

MESA Meeting 2026-04-26

Attendance:

Akita
Alyeska
Azal
Blackdawg
Cal
Catalyst
Corsi
Cyber Yeen
D2O
Darkwolf
Destiny
Donkey
Dorito
Echo
Elektra
Ghost
Heros
Hudson
Ilari
Kaimichi Fox
Keefur
Liam
Lucky Ringtail
Misstophelees
Narixian
Nash the Red Panda
Nisho
Oda
Ozark Fox
PawDaWolf
Pooky
Styx
Toboe
Tor Kodiak
Travis
Twister Wilds
Ursanne Kodiak
Victor Redtail
Wildfire Pony
Zack
Zola

Meeting Opened: 7:12pm

Heros apologizes about the packing snafus, but a lot of things went astonishingly well.
Travis really liked being able to delegate tasks
Ilari had a good time
Akita has been attending since the first year. Is his first MESA meeting. It's a gorgeous con, because they're
Lucky Ringtail doesn't remember how long he's been coming, and thanks for the food
Black Dawg, has been coming since 2009
Donkey is thankful the rain stopped
Zola mans the kitchen, wants more kitchen staff
Victor enjoys coming out a lot.
Misstophelees has been coming since 2021. Thinks it felt more laid back
Catalyst likes how relaxed it is, and that lodging is included
Keefur been coming here since dirt, got to chill out a lot
Ozark Fox from Fort Smith
Wildfire is a Pony from Dallas, likes the kitchen staff
Narixian has been attending for 4 or 5 years. Favorite thing is the craziness
Pooky, is a hippo. First time, likes that it's relaxed
Tor Kodiak started coming in 2015. Good times, chill times, and plenty of food
Dorito First year, loving everyone's energy. It feels like a big family.
Paw been here since 2023. Has a problem, can't stop staffing in the kitchen, and doesn't know why.
Liam first year. You don't have to be a furry to act weird
Destiny the start was rough, but really likes how supportive everyone has been. Feels like if anything happened, everyone would be at the top of their game. Doesn't like how short it is.
D2O good to see new faces, and returning folks.
Echo, came here once in 09, first time back.
Nisho first year, enjoying it, will be back as soon as possible
Styx, 5th year here. Going to keep coming back, loves it, is here forever.
Hudson, you know he's going to be here.
Ursanne Kodiak, the other half of the kodiak pair.
Kaimichi Fox, a local, been coming since 2018
Zack been here for 3 years. The weather was nice.
Elektra lost count of how long she's been here. Great to see friends. Weather was great. Always going to come.
Nash the Red Panda glad people have been buying shirts. Plans on being back every year.
Corsi, was first dragged out kicking and so runs camp quichebitching bar and grill
Oda loves it, and going to keep coming back.
Twister Wilds been coming since 2021
Alyeska has been a furry since the 90s. Goes to Wild Nights because he can relax. Likes to take over the kitchen, when he's physically able.
Ghost/Vortex today was a great year. The vibe has been amazing.
Toboe been coming since 2014. Always loves this con. It's the most chill event to come to.
Darkwolf been coming since 2015. Had a good time running the trip to the gun range.
Cal, been coming since year 2, but missed a few year. Coming here has always felt like coming home. Like family. Like you belong.

Cyber Yeen

Azal doesn't remember how many years. Likes that it's a relaxing con.

Previous minutes summarized.

We had 108 attendees.

Motion to assembly of the whole to discuss tabled items.

Oklahoma has become openly hostile to the LGBT+ community. Other nearby states are almost as bad. The nearest places that might work are Colorado and Illinois. This would cost us a lot of attendees.

Donkey is looking to buy 50 acres, but this won't happen soon.

Hud knows of a place

Misstopheles suggest Camp Gaea, in Kansas City.

Zola notes that the problem with private property is that the owner is a single point of failure.

Azal notes that national parks would avoid state issues.

Ghost says Beaver's Bend state park has multiple furmeets. It's another Oklahoma state park.

Straw poll notes that looking in to options later, rather than being an urgent issue.

Cal got 100+ acres that has buildings, but needs fixing up. Would take 1-2 years.

Toboe feels that looking in to alternatives is a good idea, but there are other furry cons in Oklahoma, and other "high risk" states. Moving 6+ hours away would be the same as ending the con and starting a new one. This is also the first year we haven't had any real issues with non-attendees wandering in.

We have had previous attendees say they don't feel safe returning, because of Oklahoma's laws.

Alyeska notes we have a good rapport with the local law enforcement.

President's report on alternative platforms to Discord.

Stoat, fully open source, interface very similar to Discord, can be self-hosted

Matrix, is a protocol used by different apps, but most existing servers charge members to connect but it would be possible for us to host a server ourselves

Teamspeak, the corporate 6 version is also looking in to age verification, and 5 has issues

For cloud hosting, AWS would cost about \$4/month but is extremely limited in compute resources.

All the big names, like Microsoft or Oracle, cost around \$20/month; Vulture or Digital Ocean cost \$12/month

Donkey notes that if we go to a private server, he'd join

Heros would like something with a similar api to discord to coordinate with the website

D2O suggests his Rust server

Donkey would like the email contact information updated. The problem is that email forwarding no longer works, because most email services assume forwarded emails are spam and automatically block it.

Motion to have the website contact information fixed.

Seconded by Victor

Ammendment strike the existing text, and insert Have the webmaster investigate the email addresses, take whatever actions are possible to remediate the issues, and report on the status and actions taken.

Seconded
Ammendment passes
Motion passes

The website is badly out of date.
We need help with code and design.

Officer nominations:

Nominations for President
Travis declines his automatic renomination
Corsi declines
Oda declines
D2O declines
Onudi declines
Heros accepts
Keefur nominated
Nominations tabled to the business forum

Vice-President
D2O accepts his automatic re-nomination
Thunderwolf accepts
Corsi accepts
Nominations tabled to the business forum

Treasurer
Heros accepts his automatic re-nomination
Oda accepts
Nominations tabled to the business forum

Secretary
Ilari accepts his automatic re-nomination
Nominations tabled to the business forum

The President makes a heartfelt plea for new people to step up to fill staff and leadership positions.

Member at Large
Victor accepts
Lucky accepts
MLW nominated
Nash accepts
Allyeska accepts
Corsi accepts
Nominations tabled to the business forum

Meeting closed: 9:35pm until July 30th 6pm