

Minutes for MFF General Board Meeting of August 16, 2022

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All board members were notified electronically five days before the meeting.

Board members in attendance: Timothy Wood (Woody), Ian Layton (Rama), Lara Lester (Datahawk), Todd Page(Tiller), Cheetah Goletz, Vince Lopez, Sarah Newcomer(FuzzyFin), Corey Kanas(Piper), Arty Bailey(Artyskunk), Nicholas Terwilliger(Aisu), Tom Brady (Duncan), and Robert King

This meeting is online.

Guests: Katrina Wexler with the Street Dog Coalition

Absent: none

AGENDA

- Start ZOOM recording
- Roll Call/Quorum Check
- Charity Presentation
- Approval of Minutes
- “Furry Logic” aka FLER
- Subcommittee Status Reports
 - RFP Review Process Committee (Sarah)
 - Charitable Giving Reports and Responsibilities Committee (Rama)
 - Convention Software and Registration Committee (Tiller)
- New Business
 - Credit Card holders for Tech Services
 - Background checks

Meeting start time – 6:42 pm CDT

Welcome!

Roll call and Quorum check

All board members present. We have quorum.

Motion to table approval of minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Charity Presentation

Introduction of Katrina Wexler, executive director of The Street Dog Coalition in Chicago.

Short presentation given. The Street Dog Coalition is committed to protecting the human animal bond in the homeless.

Katrina Wexler fielded a number of questions from board.

Furry Logic

Furry Logic Escape Room (FLER) Presentation - Theome

They are a for profit LLC. They do this for several cons. Run by Jason "JD Puppy" Mamaclay who is also an MFF staffer. They donate a percentage of their profits to the convention charity.

They want more resources (space, power, etc). They are making profit off of our con and others have expressed concerns that this is bias. This could be seen as self dealing? How do we move forward?

Five choices discussed. We need to hammer out a generalized policy.

Motion to table this till later in the meeting. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. RFP Review Process committee (Sarah)

Sarah reports – she feels the process is ready to vote on.

Woody wants to know the audience for this document – Cheetah says it is an internal document to use as a guide to avoid bad actions on our part.

Action Item for Cheetah proposed – Cheetah will get a sample RFP to Sarah later today and then follow up to wrap this up later this week through a vote via Informal Action. No objections.

2. Charitable Giving Reports and Responsibilities Committee (Rama)

All required work for 2021 was completed. Any further work for previous years is currently blocking on Paradox. We need some guidance on how to address earlier years.

3. Convention Software and Registration Committee (Tiller)

We will query RAMS people to see if there are any dangling issues from last year?

Woody feels we have already moved on.

Motion for disbandment of this subcommittee. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Credit Card holders for Tech Services

Treasury requests a vote to allow TuffWuff to have a credit card. Metro and Kali's cards are canceled. Rama says you can cancel his card as well. Data's card is still in use for Security food storage. The credit cards have spending limits of \$25K per month, so we have to use debit cards for the big transactions. We need to authorize TuffWuff for a financial instrument. We also need to consider Chad (Kali's replacement). We need to do background checks on TuffWuff and Chad. Motion to issue TuffWuff a credit card contingent on successful passing of the background check. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Executive session

Motion to enter Executive Session with Theome as guest. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session completed.

Motion to close the meeting – passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting closed 9:19 PM CDT

Minutes recorded and prepared by Robert C. King, Secretary