

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on Jul. 13, 2013
Woodmansee Park Shelter – 4629 Sunnyside Rd SE, Salem, OR 97302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:41pm by T.J. Stinson.

At the opening of the meeting, 58 members were present out of 226 total, with 33 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of June 15, 2013 were approved without objection.

Reports

T.J. Stinson, Chair

- Two meetings remaining, one in each hotel. Get friends signed up for staff as soon as possible.
- Have staff dogtags here. Will do a second round if we don't have them yet.
- On Thursday, the board approved a potential bylaws amendment changing the structure of the board. Because we need to give 10 days notice to the membership, it will be voted on at the first August meeting. Will send email to the staff mailing list detailing the changes. Creates Director of Membership, which is currently being done by Vice Chair. Will be elected by membership, in addition to the current five. Facilities Liaison will be absorbed into Vice Chair to keep board at nine members. If questions, email chair@kumoricon.org or secretary@kumoricon.org. Will have Q&A next meeting.

Jason Tewksbury, Vice Chair

- Current registration count is 1880. Way up from last year.
- If interested in staffing Registration, see myself, Chris, or Brian.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- Staff count is about 220. Up a little bit from the same time last year.
- About 20 incomplete online staff registrations. Can complete at meeting, or finish signing up based on the email invitation.
- At a meeting at which the members can vote on something, such as electing directors, we allow proxy voting. Made change to the proxy procedure so you can approve a proxy online instead of just with the paper form. Will take effect for the annual meeting to elect the 2014 directors. Won't take effect for next meeting yet.

- Revised attendee convention policies. Pretty close to what they were before, but rewrote some parts to make clearer, like the sections on props, peace-bonding, and weapon-like props. Will be updated on website by end of day tomorrow, and be in con books.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

Not present. No report.

Ally Fields, Facilities Liaison

Not present. Phillip Koop, Assistant Facilities Liaison, presented the report:

- All of four contracted hotels are nearly booked completely. The two backup hotels may have a few open rooms or cancellations.
- For staff rate requests for rooms of four staffers, confirmations will be sent by Aug 1. Approval for requests for rooms with three staffers will follow based on availability. Three in room will be more likely to get staff rate than two in room. This only applies to Hilton where we have a limited number of staff rate nights. If you are staying at the Red Lion, you'll get staff rate, but not until we confirm it and notify hotel. Also, the earlier you send in your request, the better. There is a very limited pool of rooms left at the Hilton.
- If need a room, email hotel@kumoricon.org with name and staff positions, and names and positions of staff in the room with you. Will try to find you a room, but not guarantee. Done on timestamp, seniority basis. Room of four managers given priority over room of four general staffers. Have to be at con more, work longer hours.
- If have a regular room when requesting staff rate, include confirmation number in email.
- Look into other options as soon as you can before they disappear. Might add couple more hotels to overflow. If you have any questions whatsoever, see me during breakouts.
- Next meeting is Aug. 4, at the Red Lion.

Wes Cox, Director of Operations

- Still looking for Yojimbo, Info Booth Staff, Office Staff/Roaming Staff, and Communications Staff. Have positions where can sit at desk, or run around, or do line control. Have great entry-level positions available.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Cosplay Chess, Cosplay Contest, Art Show, Fanfic Contest, and Fan Art contest will be posted on website by end of weekend.
- Looking for Video Gaming and Tabletop Staff. Might have a couple of other positions to be filled too.
- First draft of schedule sent to panelists. Will finalize soon. Will send to staff.

Teph Williams, Director of Publicity

- Kumoricon attended World Beat three weeks ago in Salem. [*Secretary's note: Was two weeks ago.*] First time Kumoricon was there, and went really well. Brought cat ears, and everyone was asking about them. Got bunch of registrations.
- Me, Sarah, Kate, and Phillip went to Anime Expo. Amazing, and got lots of stuff from that. Next month, will give big report on that.
- Monthly meeting buttons can be picked up at the back table. July button is available, and June buttons are available this and next meeting, only if you attended, on honor system.
- Doing a lot of con book stuff right now.
- Have openings for Merchandise Booth and Press Room Staff.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- Accepting charity auction donations up until auction goes live. The sooner we get donations, the better. Want to put up donations gallery on social media this year.
- Exhibitor submissions closed, but can email to be put on waiting list. Artists Alley submissions have been closed for a little while. Will be notified of application results by the 17th.
- Lot of industry work at AX. More info at next meeting. Excellent response from industry this year, which means more cool stuff for you guys.
- Announcing returning voice actor guest of honor David Vincent.
- Announcing returning panelist/artist guest of honor Jason Thompson.
- Announcing returning guests Anina Bennett and Paul Guinan from Boilerplate.
- Have one more guest announcement coming which should be very exciting to everyone.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

Wes announced that Ben Riker will be leading Yojimbo training after food is served.

Michael E announced that if you are looking to coordinate staff room sharing, meet at the bench on the path to restrooms.

Brianna S, Photography Coordinator, announced toward directors and managers to request photography for any event at the con at publicity@kumoricon.org, and announced toward Photography Staff for a meeting during breakouts.

Rant and Rave

T.J. announced regarding the barbecue today to wait until everyone has been through the line once before going for seconds, and thanked Rob for cooking at the grill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm by T.J.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary