

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on Dec. 10, 2011
Phoenix Inn Suites—9575 SW Locust St, Tigard, OR 97223

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:22pm by the Chair, Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 37 members were present out of 230 total. Quorum was met. 25 members were needed to meet quorum.

Approval of Minutes

[occurred after Chair report]

The minutes from the annual meeting of the membership on Oct. 8 were approved by acclamation.

Reports

Beau Gentry, Chair

Been talking to Chris, chair of Sakura-Con.

Talked to Oxfest to coordinate, because in park same weekend as con last year, and will be again for 2012.

The board made a policy change to make official what was unofficial before, that pedobear cosplay is not allowed. Had fallen under “inappropriate” policy, which was vague. If we don’t list it explicitly, it ties up time when our staff need to address attendees who try to wear this cosplay.

Been making staff dogtags for the last two years. A few have not been picked up. Once check on prices, will probably announce that will make them again this year.

Will have holiday dinner later today. Was scheduled for 5pm, but because this meeting is short, we’ll move it earlier.

The staff-elected board appointed the board-appointed board members:

- Treasurer: Barbara Hunt
- Secretary: Jeff Tyrrill
- Facilities: Phillip Koop
- Vice Chair: Brandon De Vore

Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary

Staff registration is open. List of Open Positions is posted online. Can register either by paper form or, in about two weeks, online. Your director will direct you to which method to register;

may prefer one or the other. Member count last year was 230. Hoping to have staff return to keep up staff count.

Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair

Not present.

Beau reported that Brandon would like to reconnect with last year's staff.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

Not present.

Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison

The next general meeting is Jan. 15 at the Red Lion Vancouver.

The list of meeting dates has been posted, but a meeting may occasionally switch from the Saturday or Sunday on a given weekend, to the other day. Will give warning if that is the case.

Hotel info and staff room info will be updated when website changes.

TJ Stinson, Director of Operations

Pre-registration open on the website. Talk to me if interested in registering for staff in Operations (Yojimbo, Registration, Con Suite, Logistics, etc.).

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

Accepting staff: Video Gaming, Tabletop Gaming, Panels, Content. Panel sign-up forms for running a panel should be online after Jan. 1. Later next year, various contest rules and information will be up.

Will be returning to the Oregon Asian Celebration, Feb. 18-19. Will be looking for volunteers to help with that.

Ally Fields, Director of Publicity

Working on the website. Will get that up ASAP. Have a design staff working on making new, shiny, and pretty.

Contacting local students for graphics and design for posters, flyers, and things, and material for year 10.

If have friends in school for marketing, graphic design, publishing, editing, writing, communications, have many positions with college credit attached to them. Email me at publicity@kumoricon.org.

Went to ACML (Anime Cons Mailing List) about outside vendors. Recommend signing up for that mailing list. Bigwigs of anime conventions, vendors, and companies in the anime community listen and participate. Information on outside vendors was not positive, but some other ideas were discussed.

Mochitsuki is a festival for the Japanese-American New Year at the Scottish Rite Center, Jan. 29-30. Will be talking to many staff about assisting. Want to tell local area we're awesome for our 10th-year anniversary. Requires us to sell 10 tickets. Mochitsuki is \$10 admission. Vendors, foods, and performances, and we may be working with The Slants to perform a cosplay show. This is the one big publicity event that's coming up.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

Touching bases with guests and industry from last year. Looking forward to involving new guests and industry for next year.

Relations needs lots of staff this year: Industry Relations, Guest Relations, Charity Auction, Artists Alley, Dealers Hall. Talk to me at breakouts if interested, and some managers from last year are here who you can talk to also.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

A volunteer: Was volunteer last year. There was lots of confusion about the duties we were to perform.

Beau: This year was huge jump volunteer-wise from previous years. The Volunteer Staff (Tristan, Jeff, and David) are working with TJ to put our team back together. Volunteers get assigned where we need help, and we often don't know until the immediate moment.

TJ: This last year, volunteers expanded hugely. Helps can run more smoothly. Working on system to better track people and paperwork. People can get isolated so we're working to improve communication.

Volunteer (speaking again): Compensation policy got changed. Some people paid full price, but were working the whole time.

Guy: Last year, awesome AMV contest and competition. Want to see which categories people prefer.

- Intensity
- Instrumental
- Retro—Both sources at least 5 years old—Sum of the age of the anime, and the sound, must be at least 30 years
- Trailers—Fake commercials, etc.
- Random Amusement
- That's Not What This Anime Is About—Popular in former Eastern European bloc countries
- Definitely Not Canon

Good of the Order

Andie: OryCon created wiki about how to run conventions. Suggest we start our own Kumoricon wiki. Various departments can record how they do things.

Tristan: Kind of have snafu with volunteers, getting to event, paying or not paying, staffing— What would think if we had volunteers help throughout year, things like publicity, mini-events, then by the time con reaches, can attend con?

Jaz: Staff come to events too, and then we also come to con to staff.

Beau: Been discussion about staff dues, and whether to get rid of it. Personally in favor of keeping it. Not too much for most people, and gives staff a bit of investment in the convention. Do like that we're waiving staff dues for returning staff, if sign up before February meeting. Volunteers do pay to be attendee. But volunteers have option to not work anytime they choose. We do track volunteer hours. Some volunteers qualify for waiving next year's staff dues if upgrade to staff next year. Provide food to some volunteers. Not sure we're ready to waive fees completely for volunteers.

Phillip: What will do in meantime between meeting and food? Tabletop games.

Beau: Need to give the food manners speech again, which I gave at elections. Limit food that you take in first trip through line. We got 45 RSVPs, brought about that much food.

Beau: Need people to go out and recruit staff. Also go out and recruit attendees. Some people in Portland still don't know about Kumoricon. Will have flyers shortly after new year.

A staff member: Often run into people, maybe parents or grandparents, who know about it, but are unsure about it—not sure if it's kid-friendly, or confused about how it works.

A brief discussion occurred about curfew, and convention curfew vs. city curfew. It was noted that we have our curfew rules explained in our policies.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm by Beau.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary