

Sakura-Con 2004 General Meeting

Official Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2004

Scheduled Time: 1:00pm

Meeting Location: Tigard Water District Building, Tigard, Oregon

Opening:

The General Meeting of the Sakura-Con 2004 Directors and Invitees was called to order at 1:04pm on February 7, 2004 at The Tigard Water District Building, Tigard, Oregon by Convention Chair, Max Pham.

Officers Present:

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Max Pham - Con Chair
Jennifer Wong - Con Vice Chair
Jimmy Chang - Secretary
Renee Naddeo - Treasurer
Alinda Harrison - Assistant Treasurer
Dawn Minges - Director of Publicity
Mark Craypo - Hotel Liaison

Officers NOT Present:

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John Krall - Director of Operations
Peter Williamson - Director of Programming
Isaac Alexander - Director of Relations

Invitees Present:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Agenda:

Max Pham - Chair

- Current state of the convention
- Operations Rooms - where will Operations, Programming, etc. will be located.
- Department Reports
 - Hotels Status
 - Operations
 - Programming
 - Relations
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

Today \$10,713.17 will be given to Melissa Bernoudy to pay for PNTA Equipment and \$1,986.21 to Julie Lynch-Allen for badges.
Mark will pickup the art flats we purchased from Moscon in March.

3) Director of Operations Report

John Krall - Director of Operations was unable to attend.
Reported by Max Pham - Convention Chair

Rules for Radios and Procedures in Security will be done soon.

Alinda Harrison - Volunteers Report

Right now we have about 39 people on the Volunteer Mailing List.
Alinda asked that she needs people to tell her how many volunteers are needed for each department.

Volunteers@SakuraCon.org

Julie Lynch-Allen - Registration Report

Badge Printing Process will be started next weekend.
Staff Badge Pickups - only one badge per staff.
Last year someone took all of the badges last year and then disappeared for dinner.
Only Jeff and Julie will be making default badges.

They need the number of badges needed for panelists ASAP!!
Thursday 5-6pm will be staff badge pickup time.
You will need Photo ID to get your Badge. We need to announce this!
There are 399 PayPal Pre-registrations as of now.
On Saturday Afternoon Sakura-Con will begin accepting Pre-registrations for Sakura-Con 2005.

For the staff badge images talk to Mark.

Melissa Bernoudy - Special Events Tech Coordinator Report

Technicians for the Emerald Ballroom have been taken care off.
Chris' bid for PNTA was for \$2000.
She needs one more person to help with lighting.

4) Director of Programming Report

Peter Williamson - Director of Programming was unable to attend.
Reported by Max Pham - Convention Chair

They still need about 40 more volunteers or staff for Panels if each person takes one shift of 5 to 8 hours.

Depending on how many volunteers Gaming gets, the game rooms will be open as many hours as they have staff.

Theo says that he has a dance instructor.

Blue Sky needs to know when the Masquerade is.
Ross says that he is working on having 2 different DJs with maybe a laser light show.

Chris Arnesen has received 22 entries so for the AMV Contest.

Someone asked about having FTP space at the Sakura-Con servers for file exchanges

Currently there is limited space of 400 MB available with much of it used up.

So an FTP Server for file exchanges would not be available.

CosPlay has not received very many registrations as of yet.

Fashion Show Coordinator is trying to get fan appreciation prizes for both the Fashion Runway Show and for Cosplay. The music for the Fashion Runway Show has been set.

The Hallway Costume Contest needs to have rules.

Gaming Report

A Card company will be running the Card Gaming Room.

The Wired will have Penny Arcade inside.

There will be an Acoustics Center for the DDR Gaming.

There will be another location for the Wired II

Go Gaming will be back. And the Sumo Suits will be back.

Go Gaming and Sumo Suits do not have space currently.

Chey Temple has done an outstanding job as RPG Gaming Coordinator.

Chey Temple can be reached at:

rpg@sakuracon.org

Abe Torres is the Miniatures Coordinator.

