in this area is urged to contact Myrtle.

The Communications Task Group needs to let the world know about the Beacon Society. This year, we had items in the dinner packets at the BSI and the Woman dinners, as well as the Baskerville Bash. We need to think about a web site—press kits, classroom curricula, and nominations forms (among other things) can be made available on PDF files on our site. And most especially, we need to use our local scion societies to spread the word. When we think about it, this group really supports local outreach. The introduction of the Canon to the next generation happens on a very personal level. Please—tell your local group about us. If you need materials to share at a meeting, let us know.

Burt Wolder (bwolder@att.net) is a retired PR executive who has graciously volunteered to head the Communications group. He has with him Al Gregory and Marilynne McKay. Please contact Burt to help with this considerable effort.

Thank you again for your interest in the Beacon Society and your support of our important mission. As you know, we need to keep ourselves green as well as the Master's memory. I recognize that we all have some singular talent—a talent that can be shared with others. Individually we are gifted; together we are truly formidable. Won't you consider putting your talent to work for the Beacon Society? It won't take much of your time - perhaps 30 minutes every other week. That's not too much to ask to bring along the next generation of Sherlockians, is it?

Warm Canonical regards,

W. Scott Monty

MINUTES OF THE FOUNDING MEETING 2003

At 6:15 pm Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Algonquin Hotel, New York City, 27 people gathered to discuss a new group called The Beacon Society.

The following were in attendance, in no particular order: Elyse Locurto, Maribeau Briggs, Betsy Rosenblatt, Don & Joyce Hobbs, Mia Stampe, Jeff Bradway, Robert Douty, Christopher & Barbara Roden, Susan Diamond, Allan Devitt, Laurie Fraser Manifold, Ed Christenson, George Vanderburgh, Andy Solberg, Catalina Hannan, Scott Monty, Richard Olken, Ben & Sue Vizoskie, Regina Stinson, Brad Keefauver, Kathy Carter, Marilynne McKay, Michael Meer, Roland Nicolas, and Michael Kean.

Scott Monty called the meeting to order and introduced the aim of the group, the brainchild of Maribeau Briggs. Essentially, the idea is to found a society that will recognize the efforts of people around the world (Sherlockian and non-Sherlockian alike) in promoting Sherlock Holmes to young people. As the discussion moved along, it became clear that the group has an opportunity to develop a community outreach program that may educate interested parties in the art of presenting the concept of Sherlock Holmes and/or the Game to young audiences.

After an energetic exchange of many excellent ideas, it became quickly clear that the group requires some structure as to what it will represent and how it will go about its business. Three committees were formed to address these needs:

Mission Statement: will define what we aim to be;

Communications: will develop "tool boxes" or "press kits" to assist in publicity, presentations, and communications;

Metrics & Money: will define how we measure success, how we raise money, and how we report back to our donors.

The Committees are comprised thusly:

Mission Statement: Andy Solberg, Don & Joyce Hobbs, Catalina Hannan, Sue & Ben Vizoskie, Betsy Rosenblatt, Michael Meer, and Richard Olken.

Communications: Mia Stampe, Susan Diamond, Jeff Bradway, Elyse Locurto, Chris & Barbara Roden, Brad Keefauver, Kathy Carter, and Roland Nicolas.

Metrics & Money: Allan Devitt, George Vanderburgh, Ed Christenson, Betsy Rosenblatt, Richard Olken.

The group agreed to get started on defining these three areas, and then the possibility of incorporating as a nonprofit organization would be handled. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Monty, BSI