

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 2, 2014
Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay
100 Columbia St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm by Jeff Tyrrell.

At the opening of the meeting, 103 members were present out of 311 total, with 42 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meetings of the membership of April 6 and July 13 were approved without objection.

Reports

Jeff Tyrrell, Chair

Jeff reported that only 1 meeting remains before the convention in four weeks. It will be our first four day con, so please have everyone that you know can help sign up by the next meeting August 17. The elections meeting will be 4 weeks after the con. Trainings will be held after this meeting and the next.

Ally Fields, Vice Chair

Ally's report was read by Jeff Tyrrell in her absence:

Attendees interested in booking a room have a VERY limited amount of time to book before the rates are no longer guaranteed! Go to www.kumoricon.org, click on the location tab and follow the instructions to book a room at many of our hotels. Don't wait until later as rooms are filling up incredibly fast!

Also, attendees and staff who are staying in any of our overflow hotels can rest easy knowing we will have a shuttle service, brought to us by EcoShuttle! A local company that provides the greenest form of mass transit shuttle services for hire will be making rounds to all our listed hotels in the morning, starting at 9am and going until 2pm before taking a break. Service will resume at 6pm and continue until the last shuttle leaves the Hilton Vancouver Washington for the outlying hotels at 2am. Any attendee can use this service; you do not need to be staying at the hotels on the loop (so, a friend staying at a different hotel may visit you or join you at your hotel to change clothes or get ready for a dance, etc.). The schedule for the shuttles will be posted at each Hotel for your convenience.

Coordinator level staff and higher are encouraged to e-mail hotel@kumoricon.org if they have not already done so regarding the coordinator and above hotel room program. Roommates are

being assigned and e-mails regarding where those who have already filled out the High Level Staff Room Form will be sleeping are going to be out within the next week. If you have made other arrangements, please e-mail hotel@kumoricon.org anyway so Ally can check you off of her list.

This is a reminder to staff and attendees that the Hotel employees may ask you to move, not stand or sit in specific areas, and to remove masks or facial coverings in specific areas. Please obey all hotel staff and please keep your hotel rooms free of hair dye stains, large spills, or messes. The better we treat the venue, the more opportunity we have to do fun things in the future.

Jo Ayers, Secretary

Jo reported that during breakouts anyone needing to get or turn in staff applications should see her assistant, David Reynolds.

Bridget Hollander, Treasurer

Bridget reported that expenses currently exceed income, which is typical for this time of year. Anyone awaiting a reimbursement should see Bridget.

Jason Tewksbury, Director of Membership

Jason reported that 2796 registrations have been received. Registration and MSO both need staff and have flexible hours. MSO and registration staff should meet by the piano during breakouts.

Wes Cox, Director of Operations

Wes provided comedic relief in the form of an uncooperative computer. He reported that Operations still needs staff and described portions of the roles. If Wes has not responded to your email, he blames the gmail spam filter. He also pointed out that the two pages of the staff application are not attached to each other – please grab both.

Fox Young, Director of Programming

Fox described the general role of her department. Cosplay contest is quickly filling up; anyone with interested friends should encourage them to sign up quickly.

There will be two Cosplay Chess sessions. Badge number is NOT required on the application, but please do indicate which session one wants to join.

Anyone interested in staffing should see Fox during breakouts.

Teph Williams, Director of Publicity

Absent; no report.

John Krall, Director of Relations

John reported that his department still needs staff for the Art Show and as Guest Liaisons.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business

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Question: What's going on with parking passes? Answer: will need to research with Facilities under Vice Chair.

Announcement: Arijan Clark announced that referees and attendants are needed for the main event Pro-Bending. Referees and attendants get awesome perks like a headband and front-row seats. Sign-ups are open for teams.

Question: What is Pro-Bending? Answer: A stylized dodge-ball game emulating the elemental wrestling matches a la The Legend of Korra (sequel to Avatar: The Last Airbender).

Announcement: Alex announced she's looking for roommates; room sharing meetups will be in one corner of the meeting room.

Announcement: Beau (former con-chair) reminded staff to always use their best customer service attitudes to ensure attendees have the best possible experience. Jason added that goes for before the convention as well. Jeff confirmed that referring complaints up the chain is appropriate; also try to avoid right/wrong questions – customers may not be always right, but we still have to be nice to them.

Announcement: Wes clarified the boundaries of assistance animals. Also, certain elevators are restricted use, and only certain personnel are approved by the hotel to use them. For most people, **including most staff**, the route into the garage is the outside ramp.

Question: referring to a situation that arose last year with a limited vision attendee without her assistance animal. Are there plans for handling this for the current year? Answer: indicators are being provided at Registration and in MSO.

Question: The dispatch office frequently gets questions about where an event is being held. Dispatch will not look this up, but refer persons to Info Booth. Where is Info Booth? Answer: The main lobbies of both main hotels. Or maybe just in Hilton. There will be at least one. Clarification is needed from Director of Publicity.

Announcement: Cupcakes will be provided at the September meeting!

Announcement: Brianna Shade, multimedia manager, announced a breakout session for photographers.

Announcement: Andy Sugiyama (Info Booth Manager) announced that Info Booth needs staff (desperate and begging) as well.

Question: This may be on the website, but what happens if you are not Yojimbo but happen to run into a belligerent or aggressive attendee? Answer: Don't respond in kind; keep calm. Call

backup. There should be a Yojimbo with a radio within earshot to assist you by removing the problem person from con-space. Of course, if it is a life-threatening situation, call 911.

Question: What exactly is the park to us? Answer: it is not convention space. It closes at 10pm, but that's not terribly enforced. There is a section of the park that has been rented by an indie-folk performance; they are aware our attendees may encroach on their space. Please clean up after yourself (and maybe even others) so the city will continue to allow us to enjoy that space.

Question: will the farmers' market be in the park this year? Answer: Yes, but not all days.

Question: Parking? Answer: Further information will need to come from Facilities, under the Vice Chair. Since it is a holiday weekend, street parking will be available on some of the days. There are also nearby parking garages.

Rant and Rave

None further.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm by Jeff Tyrill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ayers, Secretary