

**COASTCON, INC.**  
**Governing Committee Meeting**  
**CoastCon 29 ~ Coastcon 30 Transition Meeting**  
May 26, 2006

**TIME AND PLACE:** Friday; May 26, 2006, 6:00pm Ocean Spring Library Meeting Room, Ocean Springs, MS

**PRESIDING:** Cynthia Majure, Chairman

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Majure, Carmen Tempone, Kristina Hanck, Mike White, Mark Tempone, Lana White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Majure, William Murphy, Garland Young

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tex Albritton, Derrek Baudoin, Tony Kimsey, Randy Richards, Mary Gruenberg, Jeffy Dubuisson, Lon Jerome, Lynn Jerome, Jennifer Parker, Ricardo Cruz, Janel Cruz

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm.

**AGENDA:** Agenda distributed to those in attendance.

**MINUTES:** **MOTION:** C. Majure **SECOND:** C. Tempone  
“To waive the reading of and accept the May 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes with changes.”  
Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **I. CC Inc.**

**I. Outstanding accounts receivable**

- A. Lon Jerome – No payments have been received on this outstanding debt. A date of July 1<sup>st</sup> has been set as the last date to accept a minimum payment of \$500. If this minimum payment is not received by July 1<sup>st</sup>, then the debt will be turned over to a collection agency.
- B. Connie McMillan – Owes approximately \$128. This matter is under consideration and investigation.

**II. Outstanding accounts payable – revision in CoastCon 29 budget**

- A. **Motion:** C. Tempone **Second:** C. Majure  
“To approve the amended CC29 budget as presented by Treasurer.”  
Motion passes.

**II. CC 29**

**I. Bad check**

Mark Tempone accepts the task of recovering money for a bad check written to registration at Coast Con 29 by an active duty serviceman based on Keesler AFB.

**II. Call for reports**

A. Chairman – Chairman was well pleased with the convention and considered it a success.

B. Treasurer – Unofficial first report is that CC 29 took a loss of \$1,600. Official report will be completed by June meeting.

C. Con Ops – Operations Director states that CC 29 succeeded due to great individual efforts, but that there needed to be more of a team effort in the future.

D. Charity Liaison – Charity efforts took in \$7,730 which was distributed to Hope Haven. Charity report received.

E. Gaming – Gaming Director felt that gaming went well, but better signs will be needed for the next convention. Gaming report received.

F. Guest Liaison – No official guests attended the convention but the unofficial guests who attended were well received. Guest report received.

G. Hotel Liaison – No problems reported. Report received.

H. Programming – At-con staffing issues need to be improved by next convention. Report received.

I. Advertising – Report received.

J. Registration – Attendance Figures: 451 paying attendees, 25 non-paying attendees, 7 pre-registrations accepted for CC 30 as \$25 each. Registration needs clarification in the future regarding the difference in the voting rights of non-paying former guests of honor vs. guests who receive complimentary admission. Registration took in \$7,265. Report (including updated list of all former guests of honor) received.

K. Volunteers – Volunteer director not present. Report forthcoming.

L. Video Room – Successful but low attendance.

M. Snack bar – Approximately \$800 in sales, \$365.03 was profit. Need more ice chests and space next year. Hot dogs were a popular item with the gamers. Report received.

N. LARP – SOLAR was the only LARP group in attendance. No complaints from groups, hotel, or other hotel guests. Overall this was a great asset to the convention. Need to continue to accommodate LARP's in the future. Report received.

O. Security – Minimal problems at the convention. Smoke alarm was triggered prior to the dance by the fog machine; the use of the fog machine was discontinued. Report received.

P. Merchant Room – 9 merchants attended. All 9 plan to return for CC30. Report received.

Q. Misc.

Dance – Well attended. Jello shots for charity were a big hit. Some discussion followed as to the music selection (younger attendees would have preferred more modern music).

Costume Contest – Very good, well attended.

Slave Auction – Took in approximately \$2,000 for charity (exact numbers will be available in the Treasurer’s report.). Also took in \$690 from Jello shots sales and donations.

This closes out Coast Con 29; thank you to everyone for their participation.

### **III. Revenge of the LARPS**

Planning going well. Chairman requests that the Pre-planning Chairman of this event present budget and other information at the next meeting.

### **IV. Call for other old business**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE: I. Fund raising drive**

A. Governing committee has set a goal of raising \$5,000 “seed money” for CoastCon. Donations so far are:

\$500.00 - Susan and Tony Durham

\$200.00 - Neils Erickson

\$20.00 - Derrek Baudoin and Kristina Hanck

Thank you to everyone donating to this fund raising drive!

B. Susan and Tony Durham were planning a scavenger hunt as a fund raiser for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, but will probably reschedule due to lack of response; this will give them time to better publicize the event.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: I. Passing of Michael Bledsoe**

Ellen Bledsoe and family wish to thank all who attended the funeral and sent condolences.

### **II. J. R. Fisher book drive**

In memory of Michael Bledsoe a book drive is being held by J. R. Fisher, the Art Auctioneer for CoastCon. So far 1,000 books have been donated to benefit local libraries. Mr. Fisher hopes that up to 4,000 books will be donated. A discussion ensued regarding whether the local libraries are more in need of books or cash.

Mr. Fisher asked that all donations be made in memory of Michael Bledsoe. Donations so far are:

\$200.00 - Niels Erickson

Thank you to everyone donating to this literary drive!

### **III. Bayou Wars**

To be held June 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Vicksburg. This miniatures gaming convention has been relocated from Metairie to Vicksburg due to Hurricane Katrina. C. Majure will be running registration. Lon & Lynn Jerome will be running some games. Kristina Hanck is providing artwork for the program book, to be submitted by May 29<sup>th</sup>. Other volunteers are requested.

### **IV. Mobicon**

A Mobicon Board Meeting will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> in Mobile. Mobicon staff wants to work more closely with Coast Con. Attendance by those interested would be appreciated.

**V. Coast Con meeting schedule**

The next Coast Con board meeting will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, location to be announced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**I. Mobicon Report**

CoastCon personnel in attendance reported that Mobicon went well and that they all had fun. Good guests, panels were OK. They felt that there should have been more paneling offered for the admission price of \$40.

**II. Open MAL position**

Recommendation by Lon Jerome that the MAL position held by Michael Bledsoe, a founder of Coast Con, be left open for a period of 90 days as a sign of respect and mourning. Discussion of by-laws followed. Election for the position must occur within 30 of official notification of the vacancy. Out of respect for Mr. Bledsoe no one offered to run for his vacant position nor would anyone accept a nomination if it had been proffered. Another election will be held at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM for a break

Meeting reconvened at 8:31 PM

**III. CC 30**

Pre-planning Chairman's report - Suggestions were taken for a theme. We are actively looking for a venue. Rates will depend upon the venue selected.

**IV. Call for other new business**

Lon Jerome would like to hold a gaming day on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia will check on the availability of Fountainbleau Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Minutes recorded by Lana White, Secretary