

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on Jan. 15, 2012
Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay
100 Columbia St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm by Beau.

At the opening of the meeting, 38 members were present out of 239 total. Quorum was met (30 needed to reach quorum).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of Dec. 10, 2011 were approved without objection.

Reports

Beau Gentry, Chair

- Continuing Kumoricon dogtags as staff perk. Same as last year, so if already have a set, no benefit to getting another. Have 30 spots available, no cost.
- Orientation for new staff this meeting during breakouts. Only need to do this once.

Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair

- Working on transitioning registration from 2011 to 2012. First registration mail-out is weekend of Jan. 21-22.
- For any questions about the organization, contact me at vicechair@kumoricon.org.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- New website staff registration system coming in next few days. Will support logging on with your forum ID and allow the option for new staff to register online instead of a printed form.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

Not present. No report.

Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison

- Next general meeting is at Salem Library, main branch, on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1pm-5pm. This is a change in date. Was previously Saturday. 1pm-5pm is the actual library hours, so we'll get in and set up quickly.

- Within the next two weeks, all the booking information for reserving rooms at both hotels should be on the website. Can already reserve a room by calling either hotel and stating that the room is for Kumoricon.
- Some staff openings in Facilities. Come see me during breakouts if interested.

TJ Stinson, Director of Operations

- Registration meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21. If have questions, talk to Brandon, Brian, or Wes.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Panel forms should be available this week. Cosplay contest rules and applications should be this week or next, depending on review of rules. More contest information will be posted in February.
- Looking for Programming staff, especially for video gaming, and tabletop.
- AMV report presented by Guy Letourneau: Contest rules are live. Webmaster can incorporate into Kumoricon website. (A few distant countries and places were named as examples from which entries have already been received.) Want to have a wireless network at the convention near console or tabletop gaming from which copies of the AMV Contest content can be downloaded. Everyone is welcome to enter the contest except staff working in AMV positions. There is no restriction in the AMV Contest that disallows entries that have previously been shown at other conventions.

Ally Fields, Director of Publicity

- Mochitsuki, a Japanese New Year's festival, is held in association with the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center at the Scottish Rite Center in Portland on Jan. 29. There is a forum post with a map. Kumoricon is involved with the event and will be hosting a booth there. Event runs from 11am-5pm, and our volunteers will start setting up at 10am and must be completely out by 5pm. Need some of our Promo-Force Staff to help run our booth and activities. We will be making cat ears, and selling registrations and leftover merchandise. Kumoricon is pre-selling tickets for Mochitsuki, at \$10 for adults, \$7 with student ID, \$4 for kids ages 2-12, and free for under age 2. At the door, they are more expensive. We will provide free tickets to our booth volunteers. Kumoricon will be doing a main stage performance. Looking for cosplayers to do a skit or dance. Event will feature mochi, taekwondo, taiko drumming, ikebana, and more.
- Sacred Star of Milos will be playing Jan. 20-22 at Kiggins Theatre in Vancouver. We will support them and promote Kumoricon there. The more people support anime in the local area, the more likely we are to get more stuff, like possibly Ghibli showings.
- The International School of Beaverton is holding Bunkasai Matsuri, a first annual Japanese festival event, on Feb. 3. They have asked us to join and pass out flyers. The event is free and has vendors and games like a real matsuri. Cosplay is encouraged and they will be holding a cosplay contest with good prizes, said to include a Wii. There will be music.

- Publicity can use volunteers at events to help with booths even if you don't want to be Publicity staff full-time.
- Looking for Promo-Force team staff members. Be enthusiastic, get out there and sell the con. Pass out flyers, go to events, have fun, and make the con look awesome, which we need to do a lot.
- Graphic design team: Will have meeting after breakouts. Will discuss schedule for work parties, button making parties, and publicity planning.
- Need local and national promotional correspondents. For Vancouver and Portland metro areas. Drum up prizes, support, and promotional ad swapping. Also national level to improve relations with anime companies. Works with Relations department.
- Let me know of any events, schools, or clubs with Japanese things or groups. We want to know where Japanese culture and anime appears in the Vancouver/Portland metro area at any level. Need to publicize the con and haven't reached out everywhere yet. Better recognition will help us get more staff, and get more of a younger generation of attendees.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- Relations is looking for staff. Hoping for a big influx of staff. Particularly, charity auction staff. Can choose if you would like to staff the silent auction, live auction, or both.
- Also looking for industry liaisons. Entry-level position to Relations department. Introduce how anime cons talk to everyone else. Talk to me if interested to find if it's a good fit for you.
- Guest request thread up on forums with great suggestions, and more are welcome. I do read these, and can't promise anything, but like to know what people are interested in.
- Would like to crowd-source a piece of information. If you know the proprietor of Shiro Cosmetics, come talk to me, as trying to get ahold of her. (Please allow contact on behalf of the convention to be made through me rather than yourself.)

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

Beau: Still have dogtags from some people who ordered them last year, and didn't pick them up. Staff recruitment specialist buttons will be ready at the next meeting for people who earned them last year. If, as staffer, you bring in two brand new staffers, will get this achievement button. Promo-Force is a position that is very easy to do before con. Similar to how Yojimbo is a position that is very easy to get roped into at con.

A member of the audience stated that they have brought in 7 Yojimbo so far. Another audience member stated that they are bringing in 3.

A couple of audience members announced that today was their birthday.

Beau and Jaki reminded the staff that when you represent the convention, be excited, but don't act on behalf of the convention such as booking anyone, because it causes major problems. Michael Evans suggested to act like a really enthusiastic attendee "who also happens to be staff", but for official business, forward them to the appropriate contact.

Jaki and Beau: Oregon Asian Celebration will be in Eugene Feb. 18-19. We will provide video gaming, karaoke, and cat ears. Looking for volunteers. Need to provide them a list of names of our volunteers. Lots of fun, with arts and crafts, a ton of food, and martial arts demonstrations. Many of our staff and attendees in the Eugene area meet here.

Debra, Jaki, and Beau promoted GameStorm's Gameday: Saturday, Jan. 21. Free to attend, 9am-9pm. GameStorm brings tabletop and board gaming to Kumoricon. Gameday features RPGs, board games, and card games. At actual convention, ton of stuff. Gameday is GameStorm's version of Mini-con. GameStorm convention is Mar. 22-25 (four days). Kumoricon will bring console and LAN gaming to the GameStorm convention.

A staff member asked about moving to a higher position if returning to staff, and had some related questions. Some directors responded explaining to talk to your specific director.

Tristan, Volunteer Manager: Need 2 or 3 more positions filled. To clarify, staff positions in the Volunteers sub-department are full staff positions, intended to recruit volunteers.

Wes: Lost and found prior to 2011 is being donated and thrown away. Email lostandfound@kumoricon.org if need to claim anything. Act now. Need to get rid of 2-3-year-old items.

An audience member asked if anything in particular needs to be done to reserve a room at the staff discount rate. Phillip replied that there is a staff rate at the Hilton, but not the Red Lion. The best way to reserve is to talk to Phillip. Can also reserve a room at the attendee rate and change it later.

Rant and Rave

An audience member made an announcement about a birthday party reschedule.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm by Beau.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary