

Western SFA Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Aug 6, 2010

Minutes

Called to order: 6:45pm, Bent Cover bookstore

Attendance: Craig Dyer, Stephanie Bannon, Bob LaPierre, Catherine Book, Sue Uttke, Gary Swaty, Len Berger, Mark Boniece

- 1) Introduction of guests: Marni & Jonathan Troop, Tina Batt
- 2) Read and Approve minutes from last meeting. Motion to accept, seconded, and approved. 6-0-1
- 3) Treasurer's report. Motion to accept, seconded and approved. 7-0-1
- 4) Committee Reports:

Across+: No L, no report.

Book Donations: none

RandomCon: RandomCon was held Thursday July 8 through Sunday July 11, 2010 at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in Mesa AZ. The site's space was approximately the same as the 2009 event but with a better layout. The downside was it did not allow for overnight gaming in more than one room since the main conference center closed at midnight each night.

We had interest from the gaming community in having a dedicated gaming event but, unfortunately, that did not translate into actual large scale participation in either the planning stages or in attendance. Our 2010 real membership numbers were actually lower than 2009. In 2009 we had 231 paid members with all but a handful attending the event while in 2010 we had 243 members of which 85 were unpaid pass-throughs making for a paid membership of 158. Based on the number of pass-throughs that were not picked up we actually had fewer people on site than we did in 2009.

Financially the 2009 convention lost \$4500 more or less and the 2010 convention stood to lose the same or more based on decreased paid attendance and increased function space costs. Due to some fortuitous, for us, problems with the hotel our actual financial loss may end up being \$2000 instead of the \$4000 it should be. I have sent a check to the hotel for \$1800 as payment in full for the function space so we need to see if they accept it or hit us up for the additional \$2000.

Bottom line is that while the game community expressed a desire to have their own, dedicated event, over the past two years RandomCon has lost between \$6500 and \$8000. The game community does not seem to want to support the event as there are numerous free venues available to them that were not available in the past. It can be noted that the gamers still populated Gamers Inn on RandomCon weekend instead of supporting the convention even though the store is less than 5 miles from the convention. It is recommended that RandomCon be laid to rest as we cannot sustain the continued financial loss.

(Then there was a motion to discontinue and it passed)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 5) Has the modifications to the shed been completed? No, did anyone really think so? Did the coffeepot get moved into proper shed? YES! She finally got the sign from above...
- 6) AniZona historical page has not yet been posted to SFA site. The AniZona site is completely closed down now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 7) Donated \$150.00 to Browncoats for Equality First, check already mailed.
- 8) Danielle Kemper from Cosplayzone filed her corporation papers & cashed our check. No word on the (c)3 status.
- 9) Craig bought two new floor mats for supplies.

Next meeting scheduled for Nov 5, 2010, 2010, 630pm, Location: Bent Cover Bookstore.

Move to adjourn, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.