

Amtgard, Inc., Kingdom of the Burning Lands
International Board of Directors Meeting
November 23, 2002

Present Board Members:

Sir Aramithris, Monarch & President of the Board
Captain of the Guard Kurse
Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer
Sir Raphael
Dame Verana, Consort
Sir Bolt
Prime Minister, Vinall
Squire Mezzie

Absent Board Members:

Guests:

Orion, Burning Lands
CNC, Burning Lands
Irontooth, Shadowvale
Wessl de Morte, Shadowvale

I. President's Report:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President of the Board, Aramithris. Approval of the September 28, 2002 meeting was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.
- B. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2003. The Board and Prime Minister elections are scheduled for this date. The Board will elect officers at this meeting.
- C. Eight (8) résumés have been received from those running for election to the Board. Résumés through 12/28/02 will not be refused, but cannot be published in the newsletter. All persons wishing to run for a Board position or for Prime Minister must submit a résumé.
- D. Eligibility to vote in the January 18th elections is:
 1. Dues paid
 2. Six (6) months Kingdom of the Burning Lands membership
 3. Twelve (12) attendance credits during the six (6) months immediately preceding the elections
 4. Burning Lands' shires must have all of the above plus one (1) attendance at a Burning Lands event
- E. The résumés of Kurse, Raphael and Vinall count only toward the Board election.

I. Business before the Board:

- A. Shire of Lysenko in St. Petersburg, Russia has reportedly tried to contact the Kingdom of the Burning Lands. No contract has been received from this group. Kurse, noted that although this shire has a web site, all of their electronic addresses are through an individual known as Spearweasel who is apparently unable to facilitate contact between the Russian shire and Amtgard, Inc. Aramithris will attempt to inform this group of Amtgard, Inc.'s willingness to receive a contract from them for consideration.
- B. Kurse also noted that the Rising Winds Althing has delivered their revised corpora with all required changes made except for one, to wit: The Rising Winds' corpora still contains the clause that their board of directors is empowered to mete out disciplinary actions against members accused of infractions against mundane laws. **It was suggested by the Board** that Kurse contact Rising Winds and remind them that it is the (current) monarch's responsibility to discipline offenders. **It is stated that** Amtgard, Inc. has severe concerns regarding mundane considerations being attached to game play.
- C. It was also noted that some members of Wetland's populace have asked if they are still an Amtgard kingdom. Raphael assured the Board that all Board minutes were up-to-date and posted electronically. **The meeting was temporarily held in abeyance** and Raphael and Aramithris re-posted all Board minutes.
- D. Upon resumption of the meeting, all members were asked if they had any business to bring before the Board. No other business was brought up at this time.
- E. Aramithris noted that the Hanks demo was scheduled for November 25th. Kurse is the contact person for those wanting to participate.
- F. Aramithris has sent reeves tests to three shires. He noted that anyone wanting to take these tests may contact him. It was also stated that the upcoming newsletter (to be published November 30th, 2002) will also contain copies of these tests.
- G. Aramithris has awarded five Zodiacs to persons in the kingdoms of Goldenvale and Neverwinter for

their contributions to 6.1.

H. Kurse will check with Neverwinter regarding some missing orders.

I. Monarchs List:

1. It was noted that Wetlands has been added to the monarchs list. It was also pointed out that additions and deletions to this list are strictly by procedure, i.e., not early.

2. Valley of the Silver Rains has not yet responded to a request regarding the 6.1 list.

J. The situation that exists between Valley of the Silver Rains and Mystic Seas was brought up and discussed briefly. **A motion was made that** although the enmity between the two kingdoms is a local matter and not an Amtgard, Inc. matter, these same kingdoms continuing to use the monarchs list and/or the 6.1 list as a forum for internecine war is not appropriate and will be addressed by the Board if it continues. **The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

I. Group Status:

A. Arkansas:

1. It was noted that a one 'Templar Kendrick' had issued an email requesting kingdom status immediately as there were many members in that area. It was also noted that no contracts have been received from any Arkansas group to date. In response to this query, **a motion was made and seconded** to make it a matter of record that Amtgard, Inc. status for any group, particularly kingdom level, depends on that group's adherence to all requirements, both contractual and per Corpora, to wit: an Amtgard, Inc. contract and supported time and attendance records before status can be confirmed and/or granted. **The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

B. Montana:

1. It is also reported that a group or groups in Montana who, per VSR Queen Aristiri, are desirous of kingdom status. Queen Aristiri has promised that contracts will be forthcoming, but none have been received by the Board.

