

# Minutes for MFF Board Meeting 2017 December 3, 2017

All board members : Timothy Wood (Woody), Toby Murono (Perro), Ian Layton (Rama), Matt Berger (Kodi), Lara Lester (Datahawk), Vince Lopez (Littlewolf) , Cheetah Goletz and Robert King + Paul Rice (Crypto)

Absent: (none)

## AGENDA

- Status of the Convention
- Charity Discussion

Meeting starts at 12:38pm

Perro – intro – explains how things work to all in attendance. Kodi resumes his voting rights and Rama loses his. Perro is very proud of the work everyone has done. Our job is to make sure that all our helpers have the resources to get things done and serve our attendees and our charity and in general make the convention a success for everyone. This is all about our attendees having a good experience.

STATE OF THE CON – Kodi

We have had lots of growth. We continue our focus on cultivating leadership staff and scaling up infrastructure. The team really pulled together and made this work. We care about the size so we can plan. We have focused on a lot of goals, not all were achieved, but we did well with what we achieved. This was a build year.

This year we lost critical staff and we also made steps into the convention center. We met these challenges and we accomplished a lot.

RAMA – Registration

Registration had multiple challenges this year – new system, under staffed, space limitations.

Final numbers will be presented at closing ceremonies.

DATA – Security

We have had good progress at getting people to self-police space clearing at top of escalators. Staff has performed well. Overall, things have been good.

We have lots of friends in law enforcement here. They want us to have a good time as well. We are coordinating with them and it is going well. We also appreciate our attendees coordinating with us to help in person or via social media.

FINANCES – The financial investment in this location from our attendees is strong and continuing.

HOTEL – Good cooperation with the hotel. Numbers look good. No significant problems with the hotel.

Convention center has been a pain up until a month ago, (14 business days) then smooth relations. We will have a \$25,000-40,000 increase in rates for next year. This year we avoided a bad banquet event expense. Tables remain a financial challenge. Negotiations this year were difficult due to frighteningly late turn-around on putting terms on paper. Things could be expensive going forward. This year we got ¼ million square feet of marshalling space this year for free. No guarantee going forward.

We have a long term plan that has got us this far in the convention center area. We have ideas and this is moving forward. (30,000 limit to this larger venue)

(entertained questions from attendees – not all listed)

Concern expressed that the skyways are too hot – the weather is unnaturally warm and they can't modulate the heat or AC level. We are working with the convention center on that.

Questions from Bronycon reps looking for input on how to create a solvent con. We provided info on contacting FCLR and also asked them to contact us at [Info@furfest.org](mailto:Info@furfest.org)

#### CHARITY DISCUSSION

Discussion and vote to allocate \$40,000 to charity. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting closed 1:53

#### RECAP

##### OLD BUSINESS

Status of the Convention – complete

Charity Discussion – complete

##### ACTION ITEMS

Vince – allocation of the \$40,000 to charity

##### NEW BUSINESS