

MESA Meeting 10/31/2021

Attendance:

Alyeska
Dante
Donkey
Elektra Dragon
Heros
Ilari
Kara Yeen
Keefur
Lucky Ringtail
MLW
Nash
Oda
Ozark Fox
Q
Rawr
Sare
Scotter
Spooky Trash
Spring Dragon
Shuken
Syrinx
Tamara
Timbur
Twist Tail
Tybron
Victor Redtail
Wuffers
Zola

Meeting Opened: 7:23pm

Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes Skipped

Please have better bathroom etiquette

Alyeska liked that we had better hours with concessions, but wished we had more fire-wood

Tamara felt the food declined a bit towards the end

Dante had a pretty great time

Syrinx feels we need better schedule coordination between the gun range and everything else

Twist liked the amount of volunteering we had

Donkey liked that he was able to make it

Sare thinks we need more plungers

Q enjoyed the atmosphere; thinks staff is amazing; wishes staff had more help so they weren't run so ragged

Timbur Enjoyed getting to DJ

Victor thinks either fursuit parade, or charity auction, should be moved to Saturday;
Wants to know what happened to the far bathroom

Nash damaged his RV; thought there was water hookups for RV's

Tybron had a great time; Hopes we're in the black

Oda had a great time

Nash has Keefur's proxy vote 7:39pm

Lucky appreciates that he had cell service this year

Favorite Con

Had Fun

Elektra didn't know we had coffee

Rawr would like to see events start more on time

Ozark thinks the park should have better pavement

Ilari needs more help in A/V; proposing to Zola was the highlight of the convention for him

Heros Likes that we got another year on the books;
loved that we had more of a spirit of volunteering

Scotter loved that everyone was enjoying things the most that they could;
wishes he got more sleep

Spring was surprised how well maintained the bathroom was

MLW Loved the food

Zola liked as much of the con as she was able to see

Questions about how officer meetings are conducted. There are apparently rumors about non-officers being present at officer, or perhaps organizing committee, meetings. The officers are unsure what these rumors are referring to. There have been non-officers brought in to provide relevant information to an issue being discussed, Twist Tail was accidentally added to the OC Telegram for a day, and one emergency meeting where an officer's fiance overheard parts of the discussion, since the officer could not step away, but apart from that Organizing Committee discussions have been kept private, and the officers don't generally have meetings.

Discussion about social media permissions, website security, and the con's online presence

Motion: Within the next 6 months the officers will conduct an audit of security of all convention systems, including, but not limited to, social media, messaging channels, and the website.

Seconded

Ammendment, conduct additional audits every year or two

Ammendment include a simple report, once it is finished, for accountability

Motion passes

Dante would like to provide tea for concessions

Suggestion that we have a volunteer-hour time sheet, in a central location, such as the dining hall, where department heads can sign off on them, and the volunteer coordinator can pick them up

The artists request a convention mascot

A guideline to how the OC is generally run should be written up and made public

Motion to make the mascot a goose-weasel

Seconded

Discussions about other mascot ideas.

4 in favor, everyone else opposed

Motion fails

Previous designs made for wild nights suggested as a roster of mascots

Cougar suggested (perhaps Calamity Cougar)

Discussion about having an official mascot tabled

Discussion about having another event, in October, going forward

Pro: It's not as hot during the day

Con: It's very cold at night

Pro: Not having to deal with blankets of pollen

Pro: Much less chance of Tornados

Con: Much harder on staff

Furry Retreat is also in the same time frame, and shares attendees and staff

A more paired-back even suggested, to help alleviate the staff work load
Furry Retreat does fit that description

A different weekend, further from Retreat suggested
We are very limited on when the campsite is available, the only other weekend that had been open, prior to this one, was at the end of July, which was considered to be too hot to hold the event

Motion to recess for 15 minutes, and reconvene in the dining hall
Motion passes

Meeting suspended 9:01pm

Meeting instead moved to the registration building, so as to not have to interrupt, or compete with, general socializing

Meeting resumed 9:28pm

Tamara asks if we would have the budget to have multiple events
Things scale well, so we should be able to handle it. A lot of our costs scale, as long as we have over 50 people. Other costs, such as storage, which are fixed, would be helped by having more events.

Perhaps Furry Retreat might be interested in the dates.

General consensus is that we hold on to the weekend, with the park, for now, and make a final decision later, by the time that money would be required to hold on to the dates. (in mid January)

Suggestion about raising the price of attendance, to help upgrade equipment.
Perhaps we could consider only raising the cost of the higher tier registration.
A larger than normal percentage of our attendance reges at the higher tiers.
Suggestion to add a donate extra money to the con to help us buy "X" things option in registration.

Heros is now chair of the current meeting so our acting-President can step away.

Discussion about streamlining finding volunteers
Cork board to post places that need volunteers, placed in the dining hall
If Corsi cannot return, Dante offers to be volunteer coordinator
A preemptive list of how many volunteers are likely to be needed
at a given time and place suggested

A Wild Nights planning Telegram, accessible to attendees, and an announcements Telegram requested

Our current President, PanPan, has had to step down, due to life issues
Special election nominations for President now open
The person elected will finish out the current term, ending June 30th 2022
Scotter nominated and seconded
Keefur nominated

Nominations tabled to the business forum

Motion to adjourn
Seconded

Meeting Closed: 10:26pm