

Feb 2023 BOD MEETING MINUTES

Current Board members: Ursula, Karnak, m4, Smiles, Miles, David, Wax, Bucky, Aye, Lotus, Hatter, Cramer- 12 people

Attendance: Ursula, Cramer, m4, Lotus, Smiles, Karnak, Aye, Bucky, Hatter, David, Miles, Wax

Quorum - 7 people

Welcome and Check ins:

- At retreat, new officers were elected:
 - Diana “Smiles” Svendson as President
 - David Wilkes as vice president
 - Kelly “Lotus” McMahon as Secretary
 - Alex “Whatever” Cramer as assistant treasurer
 - Miles Miner remains Treasurer
- Ursula Sadiq stepped down from President; Christopher “m4” Venghaus stepped down from Vice President.

To approve:

- **Dec 11 2022 : Meeting Minutes:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ORZhKUrKik9Vi9fwQ9Xibizs1oZG2uyPdid1IMcb8Bs/edit>

To be approved at March meeting

Agenda

Welcome and Check-ins

- Review and Vote on December Minutes -
- New Business
- Old Business

NEW BUSINESS :

- Go over the contract for the new Constellation site at Fort Royale
 - Do we have questions for Dave and Heidi?
 - Constellation will be first committee addressed
- Smiles proposes that we make board meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning in March

- Most dates were found to conflict with other key dates and events, therefore only March and April were scheduled

OLD BUSINESS (Includes outstanding items from previous meetings) :

- Finance and Governance - Ursula/Miles
 - Missed setting up a meeting for this month but going forward, every 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - Dave - Form 990 needs to be filed by May 19th (he believes)
 - Lotus as secretary should confirm that the changes did occur
 - Ursula wasn't able to interface with a lawyer
 - Ursula requests another person to be roped in for the conversation
 - Miles - wants to get together in March to go over the financials
 - Knowledge transfer with Whatever
 - Wants to be done with taxes before PDF
 - Smiles - has updated the bylaws for the website
 - Also update the vision and mission statement
 - New officers
- Land Purchase - Ursula, Miles, David
 - Regular of 4 to 5 people attend monthly meetings
 - Progress is still being made so far as site visits go
 - Hoping to make a site visit on Wednesday to Spring Run, PA (near Harrisburg)
 - 61 acres
 - 5 properties on their to visit list
 - Any board member is welcome to join the site visits
 - David will try and be more proactive and give a heads up for them
 - Miles - would appreciate the communication
 - Has been mulling over all of the board member's thoughts in regards to purchasing land
 - Legal structure of ownership?
 - Miles - especially tax structure
 - Stay a non profit entity?
- Conduct Committee - Aye/Smiles/Lotus

One case was voted on, unanimous agreement.
m4 believes that consent signage and education should be posted at events
- Community Art and Civic Engagement - Ursula/Smiles, Lotus, Aye
 - [MALC](#)
 - Evening Fri 4/21, all-day Sat 4/22
 - Website: <https://firepony.org/mid-atlantic-leadership-conference-2023/>
 - Prep is going well
 - Ticket sales should open this week
 - Budget is set
 - In talks with BWB, other orgs, about collaboration/grants

- Is FPCS doing another round of CACE grants?
 - MALC expects to be self-sufficient
 - Previous MALC (2018) ran a surplus of a few hundred dollars
 - This includes the contribution to FPCS
 - If no one shows obviously we're screwed, but costs do scale with attendance
 - Smiles needs Comms info by whenever, but works on Sundays
 - Building up a program, it's a work in progress
 - Not camping, definitely a conference. Find your own place to stay.

- Technology Committee - m4/Wax/Hatter
 - Wax - working on the new ticketing system. Time has been a factor, can't complete by PDF. Will be using the old system for PDF
 - Hatter - adding all of the coupon codes. Will have that finished either tonight or tomorrow. Also working on creating an automation for that to make things easier
 - Smiles would like that to be done by this weekend so that testing can be done (m4 says that should be good)
 - Ursula brings up the fact that MALC will be using the same system and will be running ticket sales concurrently
 - m4 says that should be fine
 - Miles wants to know if he will be able to distinguish between PDF and MALC sales.
 - m4 - will send out link to board members to help test the system
 - Perhaps will use townhall to help test system as well
 - Bucky brings up that volunteering system should be live when tickets are available. Jen F of the PC will be handling that.
 - m4 needs to know the volunteering system so that he can include the link when people buys tickets.
 - Still issues with access to certain groups or drives
 - m4 says that if the files are on the actual Google Drive, there should be no issues
 - Permissions may need to be reset for entire BOD group instead of individual rights
 - David still wants to go through and clean up entire Google Drive but doesn't always have the rights to move certain things around.

