1. Minutes of Meeting
2. The Heinlein Society, Annual Society Meeting, conducted via FreeConferenceCall
3. Sunday, September 8, 2019, 3:00 p.m. CDT
4. Pursuant to the Board meeting of March 16, 2020 and follow-up Courtesy Notice, the
   ANNUAL MEETING of the Heinlein Society was held on Sunday, September 8, 2019.
5. Directors Roll (present in BOLD):
   Geo Rule (President)
   Herb Gilliland (Vice President and Secretary)
   John Tilden (Treasurer)
   Joe Haldeman
   John Seltzer
   Michael Sheffield
   Betsey Wilcox
   Ken Walters
   Walt Boyes
7. Committee Chairs Roll (present in BOLD)
   Academic (Marie Guthrie)
   Archives (Deb Rule)
   Blood Drives (Carlin Black)
   Board of Advisors Liaison (Walt Boyes)
   Heinlein for Heroes (John Seltzer)
   Heinlein Award Liaison (Herb Gilliland)
   Education (Geo Rule)
   Membership Services (Ken Walters)
   Newsletter (Walt Boyes)
   Online Electoral Processes (Betsey Wilcox/Will Hamilton)
   Scholarship (Michael Sheffield)
   Webmaster (Rob Hays)
8. ALL ATTENDING:
   Ainsworth, Darlene
   Arnold Tyrus G.
   Black, Carlin J.
   Booker, Michael J.
   Boyes, Walt
   Davis, Joel S.
   Finneran, Edward
   Guthrie, Marie
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35. **Proceedings:** [Note: Powerpoint slides used]
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37. With seven directors present, President Rule called
38. the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. CT, noting that we are on
39. Timeline 3 (Neil Armstrong). He then requested a moment of
40. silence in remembrance of two charter members who had
41. passed away in the past year: Neil Schulman and Brad
42. Linaweaver.
43. President Rule then showed the photo slides of the committee
44. Chairs and the Board of Directors. Noting the others would
45. introduce themselves as their respective slides were shown, he
46. asked Director Beatrice Kondo to briefly introduce herself,
47. which she did, mentioning her father as a friend of both
48. Heinleins.
49. Next President Rule gave the official Notice of Meeting, and at
50. his invitation, Director John Tilden held a rollcall of attendees,
51. the results of which were certified as correct.
52. The **2018 Minutes** were accepted by unanimous vote.
53. With the next slide, Treasurer John Tilden introduced himself as
54. a longtime fan and charter member of the Society, and
55. presented the **Treasurer’s Report.** He explained the policy of
56. amortizing the Life Membership income over a period of years.
57. He then pointed out that 80% of THS’ expenditures were on the
58. “big three”—scholarships, H4H, and Blood Drives. He noted
59. that several key members donated
60. various operating expenses that for that reason do not show up
in the records, and said that in general the Society was a very efficient charity. He said he expects to upgrade our accounting technology, and perhaps in the future pay for some professional services. At a query from Director Wilcox, President Rule and Treasurer Tilden briefly discussed efforts to pursue external grants for specific programs or for general operating support. President Rule then emphasized that the Society is “stronger than it’s ever been.” Treasurer Tilden concurred, while crediting Membership Chair Walters for building membership. Responding to a query, Chair Walters said lifetime members were 8% of the total membership.

Vice President-Secretary Gilliland being absent, President Rule briefly gave his background as a retired Naval Academy English Professor whose books on the slave trade were “very fascinating if you have an interest in that sort of thing.”

President Rule then introduced himself, noting he and his wife Deb Houdek Rule had met during online discussion of Heinlein. Surveying his year as president, he celebrated the success of Membership Chair Walters, helped by the Virginia Edition raffle, in notably increasing membership. He noted that the scholarship amounts had increased by 1/3. He pointed out the new Society non-discrimination policy. He mentioned the “very cool” Bradbury/Heinlein/Wilde event at the Dublin WorldCon. He noted the important work of Deb Houdek Rule and Eric Gignac on our website. He noted the re-launching of The Heinlein Journal under Marie Guthrie’s editorship. Then he explained the unfortunate fact that the newly heavier requirements of his employment made it impossible for him to continue as president, though he fully intended to remain actively in the Society.

