

Amtgard, Inc., Kingdom of the Burning Lands
International Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2003

Present Board Members:

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

Absent Board Members:

Guests:

Sir Deathstalker, Alamogordo
Swiftcloud, Alamogordo

- I. President's Report:
 - A. Sir Aramithris tendered the Board's greetings to Lord Kurse, the new monarch of The Kingdom of the Burning Lands and Dame Gwynne, the elected Prime Minister.
 - B. The minutes of the 11/23/02 and 11/30/02 Board meetings were approved as written.

- I. Board Elections:
 - A. The Board was polled and the following officers/tenures were elected:
 1. Sir Aramithris - President of the Board
 2. Dame Gwynne - Secretary/Treasurer
 3. His Majesty Kurse and Dame Gwynne - Two year Board memberships
 4. Sir Bolt - Board Alternate

- I. Alamogordo Groups:
 - A. The Board was given copies of Shadowvale's response to Darkcloud's complaints. In the discussion that followed the following items were noted:
 1. Until this Board meeting, Darkcloud had never received a copy of Shadowvale's response to Darkcloud's issues.
 2. The one month agreed upon response time from Shadowvale to the Board has elapsed with no word from Shadowvale.
 3. Darkcloud stated they didn't understand which kingdom corpora Shadowvale was following, i.e., Golden Plains or Burning lands.
 4. Darkcloud's representatives (see 'Guests' above), stated that aggressive and hostile attitudes toward newbies was encouraged by the leadership of Shadowvale.
 5. It was claimed that the leaders of Shadowvale did not keep the Alamogordo populace informed of developments within their group.
 6. The Darkcloud members asserted that the leadership of Shadowvale practiced illegal voting methods, appointing monarchs and regents without a vote of the populace, and noted instances of fiscal irresponsibility by officers.
 - B. The Board's response to the various statements and allegations of Darkcloud were as follows:
 1. Darkcloud cannot leave Shadowvale and then demand services, i.e., records, et cetera, from Shadowvale.
 2. Splinter groups forming due to personality clashes are a recipe for organizational disaster... the northwestern Amtgard groups were cited as an example.
 3. According to document signatures, the Board noted that approximately 36% of Amtgard members in Alamogordo were not represented on either the Darkcloud or Shadowvale documents presented to the Board.
 - C. After further discussion the following resolution was made:

Amtgard, Inc., The Kingdom of the Burning Lands Board of Directors Resolution:

On this day, the 18th of January, 2003 the following Resolution was passed by the

Board:

The Kingdom of the Burning Lands will run an election in Alamogordo in order to resolve the status and condition of the Amtgard group in Alamogordo. This election will be held on February 23, 2003 at Washington Park in Alamogordo, New Mexico. The polls will be opened at 12:00 noon and closed at the discretion of the Board's representatives.

The voting criteria and conditions for the election are as follows:

1. The election will be published on the Amtgard list, Monarch's list, Dragonspine list, and the Burning Lands list.
1. 1. Anyone, fourteen years of age or older, who signed the following three lists is eligible to vote: Shadowvale petition to join The Kingdom of the Burning Lands, Darkcloud formation document, Shadowvale response to Darkcloud.
2. Dues-paid is not a criteria for this kingdom run election only.
3. At least four Burning Lands Board members will be present at this election.
4. This election will be for the positions of Monarch, Regent and Prime Minister. The position of Champion will be the responsibility of the elected officers of the Alamogordo group.
5. After the election there will be only one group in Alamogordo, New Mexico.
6. The Alamogordo group is required to select a new name; not Shadowvale nor Darkcloud.
7. On February 23, 2003 the Alamogordo group will also vote on the following:
 - a. New group name,
 - b. Contract status, new or old, and
 - c. Kingdom sponsorship.
9. This document will be electronically published by Raphael to the Burning Lands list, Kurse to the Monarch's list, Mezzie to the Amtgard list, and Verana to the Dragonspine list.

This Resolution is made a part of the Board minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2003.

IV Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- A. The December, 2002 bank statement was given to the Board for review.
- B. There is currently \$216.43 in the Prime Minister's cash box.
- C. Kingdom expenses for the last eight months were \$302.48 as per the following list.

