

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 24, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:14pm by Fox Young.

At the opening of the meeting, 31 members were present out of 278 total, with 38 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was not met.

Minutes

Minutes approval was skipped due to not having quorum.

Reports

Brian Mathews, Chair

Not present. Fox, Vice Chair (Staff and Attendee Services), presented:

- Brian is currently at Nan Desu Kan spreading the good word of Kumoricon at outreach.
- The Chair department is still working on a few initiatives and should have some things presentable soon.
- Have been working with multiple departments hoping to communicate and get things done. We have a great team this year and are happy with how everything is going.
- Seeking a couple of staff for the Staff and Attendee Services sub-department to walk around con and make sure staff are rested, are getting enough food, and are supported.

Ash “Bunny” Butler, Director of Infrastructure

Not present. Fox read a report that Bunny sent:

- Working on background stuff for other departments, as per usual for this time before the convention.
- The room block is at 64%.
- If you are staff, and want to apply for the staff rate, please make sure you have an existing reservation in the room block before you apply. If you have questions, please email hotel@.
- If interested in working in the department, email infrastructure@.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

Not present. Fox read a report that Jessica sent:

- General registrations are up by over 400 people. All VIPs have been sold.
- Membership is in desperate need for staff in all departments, including:
 - Attendee Registration Staff—Currently only have 12 staff.
 - Con Suite Coordinators—6 open positions. Email consuite@ to apply.
 - Con Suite general staff—Currently only have 8 staff. Con Suite is important to feed staff and provide staff with a break.
 - Cosplay Repair Assistant Manager and Coordinators—Email cosplay-repair@. General-level Cosplay Repair Staff are also needed.
 - Specialty Registration Staff
 - Staff Check-In Registration Staff—Currently only have 4 staff.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

Not present. Ange Abuyen, Assistant to the Director of Operations, reported:

- Seeking staff:
 - Yojimbo (especially)
 - Dispatch
 - IT

Devin Hunter, Director of Programming

- Panel applications closed yesterday, with 240 applications received. We have a whole bunch of stuff to dig through. If anyone asks “when will the panel schedule be done”, the answer is “soon”. We have a plan in place.
- Cosplay Lip Sync and Cosplay Contest applications are right around the corner. Keep an eye on social media.
- The department has been working on layouts. If you’re a manager or staff member in the department, and don’t know where your things are located, talk to us.
- Working on budgeting and purchasing. Things continue to go up in price each year. We pick what we pursue each year, taking into account both budget and experience.
- On September 7, we will be at the locker, doing training for video games, main events, panel tech, and maybe the Manga Library. Let us know if you want to join us. We will practice using lights, and other fun. Or, let us know if you need access to something in the locker. We might also schedule a day in October. We will probably have a date to announce at the September meeting.
- Need staff for many areas.
- This will be the last year that we do Pro-Bending, at least themed to The Legend of Korra. There is a possibility of a form of anime dodgeball returning at some future time. Staffing this area will be a 4-hour stint on Saturday. It is treated as an add-on staff position.

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

Not present. Fox read a report that Sammi sent:

