

MESA Meeting 2/9/2021

Attendance:

BlackDawg
Bittergrim
Cackles
Crazy John
Die the Kox
Heros
Ilari
Jag
Jester Tiger
Kanashio
Karja
Koori
Line Monkey
MLW
Nash
Oda
Rowdy
Ruke
Scotter
Shasta
Sioras
Spring Dragon
Syrinx the Dragon
Tybron
Victor Redtail
Wild N Woofy
Zola

Meeting Opened: 8:05pm

As the President is unavailable, the Vice-President is presiding over the meeting.

Previous meeting minutes skipped.

Addressing the resolution passed Last Meeting:

A. If we can gain volunteers willing to set up a simple online event, we can host a virtual weekend on discord which would mainly focus on being able to talk with other con goers online, play games such as Jack Box, Among Us, or other group games, share artwork and stories, or other potential options.

B. Have spoken to our contractor Gayla. She is happy to work with us. After discussing potential dates, then talking with other convention leaders about dates and locations, it was

determined the optimal date for an event later in the year would be Thursday, October 28th, 2021 through Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. This weekend was available because it is considered a dead week (5th week). Other dates available were either too hot (Mid August) or mid-week since we were making these changes short notice. For those who are unaware, group events will regularly book anywhere from 12 to 24 months out depending on what the locations allow. In regards to the event Furry Retreat that is hosted in October as well, they are fully supportive and fine with sharing the month.

C. In making the change to October, the dates for April 2022 is put at risk. Should another group book that date, and then want to book for the next year, they will have the first rights. In order to resolve this issue, it has been discussed and agreed upon that Friday, April 23, 2021 and Saturday, April 24th, 2021 will be reserved and a staff based event will be hosted, focusing on projects to improve site, discussions to improve how the event is run, and team building exercises to improve the bond and communication between people. This will be using private funding, and will not touch the money from MESA, so it will not require voting or other such needs. The cap will be set to 50 people: Board, Staff, volunteers. Any open spaces available afterwards will be addressed and offered afterwards. Yet to be determined.

Motion to reschedule Wild Nights 2021 to be held at Robber's Cave State Park group camp 2 for the weekend of October 28th - November 2nd.
Motion Seconded.

A concern was raised by our Event Director that holding Wild Nights in October, we would only have 6 months afterward to prepare for Wild Nights 2022, which may place a burden on staff.

Other conventions have been able to work in similar constraints. Also, the first Wild Nights, in 2009, was organized in less than 3 months, and while we are a larger event, now, we also have experienced staff, and a lot of our events are already set up and essentially run themselves.

One of our guests of honor would not be able to make it that weekend. We can always reschedule them for another year.

Changing or altering the theme to incorporate Halloween suggested. Our artist guest of honor is fine with this.

Motion Passes

Motion to allow the Organizing Committee to handle any joint events with Furry Retreat.
Motion Seconded.

Motion Passes

MESA members who wish to donate money to the organization may do so at their prerogative, but we are not in any serious financial danger.

Motion to extend dues that are good for the 2020/2021 fiscal year through to the next fiscal year.
Motion Seconded

Motion Passes

D2O is able to print swag such as customized mug or steel badges for Super-Sponsor reg incentives, or raising of funds.

It is resolved that MLW is awesome

Meeting closed: 9:14pm