

DECEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting ID: 750 660 4772

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

Attendance: Smiles, Whatever, Aye, Disciple Dave, Tovia, Miles, Bucky, m4, Wax, Hatter, Lotus (starting at end of G&F)

Quorum - 6 people

Agenda

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

Welcome and Check-Ins

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Board Retreat January 19, 20, 21
- Future meetings
 - Thursdays not good for folks
 - Next meeting after Retreat: Tuesday Feb 13th

Review and Vote on September Minutes and November Minutes:

Motion to approve -

September External Minutes - Passed unanimously

November External Minutes - Passed unanimously

New Business:

Old Business:

- Burning Man After Burn Reports
 - All ABs due to BM by 12/31/2023
 - Aye, Whatever, Smiles, focusing on this in next two weeks

Board Retreat:

- January 19-22, 2024
- Location: North East MD
- 2024 Agenda [link]
 - Instead of going committee by committee, want to experiment with structure
 - For your committees, departments:
 - Who are we?
 - Where are we now?
 - Where are we going?
 - Topics to include defining the board liaison role, what is our role in our events and community
 - Financials
 - Short and long term goals
 - Review last year
 - Set goals for this year
 - Land
 - Sanctioning
 - What can we do better
 - At the board level
 - Does our committee structure make sense? New, different
 - Reimbursement process
 - Community level
 - Event level
- Food and Sleep Logistice [link to spreadsheet]
- 2023 Report started - WIP
 - Please update your committees
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Finance and Governance (Dave, Miles, Whatever Lotus, Aye):

- Status of mailing address
 - In progress
- Bank Move

- Still assessing number of transactions, users, roles, to find a good fit
- Annual Report 2022 - [link to report]
- Tax filings are complete, on-time
- FSA funds
 - \$532k invested as of Nov 1
- Need to update payment details of D&O (Deadline is in May)
- Event overages
 - Discussion
 - Invest in FSA
 - Keep for operations
 - Need to create a formal plan for how/when to sweep overages into FSA

Land Committee (Miles, David):

- Committee is on-hold pending a conversation at the board retreat
- How can we have a better conversation with our community about this

Event Planning - PDF (Bucky, Hatter):

- Status of Afterburn report - Almost Done
 - Burning Man After Burn Document [link]
 - PDF AB for Website [link]
 - Collaboration emails sent to impacted parties
- PDF is discussing policy on theme camp grants
- Miles will reach out to the land owner about adding electrical outlet
- 2024 master timeline?
 - Planning committee should have that soon
- Another conversation: smoother process for art grants
 - Constellation was easier than PDF but there is still room for improvement
 - Working on process for sending out 1099 forms for grants
 - Sent with Quickbooks
 - IRS doesn't have great language around this, mostly pertains to school and education
 - We have a contact for a tax attorney

Event Planning - Constellation (Aye, Cramer):

- Reimbursements
 - Two outstanding
- Structure to be discussed at the retreat

Conduct Committee (Aye/Smiles/Lotus):

- Redacted

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

- Still need to wrap up MALC 2023
 - Confirm budget
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 - Art Grant recipients
 - No response when MALC team reached out
- 2024 CACE grant series
 - Maybe
 - Need to review what information is already out there about CACE
 - Need to update the website
 - Create a policy around follow up and accountability after funds are granted

Technology Committee (m4, Wax, Hatter):

- Tech meetings moved to Thursday evenings
- New Zoom links (redirects)
 - playadelfuego.org/zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/666258919>)
 - constellationburn.org/zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/7506604772>)
 - Firepony.org/zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/7506604772>)
- TICKETING
- They have moved to a “red team” “blue team” set up
 - Blue team is actively investigating the third party options for a ticketing system for PDF - Contingency Plan
 - Meeting today with Humantix
 - Nobody has everything we’re looking for, transfers especially are an issue
 - Another meeting in a couple of days to talk over our issues to see if they can be resolved
 - There’s going to be a bit of a price difference but hopefully not much, especially with Humantix (Humantix is a non profit)
 - PayPal fees could go up depending on what we choose
 - Fees potentially \$5 - \$11
 - Pay for fees out of current ticket price
 - Is the old ticketing system still viable?
 - Yes if we absolutely needed to.
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 - New Ticketing system is under red team
 - Coming along
 - Possibly ready for PDF
 - Next Humantix meeting is next Wednesday if people would like to join
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Communications (Smiles):

- Newsletter for new board member?
 - Still a work in progress
- Need picture and blurb to add Tovia to website
- No update from last month
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Safety/Ranger Council Update (Wax, Lotus):

- Wax really wants to set up the safety training weekend before PDF
 - Loop in impacted parties, rangers, liaisons, Fiona, other dept lead
 - Add Fenriss and other leads to PC calls. Ranger Pax as well
 - Stonehedge again
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Motion to adjourn – 8:42 pm

Calendar and Communications

- PC Call -
- Land Committee - 2nd tuesday 7pm
- FIN & GOV Committee - 3rd Tuesday 7pm
- Burner Banter - 3rd Wednesday @ 7
- FP Newsletter - need newsletter to announce board members, next weekend
- BPE Newsletter - none pending
- Shooting Star - ???
- Ranger Committee Mtg -
- Technology Mtg - Thursdays @ 9 EST
- FP RIDE -
- Conduct -
- MALC - on hiatus

Regional Contacts

- <https://regionals.burningman.org/becoming-a-regional-contact/>
- Dave and Lotus possibly pursuing this role 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, David Wilson, Geri Omni

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