

**Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment**  
**General Meeting of the Membership on Aug. 17, 2013**  
**Hilton Vancouver Washington – 301 W 6th St, Vancouver, WA 98660**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:24pm by T.J. Stinson.

At the opening of the meeting, 127 members were present out of 349 total, with 45 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of Aug. 4, 2013 were approved without objection.

**Reports**

**T.J. Stinson, Chair**

- Two weeks until con.
- Have more staff dogtags. Will also have them available days 0 and 1 of con.

**Jason Tewksbury, Vice Chair**

- Pre-registration count is 3815, which is a little more than 20% over last year.
- MSO will be in Operations on Wednesday, room 439.

**Jeff Tyrill, Secretary**

- Still several incomplete staff registrations.
- Member count is 349.

**Barbara Hunt, Treasurer**

- Money coming in thanks to registrations.

**Ally Fields, Facilities Liaison**

- When hotel problems arise, find me or one of my assistants, Phillip Koop and David McCarley.
- If you have submitted request for staff rate, you'll receive confirmation emails in the next day or so. If you don't receive it, then send it again to make sure.
- In Red Lion, staff room rate is guaranteed, but we wait to confirm to you until we have changed it through the hotel. In Hilton, might not get all your nights converted to staff rate; depends on number of staff in room. If number has changed, please notify us.

- Too late to request or book a room for staff rate if you haven't yet. Suggest checking the Comfort Inn & Suites or Homewood Suites. Both have shuttles. The Comfort Inn shuttle runs hourly. The Homewood Suites and SpringHill Suites shuttles run by request.
- Email [hotel@kumoricon.org](mailto:hotel@kumoricon.org) if have questions regarding parking.

### **Wes Cox, Director of Operations**

- For staff under age 18, if you haven't received email saying you are on staff, most likely it's because you haven't submitted parent permission form.
- After reports, will be training for any first-year staffers. Will refresh general policies and show Code Adam video. Look for me, Phillip Koop, or Ben Riker.

### **Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming**

- If staff, and have request for your job, panels, tabletop, video gaming, or anything else, contact me so we can make purchase list and budget.

### **Teph Williams, Director of Publicity**

- Working on con book.
- Wrapping up final things for merchandise and booth.
- For social media, we've had a lot of attendees interacting with us on the Facebook group, much more, recently, than the forums. Please remember that when you post and if you are staff, you're always representing Kumoricon. When answering questions, make certain that you're positive of the correct answer, either because it's in your department or you've located the information on the Kumoricon website. You can private message me or Jeff if you need a moderator's attention.

### **Sarah Paige, Director of Relations**

- Relations is in excellent shape, with excellent staff. Ready for con tomorrow.
- Kat Marvin, Charity Auction Manager, reported: Lot of great stuff. Will post pictures of donated items. Auction will be in Gulls Nest at the Red Lion. Would love to see more hand-made donations. For example, somebody donated a hand-made prop from a previous cosplay. Will accept donations all the way until Live Auction on Monday.

### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Good of the Order**

Robert Trotter, Quartermaster, reported that on Thursday 6pm before con, and Tuesday 9am after con, for general staff, unless specifically contacted by me, will be here at hotel to unload

trucks on Thursday, or loading trucks on Tuesday. Only people contacted by me need to go to the locker.

Guy Letourneau, AMV Manager, reported that the AMV Dinner will be at the Washington room at Gray's, at 8pm, August 30, open to any of the AMV judges or editors (submitted entry), whether or not the entry was selected. For every year running, one person in attendance at this dinner has ended up winning a prize.

Jaki reported that except for AMVs, every Programming contest is still accepting applications including Cosplay, Cosplay Chess, Karaoke, Fanfic, and Fan Art.

Teph reported that the 2014 mascot contest voting is open until the end of Wednesday, and that voting on the mascot is a staff perk (which Ally then clarified).

Ally reported that we encourage carpooling, and that for staff staying at the Hilton, you need to email [hotel@kumoricon.org](mailto:hotel@kumoricon.org) to request a parking pass. For those staying at the Red Lion, parking is included free. Special parking information is also available for staff not staying at either hotel. If don't contact [hotel@kumoricon.org](mailto:hotel@kumoricon.org), will likely have trouble finding parking.

Jeff reported that midnight tonight is the deadline to upload custom staff badge image. Can upload past deadline, but we might print the badges any time after the deadline. You can log in to check to see if you've already set a badge image.

Phillip reported that posters and other free goodies are available on the desk in the lobby.

Teph reported that monthly meeting buttons are available. Certain previous buttons are available due to technical difficulties. Each meeting has a limited edition button.

Brianna Shade, Photography Coordinator, reported that staff can contact her with requests to photograph events during the convention, either now, or at the Press Office on the 6th floor at the con.

Kate Fletcher, Assistant Director of Relations, reported that she is available to answer any Relations questions if Sarah is unavailable, and that there will be a Relations meeting during breakouts.

Andy Sugiyama, Assistant Info Booth Manager, reported that there is an Info Booth in the Red Lion.

T.J. reported that our pre-registration number is about 150 shy of the total registration for 2011. Growing substantially, with projections to be even more crowded than last year. T.J. encouraged staff to give it their all, and that everyone is excited with all the changes. At about 339 staff, with about 1:15 ratio of staff to attendees.

## **Rant and Rave**

Alex P. gave a rave to Jeff for being attentive to Facebook problems, and helping with her forum account.

Ally gave a rave for Jon Bressler saying it was his birthday, and then the room sang Happy Birthday to him.

Jeff reminded that hotel room sharing is available on the forums, and that you can post that you are looking for, or offering, space.

Alex H. gave a general rave to all first-time staffers.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm by T.J.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary