



THE BEACON SOCIETY

*Supporting and recognizing exemplary educational experiences
that introduce young people to the Sherlock Holmes stories*



*A Scion Society of the
Baker Street Irregulars*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL 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