

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on Aug. 5, 2012
Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay
100 Columbia St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:24pm by Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 86 members were present out of 212 total. Quorum was met. 32 needed to reach quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of Aug. 5, 2012 were approved without objection. *[Secretary's note: The wrong date was read for the previous meeting, so the approval is invalid. July 15 was the intended date. The July 15 minutes can be presented for approval at the next meeting.]*

Reports

Beau Gentry, Chair

- This is the last meeting to sign up for staff.
- Have ordered staff dogtags here for pickup.
- Giving out staff recruitment specialist pins, one per two new staff members you bring in.
- One more meeting before con, Saturday, Aug. 18, at Hilton. Con is two weeks after.
- Bag stuffing is at con, on Friday. Gives us extra time for printing deadlines.

Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair

- VIP registration now full and closed. Ask me or Jaz if you have questions about the VIP program.

Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary

- Continuing to sign up staff. This is the last meeting to sign up as staff.
- Staff can upload a custom badge image in a few days.
- Working on corporate issues, involving lawyers. Can't announce yet.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

- Giving out extras from last year's T-shirts here at the meeting.
- If haven't given your T-shirt size yet, update it in the staff website.

Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison

- Sent email to staff mailing list explaining staff hotel rooms. If you haven't reserved a room yet, then your staff room must be reserved through me. Email hotel@kumoricon.org with your name, name of the other people in the room, confirmation number, days of check-in and check-out, and type of room (two double beds or one king bed). Staff rate is \$85/night. We have fixed number of staff room-nights. More likely to get more room-nights if you have more people in your room, and it depends on total number of people who request the staff rate. The staff rate is only in the Hilton.
- Can discuss room sharing at the meeting or on the forums.
- Email hotel@kumoricon.org if you've already booked a room but would like to change the room type.
- There will be shuttle service between the Hilton and the Red Lion. Schedule not determined yet.
- Free street parking in Vancouver begins Friday night and runs throughout Saturday to Monday, Labor Day weekend. There are also some free and pay garages. People staying in the Red Lion can park in their parking lot. If we have time we might post a free parking map on the website.
- The next meeting is at the Hilton, upstairs, in Oak/Hemlock.
- Will list some overflow hotels on the website. Comfort Inn is closest about 6 blocks away. They are almost full. If you stay at a different hotel, it helps us if you tell them you're with Kumoricon. Econo Lodge is almost full. Homewood Suites by Hilton is farther away, but has a shuttle.

A meeting participant suggested using travel sites for booking. Ally warned to be careful about cancellation policies and room types.

TJ Stinson, Director of Operations

- Staff filling up, but can always use more. Open for Yojimbo, Registration, and Con Suite Staff.
- Need to talk to all Operations managers and assistant directors during breakouts.
- Pre-registration is several hundred over last year at this time.
- Looking for volunteers to help us finish several hundred mail-outs today.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Still accepting entries for Karaoke, Cosplay, Cosplay Chess, Fanfic, Fan Art, and Art Show. AMV is closed.
- Draft schedule will be sent to panelists tonight. Available for publications and released to staff within another week or two.
- Guy Letourneau, AMV Coordinator, reported: 130 entries with 6 hours 23 minutes of video. 41 entries were chosen. Current contest is 1 hour 52 minutes long. With contest opener plus encore AMV during ballot collection, and 1 hour warm-up pre-show, it's a 3-

hour block. Judges took 11 hours to screen videos. Entries received from 13 states and 19 countries.

- Andie Letourneau, Cosplay Coordinator, reported: 3 dance skits. 2 regular skits. 7 costume entries. Seriously looking for entries. Have to sign up before pre-meeting on first night of convention, usually between 6 to 9pm. Pre-convention sign-up is preferred. A group can switch between a cosplay and skit until the pre-meeting. Video game-sourced content must be Japanese video games.
- The fashion show on Monday is not limited to Japanese sources.
- Staff can participate in contests as long as it doesn't interfere with their duties.
- Staff positions are available in Tabletop and some other areas. Video Gaming might be full.

Ally Fields, Director of Publicity

Ally presented two different options for girls' staff shirts. A "junior" option, tighter fitting, up to 2XL, and "women's relaxed fit", tight in chest region and arms, and looser down. In a straw poll at the meeting, the votes were nearly evenly split. Ally said she'll use the "junior" choice for those who have selected "babydoll"-style shirts.

