

MESA Meeting 4/30/2023

Attendance:

Alyeska
Aquos
Azal
Blackdawg
Corsi
Corvus
Crazy John
D2O
Dante
Deno
Drake Matthis
Fang Neonpaw
Glenn Birmingham
Heros
Holly Fox
Hillbilly Hound
Ilari
James Puma
Karayeen
Karja
Keefur
Kit Koon
Merlot
Mistoffelees
Nash
Noodle
Noxychu
Nyx
Oda
Ozark Foxx
Styx
Tamara
Travis
Victor Redtail
Wonder Dog
Zare
Zerika
Zola

Meeting Opened: 7:10pm

Styx It's their first time here
Azal Allways enjoy

Ozark Foxx Had fun every time he's been here
Dante Always a good con
Tamara Always has fun
Donkey Just as good as every year
Alyeska Happy to not find cigarette bust everywhere
Holly Fox Makes plushies to help kids and animals
Nash Had a fantastic year
Deno
Victor Want the fursuit parade back on Saturday
Merlot Looks forward to next year
Karja Is nervous
Zare
Blackdawg Wants to run charity poker next year
James Puma First con, had fun
Mistoffelees Had a good time
Keefur Would like more stories and art for the conbook
Deuterium Oxide Glad we had no emergencies
Wonder Dog It's been wonderful, the pony rides were awesome
Corsi Apologizes for the menu
Crazy John Wants ice cream back, and strawberry jam
Hillbilly Will be getting more fireworks for the bonfire
Noxychu Likes the con, hates microphones
Karayeen New Event Director
Corvus Came all the way from San Francisco, had a great time
Glenn Birmingham Liked how many artists we had this year,
would like a dedicated space for the artists so nobody has to tear things down
Oda It's been a fun con
Drake Matthis Would like trash cans at the far end of the camp, and a larger fire
Noodle Enjoyed that the small fire was brought back up,
so that people with mobility issues could enjoy the fire
Fang Neonpaw Having a great time
Nyx Would like a dedicated quiet time so people can sleep
Hudson Isn't really here
Aquos First year, from Cincinatti, likes the uniqueness of an outdoor con
Kit Koon The good parts are yall, the bad parts are that they haven't been in a while

Previous meeting minutes skipped

After all expenses we have about \$3899 in the bank this year. We had an issue with paypal putting a hold on all income due to an "unusual increase in activity," that finally cleared. We have been given many suggestions, and are looking in to an alternative going forward for credit/debit card processing. Our Treasurer had to place a large amount of expenses on his personal credit card due to this, and will need \$3181.52 in reimbursement. After all usual post-con expenses, such as the storage space, we'll have around \$1000 to work with.

Motion to form a finance committee to discuss options after the con, consisting of Muriel, Hillbilly, Tamara, Dante, and Heros.

Tamra Seconded
Motion passes

The President's marketing plan for next year consists of the following. Advertising on FA and other Furry websites, getting fliers available to people attending other conventions. \$500 in funds being set aside for these purposes suggested.

Noxychu is willing to supply artwork.

D2O can provide free printing

Motion to create an advertising committee, consisting of Glenn, Keefur, Miurel, Noxychu, Ilari, Travis, and Tamara, with an initial budget of \$300.

Corsi seconded

Motion passes

Form a committee of the whole, for 10 minutes, to discuss mascot ideas

A raccoon suggested, as a nod to the park's official mascot

A Cougar suggested, in honor of Calamity

A menagire of characters suggested

A limit of two would probably be better, perhaps a male and female

A chimera suggested

A coyote suggested

An avian and land animal for the two suggested

A predator and prey suggested

Cougar 25

Raccoon 11

Goose Weasel 13

Wolf 14

Coyote 16

Horse 2

Corvid 19

Gargoyle 3

Tick 8

Bear 5

Rabbit 3

Deer 12

Golden Eagle 2

Cougar and Deer 12

Cougar and Corvid 17

Motion to recess for 5 minutes

Motion fails

Motion to reimburse Heros for the amounts he spent on the convention

James Puma seconds

Motion passes

Motion to recess for 5 minutes
Motion Passes

Recess begins at 8:40 pm

Recess extended

Meeting resumed: 8:54 pm

Motion to form a committee of the whole for 10 minutes to discuss raising the attendance rate, and by how much
Motion passes

