

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on June 10, 2012
Beaverton Main Library – 12375 SW 5th St, Beaverton, OR 97005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 55 members were present out of 172 total. Quorum was met. 28 needed to reach quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meetings of the membership of April 21 and May 19 were approved without objection.

Reports

Beau Gentry, Chair

- Staff recruitment specialist buttons are being made now. One button given per 2 brand new staff members you sign up.
- 6 or 7 spots available for staff dogtag sign-up.
- Three general meetings left after this one. Next one in July in Salem with a staff barbeque.
- After breakouts, will be doing casual orientation for new staff.

Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair

- 24 out of 35 VIP badges have been sold.
- Recruiting Maid Squad Staff.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- Continuing to research some corporate/legal issues.
- Contacting people with incomplete staff registrations.
- The board amended the bylaws to change our mailing address format. This type of amendment does not require a member vote.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

Not present. No report.

Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison

- Next meeting is on July 15, in Salem, OR, at Woodmansee Park. Staff barbeque, outdoors. Bring entertainment.

- Date changes for two August meetings. The August 4 meeting was moved to August 5. The August 19 meeting was moved to August 18.
- Online booking for both hotels is up. Book rooms. Book your rooms for staff especially. Hilton online booking will go down temporarily as they change their systems.
- For staff rate of \$85/night at the Hilton, reserve room at the Hilton and email me your confirmation number and name. Limited number. Priority given to those with 4 staff in room, over just 1 staff in room.

TJ Stinson, Director of Operations

Report given by Brandon De Vore:

- Recruiting almost every position: Yojimbo, Communications, runners for Logistics, Registration. Info Booth fully staffed.
- If you're a manager of any sub-departments, Tristan would like to meet with you to discuss volunteer needs.
- 1410 pre-registrations.
- Next registration meeting is Saturday, in Milwaukie, OR.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Recruiting for almost all positions: Video Gaming, Tabletop Gaming, and more. If want to help with content, see me.
- Panel forms coming in, and still accepting more.
- Karaoke, Art Show, Fanfic, and Fan Art contest info will be posted this week.
- Guy, AMV Coordinator, reported: Considering alternate format for AMV Contest and Show because most of audience leaves after contest portion ends.
- Andie, Cosplay Coordinator, reported:
 - Dozen entries for costume only. Zero skit entries. Please think about skits, and encourage friends to start making them.
 - On Monday of convention, will have fashion show, including Lolita, J-rock, J-pop, traditional Japanese, or anime-themed costumes.
- Staff can participate in contests as long as it doesn't interfere with duties. Talk to your manager first.

Ally Fields, Director of Publicity

- About to close recruiting on Promo-Force. Continuing to seek ideas or suggestions on events that Promo-Force can participate in.
- Looking for staff for Merchandise Booth and Press Office. Fixed hours within approximately 9am to 5pm. These positions allow you to be free to do whatever you want the rest of the con. Merchandise involves handling cash. Press Office involves coordinating publicity staff with press and communicating with press.
- We will be posting a video from a guest next week.
- Get friends to subscribe to Facebook page.
- Program book and pocket guide will start being put together. Advertisements going.

- Video team working on “fighting game” with mascots from last 10 years. Looking for artists, background artists, or people experienced in Flash to help.
- Meetings for Publicity staff during breakouts.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- My industry liaisons are on fire. Burned through almost entire list of companies we contacted last year. Seeking suggestions for more business or industries to contact.
- Registration for Exhibitors Hall is closed for this year. Email exhibitors@kumoricon.org to be put on waiting list. Email will be sent out to all vendors who applied very soon letting them know whether they have been accepted or not.
- Artists Alley registration is closed, but can email artists@kumoricon.org to be put on that waiting list.
- Accepting Charity Auction donations from now until convention. Talk to us if have questions about what we can accept.
- It is my express pleasure to announce that we will have Sonny Strait return this year. In Dragonball Z, Maes Hughes in Fullmetal Alchemist, Usopp in One Piece, Black Butler. Complete biographical information forthcoming on website. Huge hit last time, and he’s very excited to be coming back.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

Beau reported that if you’re an attendee and want to help out without joining staff, talk to Tristan with the volunteer department. Can help out just a little bit, or while you’re bored at the convention. Michael added that if you want to volunteer and show off your costume, Maid Squad is a good place. Tristan added that most of Maid Squad was volunteers last year. Brandon said that the Get Involved forum section has a thread with Maid Squad details and requirements.

Ally showed a new merchandise item, Kumoricon umbrellas. Have about 170 to sell at convention. Limited, but amazing and beautiful. Price will be around \$25 or \$20, and it will be available at the merchandise booth. The merchandise booth is outside of the Exhibitors Hall. Undecided if will sell outside convention.

Stacie and Jasmine reported that they are working on an AR game for Kumoricon played on your phone called KumoriQuest. It is part of a class project. It is designed to help find places to eat in downtown Vancouver, and will be running throughout the con. The game has a story and places various cosplayers as “NPCs” in the blocks around downtown. It is hosted as a Tumblr blog, which is currently sort of a developers’ blog. The game is built on the ARIS platform, is

free, and only works on GPS-enabled iOS devices. However, the game can be played with a group so not every player needs a device. Ally added that members of Promo-Force can contribute to this game as part of their staff duties to meet their requirements. Attendees can participate, too.

A meeting participant asked about a webcam at a meeting for remote participation. Jeff answered that it's something we've looked into, but is a lower priority due to the need for setup and Internet access at each meeting, finding a method for a remote person to obtain the floor, and because minutes and recordings for staff are published after the meeting.

Michael announced that those looking to share hotel rooms can meet during breakouts. Also, he asked about detergent or soap sponsorships for bags. Beau stated that it is difficult due to allergy risks.

Rant and Rave

A meeting participant asked what power we have to not be in Vancouver in 2013. Beau stated that there are very few available hotels that can accommodate our size. Ally stated that transportation is not as bad as it seems, and we will be posting a video showing how to use TriMet.

Megean suggested unscented soap to avoid fragrance allergies. She also offered to Ally to provide information on the best ways to use TriMet to get to Vancouver.

Beau reported that Oxfest will be in the park on Monday again, and that he is talking to their organizer to establish more communication and try to have both our events peacefully co-exist in the area. Jaz added a suggestion that we in costumes may still appear to be the "freaks" to them, and not escalate any issues and just laugh about it if they arise.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm by Beau.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary