

JULY 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Quorum - 6 people

Agenda

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

Welcome and Check-Ins

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Thursday Jul 20, 2023 - Vote on board nominations

Thursday Aug 17, 2023 - Board Meeting

Proposed:

Thursday Sept 14 @ 6:30

Proposed CB Board on Call Board Meeting

Monday, September 17

Review and Vote on June Minutes:

Motion to approve - Miles

Second - Whatever

Passed unanimously

New Business:

- Just FYI Received phishing email, please vet emails carefully, particularly if they request payments
 - Example is on Slack, Google did its job

Old Business:

Board Retreat Report

- No action so far.

FirePony Annual Report

Board Recruitment

- Interviews: July 6-17, 2023
 - At least 2 board members per call
 - Max number of board members to onboard this time? Minimum: 0, Maximum: 15 total
 - Standardized list of questions
 - Please update / add questions as needed
- New members to be seated in August
- Old Members
 - M4 cycles off **November 2024**
 - Smiles and Miles cycle off **December 2025**

Event Planning - Constellation (Aye, Cramer):

- Budget
- Ticketing
 - Sale Dates
 - Round 1 ticket sale - July 9, 2023
 - First round sold out this afternoon (480 tickets)
 - Round 2 ticket sale - Jul 13, 2023
 - Sending out a newsletter to announce
 - Tickets and Cost
 - Each round has 480 tickets at \$100 each
 - Car passes: \$25 (mandatory for all cars)
 - RV Passes: \$50 (mandatory for all RVs, limited spots, no hookup access on site)
 - Ice 7lb bags: \$5
- Payments to vendors
- Contractual requirements
 - Need insurance, attendance numbers
- Art Grant
 - Update contract for fire safety
 - Dates
 - Who are points of contact for AG and board contracts / checks

- Draft timeline -
- Meetings biweekly

Event Planning - PDF (Bucky, Hatter):

- Status of Afterburn report
 - In process
 - Financials take a little longer, have to check in with artists, etc
- Status of Ice refunds for 2 community members
- Minutes from retreat
 - Was a great event

Finance and Governance (Dave, Miles, Lotus):

- Status of handoff for FSA and Wells
 - David is key account holder for Wells
 - meeting with FSA June 23rd
- need to update payment info with D&O insurance
- Mailing service
 - Need an address for mail
 - Still talking over options
 - possibly a registered agent
- D.B.A. Trademark for the state of Maryland has lapsed, David will put Smiles as primary and himself as secondary.
 - Five year life, \$50 to renew
 - David refiled with Maryland
- 2022 Taxes
 - State filed
 - For licensing
 - Status of Federal
 - Filed extension
- Quarterly financial update due in July
- Annual Report
 - Committees that need to update - Information is for 2022!
 - G&F
 - Land
 - Technology
 - Safety
 - Ranger Council

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

- RIDE initiative was a success for PDF, bringing back for Constellation
 - Photos done by the committee at PDF, will more than likely be used for a brochure
- Status of CACE grant from MALC

- Whatever needs a budget from MALC
 - David sent to Miles
- Ticket Aid - 29 applications for Constellation so far
- People can send donations on behalf of RIDE via PayPal

Technology Committee (m4, Wax, Hatter):

- New Zoom links
- Password keeper is set up,
- How are the new members working out?
 - 2 new people helping
- Have all of the emails and permissions been removed?
- Revive Tech meetings for ticketing system!
 - Wednesdays!
 - Lots of tech jargon from Wax, but there is good progress
 - Called Peacock!
- Went through email groups there are people who are on lists that are no longer involved
 - Mostly committees

Conduct Committee (Aye/Smiles/Lotus):

- No new cases

Communications (Smiles):

- New Mailchimp password, requires activation code
 - Now on password keeper
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Safety/Ranger Council Update (Wax, Lotus):

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Land Purchase (Miles, David):

- New site visits?
 - Visit today in PA, Dave visited solo in May
 - Out of range for requirements
 - <https://weconservepa.org/>
 - One of the committee members reached out a few years ago to them

- Possible to donate the edge of the property to them in order to uphold privacy
 - Consider a long term lease/contractual agreement with Fort Royale Farm (current Constellation site)
 - Wait until after Constellation to see if we like the site
 - Should we use the land fund for a stage trailer, etc to bring to our events
 - Stage trailers can be rented
- Next Land meeting is Jul 11, 2023
 - Would like to take a larger group to see the site
- Status of land trust proposal
 - Single purpose LLC for ownership of any property?
- 2-4 usually attend each committee meeting

Motion to adjourn - 9:26 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

- <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: 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