

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
Annual Meeting of the Membership on September 27, 2015
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:29pm by Phillip Koop.

At the opening of the meeting, 66 members were present out of 533 total, with 64 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of prior dates were not ready for approval.

Reports

Phillip Koop, Chair

Phillip repeated the announcement that the convention in 2016 will be at the Oregon Convention Center on the dates of October 28-30, 2016.

Kumoricon had its first international guests this year.

Meetings were generally shorter this year.

Resulting from the observation that we need a drive toward transparency and active communication between departments, Phillip announced the Visibility Project, brainchild of Jo Ayers, as an initiative for 2016.

Without going into details, Phillip noted there is room for improvement on staff selection and training.

Phillip gave special thanks to all Kumoricon staff, without whom the convention would be impossible.

Phillip mentioned we had a mini-con and it was crazy successful.

Diana Hoffman, Director of Infrastructure

Diana reported that although there were some issues with the number of staff rooms requested at the Red Lion, with the help of her incredible assistant Devin Hunter, they were able to get most of staff into rooms at the Hilton. Overall, including overflow hotels, we held 1,897 room nights, and filled 1,427.

Diana is currently working with Travel Portland to secure room blocks close to the Oregon Convention Center for 2016. This year reservations for Kumoricon will be handled online using Passkey.

Diana thanked everyone for being diligent in keeping rooms clean this year! Covering Con Suite floors with plastic was a great idea! Due to the recent remodel of the Hilton, we were not able to cook in Con Suite, as we had in previous years, but the hotel made sure there were microwaves on each floor for our use. Hotel staff seemed genuinely pleased with how things ran this year.

The shuttle was a success! We had some trouble with the schedule on Friday, but the rest of the event went smoothly. Attendees really enjoyed this addition to the event.

Stacy Donovan with City of Vancouver raved about how much they loved our event, and how sad they are that we will not be returning in 2016. Kumoricon has been responsible for a significant portion of the annual revenue for the City of Vancouver, and our attendees are notorious for “self-policing” the event, watching out for one another, and keeping the park relatively clean.

Brian Mathews, Director of Membership

Included in attached presentation.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

Included in attached presentation.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

Included in attached presentation.

Sierra Rice, Director of Publicity

Included in attached presentation.

John Krall, Director of Relations

First major international guests this year—from England and from Japan.

Artist Alley turned out to be a great experiment that exceeded everyone’s expectations. Thanks to everyone who helped make that happen.

Exhibits Hall was great, and Aniplex gave us props for spotting bootlegs and sharing that info with other conventions.

Challenges—Green Room Manager and Staff as well as Exhibits Hall Manager both were unable to be at the convention. Special thanks to Shaun and Ally for stepping up to the plate to fill those positions.

Lessons were learned about meeting the needs of international guests.

Special thanks again to Shaun, Ally, and Sam for making this be awesome.

Jo Ayers, Secretary

Included in attached presentation.

Bridget Hollander, Treasurer

Bridget also thanked Amy for putting up with her all year, Fox for coming back and working for her even while buying a house, and Registration for having very good cash control at con.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Phillip announced a game day on October 3 at Guardian Games.

Sean announced events at the Aladdin.

Question about staff parking; Phillip apologized that communication about the parking has room for improvement.

A local fighting game community was announced.

Kiggins Theatre Wednesday and Thursday will show both live action Attack on Titan movies.

Game Day October 27 at the Vancouver Hilton.

In December the new Star Wars movie will come out and many folks may show in cosplay.

Elections were held for the member-elected board members in the following order, as determined by the membership during the election, with the indicated results.

- President/Chair: Phillip Koop
- Membership: Brian Mathews
- Operations: Jason Pollard
- Programming: Jaki Hunt
- Infrastructure: Diana Hoffman
- Publicity: Samantha Feldman
- Relations: Ally Fields

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm by Phillip Koop.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ayers, Assistant Secretary,
Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

(Minutes finalized Feb 6, 2016.)

Minutes with correction to member count error submitted on March 26, 2017,

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary