

CCO Meeting Jan. 19, 2008

Shell opened with the first official meeting with notes. To be made available to the general members. She also started the meeting by using the name that her ship calls her, which is "Den Mother". Due to the changing of command, we didn't have a typed agenda, but would have one for the next CCO meeting. The standard calendar will be the same this year. There are no outstanding issues for the CO's to vote on. This year the most important and relevant person in the region is everyone in the region and we all need to work together. Our best asset is the members. Recruiting will be one of the things that will be emphasized this year. Shell would like to see something on the website that ships could download to help with recruiting. Looking at some reorganization in the regional staff, updating of the regional manual, addressing the finances, incorporation of the region.

This will be a lean year until the region recoups from taxes and other financial obligations. R3 records have not been turned over by Brad. Since Brad wasn't at the meeting, she hadn't had a chance to look at all the regional records. Shell is glad that we haven't incorporated yet, because she has more time now to make an informed decision on how to set up the incorporation so that it benefits the region. How the region handles the Quartermaster funds, reimbursement for the creation of awards, how summits are handled and many other factors will have to be considered when looking into the incorporation.

A few things that will have to be done in the coming months will be the re-confirming of Robyn as VRC North, finding new VRC's for South and West. Shell would also like to find a financial officer. That job would be a full time job and she will be asking that person to do a lot in the coming months. She would also like to see more fine tuning of what we already have here in the region.

Shell thanked everyone there, saying that if it wasn't for the members we wouldn't have a region.

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a short who they are.

State of the Region:

- 19 Chapters
- 2 Chapters in training
- 1 Cit in the wings

Regional Calendar:

- Commissioning of Corsair – Apr 19-20
- Summit – July 18
- Pool&Darts – Sept???
- Game Day – Nov.

Reed gave a short talk about R3 Merchandise:

Would like to not dwell on the past, but move on to the future

Plugged R3 Merchandise

Was unsure as to how much should she push or can she buy more merchandise

Talked about a supplier for shirts, bags, hats, etc. that has an affiliate program to look into for R3 merchandise Until finances are settled, that was tabled.

Calendars ?????

Asked Billie about a R3 jewelry to benefit R3 with R3 Logo

Took a smoke break.

REC reports:

**Robyn:** will be talking with the ships in the north, participate with sci-fi shows in the north, looking at starting a northern event such as Quarks, will be doing the unassigned program

**Jeff:** reevaluating the summit event and how it is handled, send him an email about most liked and least liked about past summits,

**Aaron:** website operational with only a few problems, have created territory lists for south, west, and north; these are not closed lists for those who want to, aol.com addy's don't work with dreamhost, web forums- do we want them???, wekies????, IRC channels- have registered SFI-R3 as a region 3 IRC channel, monthly Q&A with REC or a regional open house, communication will a big thing this year with the members

**Clint:** will be getting more involved in the future, is always there to help

**Billie:** international awards due date has been changed, regional onesies will need to be handled earlier than the regional awards, she will have to get the deadline for fleet's awards and will post to the R3List the deadline for Regional deadline for onesies. Take more time to write up your members for awards so that they have a better chance of getting awards.

**Steff:** asked for events from each chapter for the web page calendar.

**Shell:** responsibility, it's everyone's job to help and to contribute ideas and likes.

**Raymond:** communication is important, we need ideas, what you want to see, what you didn't like, what worked, what didn't work, new things to try, and we need input from everyone; also looking at running smaller scale events such as Fred. Focused more on fun than on business. Would like to thank the staff for all the work that they have been doing.

**Other announcements:**

Lonestar's Anniversary: Will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trinity River Anniversary: at Dave and Busters – Feb. 12 –noon for lunch

Sci – fi - Feb

Rhyanna, & Ark Angel – feb 9<sup>th</sup> dinner night

Ark Angel – plano – Game wise store to play game pods – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Feb.

Chile cook off – Feb. 23 at Stoney Point High School

**Sam:** inquires have been made as to the status of membership processing, our membership dues are not taxable as we are considered a hobby club in the Texas  
It was asked about the cost of academy classes, will they be taxed??? Would depend on where the directors are. Should the cost of the academies be centralized???? Academy is not high on the list of things to do for the new admin. They are trying to get the quartermaster for fleet and marines up and running.

How often do the fleet staff meet??? Constantly. Looking at a 800 number for staff members to answer questions. Monthly conference calls for staff members.

**Pat:** has tax sales permit in Texas, is working on the same in Alabama, then in Florida; should be able to resume fleet quartermaster sales in Feb.