1. Medical Supplies	112.45
2. Material for Guard Tunics	39.85
3. Copies - Contracts, Flyers, et cetera	34.11
4. Postage - Contract Return	26.16
5. June, 2002 Feast	37.65
6. Printer Paper - Minutes, Newsletters	2.50
7. December, 2002 Feast	49.76

1. V. Due to the lateness of the hour, it was voted that the balance of the Board meeting be deferred until 6:00 p.m., January 25th, 2003.

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Sir Aramithris, President

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Sir Raphael

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Dame Verana

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Sir Bolt

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Kurse, Monarch

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Countess Mezzie

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Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer

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Squire Vinall, Prime Minister

Amtgard, Inc., Kingdom of the Burning Lands
International Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2003
Continuation of January 18, 2003 Meeting

Present Board Members:

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

Absent Board Members:

Sir Bolt

Guests:

Cassie, Burning Lands
Didi, Burning Lands

- I. The meeting of January 18, 2003 was continued and brought to order by Aramithris.
- I. Rising Winds:
 - A. Corpora:
 1. Is Rising Winds using State laws to violate Corpora?
 2. Rising Winds will be asked to provide proof of the Indiana State laws that they cite as reason for Corpora changes. Kurse will request this documentation that must be true copies of the actual law as published by the State of Indiana.

3. It was noted that the Rising Winds eliminates Smith credits and that kingdoms, while they can make new orders, they cannot eliminate old orders.
4. The so called 'atomic clock' does not appear anywhere in the Rulebook. Although the atomic clock method of calling shots can be used locally under Rulebook 6.0, once Rulebook 6.1 is published the atomic clock will be illegal. After discussion, it was noted that there is no dichotomy in the 'shot in motion' rule of determining hits. All 6.1 representatives will be polled for their opinion on the definition of atomic clock and shot-in-motion.
5. Regarding Rising Winds' 'assistant officers': This is a case of Rising Winds deciding to *not* deal with local officers, but rather with Rising Winds' assistant officers. It was also noted that only a kingdom can sponsor a duchy, barony or a shire, especially for purposes of group status and elections, i.e., Mystic Seas.
6. After further discussion, **a motion was made** to adopt the resolution that any group that tries to alter Corpora based on state laws, i.e. Valley of the Silver Rains and Rising Winds, must provide officially published state documentation of that law to the Amtgard, Inc. Board of Directors. **The resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

I. World Wide Web Page for the Kingdom of the Burning Lands:

- A. The web page will be identified as Amtgard, Inc., The Kingdom of the Burning Lands.
- B. An alphabetical listing of all existing Amtgard, Inc. contracts will be made a part of the Burning Lands web page, and will contain no additional data other than the name and status of the group. A hard copy of the list of contract is attached as part of these minutes.
- C. It was noted that the Burning Lands contract should be updated.
- D. Links to the web page will be established to both the B.O.D. and the 6.1 web pages, as well as others. Links to lists will include the Burning Lands list..
- E. In the interest of communication, Kurse will post a list of Burning Lands and B.O.D. officers, and will monitor the new website.
- F. The B.O.D. recognizes the Amtgard, Inc., (i.e., Monarch's) and 6.1 lists as "official" Amtgard lists.

I. Elections:

- A. In the recent Prime Minister elections, it was noted that Sir Scarhart's proxy vote was not allowed because a voting member must be a member of a kingdom or a member of a group within that kingdom in order to vote in kingdom elections, and there is no Kingdom of the Burning Lands' group extant in Houston, Sir Scarhart's current residence.
- B. Also see III. C. Also see VI. A. 5.

I. Rulebook 6.1:

- A. Aramithris reported that the Kingdom of Goldenvale wants to organize a quest run in several kingdoms under 6.1 rules the weekend of March 1st, 2003 or thereafter. It was agreed by all present that this would be an excellent chance to playtest 6.1. Thus far the kingdoms of Mystic Seas, Burning Lands and Neverwinter have expressed enthusiasm for Goldenvale's suggestion.
- B. It was noted that the Kingdom of Iron Mountains is up to date on their 6.1 projects. It was also noted that the 6.1 committee has not yet received input from Valley of the Silver Rains.
- C. Also see VI. A. 4.

