

Attending: Linnea Thompson [co-chair], Rick Lindsley [secretary/treasurer/programming – tech], Joyce Zimmerscheid [Sue Petrey/Green Room volunteer], Dax [free spirit/volunteer], James Sena [fan tables], Ann Ezell [events supervisor], Alan Olsen [video program], Don Anderson [programming – featured panelist], Debra Stansbury [hotel], Scott Huber [dealers], Shane Sauby [free spirit/volunteer], Daniel Reitman [co-chair], David Lohkamp [programming – panelist/volunteer], Aaron Curtis [OSFCI rep/Ops], Holly Irons [PR/Social Media], Jaki Hunt [programming – small/large tech], Sue Renhard [programming – panelist], Howitzer [info desk]

The meeting began at 1:03pm. The general agenda had been whether to have an Orycon, but a OSFCI Board meeting held since that agenda was published had already decided there will be. This meeting then continued without a specific agenda.

Daniel recounted the previous board meeting. Aaron C will be doing **ops**; Sky Bullock will be heading the **watch**; several volunteers were identified for watch. Sam Klein volunteered to do the **pocket program**, but no souvenir book will be made. The savings from that decision will become the “covid slush fund”, covering costs created by dealing with covid. The board has also given permission to restructure the budget so long as final numbers do not change appreciably. (Rick and chairs to put heads together on that outside of this meeting.)

A number of people needed to leave early, so they were asked to report first.

Howitzer asked if a location for the **info desk** has yet been identified (no). Monica needs blank room layouts that she can blow up. We have lost one volunteer and Howitzer himself may be stuck at the border due to covid (he is fine, but now lives in Canada and access at the US border currently has some very strict criteria to enter.)

Debra reported on **hotel**. We are at over 50% of our room block, which is surprisingly good at this point. She is on her 4th hotel contact (they keep shifting due to covid as well). The good news is that we are back to Linda McCaffrey, who is familiar with Orycon. Any specific questions, please email Debra (hotel@orycon.org). If you are seeking the limited number of staff hotel rates - email Debra by October 21.

Aaron added that the cutoff for the hotel block is 10/21. Penalty cutoff is 75%.

Scott asked will we be required to buy coffee for the dealer’s room? (No.)

We hope to have some locations (info desk, e.g.) decided upon by end of week.

We did not get a walk through. But Debra has taken video on a personal walkthrough after the Gamestorm Game Day.

We need hours for dealers and Art Show. Scott says dealers will be the same as last year; will supply to Sam.

Alan reported that **video** is all planned. He will post to the Orycon mailing list.

Holly (**PR**) asked, “What should social media be saying?”

Rick asked, is this a good time to re-emphasize we are having an in-person con? Holly responded, yes, certainly, and actually we have been pretty consistent and frequent with that message, so that’s nothing new.

Jaki (**tech**) asked, “What can we help with?” We don’t have staff to bring everything. Panel tech (small tech) we can do - other stuff, the default is no, but we can be swayed if there is sufficient

knowledge and staff being recruited to install and utilize it. **Absolutely** need knowledgeable people to run it. Jaki/Rachel/Debra will meet to discuss.

Any others have to leave early? (no)

RC Weber [registration], arrived at 1:30pm

Seanara Coyote [registration assistant] arrived at 1:30pm

Chris Ballowe arrived at 1:30pm

RC mentioned registration needs a list of people (all depts) who are comped (staff + panelists)

We then began the main meeting.

The board would very much like us to have a con – there are considerable financial penalties if we do not.

Masks will be required everywhere. There will be no food/drink in function space. Thus, any hospitality will be outside. In essence, we will be following the practices of the convention center.

Vaccines or negative tests will be required but yes, they can be faked. We can't fix this. A picture of their vaccine card will be ok. ID must have the same name as the card – and a second, very specific date must indicate they are fully vaccinated. Or, they can show a negative test from the previous Wed (Nov 4) or later.

1:45 Howitzer, Debra left

Who has unmet needs? The board is trying to find people to fill them but needs to know what they are.

Ann - is Betty Bigelow programmed appropriately? Is taking care of the GoH happening? Daniel - told Debra to charge her room to our tab. Cash per-diem is handed out on Thu night at the GoH dinner. We cover travel (flight or mileage) but incidentals are the per-diem.

There was a discussion of kaffeeklatsches, but given covid, they will not be programmed nor even informally promoted this year.

There are no handlers for the GoHs. This means that travel arrangements and programming of them is lagging.

Masquerade rules/guidelines needed – Rachel will talk with Marla.

Holly asked if her trip to Rusticon to deliver Orycon ads is reimbursable. Answer is yes, probably – Rick and chairs to discuss offline.

Holly volunteered to find some generic diagrams/pictures of proper mask usage.

Fan tables reported they still don't know where they will really be. Downstairs seems likely, and if so, James reported that the current number requested would fit okay down there.

In the past, we've used the RMNC as volunteers for watch. Will they be available? James – probably.

Dax left at 3:15pm

Scott offered we could do away with pipe and drape for dealer's room and save some money. Chairs responded that they're not sure if that will be necessary but good to know.

Aaron asked who has experience assembling Art Show panels? Nobody present did. Chris mentioned he has disassembled but not assembled.

Ann left at 3:25pm

There were a couple of more specific questions about programming.

Aaron asked where the next meetings are listed and Linnea told him it's in the wiki (<http://orycon.pbworks.com>).

The meeting adjourned about 3:40pm.