

**Dashiell Hammett Society of Studs (DHSOS)  
San Francisco International Headquarters**

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Guests

Special Guest	Nancy Noakes
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Minutes of Meeting

Palmer's Tavern

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

**Back in the Fillmore District**



It was the Communication Czar's turn to serve as Procurer of Venues, and he invited the DHSOS to join him and his special guest at Palmer's Tavern in San Francisco's Fillmore District. This is a DHSOS type of place featuring a full bar, manly food, and dead animals on the walls. We felt at home.

Klaus and Albert Rainer opened Palmer's Tavern in 2013 in the space that once housed Fillmore Grill. There are vintage photos on the wall below the dead animals, which include a deer head and swordfish. Lamps are made of fishnet-and-heel-clad mannequin legs topped by fringed shades.

Red leather booths line the perimeter of the dining area, and a narrow row of tables and banquets on the level a few steps above help break up the long storefront space.

The DHSOS enjoyed a cocktail at the bar and then were escorted to "the 99 room" and seated at the best table in the place. It wasn't exactly a round table, but sort of an oblong, "roundish" table.

**Special Guest**

Nancy Noakes was our special guest, and it was a pleasure to have her join us. She added a sense of decorum and grace to this otherwise "rough" group. She assured the group that a thank you note would follow.

**Call to Order**



The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by DUH PREZ. Typically, the first point of business is to welcome Da Burd, but Da Burd wasn't there to be welcomed.

"It's in maintenance," DUH PREZ declared, which appeared to be fake news. One officer was heard mumbling something like "He only has one thing to remember ..."

### Lasting Impressions of the World Series



The 2018 Baseball World Series had just ended, and the AgendaMeister asked for our most memorable impressions from it.

He led off by recalling that a bouncing beach ball made an appearance in the stands in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning of the first game in Los Angeles, which he thought symbolized the lack of seriousness by which some L.A. fans took the series.

DUH PREZ indicated that Dodger's pitcher Rich Hill (who was pitching a fabulous game at the time) should not have been removed from the game, as his replacements cost the Dodgers a loss in a crucial game.

Nancy thought the Red Sox manager appeared to be calmer, more assured, and even seemed to be enjoying the series more than his opponent.

The Archivist of Knowledge was impressed by the length of Game 3 (seven hours and 20 minutes).

The Communication Czar had two thoughts: (1) the Dodgers offense didn't bother to show up for the series, and (2) he missed the commentary of legendary sports announcer Vin Scully.

### Presidential Cleanout



"The colonoscopy isn't your eternal punishment...the prep is."

DUH PREZ was shoveling in bread, butter, and everything else put in front of him. Asked about his appetite, he indicated that he had just finished a "cleansing" the night before in preparation for a colonoscopy. The rest of the group raised their glasses in a toast to his ordeal and his resolve, and we watched him eat in awe.

### Drakesbad Update

Typically, the DHSOS makes reservations for Drakesbad (for two years out) on Halloween night, an effort coordinated by the Communication Czar. However, he reported that this year the new Drakesbad concessionaires are not yet ready to accept reservations. "They won't know anything at least until January," he reported, leaving his fellow officers shaking their heads. And there's no word for sure that Ed and Billie will be staying on, he added, nor Nick and Zuzana. As it has been reported here in the past, the DHSOS does not like changes, and these updates were not well-received.

### Miss K Moving on Up

Miss Katharine, daughter of the Czar and Nancy, and a DHSOS favorite, has secured a living place on California Street and will be moving soon. The DHSOS toasted her new digs and her well-being. There were no offers to help her move.

## Matabanic



DUH PREZ gave a lengthy and upbeat report on a recent gathering at Matabanic in Michigan, where relatives and friends (including the Archivist of Knowledge, Communication Czar and their spouses) celebrated time in a very special place with friends, relatives of DUH PREZ, scattering of ashes of Ruth and Lee, and several wonderful meals. During that stay, all seasons were experienced, including bright sunny days, rain, fall leaves, and even snow. Special credit was given to Christina, who coordinated the food and drink, and to Misty, who designed the wonderful table decorations.

## Travel Reports

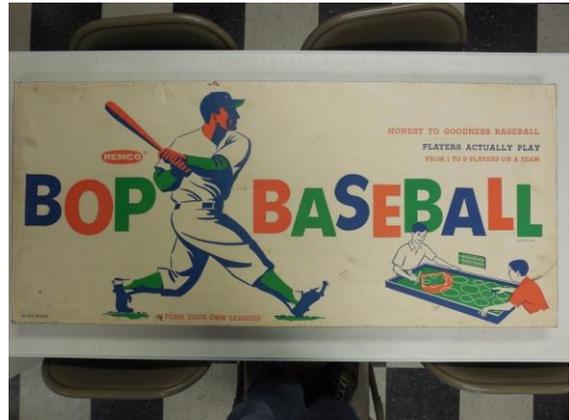
The Archivist of Knowledge was about to leave on a trip to Argentina and Uruguay, and a discussion of recent and planned travel ensued. The Czar and Nancy updated the group on their recent trip to Portugal, and The AgendaMeister and Vicki are planning a “romantic” trip next year to Italy for their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. And DUH PREZ reported that he will take a river trip with friends from Prague to Budapest in May/June of 2019.

## Sailing on the Ruby



DUH PREZ updated the group on the recent sailing on the Ruby, which he coordinated. It turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day on the Bay, with spectacular views and just enough excitement.

## Kids Sports Board Games



The AgendaMeister started a discussion of sports board games that we played as kids, which perked up the otherwise fading group. The Czar reported playing “BOP Baseball,” a board game that was sort of like a pinball machine, in which players attempt to bat a ball into scoring locations on a long flat wooden board.

The Archivist of Knowledge recalled playing a football game that consisted of a tabletop metal board that vibrated when plugged in. The vibrations “moved” the

players on the painted playing field, occasionally scoring touchdowns.

DUH PREZ recalled a hockey game similar to the one the Archivist described, and said he and his cousin played it for hours.

The AgendaMeister recalled playing a baseball game called Strat-o-Matic, in which athletes are represented by a player card, on which are printed various ratings and result tables for dice rolls. Players then made strategic and personnel decisions for his team by cross-referencing dice rolls with a system of printed charts and tables.

### **Christmas Gifts**

It seems that not much had been done so far toward devising and shopping for Christmas gifts. There were reports of some “strategizing” and “thinking” that had gone into the efforts, but not much “buying.”

### **Lee Stories**

The group was asked to recall some of their favorite “Lee Stories.” Nancy and DUH PREZ recalled Lee’s “socks” incident, which he demonstrated at least twice, and The Archivist reported that Lee voted “thumbs-up” or “thumbs-down” on admitting him into the “gang of friends.” And the Communications Czar re-told Lee’s famous “titty bar” comment, made in young Katharine’s presence on Lake Shasta.

### **Geoff’s Mom**

The Czar reported that his mother recently passed away and that he and Nancy would be journeying to Southern California for a memorial service. The group offered their condolences and raised their glasses in a toast to the memory of his mother.

### **The Demise of Lefty O’Doul’s**

Lefty’s then ...



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### **Adjournment**

It had been an excellent evening with an appropriate mix of a special guest, strong drink, manly food, stimulating conversation, and noble friends.

We exhausted our agenda and ourselves, paid our check, assembled on the sidewalk outside Palmer’s, exchanged hugs with Nancy, gave hearty fist bumps to our fellow officers, and walked off into the foggy San Francisco night.

That’s it for now, man.

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