

Amtgard, Inc., Kingdom of the Burning Lands
International Board of Directors Meeting
August 30, 2003

Present Board Members:

Sir Aramithris, President of the Board / Prime Minister
Sir Kurse
Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer
Sir Raphael, Monarch
Dame Verana
Squire Vinall
Squire Mezzie

Absent Board Members:

Sir Bolt

Guests:

Sir Wovoka

- I. The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by B.O.D. president Aramithris. The minutes of the July 19, 2003 meeting were approved as written.
- I. Groups:
 - A. A total of twenty-four new contracts have been received by the Board in the last two months.
 - B. The Board has not yet been able to secure a mailing address for the kingdom of Goldenvale.
 - C. All members of the Board with email access were asked to transmit the information to not send Board related messages to Aramithris until his email problem has been solved. In the interim, Board related information may be sent to other Board members.
 - D. Some (contract) mailing addresses received by the Board are incorrect resulting in delaying the return of approved contracts.
 - E. The following contracts have been provided to Squire Mezzie to scan:
 1. Mist Dragon Falls
 2. The Black Rose
 3. Shady Hollow
 4. Eagle Valley
 5. Deeping Gloom
 6. Haunshire
 7. Qualinost
 8. Hyborea
 9. Avalon
 10. Ponture
 11. Goldenvale
 - F. Sir Raphael has a copy of an unidentifiable Amtgard contract. The Board will attempt to research this contract.
 - G. Sir Randall (Dragonspine) is attempting to renegotiate the Dragonspine contract. It was noted that:
 1. In his sole position as president of Dragonspine's board of directors, Sir Randall cannot renegotiate the kingdom of Dragonspine's contract.
 2. Sir Raphael reported to the Board that he may be able to locate a copy of Dragonspine's original contract.
 - H. Squire Mezzie will contact the group in Ohio to resubmit a correctly completed contract.
 - I. Members of the so-called Crystalline Confederacy met with Sir Aramithris and Dame Gwynne and were told that a group of separate shires cannot combine and call themselves a duchy or a kingdom especially as there is no contract for an entity named Crystalline Confederacy. These representatives were told they should contact the monarch of the Burning Lands if they had additional questions. Neither former monarch, Sir Kurse, nor the present monarch, Sir Raphael, have been contacted as of the date of this meeting.
 - J. Rising Winds has again promised that the 'felon clause' will be removed from their corpora.

- K. Violence between Amtgard members outside of an Amtgard event or meeting was discussed by the Board. **It was agreed** that Amtgard has jurisdiction over Amtgard members only at an Amtgard event and only in matters covered by the Corpora. It was, however, mentioned that all reasonable efforts should be made to encourage lawful and non-violent conduct by all members of Amtgard in whatever venue they may find themselves.
- L. It has been reported that the officers of the kingdom of Dragonspine contemplating raising the kingdom's dues to \$10.00 every six months. In the discussion that followed the following points were noted:
 - 1. This proposed course of action would seriously abrogate the populace's ability to control the actions of their monarch and prime minister. Officers cannot decide who in the populace can vote by deciding dues [amount] criteria for voting.
 - 2. Raising the dues would also open the door to unscrupulous officers collecting relatively large amounts of dues monies from the populace and either abusing and/or absconding with the funds if the collected dues were not properly safeguarded.
 - 3. **It was agreed** that the Amtgard, Inc. Board is ethically required to oversee this type of offense.
- M. Both the monarch and regent of the Burning Lands will be attending Darkhold's coronation this coming Saturday. It was noted that Darkhold has requested to be given barony status, and that any consideration of their request would require, in part, the shire's level of participation in kingdom events. It was also pointed out that Darkhold did agree to sign their new contract, the six-month anniversary of which is September 11, 2003.
- N. Darkhold has reported to the Burning Lands monarchy that Dragonspine is being dilatory in releasing Darkhold member's personal records.
- O. It was reported that no one qualified for monarch in Mystic Seas' most recent crown qualifications. The figure of a total of fifteen total entries for three entrants was mentioned. **The Board agreed** that traditionally this situation would be handled by reinstalling the previous monarch, but if there were no qualifying entrants by the next crown qualifications their contract will be revoked as per Corpora.
- P. There has been no response from Emerald Hills regarding their 6.1 representative. Brennan will be asked to contact Sir Raphael in this regard.
- Q. It was reported that the Golden Plains groups and the Illinois groups are providing their kingdom officers with copies of their Amtgard, Inc. contracts. **The Board agreed** that this was a very good idea and lauded both groups for their efforts and dedication.
- R. Sir Raphael will update the Burning Land's website from May, 2003 to present.

I. Secretary/Treasurers Report:

- A. All deposits and disbursements for Clan 21 have been completed.
- B. The July bank statement was approved by the Board. The original statement is in file.

I. Prime Ministers Report:

- A. Total in the Prime Ministers petty cash fund is \$109.07.
- B. A total of twenty-four new kingdom waivers have been signed in the past month.

I. Clan 22:

- A. The following items were discussed regarding Clan 21 and Clan 22 upcoming:
 - 1. Individual reimbursement to Sir Wovoka by those utilizing the shower facilities in his motel room.
 - 2. Best method of selling t-shirts at Clan.
 - 3. A white elephant booth run by Squire Mezzie.
- B. **The Board agreed** to table further discussion on Clan until the next scheduled Board meeting.

- I. Crown Feast Expense:
 - A. Sir Raphael will get all of the information regarding the proposed feast site by September 13th.
 - B. Sir Aramithris and Dame Gwynne offered to provide the ham required for the proposed feast menu.
 - C. The feast menu will be based on an estimated attendance of fifty.
 - D. Estimated attendance cost for the feast is \$3.00 per person.
 - E. Further discussion was tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.

- I. Burning Lands Crown Qualifications:
 - A. Sir Raphael will autocrat crown qualifications.
 - A. B. The reeves test will be based on rulebook 6.1.
- II. Other Business:
 - A. There was no other business before the Board.

- I. Adjournment:
 - A. There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is October 4, 2003.

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Sir Aramithris, President / Prime Minister

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Sir Raphael, Monarch

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Sir Kurse

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Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer

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Squire Vinall, Regent

X
Squire Mezzie

X _____ Dame Verana