

## **JUNE 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**Current Board members:**m4, Smiles, Miles, David, Wax, Bucky, Aye, Lotus, Hatter, Cramer- 10 people

**Attendance:** Smiles, Whatever, Dave, Aye, Wax, Bucky, m4, Lotus, Miles, Hatter

Quorum - 6 people

### **Agenda**

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

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

### **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

Proposed:

Sunday Jul 9, 2023 - Board Meeting

Thursday Jul 20, 2023 - Vote on board nominations - squeeze it in before Tfus!

- Making the nomination votes a separate meeting?
  - Takes a long time

Thursday Aug 17, 2023 - Board Meeting

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

Motion to approve - Dave

Second - Wax

Passed

### **New Business:**

- Miles brought up some issues with the ice sales at PDF this year
  - Bags of ice were a different price on site than was advertised on the website
  - Refund forms to be sent to participants

- PC Retreat - June 23-25
  - Need bod volunteer to be first on/last off
    - Whatever volunteered for first on Friday at noon

## **Old Business:**

### **Board Retreat Report**

Do eeet!!! (Whatever / Smiles)

- They will schedule a time

### **Board Recruitment**

- Open May 15-June 15
- Deadline for nominations: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 11:59pm ET
- Open public comments: Thursday June 15, 2023
- Close public comments: Saturday July 1, 2023
- Interviews: July 2-12, 2023
  - At least 2 board members per call
  - Standardized list of questions
- New members seated in August

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

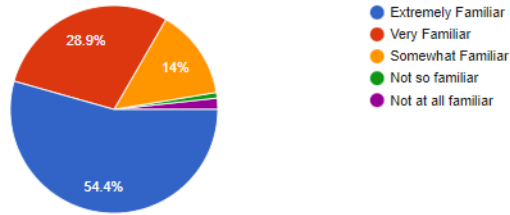
- Key Takeaways / Action Items
  - Overall volunteerism
    - Seemed fairly good overall
  - Rangers
    - Wax had a burn!
    - Things went very well, new leads were great
    - Afterburn report is almost done
  - Sanctuary
    - Great volunteers and space
    - Some issues with no shows and training
      - Call it "on site orientation"?
  - Gate
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  - Other
- Any significant issues of board concern?
  - More water on hand necessary
  - Gate hours posted at gate
  - The pink lamps need to be actually pink lightbulbs
  - Medics need menstrual products

- Security will be participants next year
- Paper waivers were being signed when online waivers weren't filled out
- Do we want to revisit having volunteers do security for overnights?
  - Planning committee decision
- Nighttime sound
- Borders marked better from neighbors
- Afterburn report?
  - Board and community members welcome to fill out, do not need to be a coordinator
- Post burn surveys have been sent out to participants June 6
  - Over 100 responses so far
    - 38% Newbs!
    - 64% Have not attended BM
    - 95% reporting no harassment or microaggressions
    - RIDE tickets very popular and welcome
    - 65% attendees in theme camps
    - 65% volunteered
    - Sanctioning
      - 22.4% extremely important
      - 23.4% very important
      - 32.7% somewhat important
      - 20.6% not important
      - 75% wouldn't make a difference in attendance
      - 21% less likely to attend
      - 3.7% more likely to attend
  - Coordinator Retreat - June 23 - 25
    - Anything else not covered under new business?

How familiar were you with the 10 Burning Man Principles before you arrived ?

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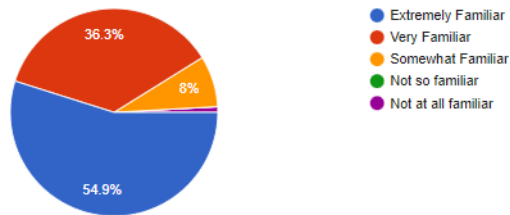
114 responses



How familiar were you with the 10 Burning Man Principle after you left?

