

MESA Meeting 1/23/2020

Attendance:

Bittergrim
Blackdawg
Bones2oo21
Brendan Blockade
Caldaq
Chaz
D2O
Draconis
Heros
Hillbilly Hound
Ilari
IzzyKat
Keefur
Ketnar
Krillik
Kanashio
Oda
PanPan
Peace Wolf
Scotter
Shasta
Sioras
Skylor
Tamara
The Cyan Dragon
Travis
Zola

Meeting Opened: 8:02pm

Reading of previous minutes

Discussion about conbooks. We have not been getting many conbook submissions this year. Having a digital conbook, or not having one at all suggested. Internet on site is not reliable, and there are people who rely on the conbook for detailed event descriptions. If we go digital, it will be a pdf, rather than a phone app.

Discussion about panels and events. There will be a google doc for panel sign up. Many cons have seen a large uptick in under 18 attendance, so we may want to make sure to have some minor friendly events. We already have some that fit this bill. Star gazing suggested. If an event involves the tabernacle it will need to be run by our A/V director.

Discussion about power load balancing in the dining hall. We haven't really had problems with this in the past couple of years, and there are new breakers, as well. As long as people don't put several laminators and heat guns on the same circuit, it should be fine.

The website should be updated very soon. It was delayed by our webmaster moving. A preview should be ready later during the meeting, once Heros gets home.

Security will probably not be getting a radio repeater this year. We are moving over to business bands, and will have to have a radio operation meeting for all staff and security who need to have radios.

Oklahoma is now a constitutional carry state, but the park's rules on firearms will not be changing.

After a long discussion with a lawyer, due to changes to Oklahoma's "good samaritan" laws, we will be disolving our medical staff. Unfortunately these changes open us to being sued out of existence if the con and/or its' staff provide any first aid care. There will be someone available to provide emergency response aid only in life-threatening situations, to stabilize an individual until emergency services can arrive. We will also have first aid kits available for attendee use, but this is the extent of what we can do, due to liability issues.

An unfavorable story about Safari's has been going around social media, prompting concerns from some of our attendees. The story is misrepresentative, and the details are grossly exaggerated, we will not be removing Safari's as our designated charity.

Registration just needs to know what options regarding workshops and raffles we will be having in order to open reg. Reg prices will not be changing this year.

Next year's theme will be "Very superstitious, unlucky year 13." We do not have GoH's yet.

Line Monkey is our current event director. Travis will be filling the new Scheduling Coordinator role to assist.

Suggestions for an event director for future years would be encouraged.
Peace Wolf suggested

We are still looking in to ways to make staff members more visible. Polo shirts are too expensive, and some staff are opposed to them.

Remaking the year one t-shirt suggested. We will look in to it.

The repairs and renovations that some of our staff did for the park last year have held up quite well, and the park would like them to do more, pending approval from the state of Oklahoma.

Discussion about the horse-back ride raffle. With the price increases from the park BlackDawg can no longer do this, so we will be taking it down.

Motion to require security and emergency response personell to wear high-vis vests at all times while on duty to make them easier to find.

Ammendment to allow them to take them off during specific emergency situations, passes.

They already do this. Motion fails.

The next MESA meeting will be in March.

Meeting Closed: 10:29pm