

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 17, 2014
Hilton Vancouver Washington
301 W 6th St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Jeff Tyrill.

At the opening of the meeting, 147 members were present out of 370 total, with 47 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of August 2, 2014, were approved without objection.

Reports

Jeff Tyrill, Chair

Jeff reported 359 staff have been fully ratified not counting sign-ups from today; last year total staff was 360, so growth is pleasing, especially for our first four-day convention. Elections will be held after convention, so if you are considering a run for a directorship, that can be declared at nominations at the end of the convention. Jeff reminded everyone to stay professional when speaking in the intersection of their personal social media presence and convention social media.

Jo Ayers, Secretary

Jo reported total signups so far are just shy of 70% of open positions. Applications

Bridget Hollander, Treasurer

Jason Tewksbury, Director of Membership

Jason reported 4118 pre-registered attendees, which is a record. There is a strong possibility that we'll meet cap, so warn your friends. Jason also pointed out his assistants and managers to contact if you are interested in staffing in his department. Jason later added that custom badge images may be uploaded up until 11:59:59 tonight and last year's image will be carried over if not replaced.

Fox Young, Director of Programming

Fox announced that the schedule has been posted on the website. Fox mentioned that her gaming staff group has been glutted, but her other areas are in need of staff, including cat ears and tech checks.

Teph Williams, Director of Publicity

Teph announced (also) that the schedule has been posted on the website. Most of the merchandise has arrived, including a messenger bag she demonstrated. Teph also announced a staff discount for Kumoricon merchandise (and pointed out that discount must be *requested* at the time of purchase). Teph reiterated that the Kumoricon Facebook group has a lot of traffic, and that all staff should defer to directors or moderators without speculating as to the most likely answer. She also requested that staff not engage persons who are being intentionally inflammatory, but instead email facebook@kumoricon.org to alert the correct parties about the issue.

Teph also needs staff in Info Booth and Press Room.

Ally Fields, Vice Chair

Ally reported that hotel rooms are very limited, and all the staff discounts have been claimed at the Hilton. Overflow hotels do still have plenty of options. There is also a shuttle from the overflow hotels to the convention 10am – 2am. If you are looking for a roomshare, there's a link to a bulletin board in the email that recently went to the staff list. Ally also mentioned that parking is in high demand, so carpool as much as possible.

Wes Cox, Director of Operations

Wes reported about his staff needs. He also reported that there will be a Code Adam training before the meeting closes.

John Krall, Director of Relations

John reported briefly that he needs a couple more staff and he will be available in breakouts.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

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Someone pointed out that everyone should also be careful what you say in person as well. Multiple directors added scenarios. In short, always point to official announcements if possible, otherwise direct folks to directors.

Heather Bierlink, Assistant Con Suite Manager, announced that Con-Suite Staff schedules were sent out recently. Most allergies are accounted for, but if your food issue is rare, please ensure your own food safety with making your own arrangements. Hours of operation will be posted, but they do include Thursday dinner and Monday lunch.

Jo Ayers, MSO Manager, announced the Member Services Office will be open on Day 0 from 10am – midnight. MSO will be in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Hilton.

Tanis announced she will be writing a twice daily newsletter throughout the convention.

Kathryn Marvin, Art and Auction Manager, announced the charity this year is Sunshine Division, and the auction will accept donations at-con.

Robert Trotter, Quartermaster, reminded everyone to mark anything in the locker that must be at con. Only marked items will be brought.

Today is the last day of the run of Dragonball Z at a theater.

Several managers requested their staff to meet them in breakouts.

Jessica, Registration Manager, reminded everyone that photo identification is required at check-in.

Kaitlynn Jensen requested Facebook contact from at least two people who know how to bind to assist with her panel, Cosplaying with Curves.

Bag Stuffing will be on Day “negative one”.

Exhibits Hall needs line coordinators.

Ally noted that meetings at hotels generally may not have outside food for sharing brought in due to exclusivity clauses.

Question: okay to cosplay during staff time? Answer: consult your director.

Lost and Found is in the Operations Office. There is also a collection in the control booth for the Exhibits Hall that gets moved to Operations at the end of the day.

Staff Training

Staff Training commenced, led by Ben Riker, Assistant Director of Operation, including a triple Code Adam test run.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm by Jeff Tyrill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ayers, Secretary