

MINUTES OF THE MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE

August 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members of the Mark Protection Committee (“MPC”) present at the meeting in Helsinki, Finland, on August 9, 2017, were John Coxon, Joni Dashoff, Linda Deneroff, Donald E. Eastlake III, Mike Willmoth, Michael Lee, Kevin Standlee, and Ben Yalow. Bruce Albrecht, Kendall Bullen and Rohan Wallace also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

There was no new business. We have not done anything yet about a new mark with a rocketship logo, but it does not resemble ours. We will bring it up for further discussion after this weekend’s election.

Nominations for new members of the MPC will be held on Thursday; the election will take place on Friday.

At no less than 15 minutes after the *sine die* adjournment of the Business Meeting on Sunday, we will hold the first meeting of the newly elected MPC. If we are not quorate at that time, we will not be able to elect new officers. In that case, the existing officers will remain in office temporarily and were encouraged to find a way in which to hold a meeting via voice.

Kevin apologized to the committee for not moving more swiftly on some of the items we were going to work on this past year. Ben will take on the creation of a long-term budget and is charged with presenting a preliminary budget at Smofcon 2017. Linda will remind him of this deadline at Orycon.

We have completed registering marks in the U.S. and E.U.; Canada and Australia remain on our priority list. We might want Australia to jump the queue because of the way mark registration operates between it and the U.S. Since Stephen Boucher will be arriving at Worldcon 75 on Thursday, Kevin will speak with him regarding any marks that were previously registered in Australia.¹

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

¹ Note: Kevin said later he forgot to do this and apologizes.