- Publicity has been super busy with things that we can't share.
- 75% of merchandise has been ordered. We have a ton of new and amazing pins. There will be peeks on social media.
- Press applications are still open. We will do the first wave of approvals mid-September.
- The Mascot Contest is open. There will be two winners this year. Tell your artist friends to enter.
- Seeking staff:
 - Merchandise Staff—We are opening a second merchandise booth this year. Must be age 18, or as low as 16 if you have cash handling experience.
 - Info Booth—Help people find things. Customer service skills.
 - Multimedia—Must provide your own equipment. Seeking videographers and photographers to help cover the event.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- Relations oversees guests, exhibitors, artists, charity, autographs, Maid Cafe, and more.
- Working on a lot of things that we can't talk about yet.
- We made some awesome guest announcements:
 - Caleb Hyles—YouTuber; does anime and Disney covers. Is running a Disney sing-along panel.
 - KionCloud—Returning to Kumoricon this year.
 - Enayla Cosplay—Will be a Cosplay Contest judge.
 - Stay tuned for more awesome guest announcements.
- Exhibits Hall is 100% full. We are waiting on a few more payments. We have a waitlist. There are a lot of new exhibitors this year.
- Artist Alley and Small Press have been filled for months. We will release the list soon.
- We will have news on the Maid Cafe soon.
- We are still processing staff applications.
- Charity is working on a lot of things.
- Art Show applications are open, and are closing mid-September.
- Seeking staff:
 - KumoriMarket
 - Guest Relations
 - Guest Hospitality
 - Guest Gophers
 - Industry staff
 - Cultural staff
 - Partner Guests staff
 - Charity staff

Devin added:

- The gaming hall will have space for several exhibitors—about 18 slots—exhibitors such as a gaming company, a game store, a food vendor, but those in some way related to

gaming. Booths in the gaming hall will be exclusive-rated booths. The rules are very similar to those for a KumoriMarket booth, but the open hours are a little longer. Relations will handle payment and registration. Please contact exhibits@ to get started.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- Have been working on some internal projects that aren't ready to present yet—insurance stuff, legal stuff, contracts.
- Will be helping other departments with outstanding staff applications.

Jo Ayers, Treasurer

- Money has been coming in from outreach events and website pre-registrations.
- Spending money on things like merchandise and advertising. We'll soon have another licensing and/or tax bill, such as ASCAP.
- Seeking staff:
 - Load-In/Load-Out Staff
 - Treasury Staff
 - Supply Coordinators
 - Visit <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions>
- We received mail from our charities from last year. Last month, we received a thank-you letter from Doernbecher. This month we received a thank-you letter from The International School, including pictures of what the school does.

Sam read the letter from The International School at the meeting.

Outreach

Fox reported:

- The Outreach team has been going through a gauntlet of 6 events in 5 weeks:
 - Anime Evolution in BC—Small event, but many attendees showed interest in coming to Kumoricon.
 - Obon Fest at the Buddhist Temple
 - KuroNekoCon—We have a great relationship with them. We made a collaborative pin called the kumoneko pin. We sold a lot of ghost nekos and pre-registrations.
 - Resin Rose BJD Expo
 - Ani-Medford—First-year event in Medford.
 - Sammi and Brian are currently at Nan Desu Kan in Denver, Colorado. The first day has seemed successful.
- We have a two-week reprieve until Rose City Comic Con, which is one of our biggest events where, we sell a lot of merch. We need a lot of people. Please fill out the outreach interest form in the staff website if you're interested.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business, and no quorum.

New Business

There was no new business, and no quorum.

Good of the Order

Meeting participants reported the following upcoming events:

- Promare—September 17 and 19. From Studio TRIGGER.
- Detective Pikachu—Playing at OMSI
- Godzilla: King of the Monsters—Playing at OMSI
- Buffy the Vampire Slayer (movie)—August 26, Hollywood Theatre
- My Neighbor Totoro—August 25, 26, and 28, from Fathom Events, at multiple theaters
- Battlestar Galactica episodes 10 and 11 (“The Living Legend”, a two-part episode)—August 28, Hollywood Theatre
- Uta no Prince-sama: Maji Love Kingdom—September 14, Kiggins Theatre
- Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back in Concert—September 13, 14, and 15, Portland Symphony

Sam reported that Kumoricon is partnering with GKIDS to do a ticket giveaway for Promare.

A meeting participant asked why Kumoricon moved to November 15-17. Jeff responded that although he could not give specifics, a general reason that an event of our size and type would change dates is that there may be one or two weekend choices at a single venue in an entire city as the only workable options. Devin added that we work with the OCC to get as close to our preferred date as we can.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm by Fox Young.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary