

Sakura-Con June 2006 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM

Reorganization Report

Presentation of reorg structure

Presentation of reorg status – revised bylaws are being reviewed by our lawyer Robert Kaplan

The revised bylaws will be available on the website, message board, and on the staff list by July 13th

There will be a vote to ratify the revised bylaws at the July general meeting.

Staff from 2006 will be allowed to vote on this at the meeting ONLY.

Current staff may vote by proxy by sending email to secretary@sakuracon.org

If you vote by proxy and show up at the meeting, your proxy vote is null and void.

Pocky handed out. No, I'm not kidding. Come to the next meeting and maybe we'll do it again!

Treasurer Report

Prereg sitting close to 1000

\$169,000 in bank

Staff still must register, even though your registration is free

We need a complete staff roster of staff NUMBERS and POSITIONS – NOT NAMES

We need to know how many people will be working on the convention

Taking credit cards is being attempted

Secretary Report

Staff List is underway

Staff Handbook needs to be looked at

Online survey possibilities

Facilities Report

Hotel codes still coming together

Red Lion codes on the website

Staff block is at the Summerfield Suites – Email hotel@sakuracon.org with your name, the number of people in the room (up to four). \$135 a night, real breakfast included.

Let us reiterate: NO ROOM STUFFING. Two hotels have declined to re-sign with us over this issue. We have to make 1000 room nights this year. If we can get that many room nights rented out, we will be able to dramatically cut our costs to rent the Convention Center itself, be able to pick dates for the convention other than Easter, and build our reputation with the downtown hotels so that we can sign contracts with more of them. This is a win-win situation for everyone!

Twenty-minute break called

Meeting reconvened at 2:34 PM

Relations Report

Guest contracts are in the works, bring looked at by our lawyer
If you do not contact Sabrina by the end of August, you will get no prizes for your contest, or sponsorships.

Publicity Report

Team Sakura thread on the message board is a great way to get involved with Sakura-Con

Next event: Team Sakura at The Crocodile Café with The Pillows in concert

Advertising guide is going out now

Creating a DB of community contacts

Half-page color flyers have been ordered.

We should have posters available next meeting.

There will be an annual electronic Newsletter, mailing out in October 2006

Tenth anniversary conbook will be very special and *shiny!*

Open staff positions: need merchandising staff

Operations Report

Still looking for staff in all subdepartments

Submit any and all equipment requests to Operations@sakuracon.org

Operations will be carefully tracking staff hours

Deadline for staff registration is the same as prereg cutoff. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-UP STAFF. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Member Services needs more staff. Please contact memberservices@sakuracon.org

Managers, Coordinators, Directors: if you need volunteers, please let Alinda know!

SAS has requested a name change to Sakura Aegis

SAS has a plan and will be resolving the radio issues from last year

Operations office needs desk jockeys

Programming Report

Still looking for an Assistant Programming Director

Gaming is getting much bigger, looking to get Nintendo, Microsoft, and maybe Sony as sponsors, and getting prizes

LAN is asking for system donations NOW, specs to follow

Gaming is creating a Sakura Mix for Stepmania, please send your song suggestions to the Gaming Manager

Special Events is still looking for people to fill for open positions

Fashion Show is looking for Sakura-Con's mascot costumes for the past ten years

There will be three dances – Thursday night dance will be for preregistered attendees only

Panels Coordinator is still accepting ideas for panels

New business

Motion to change the minor curfew to 2:00 AM

Motion seconded

Discussion

Motion tabled

Next general meeting July 23rd, location TBD.

Email John Krall or Steve Lewno if you're interested in attending the Fourth of July barbeque.

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM