

Sakura-Con General Meeting Notes 7/18

13:12- SC General Meeting called to order

Chair - Introduction of Con Board. All present minus Relations for the first meeting. A general call for staff volunteers for SC2005 has been put out. Reports will be declared

13:18 Operations report - Operations has put out calls for all manager positions. All interested parties should report to Operations after the meeting for manager positions. Mike Marcelles - Registration: all staff needs to speak to Mike for staff registration. We are at 408 pre-reg entries as opposed to under 300 for last year. Registration has put the call out for more staff as well.

13:20 - Programming - Mark Kraypo, Programming asst. has nothing new to report. Ross Hughley (Special events) is in control of the emerald ballroom. Volunteer Coordinator: many people have already asked to volunteer. request to all department managers for lists of volunteers to be mailed to Volunteer Coordinator. Also request managers and dept heads to email volunteer requirements to Volunteer coordinator. Comment from floor: It would be nice to have a staff service coordinator to assist with bringing snacks and provide relief to working staff. Chair: Direct suggestion to operations. Question from floor: how old to volunteer. Operations: 16 for general volunteer, 18 for security, coordinator level and above.

13:24 - Publications - John Laughlin - Publications manager, Eric Jorgensen - Online systems manager, Jonathan Freeman - public relations manager, Steve King - Assistant. Eric J: 1376 forum members, 582 mailing list, 150 staff(some 2k4 staff). Online is looking into budgetary concerns for web hosting: Boad coordinator: forum has been upgradted; several new features and tweaks have been implemented. Online is coordinating with Jae Holt to support Japanese language for the forums. Jonathan F: Info booth is looking for a coordinator (5-7 staff have been found, more are needed). Check the website for more info on the position. Team Sakura was at Anime Expo. Press room volunteers can contact Chad _____. Call has gone out for general photographer / videographer. Team Sakura: AE, Kumuricon will have Team Sakura attending. Chair: Anyone attending any conventions should contact the TS manager for information on supporting Sakura-Con. Question from floor: Will leftover shirts will be available for staff to purchase. Publicity: Shirts from all previous years are still available for purchase. Question from floor: what about pins? Comment from floor: Suggestion for italian charms promoting sakura-con. Publicity: Announcement of a mascot contest. Artwork will be used to support the con. Winners get three day badge, guest of honor status, and preferential seating at all major events, and a spot at artists alley. Runners-up will receive a full pass, and artwork for Friday's day badge. entries should be digital and large. hand drawn entries should be sent to an address posted on the forum. Characters only should be submitted. No copyrighted images. Question from floor: When will the contest close. Chair: September 1st. Information will be posted on the site. Written Publications Coordinator: Flyers and advertisements are being worked on. Artwork request was made. Chair: artwork will be made available from the contest. john.laughlin@comcast.com for business card information. Chair: business cards will be made available to people who are representing the Con to outside parties, including Directors, publicity coordinators, liasons, etc.

13:40 - Relations: Report posted from Relations forum. Question from floor: Will there be a japanese version of the sponsorship packer? Chair: Yes. Chair: Jae Holt - Corporate Manager.

13:45 - Treasurer: Some outstanding checks. SC is sitting at 115,000 in account. Paypal account has been changed, and problems have been tweaked. Question from floor: Will there be fund-raisers for Sakura-Con? Chair: To our knowledge, no fund-raisers have been performed by the Con, save for some small raffles at Anime Cafe in the past. Chair: Is there interest in coordinating a car wash fund-raiser? Floor: Null response. Chair: Updates will be posted.

13:48 Hotel Liason - 48% of hotel block has been filled. Who has booked a hotel room, and if so were there problems with arranging a room. Comment from floor: if you let them know that you are a part of the con, they will open a room for you. Liason - Get Rooms.

13:50 - Secretary - please keep me in the loop for contact information and numbers.

13:52 - General Floor concerns. Floor: questions regarding cosplay competition.

13:54 - Chair: Break for 10 minutes.

14:05 - Chair: regarding staff participation in events due to concern for favoritism. Beginning in 2005, there will be separate events specifically for staff. Question from floor: what about group cosplay with mixed staff / non-staff groups. Chair: That will be decided by the manager. Question from floor: How will the staff winner be judged. Chair: it will be done by a panel, similar to previous years. This may take the form of popular vote, a well.

14:12 - ANCEA report: Next weekend will be the first post vote meeting. It is from 10-noon in the current public library (directions at ANCEA website). An election for new vice president will also be held. Publications: ANCEA website will be updated soon.

14:15 - Chair: regarding policy bylaw updates. Some bylaws (making SC curfew match with King County curfew laws) will be voted upon. Comment from Floor: Minors use people over 18 as "guardians". how do we stop that? Chair: This has been considered. Registration should stamp the badge with contact info of guardian on it. also, paperwork with signatures of guardians should be held. Chair: The other policy change will be the number of minimum hours to be considered staff (and qualify for reduced rate and membership status, etc). *red from charter*. The vote will be whether the number of required hours should be raised or lowered. Operations: The preference is to be raised. Question from floor: Is this honor system? Chair: yes. Secretary: Will there be different hourly requirements for pre and during con? Chair: No. Question from floor: What about dual positions, will they be allowed? Chair: Yes, if your manager/coordinator allows it. Question from floor: Will video staffers have to sign up for 4 4 hour shifts to meet the 16 hour requirement? Chair: Yes, or they will do pre-con work (like the bag stuffing party). Question from floor: What if someone doesn't want to work 16 hours? Chair: They then become a volunteer. As an aside, the minimum requirement is for people looking for a cheap badge as opposed to managers and coordinators. Question from floor: what about people who don't fulfill the requirements. Chair: possible punishment includes backcharging. Operations: Last year people's badges were taken away or were denied their badge. Comment from Floor: generally people who want a cheaper rate generally become volunteers. Chair: Updates and comments will be posted on the site. Question from floor: will policy for lines change for this year? Chair: No. Line coordinator position is open. Comment from floor: Due to the late line difficulties, people were getting hot. Can we fix that? Chair: This is being fixed on an operational level. Publications: people who are interested in the artwork contest should contact Publicity.

14:36. Chair: Next meeting is scheduled for August 14th. It will be a barbeque. It will take place in Kent. The address will be posted on the site, forum, and mailing list.

14:43 - Motion to close the meeting. Seconded. Vote taken. Meeting closed.