All of our revenue comes from reg, our super sponsors are keeping us afloat
Concessions breaks even, so doesn't really cost anything
We could keep our current pre-reg prices in place as an early-bird discount, and increase prices 3 months before the con, and increase the at the door prices
A 20% increase suggested, across all registration levels
A freely available additional donation option in reg suggested
\$15 increase to Basic and Sponsor, and \$20 to Super Sponsor suggested

Motion to have current pricing remain until 3 months before the con, and increase all registration prices by 20%, rounded to the nearest \$5

Hillbilly seconded

Ammendment to have Super Sponsor round up

Ammendment passes

This would increase prices as follows

Basic \$60-\$70 \$85 at the door

Sponsor \$100-\$120 \$135 at the door

Super Sponsor \$170-\$205

We have not increased Super Sponsor at-the-door prices, due to the fact that some of the goodies/reg-incentives are not available at the door.

Ammendment to increase volunteer hours to \$3 an hour

Ammendment passes

Ammendment to have Super Sponsor \$200 even

Ammendment passes

Motion passes

Motion to require that staff members who have restraining orders against and/or refuse to interact with other members of staff, or attendees, cannot be in a forward facing event staff position or at-con staff

Dante Seconded

Ammendment to allow those people to become eligible again if the restraining order is lifted, or they change their position in regards to interacting with others

Donkey Seconded

Ammendment to strike text and change to text to Enforce Restraining Orders in priority of registration, with priority to staff.

Ammendment fails

Amendment to strike the text and replace it with If, due to personal involvement or legal obligations, you cannot perform your duties as staff, your staff positions are revoked

Seconded by Glenn

Amendment passes

Amendment to give the Organizing Committee final discretion

Seconded by Donkey

Amendment passes

Amendment to require the OC discuss it with the Staff involved before making a final decision

Amendment passes

Motion passes

Motion to strike the rule restricting kink gear

Donkey seconded

Motion to table until laws are able to be reviewed

Tamara seconded

Motion to table passes

Motion to give vendors a tent space of their own

Ilari seconded

Motion to change vendors to artists

Wonder Dog seconded

Motion to table

Seconded by Nyx

Motion to table passes

Motion to require asking consent for physical contact with another attendee, either verbally, or with a badge

Motion seconded

Amendment to require the con badge reflect this consent

Amendment Seconded

Amendment fails

Motion passes

Motion to Adjourn

Motion fails by default due to standing business

Motion to adjourn to con ops

Motion passes

Meeting resumed 10:09pm

Nominations for Vice-President

The current Vice-President is automatically re-nominated

Twist is not present

Keefur Nominated and Seconded

Keefur Declines

Deuterium Nominated and Seconded

Deuterium Accepts
Heros Nominated and Seconded
Heros Accepts
Nominations tabled to the forum

Nominations for Treasurer
Heros accepts his automatic renomination
Falcon Punch Nominated
No Seconds
Spring Dragon Nominated
Seconded by Nudel
Spring Dragon is not present
Nominations tabled to the forum

Nominations for Secretary
Ilari accepts his automatic renomination
Azal Nominated and Seconded
Azal is not present
Dante Nominated
Dante Declines
Nominations tabled to the forum

Nominations for Member at Large
Dante Nominated Tamara
Tamara Accepts
Oda nominated
Oda Accepts
Donkey nominated
Donkey Declines
Krons nominated
Krons Declines
D2O nominated
D2O Accepts
Onudi nominated
Onudi Declines
Victor nominated
Victor Accepts
MLW nominated
MLW Not Present
Karja nominated
Karja Accept
Zerika nominated
Zerika Declines
Keefur nominated
Keefur Accepts
Heros nominated
Heros Accepts

Nominations Tabled

Meeting adjourn to a time and place to be noted later

Meeting Closed: 10:41pm