2. **A motion was made that the following statement be made a part of these minutes:** As of the date of this meeting, there are no groups anywhere in Amtgard that currently qualify for upgrade to kingdom status. **The motion passed unanimously.**

I. Contracts:

A. There are as of this date eighty-five (85) approved contracts on file with Amtgard, Inc.

B. Contracts promised, but not received, are: Lukor - 3, Aristiri - 5. (approximate numbers)

C. Contracts in hand and ready for approval follow:

D. Addresses required in order to return approved contracts are: Northern Hillstones, Shadow's Home, and Heart of Fire. Verana has volunteered to secure these addresses.

E. Mezzie has two contracts from Croatia for the Board's consideration and will bring them to the next Board meeting. The contract for the 'big group' in Croatia is still outstanding.

F. The shire of Fionne has requested to be under the sponsorship of the Burning Lands; Mathew Bean is their sponsor. Verana, on behalf of the Burning Lands monarchy, has accepted Fionne as a shire.

G. The Board has received, courtesy of Theo, contracts from Victoria, San Antonio (2), Kerrville, Ingram and the Grand Duchy of Celestial Kingdom. A contract from Skullands has also been received.

H. The disharmony currently existing between two factions of the shire in Alamogordo (Shadowvale and Darkcloud) was discussed. It was noted that:

1. There is a long history with this group of intra-kingdom transfers.

2. Has Shadowvale violated any contractual or Corpora rules?

3. Is it legal and/or moral to grant a separate contract within the same small jurisdiction?

4. Is this a situation that can be handled locally?

5. If not resolved on a local level, is it a Kingdom of the Burning Lands or Amtgard, Inc. Board issue?

6. There has been no mutual attendance or use of parks between the two groups of individuals.

7. Since the 10/1/02 effective date of the Shadowvale contract, there have been no Darkcloud events.

8. Not having a signed contract, Darkcloud is not yet a shire and do not yet take credits for attendance at Shadowvale events/meetings. Darkcloud has selected temporary officers. **It is noted, for the record, that** until the Board makes a ruling, both groups are under the aegis of the Burning Lands monarchy, i.e., at this point this is a kingdom rather than a Board matter.

9. It was noted that although Shadowvale ran their last election by the rules and that the mechanism of their local board of directors is legal, the morality of the situation is questionable. **It was agreed,** however, that the contract is in Shadowvale not Darkcloud.

1. **10. It was also agreed,** that although the situation between Shadowvale and Darkcloud could be resolved on a local level, it probably would not be successful. It was pointed out that the current Shadowvale government does not have the support of a substantial portion of the total shire populace, that Shadowvale is in violation of contract, and that neither Darkcloud nor Shadowvale have made any attempt to use the options available to them via contract and Corpora to remedy the

situation. It was also noted that the Amtgard populace of Alamogordo did not seek relief from the situation at the kingdom (Burning Lands) level.

After further discussion the following course of action by the Kingdom of the Burning Lands was in effect:

1. At this time the situation between the two populace groups in Alamogordo is under arbitration by the Kingdom of the Burning Lands.
2. The contract between Shadowvale and the Kingdom of the Burning Lands is hereby declared on hiatus.
3. As the election and voting records are unclear, as of this date all elected offices are declared on hiatus.
4. Darkcloud has until the date 12/7/02 to contact the Kingdom of the Burning Lands with their records and a written list of their grievances. Shadowvale has until 12/14/02 to contact the Kingdom of the Burning Lands with their records and a written list of their grievances along with a response to Darkcloud's grievances. Failure on the part of either group to present their petition will be considered a withdrawal of their claims.
5. The Kingdom of the Burning Lands will seek to redress all grievances and present a compromise solution acceptable to both parties. The tentative date for this solution is within one month of December 14, 2002. Note: Burning Lands strongly supports the ideal and logic of one (1) Amtgard jurisdiction per mundane jurisdiction.

I. Finances: **A motion was made and seconded** to reimburse approximately \$20.00 to various other kingdoms for their mailing costs of material to the Kingdom of the Burning land, and to reimburse Dame Gwynne \$20.00 for her mailing costs on behalf of the Kingdom of the Burning Lands and \$50.00 towards offsetting her expenses for the crown coronation feast to be held on Saturday, December 21, 2002. **The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

I. Other Business:

- A. The Kingdom of Iron Mountains was lauded for their support for the 6.1 Rulebook clarifications. It was noted that this kingdom has been very active in play-testing the revisions and scrupulous in reporting the results thereof.
- B. Sir Bolt was commended for his efforts in both local, national and international diplomacy.
- C. Everyone was reminded of the December 21, 2002 "The Return of the King" demonstration, and the Kingdom of the Burning Lands coronation and Christmas party.

I. Adjournment: There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is January 18, 2003.

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Sir Aramithris, Monarch and President

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Sir Raphael

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Dame Verana, Consort

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Sir Bolt

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Captain of the Guard, Kurse

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Countess Mezzie

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Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer

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Squire Vinall, Prime Minister