

## **NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**Current Board members:** m4, Smiles, Miles, David, Wax, Bucky, Aye, Lotus, Hatter, Cramer, Tovia- 11 people

**Attendance:** m4, smiles, David, Aye, Hatter, Bucky, Wax, Miles, Tovia

Quorum - 6 people

### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Check-ins
- Review and Vote on September Minutes
- New Business
- Old Business

### **Welcome and Check-Ins**

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### **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

December Thursday Dec 14 @ 7pm

Proposed: Board Retreat January 19, 20, 21

- See below
- Possible in Northeast (the town) MD at the same place we were last year
- Smiles will bring cots

### **Review and Vote on September Minutes:**

Motion to approve - Postponed until December Meeting

### **New Business:**

- Ruby resigned from the Board
  - Resignation accepted and email sent Nov 10
- Burning Man After Burn Reports
  - Burning Man has a standardized report form
  - FYI - that means 2 reports now needed - one for BM and one for our website
    - Simplify number of reports
    - Make sure to still include things we feel are important to FP community.
  - All ABs due to BM by 12/31/2023

### **Old Business:**

- Board retreat: Looking at weekend of January 19-22, 2024
- 2023 Report started
  - Please update your committees
- Need help! Have a meeting to make retreat more efficient and effective?

- Proposed Focus: technology, FSA / land funds, BMorg sanctioning, clearly defining the board liaison role, future of Constellation management
  - Smiles to set up meeting
    - Thursday December 7th – Smiles will send out invite

**Event Planning - Constellation (Aye, Cramer):**

- Event wrap-up
  - After burn reports
    - Most departments and spheres have submitted afterburn reports.
    - Sphere leads and producer met to go over reports, no surprises from the spheres
    - Producer has sketched out a proposed re-org strategy.
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  - BM Working Doc, please make your own copy
    - Draft of the CB report is started, lives in the CB folder under Comms/post-event
  - Reimbursements haven't been done, will be working on those 11/16
  - All but four art grants have had final payments mailed
    - Three are waiting on photos
    - One failed to deliver their proposed piece.
      - A response is being drafted
  - Suggestions for next year
    - Board Off-Duty List
    - Allow BOD members to Go to Burning Man
    - Keep BOD members At Burning Man from working
    - Burning Man sucks, Don't go
    - Clarify BOD Radio channels
    - Need Cross-Event radio management for volunteers
    - Tools to prevent hot-mics / Radio Standardization

**Finance and Governance (Dave, Miles, Whatever Lotus, Aye):**

- Status of mailing address
  - Mail forwarding / Registered agent still in progress
- Ruby no longer on BOD
- Firepony website needs to be updated
  - Need a blurb for the website for Tovia
- Annual admin overhead for FPCS is around \$12-15k
- Federal taxes filed on November 14, 2023
- Annual Report
  - G&F has provided their update! Thank you
  - Report will be ready to post before next board meeting

**Conduct Committee** (Aye/Smiles/Lotus):

- Meeting Dec 5

**Technology Committee** (m4, Wax, Hatter):

- Tech meetings moved to Thursday evenings
- New Zoom links (redirects)
- Peacock
  - Wax has been working on implementing new features/requirements
  - Database / Models are set up
  - System is ready to start developing UI / HTML
  - Needs a more rigorous development schedule
  - PDF may use 3rd party for next event
    - Will allow more time to develop Peacock
    - Should use a burner ticket system
- Lotus and Smiles need someone to walk them through putting the meeting minutes on the website

**Communications** (Smiles):

- Newsletter for new board member needed
- Need picture and blurb to add Tovia to website

**Safety/Ranger Council Update** (Wax, Lotus):

- Setting up training events for community building
  - Possibly do this a stonehenge work-weekend
- Start this for FirePony events the first year / expand to regionals after.
- Needs a cool name

**Land Purchase** (Miles, David):

- Looking at property near bedford

**Community Art and Civic Engagement** (Smiles, Lotus, Aye):

- RIDE initiative for Constellation:
  - Reaching out to Lenape
  - 23 tickets for Constellation
  - Future: Brochures for assisting with RIDE information dispersal
- CB Ticket Aid
- MALC 2023 report is almost done
- May consider doing a 2024 CACE grant series
  - Need to review what information is already out there about CACE

### **Event Planning - PDF (Bucky, Hatter):**

- Status of Afterburn report - Almost Done
  - Burning Man After Burn Document
  - PDF AB for Website
  - Email sent 10/15 to all parties that need to update either / both documents
- Requesting 20A circuit installed behind cabin
  - Need to talk with site ops for clarification
- Need to discuss discounted coordinator tickets
- Raise ticket cap by 100
- Possible Theme Camp grants
  - Labor intensive
  - Clarify what these grants cover
  - Add spot on theme camp registration: "How can we help you feel supported?"
  - Reach out to camps that stopped coming to ask, "Why did you stop coming?"
    - "We can make noise again"
    - Encourage more art / performance

Motion to adjourn – Seconded @ 9:23PM

### **Calendar and Communications**

- PC Call - August Canceled - next is Sept 24
- Land Committee - 2nd tuesday 7pm
- FIN & GOV Committee - 3rd Tuesday 7pm
- Burner Banter - 3rd Wednesday @ 7
- FP Newsletter -
- BPE Newsletter
- Shooting Star -
- Ranger Committee Mtg -
- Technology Mtg - Wednesdays @ 9 EST
- FP RIDE -
- Conduct -
- MALC - on hiatus

### **Actions**

#### Committee assignments:

- Governance and Finance: Miles, David, Cramer, Lotus, Aye
- Land Purchase: David, Miles, Bucky
- Event Management: Constellation: Miles, Cramer, Aye

- Event Management: Playa del Fuego: Smiles, Hatter, Bucky
- CACE/ Art grants: Lotus, Wax
- CACE/ RIDE: Smiles, Aye
- CACE / Community Connections: Smiles
- CACE/ MALC : Lotus
- Conduct: Smiles, Aye, Lotus, Tovia
- Safety / Overall: Wax, Lotus
- Safety/ Ranger Council: Wax, Lotus, Tovia
- IT and Tech: m4, Wax, Bucky, Hatter
- Communications: Smiles, Hatter