

General Meeting – 6 Jan 2008

Meeting started at 1:30 pm.

Less than 3 months until con.

### Programming

- Gaming updates: Tournaments being finalized (including a rock band tournament).
- Gaming needs 10 general staffers.
- Not accepting anyone's consoles and games due to liability reasons.
- Arcade machines – None have been confirmed as yet, since our primary source 'Illusions' has gone out of business.
- Panels submission forms are on-line.
- John Krall looking for amateur videographers to help with a video for opening ceremony.
- Cos-play chess will actually have a board to play on.
- Cos-play submissions for groups still being accepted. On-line form is somewhat fixed.
- AMV submissions will be accepted as well.. Submission form can be found on-line.

### Operations

- Sound test will be held after the meeting.
- Tech has 3 open positions left.
- Registration will have new computers that were donated.
- SAS still has lots of Rover positions available.
- Almost 2500 people are pre-registered.
- Registration is looking for lots of staff.
- Staff preservation site – being updated.
- Volunteer forms are on-line. Volunteer meeting after the bag stuffing party.
- Tracking spreadsheet is being worked on. Also, plan to have cards with the volunteers' schedule amount.
- Coordinators have a rebate of \$40 per day on rooms up to 2 days.
- Please complete staff registrations if you haven't done it.. Please contact your managers to get it

done.

- Logistics needs a couple more staffers.

#### Facilities

- We are 30% ahead of where we were last year on hotels being reserved.
- Please e-mail [hotel@sakuracon.org](mailto:hotel@sakuracon.org) not hotels nor facilities when sending e-mails to facilities.
- John will have the updates to the staff list and the board.. If staff is not listed on there for a staff room block, please e-mail [hotel@sakuracon.org](mailto:hotel@sakuracon.org)
- Sheridan is filling up pretty fast.. 85% of the room block is filled already.
- Please get rooms soon if you wish to get the Sakuracon discount, once the room blocks are filled, no further discount will be available.
- Everyone needs to be out by 10 pm on Sunday (except those designated to work past that time).
- Walk-through will be next meeting (February 17<sup>th</sup>).

#### Treasurer

- E-mail problems. Treasurer hasn't been receiving some e-mails. If you have not heard anything, please contact Renee after the meeting. Reminder to the web person to change the e-mail to the gmail address instead of Comcast.
- Renewal form

#### Secretary

- ANCEA secretary was researching International Trade Marks.

#### Publicity

- NW Afternoon – We need more people to help out.. E-mail [publicity@sakuracon.org](mailto:publicity@sakuracon.org) – January 31<sup>st</sup> and we can't cosplay when in the audience.
- For the staff list e-mail. Please limit replies. It's not to be used for chatter. It is preferred that you

reply directly to the person or group.

- Publications deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- New site design is still being worked on.
- New filters are on-line and there has been a great reduction in spam accounts.
- Mascot rules for 2009 are up – submission form is not yet up, and submissions can be done via paper. Also deadline for Mascot submissions are end of February.
- Infobooth has to participate in the walkthrough – it is mandatory.
- Press room still needs staff. You can also contact the press coordinator via [press@sakuracon.org](mailto:press@sakuracon.org).
- Public Relations Manager position is still open.
- Publicity still needs more staff.
- For those still interested in the Staff Polo shirt. There will be a form sent on the staff list as an attachment. Need to have form filled and payment submitted by no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Commercial is still in process. What has been done is pretty funny.
- Youth Matsuri needs 3 more people.

#### Relations

- More exhibit hall contracts have been coming up and mostly filled up.
- Artist Alley is full (sold out in 3 hours after the form was put up).
- Art show registration closes in 9 days (January 15<sup>th</sup>).
- The Slants & Ketchup Mania attending.
- There will be a Hello-Kitty Stratocaster will be raffled off.
- Scandal will also be attending/playing.
- Ali Project also announced. (They will have a full stage set up – including violins).
- Waiting on contracts for guests coming on. As soon as we have the contracts, will have more announcements.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.