

Attending: Linnea Thompson [co-chair], Daniel Reitman [co-chair], Rick Lindsley [secretary/treasurer/programming - tech], David Lohkamp [programming], Joyce Zimmerscheid [Sue Petrey/Green Room volunteer], Rachel R [programming head]. Ed Beecher [reg worker], RC Weber [free spirit who might help reg], Howitzer [info desk], Don Anderson [programming - tesla], Shane Sauby [free spirit], Scott Huber [dealers], Holly Irons [PR], Ali Muñiz [programming - science]

The meeting began at 1:03pm.

Marla Baer-Peckham (marlabp@frontier.com) arrived at 1:05.

Programming started off first. The invite letter is ready to go, but Rachel is still filtering panels. Ali suggested having a programming meeting to coordinate efforts and possibly speed things up. [Rachel agreed, and sent out an invite during this meeting.] Marla offered to help programming with special events. The offer was enthusiastically accepted, although the parameters of what constitutes a special event still needs to be drawn out. Holly asked if there were any event links she could use, but Rachel said we're not at that point yet, and won't be for a while. Actually creating and populating panels will likely happen late summer; the effort now is focused on reviewing panels and panel descriptions, and getting invites out.

Hotel was not represented.

Art Show was not represented.

The **Treasurer** reported obstacles getting the signatures transferred – the main problem being to get the bank to call him or email him back. Continuing to try.

Dealers reported that things are going pretty well. The final capacity will still depend on covid restrictions (if any) at convention time, but we are tentatively anticipating a capacity similar to past years. Dealer booths are large enough that they space themselves, so long as they are not overstaffed (that might potentially limit the number of customers admitted to the dealer's area.) Scott is in the process of retrieving dealer's information from last year, and needs to know which dealers have paid and then asked to rollover. The treasurer will try to assist with this, but it's not clear how much of that information is easily available. While discussing this, Daniel found a list from O41 that might be useful and will forward that to Scott.

There was a brief side conversation regarding **hospitality** and what form it might take. It was generally agreed that hospitality needs to continue its gentle move from providing full meals to only snacks and drinks. No firm conclusions were reached. The possibility of one or more food trucks, which might provide economical options to people depending on hospitality, was raised. As usual, that will require working with, and permission from, the hotel, but they have been accommodating in the past.

There was a brief acknowledgment of the **many open positions**. Linnea pointed out that there was not even a bid yet for O43, and projected that would make any handoff to "the next con" a problem this year (as has been customary, unfortunately, for several years now). Holly asked if she were allowed to post each of the roles (yes). Can we have people send to volunteers@orycon.org? Well, that *would* be the perfect place, except our volunteer coordinator is one of the open positions. Holly offered to set up a Google form to collect information, and Ed said he'd be willing to collect the information and respond to questions (on a temporary, for now, basis).

Ananda (Amethyst Rose) arrived around 2:00.

The next topic was **covid positioning** – how will the (hopefully waning) pandemic impact the con? Multnomah County was poised to go to Low Risk by Wed 5/26 (this actually took a couple more days but is now true.) This means venues can operate at 50% capacity, although what that means for the hotel would still be subject to interpretation. The good news is, the con isn't until November when, presumably, restrictions will be lifted even more. Hospitality/Green Room may need to adjust late in the game. Rick volunteered to contact Elizabeth Davis (previous head of Green Room) and Rachel was going to contact her person and we'll see if we can get Green Room resolved.

Marla suggested having Orycon-branded masks available as artifacts. They'd make a very practical souvenir. Enthusiasm ensued, but no clear person identified to make it happen.

Holly said she will position in advertising that rules regarding masking, vaccination, and other pandemic-related policies are still being developed. "We believe there will be changes due to Covid but we don't yet know what they are."

A brief 5-minute break occurred at 2:39pm.

The last part of the meeting was reserved for new questions or side issues that had arisen during the meeting proper.

PR – Holly said she will send some expenditure requests to treasurer later today.

Is Creation Station looking for an assistant?

Joyce reiterated she is willing to help with Green Room (although not own it.)

Ed asked if he should post about Orycon in sci-fi related Facebook groups? Holly said, 2 or so a week so that it doesn't look like spamming.

A small, pre-visit to the hotel may be planned before summer.

Daniel will contact Bill regarding Watch (who is back, who is not?)

Holly requested photos from past Orycons (at the Red Lion) to help publicize it – has contacted Mana Conrad.

Marla has an idea for artist GoH – will contact programming.

Seanara also had an idea for an artist GoH.

Art Show is not represented today, but – how about a larger number of relatively unknown but local artists?

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.