

LepreCon, Inc. | Minutes: Board/Committees 09/24/2017

Call to Order

Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017

Location: Denny's, 3205 E Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

The meeting was called to order by Paul Tanton at 7.33 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Board Members Present: Dee Astell (expires August 2019), Hal C. F. Astell (*Vice Chair, Secretary, Quartermaster, Webmaster* - expires August 2020), Kevin McAlonan (*Treasurer* - expires August 2019), Gary Swaty (expires August 2018), Paul Tanton (*Chair* - expires August 2018).

Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Michael Fett (*Vice President, Assistant Vice President*, remotely).

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: None.

Committee Heads Present: Michael Falinski (*Database*), Margaret Grady (*Bylaws & Policies, Positions, Surveys*), Earl C. Hedges, Jr. (*Fundraising, Social Media*, remotely)

Committee Heads Absent: Sharan Hoyle (*Socials*)

Guests: Mike Cassidy

Collections

Paul Tanton passed around the Collection Cauldron; \$20 was collected.

Board Reports to Committees

A motion was made to define which roles constitute officers and which committee heads and to allow both to be added to the boardlist. This passed 5-0-0.

Committee Reports to the Board

LepreCon 42: Paul Tanton is trying to close out the books in the absence of prior treasurers.

LepreCon 43: Dee Astell reported on communications from ASCAP. Remaining printing costs have now been paid. What's left to do is to send certificates to masquerade winners and printed materials to supporting members.

LepreCon 44: Michael Fett reported on problems with artist guests; the older generation are dying and he asked for any recommendations who were under 60 years old and not comic book related. Hal Astell asked a number of questions, from a list that combined his and Paul Tanton's. Answers are below:

Q: How many memberships are sold? A: 6.

Q: How many vendor tables are planned and how many are sold? A: 27 tables with 2 sold.

Q: How many artist panels are planned and how many are sold? A: 10 art pedestals with 8 sold and 20 art flats with 5 sold.

Q: How many sponsors are on board and what are they covering? A: None. However, the Arizona Artist Commission may be willing to 'sponsor' the remaining art space, where 'sponsor' means fill it with art. This may not be sci-fi art and it may reduce the number of vendor tables.

Q: When will we see a major guest announced? A: No answer.

Q: When will we see any programming announced? A: This is a work in progress.

Q: How close is LepreCon 44 to having the venue fully paid? A: It's a third paid.

Q: How close is LepreCon 44 to having Kevin McAlonan's loan for the venue deposit paid back? A: Michael did not answer as he feels that the board is overstepping its bounds here.

Q: How many artists have claimed to like the PSFAFAE concept but have not yet paid for space of some kind? A: 10 are interested, but they're upset by comments by the membership on social media.

Q: Other than the website, social media and the First Friday street team, what is being done to promote the event? A: Michael declines to answer any further questions.

Q: When will leprecon.org show LepreCon 44 rather than LepreCon 42? A: Michael suggests that the corporate webmaster is overstepping his bounds and asks that he not talk to his convention webmaster (or other staff).

Bylaws & Policies: Margaret Grady reported that there was discussion on the Facebook group she'd set up for this.

Michael Fett raised the suggestion of a cap on spending by convention chairs. Margie asked him to raise this on the group for discussion.

Database: Michael Falinski has the data but has not finished working on it yet. He asked what we wanted out of that data. Michael Fett provided some details he'd like for LepreCon 44. Earl Hedges also had suggestions. Margaret Grady asked for information for the Survey committee.

Financial Review: No report.

Positions: Margaret Grady reported that this is a work in progress. Woody and Earl are to assist. Gary Swaty may have some position data from CASFS. It was suggested that descriptions be written up for committee co-ordinators.

Fundraising: Earl Hedges reported that media cons won't give to non-profits. He raised Kickstarter as an option.

Social Media: Earl Hedges asked about the role's mandate. Margaret Grady volunteered to proof social media posts.

Surveys: There was discussion about surveys. Michael Fett suggested holding one at registration. Michael Falinski said that he could build functionality into the database.

Socials: Sharan Hoyle was absent and had not provided a report.

Quartermaster: Hal Astell asked what Michael Fett would need for the LepreCon 44 street team and whether they expect to use our cash registers. A suggestion was made to order fresh card readers.

Website: Hal Astell reported that he had updated the website with fresh meeting dates and uploaded some new docs like our Articles of Incorporation. He had mailed Lyle Dillie, as per the wishes of the AGM, about granting him access to the LepreCon, Inc. hosting space so that he could set up the LepreCon 44 website there; Lyle said that he was discussing this with Michael Fett. He had also, as per the wishes of the AGM, sent the previously discussed concerns about the LepreCon

44 website to Michael afresh and cc'd Patti Hultstrand and the deadline for making those changes was September 26th; Michael replied that some changes would be done by the deadline but most (including those regarding the About page) would not because he didn't agree with them.

Other: Bruce Farr has been removed from the boardlist and any further handover to Kevin McAlonan as treasurer would be handled separately. The restrictions on Stephanie Bannon were raised and a proposal was made to defer these to the quarterly meeting, as the membership had voted on them previously; this passed 5-0-0. There was discussion about how we define quarters; a bylaw proposal will be crafted to clarify this.

Meetings

The next Board/Committees meeting was set for December 17, 2017 at the same venue, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Adjournment

Paul Tanton adjourned the meeting at 11.26 p.m. after a vote of 7-0-0.