RPG will be run by staff.

5) Director of Relations Report

Isaac Alexander - Director of Relations was unable to attend.

Reported by Max Pham - Convention Chair

The Exhibitors Hall and Marketplace is pretty much sold out now.

Someone asked what Marketplace is. Marketplace are sets of tables set out for organizations to Advertise themselves.

We have 40+ Exhibitors with a 40+ waiting list.

6) Director of Publicity Report

Dawn Minges - Director of Publicity

Team Sakura went to AX Tokyo.

Next, Team Sakura will be at the Emerald City Comic Con taking Registrations.

Adam says there were 602 hits on the 4th of Feb.

The Web Team is recruiting for a Webmaster for 2005.

Info Booth has 2 locations and possibly a 3rd location for Information Booths

Merchandising is having 3 shirt designs.

1 Staff and 2 Regulars. \$12 for staff and \$15 for the Regular Shirts.
Merchandising will have pins and key chains made also.

Newsletter needs volunteers for photographers and writers.

The ConBook Submission Deadline is at the end of this month. Feb. 29th

7) Discussion and Vote on Amendment to Staff Rate Cutoff Date

Discussion turned to the policies for the cutoff date for staff rates.

This is the first year that Policies will be voted on.

Cutoff dates for getting the staff rates are proposed as follows:

By February 29th - Same day as other due dates for Staff

By March 23rd - One Month Before the convention.

By March 31st - Corresponds with the last day to Pre-register for the convention.

By March 14th - next Sakura-Con General Meeting

Discussion Regarding each Date considered:

By February 29th

Mark argued that the end of February is the same date that other dues dates for staff. That's also when staff badge designs are due.

Someone argued that some people don't show up to be on staff until the convention in previous years.

Max argued that it is too chaotic to have people show up to pre-reg for staff.

By March 23rd - one month before the convention

A Consistent Date every year.

By March 31st - Corresponds with the last day to Pre-register for the convention

Corresponds with the End of Pre-registration

Consistency with Pre-registration

A Floating but consistent Date

More time to recruit staff

By March 14th - next Sakura-Con General Meeting

Last Big recruit drive

Participation within organization

Face to face discussion

The first voting was a vote to eliminate 2 of the proposed deadline dates.

Then a vote for the best out of 2 Dates were taken.

Vote was taken at 3:05pm

5 for the 29th

7 Abstentions
32 for March 14th

March 14th has been voted on as the deadline for joining Sakura-Con Staff at the staff rate.

8) Proposed Amendments to the Policies

Renee Naddeo Proposed a couple of Amendments to the Policies.

1) We should add an Amendment to the Policies on restricting the type of signs that are held or part of costumes.

For instance, You...

Can't have signs asking for any amount of money.

Can't have signs asking for Glomping

Can't have signs asking about Yaoi, Yuri, Pimp Slap Pimp

And/Or anything can be at the discretion of the security staff including any physical actions.

2) A Proposal to change the policy on unsheathing weapons during picture taking.

We would need to have a designated area for wielding or unsheathing weapons.

This was presented to security as a proposal for a designated location for photo ops, allowing sheathing.

Issues regarding the proposal

-liability

-community reception

-discretion of security

It was decided that these issue would be put to the Sakura-Con Forums and discussed for consideration at the next meeting.

Next was a Report by Sean from KumoriCon 2003

Sean@radical.monkey.net

KumoriCon will most likely be in Portland for 2004

They are currently looking for more staff.

Max encouraged everyone to stay for the Anime Showing after the meeting.

With that, a motion was made to Adjourn the Meeting and the motion was Seconded by Dawn Minges, Director of Publicity.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm by Convention Chair, Max Pham.

The Next General Meeting is on Sunday, March 14th, 2004 at 1:00pm at the Seattle Marriott Sea-Tac Airport - (Seattle Ballroom 1).

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Jimmy Jen-yu Chang

Approved by: Convention Chair, Max Pham