The Heinlein Journal slide being shown, Editor Marie Guthrie explained that although Bill Patterson had used issue numbers but not volume numbers, it was decided to call the issues edited by him Volume 1, with Volume 2 commencing with the present issue. She described pricing policy, with this issue being free.

With the slide for Operations, Deb Houdek Rule introduced herself and the new THS web site. She is now an experienced web designer, has worked for The Heinlein Prize Trust for
years, and plans to arrange joint work with HPT and THS.

Blood Drives: Chair Black introduced himself as having been recruited for the work by Mike Sheffield, and after summarizing the statistics and noting how immensely DragonCon contributes, emphasized the need for more volunteer coordinators at the various cons.

Education: Chair Geo Rule described the resources and functions shown on the slide, and said that he planned to continue as chair even after stepping down as Society president.

Ensign’s Prize: Chair Wilcox described how Ginny Heinlein had obtained these pirated copies by suing the publisher and then donating them to THS. She summarized the success to date of selling them.

Heinlein for Heroes (H4H): Chair Seltzer described his inventory and process, noting that he had shipped 4,484 books this fiscal year. He summarized receipt of donated books by Kathy and Leon Sands, several publishers, and individuals (some of whom purchase RAH books online and have them sent to him). In response to a query from Director Wilcox, he explained that we ship only to US forces, though members of collocated allied forces could benefit collaterally. President Rule interjected to urge anyone downsizing to consider donating their newly surplus books.

Membership Services: Chair Walters noted the current 438 members was the highest number in Society history.

Newsletter: Chair Boyes said it would come out every other month.

Scholarships: Chair Mike Sheffield explained that the three scholarships given had this year been increased to $2,000 each. He displayed slides of the congratulatory letters and certificates sent to the top ten applicants. President Rule remarked that the scholarship program itself had been Mike’s idea, and he had funded it partly with his own money.

Website: Chair Deb Houdek Rule reiterated her expectation to have the remodeled site “going pretty soon.”

Online Electoral Process: Chair Wilcox and Will Hamilton announced the results of the election, plus thanks and a
special invite to Joel Davis and Steve Wilson to attend the
next Board meeting and continue their active interest in the
Society.

JUST FOR FUN: President Rule offered a slide celebrating
two special items: first, the fact that the Society’s first Life
Member, author Greg Benford, had been awarded the 2019
Heinlein Award (given by a committee that is fully
independent of THS); and second, the arrival of the
extremely cute Mother Thing Plushie, based upon Eric
Gignac’s depiction of the Heinlein character.

GOOD OF SOCIETY: Outgoing President Rule expressed
the goals for increasing membership, fundraising, and
recruiting volunteers. He mentioned developing the
Forrestal Lecture as a possible membership bonus, assuming
HPT agrees re the copyright. Treasurer Tilden
expressed the Thanks of the Society for the work
done by Geo and by Deb Rule:

“THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE.”

Director Boyes made it a formal motion, which was passed
unanimously.

QUESTION AND ANSWER: Sharon Sheffield asked
about the possibility of approaching bookstores to get their
remainders, either free or very cheaply. Director Boyes said
this would be very difficult because of “the fiction that
remainders are destroyed books,” but reminded that Baen
and other publishers were already sending overstock directly
to H4H.

Director Wilcox then suggested making an “I support H4H”
poster for cooperating bookstores to display. Deb Rule
said her experience suggested bookstores would have little to
no desire for such a thing, but said, “If you can get enough
interest, I can make posters.” Treasurer Tilden recognized
member Jim Morgan, who had just joined.

Member Joel Davis from Albuquerque
said he liked the idea of people just shipping donated books
to H4H. Geo Rule noted that some (e.g. he and Deb) donate
cash; some buy on Ebay and have the books shipped directly
to H4H in Bellingham, WA. Asking for the address,
Member Davis was told it is in the newsletter.

Prize Drawing: Treasurer Tilden conducted the drawing,
using a random number generator program paired with the numbered membership roster. The results:

Winner of a copy of Alec Nevala-Lee’s book, *Astounding*

was Victor Koman.

Winner of a Mother Thing Plushie: Jack Kelly

Winner of a complete Virginia Edition: Walter Luffman

Adjournment: By unanimous vote, we adjourned at 4:35 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ C. Herbert Gilliland
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