

MARCH 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance: Ursula, Smiles, Whatever, Aye, Lotus, Wax, Hatter, Karnak, Miles, David, Bucky, m4 - 12 people

Quorum - 7 people

Agenda

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

Welcome and Check-ins

- Next board meeting on April 23rd

Review and Vote on December Minutes:

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

Approved at March meeting - unanimous vote

Review and Vote on February Minutes

For posting:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O_7Sck7aF7dhFziyY6xgces8j1f7UFOIYFkh_SRuwd8/e

To be approved at April meeting

New Business:

- Discuss CACE grant for upcoming MALC event
 - CACE grant for \$1,500 was unanimously approved
 - There will be board liaisons (Miles and Lotus) for the CACE committee to help with follow up of project
- RIDE initiatives vis a vis discounted/free tickets for POC to events
 - FPCS wants to create a more welcoming environment for new BIPOC participants
 - There has been precedence for this kind of initiative with other regional events in the mid atlantic
 - Board agrees that free tickets should be offered for BIPOC participants, number of tickets to be determined
 - Motion approved unanimously
- Miles would like to discuss how we as an organization can make towing of stuck vehicles more safe

- Board did not get a chance to have a conversation about this in this meeting. A conversation will be had via other channels.
- Develop a relationship with Lawyer.
 - Board is still looking for people who will be a good fit and would prefer to work with someone within our community. Aye may have someone in mind for this.

Old Business

Conduct Committee (Aye/Smiles/Lotus):

- One case needs to be voted on
 - Recommendation passed unanimously
- Other cases are in progress

Community Art and Civic Engagement (Ursula/Smiles, Lotus, Aye)

- Grant process for MALC
- CACE grants are off of hiatus and projects will be spearheaded along with follow up (board liaisons to help)
- General MALC update
 - Going well, everyone should go, buy a ticket
 - MALC will be April 21-22, 2023
 - FPCS is not sponsoring purchase of alcohol
- General RIDE update
- Update on Regional Contact (Aye)
 - Filled out application
 - Dave also did

Event Planning - PDF (Bucky, Hatter):

- Ticket sales
- Pony/Temple progress
 - We do have a pony
 - Need a contract for them
 - Also a name associated
- Art grants
 - Whatever will write the checks - hopefully out next week
 - Has 6 contracts, waiting on some W9s
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- Insurance
 - Ursula, Whatever, and Miles are doing taxes all this week but will meet up tomorrow to also talk about insurance
- Site visit coming up on April 1st
 - Hope to be there around 2-4 pm
- Bucky wants to know how we handle security after gate hours
 - We need to talk with land owners on that
- Next ticket sale is Sunday, April 2 at noon

- Hatter wants to talk to planning coordinators about the RIDE initiative
- Ticket cap going up?
 - PC call, also need the volunteers to sustain it
 - Facebook post? Planning coordinators said they would handle
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Communications (Smiles):

- Checking in since we skipped over last month
 - No significant updates
 - Can do a newsletter for MALC

Finance and Governance (Dave, Miles, Ursula, Lotus):

- Dave updates
 - Calendar of activities for deadlines
 - m4 said he'd take care of it?
 - Insurance concerns
 - Risk especially. Will be talking more with lawyer on that
 - Accounting books for 2022 are almost closed
 - We will hopefully have taxes done by May but can file an extension if needed
 - FSA agreement
 - Ursula cycling off and David looped on
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- Was Ursula able to get help with interfacing with a lawyer?
 - David hopes to take this further
- Was Miles able to do the knowledge transfer with Whatever?
 - Will be doing a lot of that this coming week
- Push to have financial updates at every board meeting
 - David hopes to do this at least quarterly
- Report writing (Retreat report, Annual Report, other?)
 - Working on it
- Need letterhead meeting minutes showing change in Officers to enact banking changes.

Technology Committee (m4, Wax, Hatter):

- How is the new ticketing system going?
 - Waiting until after PDF to really ramp up
 - Focused on current sale with old system
- 2 people reached out to Hatter about helping with development
- Circling back to volunteer system
 - Hatter wants to pair with Wax on that

Land Purchase (Miles, David):

- How are the site visits going?
 - January 26th was the most recent visit at Spring Run, PA

- Located more east than previous locations
 - Very centrally located, 2.5 hours from all major cities
 - More costly for that but Dave feels that it's worth it
 - Working with a firm to find these sites
- Miles wants to confirm that we are working on a business plan for land purchase
 - Dave has put together a packet that he feels should address all concerns that were brought up at the annual meeting
 - Land trust document will be put together as well
 - Miles would appreciate in time updates for land visits, etc
- Whatever echos needing more notice for site visits
 - Preliminary visits are mostly meant for land committee members first
 - Dave tries to see properties right away when he gets confirmation

Safety/Ranger Council Update (Wax, Lotus):

- Wax has done a lot of leg work for Ranger leadership for the events
 - 3 ranger leads for PDF so far
 - Wants to make the process easier for them so the event will be easier to run for leadership
- Still working on regular meetings while the tasks for the event taper off a bit
- Board level event safety meeting before PDF
 - Making sure everyone is on the same page

Event Planning - Constellation (Aye, Cramer):

- Site & Storage
 - Site Contract is done
 - Down-payment made
 - New ops team has located storage near Bedford
 - Have a lease on a 8x8 storage unit
 - Ops looking at moving from Elkins weekend after MALC
 - 2 people training under previous Constellation producer to help with this
- Communications
 - New site communication was a bit delayed
 - CB5 meeting tomorrow to talk about this
- Planning Progress
 - Recruited new DPW/Ops folks
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- Aye mentions that they and Whatever have a meeting with new producers to talk about all of this
 - Lines of communication need to be upheld
 - There needs to be deadlines
 - Better communication needed
- Aye says it's up to the new producers to keep things in check, not the board
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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)
- Dave has applied as well
- 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, Cramer, Aye
- Event Management: Playa del Fuego: Smiles, Karnak, Hatter, Bucky
- CACE/ Art grants: Lotus, Wax
- CACE/ RIDE: Smiles, Aye
- CACE / Community Connections: Smiles, Ursula
- CACE/ MALC : Lotus, Ursula
- Conduct: Smiles, Aye, Lotus
- Safety / Overall: Wax, Lotus
- Safety/ Ranger Council: Wax, Lotus
- IT and Tech: m4, karnak, Wax, Bucky, Hatter
- Communications: Smiles, Hatter