

FROM 0 TO 10 WITH STAGHORN

BY ZANDER NOXQUILL

As this is NordicFuzzCon's 10th anniversary year, we felt that an interview with a senior member of STEW would mark the occasion with suitable dignity. Therefore we decided upon one of the longest-running members of STEW, our very own and very popular furry legend, Ethan Staghorn!

Have you been with the convention since the beginning?

E: Yes. I was the third or fourth staff member to join NFC. I also helped out with "NFC 0", which was a furmeet hosted in Stockholm by Trax and Ein in 2012.

When NFC began, did you have any idea it would become so large?

E: Seeing that other furry conventions around the world were growing rapidly at the time NFC started, I knew the convention could grow, but definitely not to the extent it has. Just getting 170+ attendees in the first year was beyond what we had imagined, and it has kept going on like that.

What is one of your favourite things about NFC?

E: Definitely the people attending the convention, and those working for it. We have a team of really ambitious people from all over Europe and the world that come together to form NFC, and I love the event and atmosphere that we create together.

What has been your most challenging task at running a convention?

E: Everything is a challenge when you are a small-to-medium-sized mammal battling the forces of nature! I would say that the most challenging convention in terms of my own workload was NFC 2013, where we were only 9 STEW serving 170+ convention attendees. However, as the convention kept growing, working on its board became more serious and mentally demanding for me. The bigger the convention, the bigger the problems. I'm glad that work now is in other people's capable paws!

Could you tell us some of your favourite moments of NFC over the last 10 years?

E: There are so many... Working in registration to welcome people is always a highlight. There have been hilarious stories of things going wrong in a myriad of ways (having your Guest of Honour live tweeting being stuck in a lift comes to mind), or great camaraderie (force-feeding Trax yummy ice cream), and unexpected encounters (seeing my mother fursuited). Ask me for more if you see me around the convention! However, my personal absolute favourite moments have been people telling me how important NFC has been to them in their lives, which have left me touched, proud, and even a little shaken. However, those stories are too personal to be passed on here.

Of all the themes we've had over the years, which theme has been your personal favourite?

E: We have had numerous themes I am really proud of, for example 2017 and 2020. However, NFC 2014 had the theme "A steampunk murder mystery", two ideas that worked really well together. The year after, Further Confusion (one of the world's largest furry conventions at the time) had the theme "London Fog: A Victorian Murder Mystery". Coincidence? I like to say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. :)

We're all dying to know: what is Mausie like "behind the scenes"? How does he relax after a long day?

E: By having Trax and Pinky hand-feed him grapes and expensive cheese.

What is it like, working with a big star like Mausie?

E: I'm not sufficiently important to work "with" Mausie. I merely work near him.

Have you ever caught Mausie doing something he shouldn't be?

E: Of course not! And even if I had, the answer would still be "Of course not". As STEW, I have a duty to uphold the integrity of our mascot! Not to mention the NDA I signed... Wait. Don't mention that.



Photos by Emphy

TREASURES AT THE CONSTORE!

BY MILES T.F. BAXXTER

As every year, there are many unique treasures to be plundered at NordicFuzzCon's very own store. This includes collectible cards with illustrations from dozens of artists, a viking-themed Mausie USB memory stick, the convention t-shirt, and much more!

Be sure to head over while you can! Stock is limited. Check the schedule for opening times.

FUROVISION: BEHIND THE MAGIC BY LEOPHAN



Photos by MakiBox

What does it take to make Furovision (and all other main stage events) happen? It takes 36 furies from 13 different countries, over 1000 hours of work, sleepless nights programming lights and video, and coordinating with several event holders and performers from all over the world.

Main stage here at NFC is a technical marvel using the same equipment you see in big productions like Eurovision and Dreamland. That light fixture blinking at you could be the closest you ever get to Taylor Swift.

Led by StarFoxCoon, the team began working on this year's convention already on their way home from Toy Town. Everything you see has been carefully designed and programmed into a GrandMA3 Mode3, a system that keeps track of every aspect of the show.

For Furovision, the visuals have been crafted by Tempest, while Hydrar is the lighting designer. Together they have striven to give each act a distinct visual style, based upon wishes from the

performers themselves.

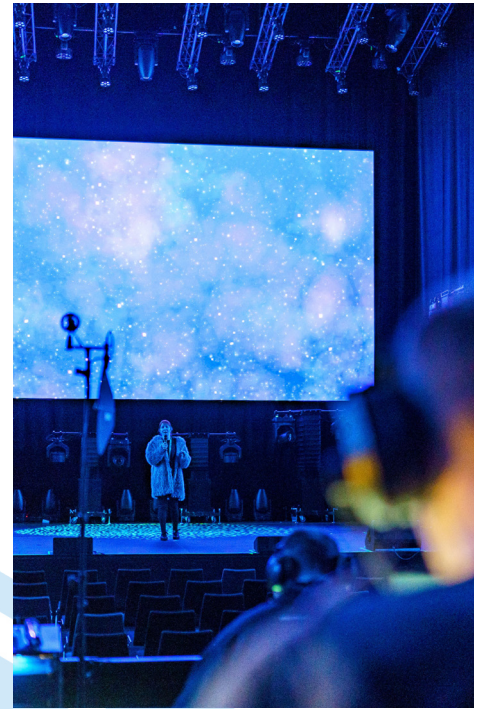
When you have a singing competition, sound is the most important aspect. It falls to Kami to make sure everyone is mic'ed up properly and has the equipment they need, and to keep the volume at a suitable level for the audience.

Once everyone is ready, Fusion stands ready backstage to herd performers, hosts and interval acts safely on and off stage in the correct order, so that the show can keep flowing uninterrupted.

Furovision may be a competition at the end of the day, but at its heart it is all about teamwork.

Main stage tech spec:

- 100 world class Lighting fixtures
- 6096 MA3 Parameters
- 7.060.608 Pixels of video
- 90+ m² of Video surfaces
- 1100+ technical show cues
- 400+ Amps of power
- 226 routed audio channels
- 117.900w of peak audio power



ANIMALS OF MYTH

TANNGRISNIR & TANNGNJÓSTR

Loyal goats that pull Thor's chariot. Regularly eaten by their master and resurrected the following day. (By Rexam)



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TEKKEN 8 TOURNAMENT OF RAGNARÖK BY JAKY

Tuesday night was fight night. Luckily just in video game format. Several skilled contestants brawled away in the NordicFuzzCon Tekken 8 tournament. After hours of polygon mayhem, only one pixelated pugilist was left standing. After an epic showdown between Aeris and Malaka, Aeris was the ultimate champion of Ragnarök.

Top results:

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| 1. Aeris | 7. Luxio Crimson |
| 2. Malakai | 7. Nero |
| 3. Andoru | 9. Ahams |
| 4. SANS | 9. Bittybitty |
| 5. Crimson | 9. Cai |
| 5. Marryn | 9. Cocoricoo |

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