July 2020 NASFA Minutes
by Steve Sloan

The July meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, July 18, 2020 on Zoom at 6:07:09 PM by President Mary Lampert, the gavel, and the crickets.

OLD BUSINESS

Nada.

NEW BUSINESS

We received emails from the Fandom Directory, saying that the entries for NASFA and Con†Stellation have been removed. Sam confirmed that we are not in their database anymore. We'll need to add a new entry to be in there in the future.

Doug noted that "bacon is the new roast beef."

Judy talked about future programs. Sean will give a presentation in August, then we will probably hold the auction in September. We will have Not-a-Con in October, November is to be determined, and we will have the traditional Christmas party in December.

NOT-A-CON BUSINESS

Mary had nothing to report.

Mike K. noted that in case the virus is still a problem by Not-a-Con in October, Zoom has breakout rooms (for a card game, for example) where no one else can hear them. Mike doesn't know how to do everything we would want with Zoom. He can send individuals to a breakout room at the beginning of an event, but he can't add or remove individuals from the breakout room later. He could create a program room, but the attendees would have to tell him they want to attend ahead of time, and they would not be able to just come and go.

We haven't done anything about the possible DeepSouthCon 60 bid yet. This year's DSC is going virtual. We may have to bid at the virtual meeting. We may have to make a virtual bid and host a virtual room party.

Judy is supposed to find a hotel. We would need a commitment from the hotel before we could bid for DSC 60. We have until November to decide. We will need a membership in this year's DSC to bid.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:27:35 PM.

For the July program, Jon Schafle spoke about his job as the manager of the Comics & Graphic Novels collection at Huntsville Madison County Public Library, how the public can access that collection, and how the library has handled the virus.