

**General Meeting of Altonimbus Entertainment Membership**  
**Sunday, August 22, 2010**  
**Hilton Executive Tower, Salon Ballroom**  
**Salem, Oregon**

Meeting called to order at 1:20 PM by the President, Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 75 members were present out of 208.

**Minutes**

Minutes of previous meetings were approved as corrected.

**Reports**

The President, Beau Gentry, reported recipients of the Staff Recruitment Specialist Award. Bag stuffing will be happen at Jo Ayers's house (address available to staff only), followed by a barbecue. Please RSVP, and parking is limited. Load-in occurs Thursday before con; please RSVP in the forums. Elections are tentatively planned for end of September; the exact date will be announced as soon as possible.

The Vice President, Rob Trotter, reported his departments are going well. Volunteers are needed for Maid Squad; aprons will be provided.

The Treasurer, Barb Hunt, had no report.

The Secretary, Jo Ayers, reminded everyone that (except for Programming) badges and T-shirts will be handed out in the Member Services Office, which will be located with the Operations Office at con, and also include cosplay repair, first aid kit, and backup information. Persons interested in working the con who missed the deadline are welcome as volunteers.

Director of Operations, Brandon De Vore, reported that staff badge custom images are due tonight by midnight (this is an extended deadline). Total pre-registration is 2830. Registered Yojimbo will receive an email soliciting shift preferences. However, preferences are not guaranteed. Please send con-suite requests to [operations@kumoricon.org](mailto:operations@kumoricon.org) (also not guaranteed).

Director of Relations, Dawn Hewitt, announced Guests of Honor Sonny Strait, Maes Hughes, and that other guy from Dragonball/Elfquest. Todd Haberkorn will host a screening of *Hetalia*. Charity Auction donations are being accepted; our partner charity is Sunshine Division Food Bank.

Director of Programming, Jaki Hunt, reported the convention schedule is posted on the website. AMV contest is closed, but Karaoke Artshow Cosplay Skits/Chess/Scavenger Hunt, Fanfic (short only) are still accepting now. Friday night will include some scheduled content, including Soul Candy in Live Events. See Jaki during breakouts with questions.

Facilities Liaison, Ally Fields, reported some additional space is in the works to be acquired for our weekend: Director Park. The hotel bistro will also be available after breakfast for hanging out. Election date will probably be September 25 or 26, but it has not been finalized.

Highlights from the report submitted via email by Director of Publicity, Misty Knight, were read by Jo Ayers. Staff shirts have arrived. Program Book and Pocket Guide will arrive in time for the bag stuffing.

### **Unfinished Business**

Tony Roberts moved previously to ban vuvuzelas, a large noisemaking instrument, from use at our convention. After discussion on the forums and at this meeting, the motion was found to be unnecessary and withdrawn by the mover. A flyer will be inserted in the convention bags reminding everyone of the laws and policies pertinent to the issue.

### **New Business**

None

### **Good of the Order (and Rant & Rave)**

Sample VIP badges were displayed. They are vertical (like staff badges) and blue. VIPs get to line-jump (limited to once per day for Rock Band and Karaoke).

Kate the Fanfic Coordinator announced 9:00 PM Con-Saturday is the deadline for submissions of 10k words or less. On-site art contest will occur. Remember to not be disruptive and comply with transit regulations.

Andy Letourneu announced Cosplay Skit applications will be accepted until 6:00 PM Con-Saturday.

Megean Duncan reminded everyone about upcoming changes to Tri-met fares and scheduling.

Michael Evans inquired about the distinction between hotel guests and convention attendees based on location within the hotel.

Ally Fields responded that two elevators will be reserved for hotel sleeping floors, two will go to event space but the able-bodied are encouraged to restrict themselves to the stairs and give elevator priority to ADA.

Ball dress code was requested to be posted near registration and the line for the dance. J Hunt said they are already posted in the book and online. It is semi-formal, and can be posted at Info Booth, and it can be discussed further in breakouts.

Wendy Gleason inquired about escalators and costumes. Fields responded that the escalators will not be running; they will be stairs. ADA prioritized elevators will provide access to the Ballroom Level and to the Dealer Hall.

A question was asked about visibility of the stairways, particularly from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fields responded arrows will be posted. A walkthrough will be held Friday before con in order ensure routes are identified.

Guy Letourneau reported a compilation of AMVs is available. There were 75 entries in the AMV contest this year; 33 were selection. This is an international competition, but two-thirds to three-quarters were local entries. AMV editors will have a dinner hosted Friday night in the Bistro.

Megean Duncan inquired about access to Dealer Hall.

A question was asked about how to determine who gets the ADA access. Fields clarified that we cannot discriminate nor pick-and-choose. Whoever asks, gets, and we trust that they won't ask if they don't deserve.

Staff training was provided by Ally Fields and Jaki Hunt:

- Shift assignments: cover yours
- Loiterer dispersal: send them somewhere in particular, such as to the bistro (after breakfast), or to the various content, or to Director Park.
- Programming Schedule will be posted to the staff email list; learn it, love it.
- Know the maps
- Curfew – only blue (adult) badges can be out between 12:00am and 6:00am. Red badges (0-12) should always be accompanied by a blue badge. Yellow badges (13-17) should not be out during curfew.
- Adult content is marked on the schedule; it is not related to curfew. Adult content is available only to persons with a hand stamp obtained at Info Booth.
- Dress code: wear at least as much as an athletic swimsuit (no speedos).
- Fire Drill: stay calm in order to keep others calm, assemble with your chain of command at Director Park.
- Code Adam
- PDF of badge samples will be sent to staff email list.
- Chain of command game.
- Inter-department relations: be a team player. Help if you can without sacrificing your assignment.
- Get your badges in the Member Services Office, room 2020.
- Food and water: Please use the recycling containers that will be placed throughout the hotel. Label and reuse your water bottles.
- No outside food in the hotel! There will be little snacks for breaks in the major offices, and meals will be in the Con Suite. Really. Don't.
- Staff perks:
  - o PhotoBooth will offer free photography for staff (just show your badge).
  - o Con Suite

- Member Services is also available for getting away from the crazy ;)
  - T-shirts
- Q&A
  - The decision to yank a badge may never be made by anyone other than a Director (Board Member)
- Firearms and prop firearms: Imagine it's a fire hose that goes on forever ALL THE TIME. Don't get anyone wet.
- Code Adam Video
- Code Adam Q&A

#### Rant & Rave

Megean Duncan wished a Happy Birthday to first year staffer Kat.

Amanda Roberts announced flyers available for distribution.

Mary Olsen reminded us all that not all handicaps or impairments are visible, and some can be mistaken as drunkenness – don't be rude.

Wendy Gleason raved that she has maps, schedules, and more so long before con.

Gratitude was expressed for a professional response to a less-than-professional rant on the forums.

Megan Duncan expressed her gratitude for everyone who expressed *their* gratitude for the work she and Andrew have done in researching issued.

Beau Gentry raved about staff recruitment and meeting attendance.

Meeting adjourned to breakouts at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

K Jo Ayers  
Secretary 2010