

Atlanta Radio Theatre Company (ARTC)  
Officers' Meeting (Unofficial) 25 June 2016

## MINUTES

Attending: Bill Ritch, David Benedict, Hal Wiedeman, Ron Butler, Anthony Fuller, Oreta Campbell, Nancy Strickland, Dave Schroeder

*Since only two members of the Executive Committee were in attendance, we did not have a quorum. Therefore, the meeting was declared unofficial and various reports were presented for informational purposes only.*

1. The meeting began at approximately 2:30pm.
2. It was noted that the Secretary's Report with the minutes from the May meeting was on the ARTC web site.
3. The treasurer provided a report *in absentia*. The President noted that we need to focus on ways to increase our revenue.
4. Vice President's Report: David Benedict

### **Web Site Update**

- Free hosting may not be an option due to lack of capabilities
- Bluehost has been disorganized and non-responsive
- Dreamhost is another option being considered
  - Possible virtual private server
  - Possible use of DreamPress environment for WordPress hosting plus a second domain and environment to host our wikis
  - Bill Ritch will investigate possible ARTC member(s) to take on responsibility for our web site(s) in the future
  - David Benedict will continue researching hosting options

### **Hear Now Festival**

- David Benedict picked up our Silver Mark Time award for *War of the Worlds*
- The Gold Mark Time award and the Producer of the Year award went to Jonathan Mitchell of *TheTruthPodcast.com*.

- Attendance was in the dozens and much of the programming focused on single narrator works, like audiobooks. Works varied widely in quality.
- New Comedy Award, the Bozo Knows, established for 2017
- David plans for us to enter every category in 2017

### **Live Productions**

- LibertyCon, July 8-10, Performing *All Hallow's Moon* and *Rory Rammer and the Mystery of the Mummified Martian*
  - *Sherlock Holmes and the Crime of the Century* (2-disk set) and *War of the Worlds*, the Untold Story, are new and will be available for sale at LibertyCon
- Dragon Con, September 2-5, Five Separate Performances
  - *Treasure Island* should be available for sale at Dragon Con
  - Friday: *The Goblin and the Golden Rose*, with special guest, Harry Strange Radio Drama
  - Saturday: Comics Track, *Kevin & Kell: The Great Bird Conspiracy*, plus a piece celebrating the 75th anniversary of Wonder Woman and Captain America
  - Saturday: Paranormal Track, *Haunter Hunters*
  - Sunday: *All Hallows' Moon*
  - Monday: Tolkien Track, *The Smith of Wooten Major* reading
- Potential October fund-raising performance planned to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett is on hold due to the loss of our sponsor
- Conjunction, November 4-6, Fan Sales Table Only
- December, *An Atlanta Christmas*, location TBD
- AnachroCon, February 24-25 TBD
- Sci-Fi/Fantasy Expo will be in March at North Dekalb Mall, TBD
- It was also noted that we plan to do *Brides of Dracula* in 2017, which is a major production requiring a long lead time

### **Studio Productions**

- *War of the Worlds, the Untold Story*, is completed

- *Treasure Island* is almost finished
- *Dash Cardigan, Episode 1* is completed
- *The Proper Thing to Do* is in progress
- *The House Across the Way* needs a lot more vocal track recording than previously expected
- *The Brotherhood of Damn Sassy Mutants* is in progress, but moving slowly
- Contracts are signed for participants in *Lone Star Planet*
- *Nairobi Jack* is at a standstill due to the sound editor's health
- *Rory Rammer, Volume-2*, is next in the production queue
- Daniel Kiernan and Brad Strickland will be co-directing Lovecraft's *The Thing on the Doorstep*
- Bill Ritch and Ron Butler will be investigating other Lovecraft or Lovecraft-universe material to turn into new scripts
- Tony Sarreccia continues to work on an adaptation of *The Probability Broach*
- Daniel Taylor continues to work on an adaptation of Pournelle piece

5. Production Report: Anthony Fuller

Tony notes that he has found a much less expensive vendor for our CD production. He plans to place our order on Monday, June 27, 2016.

6. Sales and Marketing Roles: Bill Ritch

Bill noted the spheres of responsibility for Sales and Marketing, with Marketing having responsibility for all our printed and web materials and Sales having responsibility for selling our physical products. Bill indicated that he would decide matters where those responsibilities overlap.

7. Copyright Investigation for H. Beam Piper's works

Ron Butler will investigate the copyright status of Piper's estate and engage Georgia Lawyers for the Arts to assist in confirming that status.

8. The next meeting will follow the Board meeting at 15:30 on July 16th at the Studio

The meeting ended at approximately 15:50.