

# Minutes for MFF Board Meeting 2017 September 17, 2017

Board members present: Timothy Wood (Woody), Toby Muroso (Perro), Ian Layton (Rama), Matt Berger (Kodi), Lara Lester (Datahawk), Vince Lopez (Littlewolf) , and Robert King + Paul Rice (Crypto)

Board members absent: Cheetah Goletz

## AGENDA

- Approval of July 16, 2017 Board Minutes
- Election of a new Convention Chair
- Status of the Convention
- Charity Discussion
- Jill Kratz/Experient – follow up discussion

Meeting starts at 12:03

## Vote to approve July 16, 2017 minutes

No major objections. Two small wording changes. Approved by voice vote. Robert will post public version. (ACTION ITEM)

## Election of new Convention Chair

Perro wants full representation for election. Only current nomination is Rama.

Perro proposes we hold the vote online a few days after the meeting using online voting software.

Rama expressed his CV and vision for being the con chair. Rama expressed his priorities on being a facilitator and coordinator. No major changes expected. We want the convention to set a good example and be the primary reason people want to attend. We will consider more off-site activities, and reach out to the city of Chicago via visitors boards and entities which can connect our attendees with local attractions and activities. We want to provide appropriate services without overpromising. We want to provide good introductory content to meet the needs of single day attendees as well as full weekend members. Also we need to consider the large changes we have made and optimize them to better match what attendees truly want from us. Finally, we want to continue to push knowledge and procedure collection to reduce dependency on single individuals.

Questions: How long will you want to do it? Rama is willing to do one or two years as desired. What commitments do you have competing with this? Scuba classes are being de-prioritized. Texas Furry Fiesta is a light commitment that will be only a dozen or so hours. MFM responsibilities have been passed off. No other major conflicts or problems on the horizon. Any concerns with public visibility?

No, work and personal life will not be impacted by that. Can you gracefully hand off your old Registration responsibilities? Short answer, yes. Are you prepared for be the heavy in conflict situations? Short answer, yes: If it comes down to a friendship vs. the good of the convention, the convention comes first.

Rama is an officer, so we have to consider that he can't be chair and VP of Operations at same time. Kodi may take his position. This would be an easy transition because there is not a lot of information to transition yet.

Perro will publish to the board a video recording of Rama's presentation (ACTION ITEM).

Perro will hold the vote online later this week. (ACTION ITEM)

Crypto suggested a public speaking course for our chairs.

## **Status of the Convention**

Kodi: Things are going in the right direction. We will be able to get ice-time at the skating rink. Marshalling still isn't resolved. Theming is going well. GOHs have produced artwork. Social media looks good. CNN will be on site with 3 people. Good interview candidates identified. Security remains a concern, but we are doing what we can.

## **Charity Discussion and Selection**

How do we choose a charity? Historically we build consensus between the chair and the board. Several charities are under consideration, but there is still work to do.

We need to choose our charity ASAP. Rama will reach out to our potential charities to find out their involvement in the hurricane rescue stuff. We will use this data to finalize our decision. (ACTION ITEM)

**Jill Jill Kratz/Experient – follow up discussion – tabled.**

Performance reviews – tabled.

Meeting closed at 1:00.

## **RECAP**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Approval of July meeting minutes – complete

Selection of new Chair for 2018 – to be completed by email

Status of the Convention discussion – complete

Charity discussion and selection – to be completed by email.

Followup discussion of Experient – tabled.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Robert – Post public version of July meeting minutes.

Perro – Publish to the board a video recording of Rama’s presentation.

Perro – Hold the vote on-line for 2018 Chair selection

Perro, Rama – Obtain additional information from charities and finalize charity selection online.

**NEW BUSINESS**