

SWANCON 2006: RENAISSANCES

Minutes 23/05/04

Attendees:

Ken McCaw

Paul Kidd

Ju Whitehead

Chris Creagh

Mitch Christov

Owen Wylde

Chris Bobridge

John Parker

Apologies:

John Robertson

Sandra Chung

Wing Chung

Agenda:

1. Natcon representatives 2005, 2006, possible panelists. **(Ken)**
 - discussed, nothing put forward, nothing to decide at present. Keep in the oven for future reference when time/cost and other factors become more clarified.
2. Extra guests, overseas visitors **(Paul)**
 - discussed the possibility of Ippongi Bang as another international guest, possibility of funding through JAFWA, Paul to try and find contact details for her.
3. Date to hold the con
 - discussed the various long weekends, best idea was to hold it over Australia Day 2006, to have the same length of con as if we'd held it at Easter. Decided as a group to put it to Genghiscon if they would be able to move it, and if so, run with it.
 - Ken spoke to Genghiscon, the decision was they weren't interested in moving at all. Further discussion and decision required on which long weekend to hold the con on.
4. Length of the con
 - as discussed with when to hold the con above.

5. Venue – holding off considering Convention Centre, floor plan. **(Mitch?)**

- Mitch said that he had spoken with the Conventions Council (?) and they, now realising that we were attracting interstate and international visitors to the con, decided they were able to help us a little more, most notably with putting a tender out for a venue. Mitch is still looking into different venues, further meeting in June with Conventions Council. No firm decisions will be made given the construction of the Convention Centre, and its possible impact on pricing.

6. Stream guidelines/organisation eg gaming **(John)**

- John and Chris discussed Chris's matrix theme styled program, purpose being to cover all bases and types of program item possible.

7. Numbers discussion regarding Wasff **(John + Ken)**

- goal numbers were reduced to 300 full time memberships with 50 day memberships.

8. Membership format

- concern over too many types of membership, the basic format discussed but not finalised was:

unwaged/student

discount

trade

day

full

associate (including freeze of price)

possible incentives including each club getting 1 free full time membership, or 241', also discussions of possible discounts for fundraising.

9. Themes and Threads

10. Committee List

- suggestions of Bill Sorenson and Tiki as possible extra guest and hotel liaisons. Chris updated his committee appointments.

11. Liason with other groups.

- people with contacts to groups to email Ju/list with the contact details for advertising etc.

- Ju looking at database options for groups contact list.

12. Competition and Merchandising, Fundraising.

- short film competition (extra number possibilities through 'film fest' advertising.
- Short story comp
- 3 panel comic comp
- art comp
- iron chef writing comp
- craft comp
- fan sub comp

- cake making comp
- masquerade costume competition, both pro and amateur (or possibility of having the experts judge the comp)
- merchandising discussed was little buttons, tshirts, including fitted ones, coffee mugs and upgraded con bags.
- Discussion on logo and artwork, some basic ideas.

Quotes:

“Hey Nonny Nonny”

- *Paul Kidd*

“Rhubarb rubarb rubarb!”

- *John Parker*

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY 19TH JUNE, 4PM @ Ju’s house.

(for those lacking address details, email Ju. Bring something small to munch on or drink as a group)