

MESA Meeting 01/20/2019

Attendance:

Aziz
Bittergrim
Blackdawg
Bones2oo21
Brendan Blockade
Caldag
Draconis
Equus Improbis
Heros
Hillbilly Hound
Ilari
Izzy
Kanashio
Kenny Fox
Krillik
Lakota (Acid Games)
Nash
Oda
PanPan
PeaceWolf
Ren the Lion
Shasta
Sioras (NoDiceDoomguy)
Snowheart
Springdragon
Windsong
Xibalba Leopard
Zola

Meeting Opened: 8:03pm

Meeting Agenda:

Money Update
Park update
Staff update
Website Update
Convention Chair Shadow what you need to know
Safaris Update

\$1200 of the \$1534 Bittergrim accidentally spent due to Amazon charging the wrong card has been returned. Starting a new job has delayed the last \$334, the Organizing Committee is aware, and his first paycheck is at the end of the month.

We have \$952 in the bank after reserving our GoH's flight.

We are currently unable to contact the park due to the government shutdown. We will need to pay the first day's fees to reserve the site as soon as the park reopens.

We currently only have one good pavilion tent. A main pole in our second tent has busted apart, and the third tent has been damaged from a prior year. We may be able to get replacement poles for the tents for around \$200. There is a source for two similar new tents for slightly more. A 10x15 foot medieval style canvas tent for \$300-\$400 was also suggested as it would be far more durable. The issue with canvas tents is that they would need to dry before they can be put into storage.

Building our own tent frame out of wood like we did with the A/V booth was also suggested, however this could be more difficult to set up.

Prior to the shutdown we had discussed getting both Group Camps 1 and 2, as well as Redbud, with the park, if we reach an attendance level that requires it.

We will be requiring that vehicles that do not need to remain in the campsite after unloading be parked in the Redbud area. Security will be keeping an eye on this, and we may print up parking passes to place in vehicles.

Anyone using the R/V hookups or running an extension cord to their tents or vehicles will have to pay the park \$20 per night. This is a requirement from the park it's self, not a Wild Nights rule.

We will be looking in to setting up a charging station for phones in Con Ops, or some other secure area, for people who need it.

Medical needs some gloves, but is otherwise fine.

A/V has nothing to report.

Conbook is looking fine, apart from advertisements. Artwork and story submissions are still open, however.

We still need bios and pictures for some staff members and officers.

Security would like more radios.

The kitchen menu is still being finalized, but we will have an on-site pro-tem head-chef who is familiar with the menu, as Jamie will be unable to attend this year.

The website is almost finished, and should work better on mobile devices this year. It should go live in the next day or two.

Nash will be running an air-brushing workshop.

We will not have soap as reg swag this year, due to financial issues.

Reg need volunteers. The biggest times are Thursday night, and most of Friday. We will have drink koozies for reg swag, Krons is donating them. We will also have Mardi-gras beads.

In keeping with our theme, Zola will be running a mask making panel. It will need \$20-\$30 for supplies, the Organizing Committee approves a budget of up to \$50.

The horse-back ride raffle tickets will still be \$2 each.

Our Event Director has panel submissions open. As it was a huge success last year, we will be bringing back the charity Drag show. We may also have a poi panel. Our artist GoH wants to have a tea party.

We may need an extra propane burner for the soup dinner during the GoH meal. Hillbilly Hound may have something we can use. The kitchen also needs some new oven-mitts.

The Con Chair for the new Tails and Tornadoes Con, Peace Wolf, will be shadowing our President and Event Director Friday through Sunday to get an idea of what may be needed for their con.

We now have a promotional video for our charity Safaris Sanctuary.

A sensitive issue that needs to be addressed is that we started extending our stay to Tuesday to make teardown easier, but not everyone staying through Tuesday is helping at with that. Our checkout time with the park is noon Tuesday. Going forward, we will be expecting anyone who stays through Tuesday to help with con teardown either Monday night or Tuesday morning, so we can meet that deadline.

We will be recording a Wild Nights promotional video to show people/other cons.

Open Staff Positions: We need another person for logistics, and could use a shadow for our Event Director, as well as a staff videographer.

PanPan suggests Dragonkid/Biopaw Media for videographer, if they are interested.

We will be opening reg as soon as the website is updated, and we verify volunteer hours.

Next MESA Meeting Sunday, March 24th, at 8pm.

Meeting Closed: 9:51pm