

June 11, 2025, 6:00pm

Present: Max, Ollie, Tristan, Jon, Jered, Jack, Pete, Dan, Omar, Carly

Absent: Iva

Guests:

Link to meeting: <https://meet.google.com/yyw-pqbq-kzm>

Agenda:

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Previous Action Items

- **Completed** ▾ - Additional contracts and insurance planning - Jered
 - Insurance quote in progress
 - 400 draft has concerns we will consider resolved for this year
 - Claim that NorthBeast brought pets without approval? Confirm with Ops Leads – Jered – Confirmed that this was not known by anybody, clarified w/ NorthBeast
- **Completed** ▾ - Public announcement of event dates and rough ticketing timeline - Pete
- **Completed** ▾ Review Afterburn report - All
- **Completed** ▾ - Publish use agreement addendum and start ticketing
- **Completed** ▾ - Sign 400/[location] Use Agreements
- **Completed** ▾ - Follow up on ConComm recommendation regarding [participant]

Event Planning

- Portos
 - Walkthrough with porto vendor went well, they think they can do it, they have backup plans, “they seemed very confident” they liked the new road
 - Locations
 - Bank of 8 portos between Howl and Diode
 - Bank around Potato Support
 - Entrance to woods (inside the woods not right next to the well)
 - Others in the middle of things
 - Placement definitely knows, camps that are normally there also notified
 - Original places- 2 at lower parking, some at upper
 - How often serviced?
 - Every day, Wed/Thu morn, 2x Fri and Sat. Normal schedule
 - 7-8am, so pretty early for most people
 - Minor concern about overflow of the handwashing station towards the stream? We'll see if it happens & deal then
 - Maybe communicate that vendors will be in the woods in case people are worried about nudity etc
 - A lot of ads in the portos, we might lose the \$300 damage waiver if defaced maybe who knows
- Work weekend 1 went well, good turnout
- Ticketing going well
 - 199 on waitlist now, everyone on original lottery has gotten offer by now
 - Expect probably 150-180 more refunds based on prev years
- Landowner Liaison
 - Someone probably check in with Kirk in case there are any problems
 - We should kick off the Friends and Family tickets for Kirk (has not started yet)
- Sanctuary
 - Set up accounts for 2 new people presumably new leads

ConComm Recommendations & Participant Disputes

- Discussed [participant], all set
- Letters for other 3 participants are set
- Only remaining issue is one that [participant] brought to us
 - Concomm scheduling meeting with [participant], recommendation should happen.. Before Concomm's last meeting which is next week
 - Someone should reply to her- Iva/Carly/Pete who she emailed? Concomm whom she hasn't reached out to recently?
 - **Concomm by policy should tell reporters before interviewing [participant] so this should happen in the next week?**

Rangers Meeting

- They say “that’s a good idea” but haven’t scheduled specific times yet, poll on Monday/two days ago but no replies
 - Also still missing budget
 - Jered Floyd will text Q directly about the budget and also the meeting. Also will tell Stever to tell Aster to get back on the ticketing waitlist
- We aren’t worried at all about people signing up for shifts or Rangers happening at the event, so failure mode of this not happening seems low
- We’d like to review any official ranger policies/procedures, maybe stuff from S3 since none of us were there – Can this/Do we want this to happen before the event?
 - Jered to include this when bumping the meeting with safety leads
- Might be helpful to brainstorm topics of discussion before this meeting
 - Policies/Procedures
 - What happened at Apo
 - Details of rangers’ role at the event, training before, how it works in practice

Apogaea

- “Volunteer notified ICS, got escalated to county police”
- Let’s not catastrophize and not call the cops unless it’s an actual emergency

Finance Committee

- Finance pretty much waiting for the postmortem to figure out actual spend vs. budget
- Tristan has investigated some other burns’ public finance info to figure out their costs, unclear on how we could really cost less without actively cutting back on stuff we provide
 - The other burn I looked at had way way lower security, DPW, gear rental costs
 - Biggest line items are contracts that we don’t have that much control over: security, EMS, gear rental, land
- May run into a PWYC cap at some point
- Possible survey question: “how much of a stretch was it to pay for your firefly ticket?”
- Let’s talk more after the event
- Also let’s finally dump Citizens bank
- Tristan to follow up with Kelli
 - Received a notice of extension for 2024 so nothing accruing on that at least
- Ticketing has asked if we need to collect sales tax in VT. Unclear?? finance will investigate after the event
 - Ask Kelli / a tax professional in VT
- Could we consider other fundraising events? Think about this after the event.

Community Feedback from Survey, Location Search

- Opinions on role of board, landowner negotiations, communications to the wider community
- Community feedback on “considering moving,” involvement in land search group
 - What do people like about Laurelin, what would people look for in another property, what should we prioritize in comparing this location vs. another

Scheduling “Office Hours”?

- No one knows what the board does
- Board meet & greet, maybe 1x or 2x at the event and then a couple times afterward on zoom
 - Jack Reid and Omar Hamilton schedule maybe monthly (alternating virtual/in person?) after the event?
 - Probably will have interest when the land search starts
- Our notes that come out.. Maybe a summary or blog post semi-regularly
- Board at the super meet-and-greet next week? Make this official?

New Action Items

- Not Started ▾ - Check in status with Kirk as LOL - Iva
- Not Started ▾ - F&F tickets for Kirk - Jered
- Not Started ▾ - Push on Rangers budget, pre-event meeting - Jered
- Not Started ▾ - Board “office hours” - Jack & Omar

Next Meeting

July 1, 1pm, Stage

[possible emergency meeting prior depending on ConComm recommendations]