I. Clan 21:

- A. **It was noted** that the escalating site cost charged by Recreational Management Company for

the currently used Clan site located in the Lincoln National Forest in Cloudcroft, New Mexico could not be tolerated. In the discussion that following this statement, many criticisms of the site to include lack of facilities, inadequate parking, difficult access road, no access to water as well as the rising site cost were mentioned. **It was agreed** by all present, in their roles of officers or members in good standing of the Kingdom of the Burning Lands, that the search for a new Clan site will be sought with all diligence as follows:

1. Boy Scout Camps - Verana will research, and will also contact the Sacramento Ranger Station.
 2. The Mescalero Apache Reservation - Mezzie will research.
 3. The New Mexico State Department of Recreation - Gwynne will research.
 4. The Gila Wilderness - Vinall will research.
 5. The Silver City, New Mexico region - Mezzie will research.
- B. Tentative date for Clan 21 is July 24, 2003 through July 27, 2003. These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- C. Clan 21 Autocrats:
1. Clan Autocrat - Verana
 - a. Responsible for over-all organization. Reports directly to the monarch of the Burning Lands.
 2. Clan Security Autocrat - Kurse
 - a. Responsible for all Clan security matters. Reports directly to the Clan autocrat and to the monarch.
 - b. All security personnel report directly to the Security Autocrat.
 - c. A list of security personnel will be compiled by the Security Autocrat, i.e., not the same thing as Gate Autocrat.
 - d. Baldrics for security personnel will be designed and constructed by Gwynne.
 3. Clan War Autocrat - Aramithris
 - a. Responsible for all Clan war events, combat, and tournaments. Reports directly to the Clan autocrat and to the monarch.
 - b. Responsible for all Clan reeves and rulebook rulings.
 4. Clan Med Tent Autocrat - Wovoka
 - a. Responsible for all Clan medical affairs. Reports directly to the Clan autocrat and the monarch.
 - b. Responsible for all state, local and federal requirements relating to medical services.
 - c. Responsible for notifying and securing the services of emergency state and local medical services if required.
 5. Gate Autocrat - Mezzie
 - a. Responsible for all gate functions. Reports directly to the Clan autocrat and the monarch.
 - b. A list of gate personnel will be compiled by the Gate Autocrat and provided to the Clan Autocrat for approval.
 - c. Responsible for receiving and safeguarding all gate generated funds which will be turned over to the Prime Minister at the conclusion of the event.
 6. Clan Herald Autocrat - Vinall
 - a. Responsible for all court scheduling, dissemination of event/meeting information and timetables at the event. Reports directly to the Clan autocrat and the monarch.

I. Groups and Contracts:

- A. Crimson Woods, located in Mississippi, has asked to be a shire of the Burning Lands. Kurse will contact this group.
- B. Shadow's Home does have an Amtgard, Inc. contract.
- C. The group of Valley of the Cage have asked to receive barony status. Amtgard, Inc. has no current contract for this group.
- D. The Vale: Gwynne will forward a blank contract to this group for their signature; the contract just received from this group is incorrectly signed and not notarized.
- E. Kurse will give the Board a contract from the Chrysalis group.
- F. Web contact has been received by Byzantium, a Dagohir group. Raphael will contact this group.
- G. The Darkcloud contract is on hold.
- H. Northern Hillstones contract - Verana will try and get a mailing address for this group.
- I. Hearts of Fire contract - Verana will try and get a mailing address for this group.
- J. Elspeth, a member of an Ohio group, will be asked to resend a contract. There is no record of this contract being received by the Burning Lands.
- K. Kurse has some requests for minor orders for groups under the sponsorship of the Burning Lands. As monarch, Kurse is satisfied that the requests are merited and valid. His response will be published on the Burning Lands List.
- L. Burning Lands Board members and officers will meet in Alamogordo at noon, February 23rd to hold elections for the Alamogordo group's officers.
- M. One hundred (100) Amtgard groups are currently under contract.

I. Calendar:

- A. Spring War is scheduled for March 12, 2003.
- B. Clan 21 is tentatively scheduled for July 24th through July 27th, 2003.
- C. Next Burning Lands coronation is tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2003.

I. Newsletter and Awards:

- A. Raphael will publish the next Burning Lands newsletter.
- B. Gwynne will provide Kurse with copies of blank award certificates for the B.O.D. web page.

I. Other Business:

- A. Gwynne will provide Raphael a disk of not yet published Board minutes for the web page.

I. Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Sir Aramithris, President

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Sir Raphael

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Dame Verana

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Sir Bolt

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Kurse, Monarch

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Countess Mezzie

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Dame Gwynne, Secretary-Treasurer

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Squire Vinall, Prime Minister