- Safety/Ranger Council Update - Wax, Lotus
 - Lots of interest from a few people in ranger leadership
 - Going to put together a volunteer schedule for PDF
 - Wants to borrow Constellation model with pink light camps
 - Regular meetings to be set up with new people and Wax and Lotus
 - Bucky - how do we want to solicit the pink light camps?

- Wax says he wants to space them out in order to have most areas covered
 - Theme camp application? Open when tickets go on sale
- Event Planning - Constellation - AYE/CRAMER
 - Site visit 2 weeks ago to Fort Royale
 - Parking is good, electric is set up, owners maintaining the upkeep of the land
 - Solid vote needed for moving to Fort Royale so that we can start negotiating the contract
 - Miles compares the feel to Deerfields (old Transformus site). He is excited about the new feel
 - Concern about proximity to the road. Miles isn't concerned about that since they have multiple big events there and take precautions to help mitigate this.
 - David wants to confirm that the land can accommodate Constellation's size (around 800 people)
 - Aye confirms that 800 should be good
 - Rattlesnakes are a concern, have been active as late in the year as Nov
 - There are people who are taking care of them as well (snake wrangling)
 - m4 brings up insurance concerns on this. Perhaps "donate" the service to FPCS
 - Ursula wants to confirm weather change from Pegasus to Fort Royale
 - Miles believes that this area (Bedford, PA) should be where we're looking for land as well
 - Taking a vote to officially move: Passed unanimously
 - Next step is to negotiate contract - perhaps set by next Friday 3/3
 - We have to let Mark and Bonnie know we will not be returning
 - Need to confirm pricing for event with the contract
- Communications - Smiles
 - We didn't get to talk over communications on this meeting
- Event Planning - PDF - Bucky, Hatter
 - Ticket sale coming up on Wednesday
 - Bucky wants to congratulate Constellation on moving to new site in PA
 - Ticketing aid applications are coming in
 - Site visit April 1
 - Ursula and Whatever went over art grant contracts
 - Some needed to be tweaked but lots of great ideas
 - No pony or temple submissions yet
 - More money was allocated to round 2, currently open until March 9th
 - A couple people have said they are interested in building the pony
 - Newsletter before ticketing and social media push as well

- Smiles wants to continue the better communication around ticket aid applications, giving people more time to apply re accessibility
- Wax has a lot of new people interested in leadership for Rangers
- Miles really wants to get in to the storage locker and organize everything
- David looked into the Tamaqua community and noticed that there were a lot of art focused organizations. He really wants to interface and help with the community more
 - Perhaps do some networking with the local art community? (Having people come to the event for a few hours)
 - Concerned about negative interactions perhaps
 - Miles has concerns as well with bringing people to the event
 - Would have to be fully escorted more than likely
 - Aye says perhaps an event like Catharsis or Figment would be a better outlet
 - PC would probably need to be looped in on this idea
 - People from Stonehenge would perhaps be good to invite?
 - Jayde Raven who lives in the area may be good to ping as well
 - During April 1st site visit for interfacing?
 - Great coffee house at art space

Miles wants to propose for time sensitive votes to have a process for streamlining that process

- David says we may call a meeting whenever we need in order to resolve these issues
 - Can be a fast meeting if needed
- Is slack the appropriate channel for this?
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- Calendar and Communications

- MALC mtg - every Wednesday @6:30 (not on FP Zoom)
- PC Call
- Land Committee - 2nd tuesday 7pm
- FIN & GOV Committee -
- Burner Banter - 3rd Wednesday @ 7
- FP Newsletter -
- BPE Newsletter -
- Shooting Star -
- Ranger Committee Mtg -
- Technology Mtg - Wednesdays @ 9 EST
- FP RIDE -
- Conduct -

- Regional Contacts

- <https://regionals.burningman.org/becoming-a-regional-contact/>

- Dave, Kelly, Aye interested (Aye has emailed and begun process, as well as talked with JR and Millie)
- Sitting RCs amenable to adding more RCs
- Current RCs:
 - <https://regionals.burningman.org/regionals/north-america/washington-dc/>
 - DC: Spacious Duane, JR Nexus Russ, Charles Planck
 - Baltimore: Millie
 - Philly: Giggles, Sara Tonin, Don Wilson, Geri Omni

Actions

Committee assignments:

- Governance and Finance: Ursula, Miles. David, Cramer
- Land Purchase: David, Miles, Bucky
- Event Management: Constellation: Miles. karnak. Cramer, Aye
- Event Management: Playa del Fuego: Smiles, karnak, Hatter
- **CACE/ Art grants: Wax, Lotus**
- CACE/ Ride: Smiles, Aye
- CACE / Community Connections: Smiles, Ursula
- CACE/ MALC : Aye?, Lotus
- Conduct: Smiles, Aye, Bucky. Lotus
- Safety / Overall: Epic
- **Safety/ Ranger Council: Wax, Lotus**
- IT and Tech: m4, karnak, Wax, Bucky, Hatter
- Communications: Smiles, Hatter