

AUGUST 17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance: David, Smiles, Miles, Aye, Ruby, Lotus, Wax, Bucky, m4, Whatever, Tovia, Hatter

Quorum - 7 people

Agenda

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

Welcome and Check-Ins

- **Welcome Ruby and Tovia!**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

September 14 - 6:30 to 9pm (extra time if last minute CB issues)

Proposed:

October Thursday Oct 12 @ 7pm - Meeting at Constellation?

November Thursday Nov 16 @ 7pm

Proposed CB Board on Call Board Meeting

Review and Vote on July Minutes:

Motion to approve - Smiles

Second - Miles

Passed unanimously

New Business:

- Set up technology onboarding for Ruby and Tovia

Old Business:

- **G&F Address update**
 - Will address under the committee

Board Retreat Report

- No action so far, hoping to have them finished soon

FirePony Annual Report

Event Planning - Constellation (Aye, Cramer):

- General update
 - Things are going well
- Budget
- Work Weekend
 - This weekend Aug 18 - 20
 - Who's going? Smiles, Aye, Whatever, Hatter
 - There will be another one in September, tentatively 22-24
- Ticketing
 - Sale Dates
 - Round 1 ticket sale - July 9, 2023
 - First round sold out (480 tickets)
 - Round 2 ticket sale - Jul 13, 2023
 - 439 Sold so far
 - 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
 - Need list of vendors and contact info to all board members
 - Status Update
 - Portos - still have to pay
 - May need to add more
 - Golf Carts
 - 11-12 are allocated currently
 - Transportation team have already allocated them for shuttle and to drop off gear
 - Dedicated fuel dump for golf carts?
 - Light Tower
 - Need to order
 - Wood Vendor

- landowner
 - Truck / Uhaul
 - Ice
 - Need to set up
 - Security? What's the plan for guarding the gate overnight?
 - Going the private route is a bit prohibitively expensive
 - Need a better set up for over night
 - Partnering with producers to find security
 - Asked them to talk with landowner
 - Smiles reached out to contact for PDF security, no response
- Contractual requirements
 - Insurance
 - Ejection / Denial of Entry policy
 - When and how we remove people from the event, or who we don't allow to the event
 - Who should write it?
 - Ruby volunteers, just needs the parameters. Aye and Whatever will pair up with her
 - She also asked for a direct contact with landowner
 - Firewood order to landowner by Sept 15
 - Work with art grants to make sure there's enough
 - Contact with local police department
 - Let them know our event is happening
 - Tovia volunteered to reach out but can't do so until after Burning Man. Smiles may do so as well
 - Aye and Whatever will have to help a bit
 - Can ask the landowners for some more clarity on what they're looking for at the August work weekend
- Board / Ranger escalation process
 - Date needs to be scheduled
 - Wax has reached out to the ranger lead via email but we haven't heard back from them
- Art Grant
 - Closed
 - Status of Contracts
 - Whatever do you need help?
 - Expect to have contracts started this week
 - Fire art safety meetings held?

Event Planning - PDF (Bucky, Hatter):

- Status of Afterburn report
 - BM has form to submit
 - Miles to provide financials

- Board to see report before being sent
 - Bucky and Hatter will set up a time to finish it
- Status of Ice refunds for 2 community members
 - Miles need the emails for them which are in the spreadsheet

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

- We met this past Tuesday night
 - Aye is now a voting member of F&G
 - Official address has been voted on by the committee, a registered agent will be used
 - \$500 to be used annually in order to do so, we estimate only \$100 should be used annually
 - Moving our bank from Wells Fargo to another bank that is more friendly to non profit organizations
 - We do have to report to the Burning Man organization as a sanctioned regional event
 - They require an afterburn report for each event
 - We do an annual report for our own transparency
 - Needed: a safety/ranger report to be written - Lotus and Wax?
 - We also need to finish the board retreat report
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- Status of handoff for FSA and Wells
- D&O Insurance
- 2022 Taxes
 - State filed
 - For licensing
 - Status of Federal
 - Filed extension
- 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 for Constellation:
 - Of the applications, 5 have never been to a burn and 5 have never been to Constellation
- CB Ticket Aid - 29 applications for Constellation so far
- People can send donations on behalf of RIDE via PayPal

- Can we communicate this to CATS to be added to a newsletter?
- Lotus would like to set up monthly meetings after Burning Man to spearhead more community events
 - Contact MALC 2023 producers and close out grant
 - Report should be finished as well
 - Do we want to have MALC next year? Keep it biannual?
 - We have a volunteer to be producer, need to reconfirm

Technology Committee (m4, Wax, Hatter):

- Have all of the emails and permissions been removed?
- Revive Tech meetings for ticketing system!
 - Wednesdays!
 - Tech committee is working hard on that and there are a few volunteers who have been helping as well
- Both Ruby and Tovia should have their FirePony account invites along with Slack.
 - m4 has also sent permissions for the Google drive and has to confirm committees
- Have to confirm that Lotus has a log in for the website to update meeting minutes there

Conduct Committee (Aye/Smiles/Lotus):

- 2 new cases this week
- Need to schedule a meeting
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Communications (Smiles):

- Need to send newsletter announcing new board members
 - Hoping to have that out within the week
 - Need to add them to the website as well

Safety/Ranger Council Update (Wax, Lotus):

- Wax has mostly been the point of contact for helping producers with Constellation ranger leads, offered to set up online training again
- Working toward a continuation of rangering through the events
 - Resources to be shared and set up
- We need to set up a safety meeting for Constellation

Land Purchase (Miles, David):

- Any new site visits?

- Met August 8th for Land meeting
 - Going to casually look at properties now, going to more pursue long term lease options with current land owners
- Status of land trust proposal
 - Single purpose LLC for ownership of any property?
- Last month we discussed long term leases and using funds for giving back to community
 - Is this a better use of funds than land purchase?
 - We can help maintain the land we're in agreement with
 - What ways can we give back to the community?
 - Everyone should think over on this
 - We can be more affordable as an event with this
 - There may be an overlap with CACE with this shift
- Miles would like to be the main point of contact with landowners along with Ruby from a legal standpoint

Motion to adjourn - 8:53 pm

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 - need newsletter to announce board members, next weekend
- BPE Newsletter - none pending
- Shooting Star - ???
- Ranger Committee Mtg -
- Technology Mtg - Wednesdays @ 9 EST
- FP RIDE -
- Conduct -
- MALC - on hiatus

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, David 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, 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, Wax, Bucky, Hatter
- Communications: Smiles, Hatter