Attendees: Rick [sec], Linnea [co-chair], Ed Beecher (sloweddi) [reg], Rachel [prog], John L [treas], Dan R [co-chair], Howitzer, Coyote [reg], Linda Pilcher

Meeting began at 1:02pm.

Chair Remarks
    Action items from last meeting
        [] Dan to arrange a meeting with Rachel, Holly, and the chairs to discuss virus planning in
            more detail.
          Dan will set up separate meetings due to schedule conflicts.
        [] Dan to poke Jason for Gaming liaison.
          Jason will do this himself.
        [] Linnea to email filk team.
          Passed to Rachel. (what does filk need/want in terms of programming?)
        [] Linnea to run photo policy by the OSFCI Board.
          No meaningful feedback but no objections either.

Virtual con and timeline updates.xxx

    We will move the meeting currently scheduled on 8/5 to 8/16 so that we can better report on the
        hotel status

    Dan said he'd have more information on a virtual con after talking with Holly and Rachel

    There was a long discussion on possible platforms for a virtual con. Platforms discussed were
        Zoom, Google Meet, Discord and YouTube. However, the discussion quickly centered on the
        two platforms that several virtual cons seem to be using with some success. Ed noted that
        Zoom has mute- and end-video-for-all-participants – nice way to keep control in each room.
        Ellen remarked that regardless of medium, Creation Station is already brainstorming on-point
        topics.

        Linnea remarked that Facebook is technically an option but a large number of people
            already have issues with Facebook for policy reasons.

        And many people acknowledged that we need to think hard about when a real name is
            needed, and when a nickname or at least pseudonym will do.

        Wheniwork.com was good at handling multiple timezones, Ed noted. (It was mentioned as
            a possible candidate by Patty Wells.) Ed suggested "archer" could help with training.
            Rachel knows who he is, but do we need it?

        John commented that due to its use during the pandemic, many people are already familiar
            with Zoom.

    What are the main considerations for a viable platform?

    • Cost
    • Features
    • Age limitations
    • Privacy poicies/info collected/business model (ads/subscription/etc.)
    • Ease of use
    • Accessibility

Departments should start preparing an overview of what a virtual con looks like for them. After the official announcement, we may want to do a series of posts of videos about various departments in a virtual context.

John suggested we clearly define the form we want a virtual con to take before asking people to work on it.

Dan – primary goal is virtual panels/performances over a particular medium (see above). Next would be providing discussion rooms, an online presence for dealers or art, and a means to provide donations (tip jar) via gofundme or paypal.

If we want to provide a way to provide merchandise (giveaways, lotteries, etc) it would be nice to have infrastructure we could make available to dealers, panelists, or artists but Dan warned of pitfalls doing lotteries properly in Oregon.

Linnea informed us that we need a punny name for a virtual con. People started immediately punning out loud, and she held up a virtual hand and suggested ideas be sent to chair@orycon.org.

Department reports
- Treasury [*no spending, 2 new registrants*]
- Registration [*no report – Rick to contact Isaac about getting access to reg info to help out*]
- Exhibits [*nothing to report*]
- Dealers [*nothing to report*]
- Art Show [*nothing to report*]
- Fan Tables [*nothing to report*]
- Programming [*needs to be able to send out letters – database has not been reset for this year. Rick to look into helping*]
- Accessibility [*nothing to report*]
- PR [*nothing to report*]
- Other

The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Aug 16, 1pm-2:30pm, virtual meeting on Zoom.