- Staff shirts will be the 2008 shade of purple. Attendee shirts will be stone blue.
- Attended San Diego Comic-Con. Talked to staff from several other anime cons and building a community of con runners. Want to be part of larger con community. Talked to reps from companies including Capcom and Viz Media. Viz will be showing us pre-release shirts of their properties.
- Mostly good on staff, but can use more Publicity Office and Merchandise Staff. Have open positions but they're mostly supplemental, so you could help in another department also. Publicity would probably only use you 4-5 hours per day.
- Program book and pocket guide underway. Scheduling coming soon. Guidebook app coming soon.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- Announcing third guest of honor, Lauren Landa. Most notable for role of Kyoko Sakura in Madoka Magica. Also famous for video game voice acting, including BlazBlue, Soulcalibur V.
- Dark Horse is releasing their first volume of Oreimo during convention weekend. There will be 100 advance copies of 1st volume of Oreimo available exclusively at Kumoricon. They'd like anyone cosplaying as Oreimo, or any Dark Horse property, to get their picture taken at their booth. Support them as they're a wonderful partner for us.
- Went to San Diego Comic-Con. Relations team did so much work. A lot of stuff will be showing up in swag bags from Comic-Con.
- Still very much in need of donations for charity auction. Can bring items to donate to next meeting, or email relations@kumoricon.org. Will also accept donations during convention until last second before live auction, though earlier is better. Can advertise items in advance. [In response to question] Donations of services discussed on an

individual basis. For guidance on what types of items to donate, can discuss at breakouts. Many things anime or manga related but there are other types of things too.

- Charity is Portland Sunshine Division, a local food bank run through the Portland Police Bureau. Extremely good reception from attendees and staff for having them as charity last year. They service this county also.
- Still looking for Exhibitors Hall Staff working with Teresa Potter, Exhibitors Hall Manager.
- Looking for staff to help photograph charity auction items to publicize them.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

Beau reported:

Will stress to attendees to keep garbage in garbage cans in Esther Short Park across the street from the Hilton. Staff can help clean up the park also.

Oxfest will be back at the park, but only on Monday.

After breakouts, will do casual new staff orientation.

When have a staff job, can also work in other departments. General helping out is fine too. Don't say "that's not my job", or "that's not my department". Help if help is needed.

Will use Guidebook app again this year.

A meeting participant asked about QR codes on schedule signs.

Amanda, Assistant Publicity Director, reported: Kumoricon will be at the Crawfish Festival, Aug. 11. \$4 to enter vendor booth area. Also doing parade. Can show off cosplay and walk about a mile to a mile and a half in the parade. My car will be dressed up as Pikachu. Our booth will have a Pokémon visiting Las Vegas theme. Can cover \$4 charge for those volunteering at the booth if work 3 or more hours, but must talk to me by today. Will decorate at 5pm on Friday. Trying to set up video with Kagome showing Inuyasha how to use TriMet to get from downtown Portland to convention center. Email dice4ever@gmail.com.

Brandon reported: Registration team would love to have help stamping envelopes during breakouts. Doesn't require licking stamps, and envelopes are already sealed.

Beau reported: Talk to me if you have something that should be in Opening or Closing Ceremonies.

Tristan, Volunteers Manager, introduced Zack, Volunteers Coordinator, Jake, Volunteers Coordinator, Justin, Assistant Volunteers Manager, and mentioned Jeremiah, Volunteers

Coordinator (not present). Volunteers staff will be at or near Info Booth. Can send attendees there who want to volunteer between events.

Ben, Assistant Day Yojimbo Manager, reported: As everyone knows, this con runs on sleep deprivation and caffeine. We have 3 cases of AMP, and 2 flats of Red Bull. Feel free to help by donating caffeinated beverages.

Teph, Promo-Force Staff, reported: If you would like anything posted via social media including Facebook, Twitter, let us know.

A meeting participant reported that it was Jaki's birthday.

Wes, Assistant Director of Operations (Logistics), reported: If an attendee has a question at the con that you can't answer, direct them to the Operations Office on the 3rd floor. There is also a joint office for three functions in the Red Lion. Both hotels have an Info Booth in their lobbies.

Ally reported: We have a mascot for next year. We encourage more staff to vote for next year, as the number who vote is low.

Wes reported: Need people to help with load-in and load-out, both here and at the locker.

Rant and Rave

Brandon: Rant is that the meeting is taking too long, and suggesting closing the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm by Beau.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary