Itinerary for Westmarch BoD March 2023

Call to order and Roll Call

BoD Officer Members Andy ‘can you smell what the scoot is cooking’ Brown, Brian Ouellette, Jose Chavez, Paul Wilkins (weather), Rose Brown, Cindy Marie & Victoria Kathleen

Monarchy Members *Frankie DiMento and Kris Sapp*

Reading of Minutes of Last meeting

Approved and read

Announcements / shout outs

* Lord Bear Bear, Champion submission.

March Agenda

**Trailer Update**

* Update from Paul? Postponed to April
* Storage is an issue (see image right)

**Scribe Update**

* Has anyone shown interest No Update as of yet. Wendy needs rights to post on WM Facebook.
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Bank Account Access

* Need to transfer access to Wendy and Andrew.
* - lets ensure we get a response before end of week.

**Recruitment Update**

* Comments from recruitment committee (if available) not here
* Weather has thrown a lot of this on the back burner not here
* BoD Liason position tabled to april – discussion about Outside vs inside reach – more of a discussion of why alongside if yes/no.

**Finance update – update CoM/AI $500 fee. (graphic to be presented)**

* Comments from Scoot – scoot talked to AI about this. Discussions about overpayments. Does not address over or underpayments – We should request a refund on our overpayments. Nobody is saying don’t make the payment. $500 a year is questionable for WM because we have a giant overpayment. – request a new payment plan for a new kingdom.- ask Fiks who should we be talking to (Fiks I potentially on the AI BOD).
* Have we found out anything about what is required for 2023 and moving forward
* No response from Christine at this point in time
* At what point do we reach out to AI for further details - NOW
* BoD stamp of approval on an official statement to WM Monarchy about suggestions and findings. – Milan would like the BoD to formally reach out to AI to find out how to why we have to pay $500 when we have an overpayment – Milan will make an email and get confirmation before anything goes out. – Smart idea to make the payment in good faith and negotiation in future years.
* Motion to ask PM to get with Justin Smith to ensure payment is made to AI for 2023
* -Motion to discuss with Monarch a proposal to bring this forward in next CoM in Summer OR FB group. (passed both)

**(IF no conclusion) Request for special session with Milan in the future regarding CoM/AI fee. (article x, 1,6)**

* Date in the future separate from BoD scheduled meetings

**Talk about going to 501c3 (graphic to be presented)**

* who would make the decision? Possibly an allthing because possible amendment to corpora (non profit requirement as a c3)
* is it a good idea? YES
* who do we need to consult on the decision? Probably an allthing
* what would the results be? Probably need to update the corpora –
* table to april for more information gathering. (with seconded)
* -Make Victoria do work.

**Digital waivers**

* what do we need to do to make this a reality?-

For the move to digital waivers - we may want to consider just purchasing a format for using them. If we don't do a lot of a month (under 100) it's under $20 a month for most of the services and they do literally everything for you.

<https://www.smartwaiver.com/pricing>

$18 for 100 waivers

<https://www.cleverwaiver.com/price>

$10 for 70 - wait – 10 dollars a month – 70 waivers a month – 120 a year. This is the low end. Digital app with waiver – searchable on website. CAN we download the files if we cancel our plan? Amtgard ORK shows how many new people each year – if attendance is what we can go off of, we aren’t breaking 70 a month

$30 for 500

<https://www.waiverelectronic.com/price>

$12 70

$35 600

Per ork there were less than 200 players signed in across Westmarch any given month, and there are 189 active players.

If we guesstimate even as much as half the players as newbs that needed waivers this would set our needed monthly waivers at, likely 100 or less. (probably less)

This puts us at the lowest to second to lowest plan for most of these services.

We would also be able to utilize the waivers for events and demos.

Most services offer unlimited free storage, would provide links and apps for easy use and have varieties of plans.

As we don't have a super high volume of waivers that are needed per month I believe this would be a simple, easy and cost effective way to move to online waivers.

* Comments from Rose on pathway
* Should we notify all lands where a digital waiver is located (statement)?
* -Force Victoria to make us a new legal ironclad waiver
* - probably a contractual decision between Monarchy and Bod
* Allthing is probably a good idea.
* Corpora language is a smart update
* Digital waiver makes information confidential. Easier for PM. Safer for WM.
* -if james wanted to do this it could be covered by his 10% (discretionary spending)
* This is less than 10% of the funds.
* Should be added as a budgetary item.

**BOD Enticement**

* Amtgard credit for BoD meetings! Milan really wants to update the BOD handbook.
* WM BoD amtwiki page? (no caamtgard page)
* Update and host BoD Handbook
* Suggestion: April discussion on expanding & clarifying BoD options

**Social Media and online presence updates**

* how can Westmarch members submit enhancement requests for FB/CaAmtgard/AmtWiki/Ork
* What can the BoD do to encourage tidying up online presence.

**Sublands filling Heir apparent position.**

* Bear Bear recommend filling positions To ensure that we continue to grow the future of AMtgard we need to capture the youth. Heir apparent is a brilliant way to have the youth involved.

**V9 Rules discussion**

* Should we discuss V9 proposed rules changes in April? – Not necessary. We have a WM Rules Rep that’s dagger.
* Should we collate feedback from WM parks and submit feedback to Monarchy, CoM, Rules Committee? So far no. Dagger says that he is working it but parks are not forthcoming.

**Trademark Westmarch Logo**

- The cost to trademark a logo with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is $275–$660 as of June 2020, plus legal fees. You can register a trademark with your state for $50-$150, but federal registration offers a great deal more legal protection. No idea if the WM logo is trademarked or not. – how long is a trademark for? A Trademark or Service Mark registration is active for five (5) years from the date the mark was filed with the California Secretary of State's office. Within six (6) months of expiration of the five (5) years, the mark may be renewed for another five (5) years.  
- Probably an allthing item

- Still comes through the BOD at the end of the day. BoD takes action on the allthing decision.

Motion to bringing it up to the monarch that is suggested to an allthing.

Rose makes bad engineering joke. Walter brown laughs somewhere.

**Open Floor**

**Why don’t we have a linktree and a viewable QR code**

**Wells fargo –** Let’s discuss switching. Why are we not with a credit union – which is also a non profit.

* Recommend bear bear for awards!
* Why does bear bear hate Sg and got them kicked out of their park

**Topics to be added to April**

**Schedule for April Meeting**

**Weekdays best for some – Is April 18th ok??? Tuesday. 5:30pm?**

**Adjournment**