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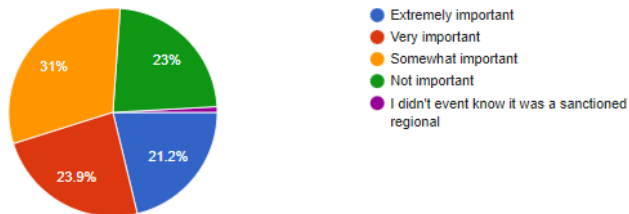
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How important is PDF's sanctioned status as a Burning Man regional to your participation?

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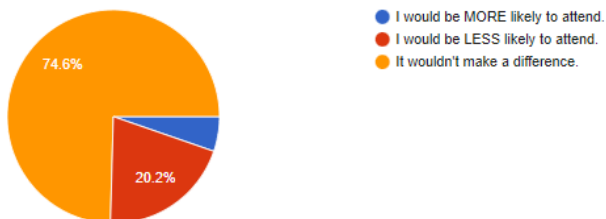
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If PDF no longer sought official sanctioning by Burning Man but maintained the same principles and culture, would it affect your willingness to attend?

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114 responses



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

- PDF is over, time to start focusing on Constellation planning
- Recruitment Efforts
  - Producers are making great progress recruiting
  - Post-PDF energy has led to a bunch of folks reaching out
- Budget
  - Evolving as ticket sales get nailed down
  - Working to get Dept/Sphere budgets by mid-July
- Ticketing
- Payments
- Contractual requirements
- Art Grant Dates

### **Finance and Governance (Dave, Miles, Lotus):**

- Status of handoff for FSA and Wells
- Has a separate google calendar been created?
  - Yes
- Mailing service
  - Need an address for mail
  - Still talking over options
- D.B.A. Trademark for state of Maryland has lapsed, David will put Smiles as primary and himself as secondary.
  - Five year life, \$50 to renew
- 2022 Taxes
  - State filed
    - For licensing
  - Status of Federal
    - Filed extension
- Quarterly financial update due in July
  - Miles will do that for the first 2 quarters

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

- RIDE initiative was a success for PDF
- Status of CACE grant from MALC
  - Lotus will follow up
- Whatever needs a budget from MALC
  - David sent to Miles

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

- How are the new members working out?
  - 2 new people helping
- Password management update
  - Proposal to set up password management

- Passed unanimously
- Removal of Ursula and Karnak from various things
  - They are still on their committees and mailing lists for them
- Revive Tech meetings for ticketing system!
  - Wednesdays!

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

- No new cases

**Communications** (Smiles):

- Newsletter sent 5/14 announcing board noms
- Reminder went out in post burn BPE
- Smiles will put together a newsletter to remind about noms before SI

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

- Ranger post event survey sent out

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

- New site visits?
- May 7th - Elk Lick Township
  - Saw 2 properties that day
- Next Land meeting is June 13th
  - Would like to take a larger group to see the site
- Status of land trust proposal
  - Single purpose LLC for ownership of any property?
- Long term lease agreement with current sites such as the Tamaqua site?
- Miles was able to talk with a tax attorney about our non profit status and owning land

Motion to adjourn 9:25 pm

**Calendar and Communications**

- MALC mtg - every Wednesday @6:30 (not on FP Zoom)
- PC Call - June 11 at 7pm, none scheduled for July yet
- Land Committee - 2nd tuesday 7pm
- FIN & GOV Committee - 3rd Tuesday 7pm
- Burner Banter - 3rd Wednesday @ 7
- FP Newsletter - nomination reminder this weekend

- BPE Newsletter - just sent, none scheduled
- Shooting Star - ???
- Ranger Committee Mtg -
- Technology Mtg - Wednesdays @ 9 EST
- FP RIDE -
- Conduct -

## **Regional Contacts**

- 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: Miles, David, Cramer, Lotus
- 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
- CACE/ MALC : Lotus
- Conduct: Smiles, Aye, Lotus
- Safety / Overall: Wax, Lotus
- Safety/ Ranger Council: Wax, Lotus
- IT and Tech: m4, karnak, Wax, Bucky, Hatter
- Communications: Smiles, Hatter