



HMGS-PSW

Board Meeting 2/5/2023

Meeting Transcription

HMGS-PSW Inc
27512 1/2 Oak Springs Canyon Road
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Via Zoom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Officers

President Christian Sorensen Sorensen
Vice President and CCO John Harrel
Secretary – Harmon Ward
Convention Coordinator - Harmon Ward
Treasurer - William Stilwell

Directors

Jason Coffey – NV
Emiliano Morado – AZ
Matt Denny - CA
John Harrel - CA
Frank Patterson – CA
Richard Aldrete - CA

Reading and Approval of Past Minutes

Reports of Officers

President: Christian Sorensen Sorensen
Vice President and CCO: John Harrel
Secretary and Convention Coordinator: Harmon Ward
Treasurer: William Stilwell – ZOOM payment \$15.66 monthly.
Convention Coordinator: Harmon Ward

Reports of Committees / Special Volunteers

Demo Team – Harmon Ward

Themes Discussed and Resolved

Bylaws Review – John Harrel
Treasurer Replacement – William Stilwell – Meeting at bank needs to be scheduled. Background check or two party checks, or both?
Board of Directors – Replacement Ruben Moreno, agreed to offer position to him
Spring convention in AZ – May 20th and 21st ?
Spring Convention in AZ – Name Change – Selected Unanimously: Desert Outpost.

New Business

Secretary – We need a Recording Secretary.

Announcements

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted
Christian Sorensen Sorensen
HMGS-PSW President

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Transcript

00:00:03 Christian Sorensen Sorensen

Did did you folks hear those recording? I'm not sure why that happened like that, but anyways.

00:00:09 Harmon Ward

That was that. That was me. That was me. I noticed that the recording was being done on my local computer.

So I switched it to the cloud so that other people can access it in case something happens to my computer.

00:00:18 Christian Sorensen

OK. In any event, a A fellow who, frankly had been somewhat of a black sheep in our flames of war, local community, ended up coming to the Las Vegas Open and participated in the Flames tournament, but was forced to miss the team Yankee. I had been working with him and with advice and other stuff to be able to rehabilitate himself; and he ended up finishing seventh, a a top ten finish beating all. Of the rest of us, which was pretty good finish considering he played a lot of top players to be able to do that. Now one other thing that is not necessarily known by a lot of the bulk of our community is that this fellow Bryce. Is an astronomer and he has been credited in partnership with one of his Co workers with discovering the recent Green Comet, which is why you made a point of telling me how to find it, and there's several. There's a bunch of press on this, so I thought that was fascinating that that is, you know, finally getting it together, if you will. So congratulations to Bryce And hopefully that he can continue this rehabilitation process.

You know, we find ourselves every now and then as gamers Introduced to more controversy than perhaps we would otherwise wish for and a lot of this is these are the self-inflicted wounds. But one thing that I do note is that since we are all gamers, you can always change the road that you're on. From talking with Bryce, I know that he is determined to be able to fit in and well, we'll see what happens in the future.

Now, another feature of this. I can report that the same gentleman from Texas. Won both the team Yankee tournament. Running away and the flames of war tournament running away, he had a remarkable record of perfect wins. I feel he is on a different plane than the rest of us, but knowing him as I do. It is. It's kind of amazing to see how the rest of us can be made to look like we're not playing with a full deck in comparison to someone who's practiced at this game, but that actually only encourages me. This means that the element of player skill is really there.

I mean, it's not all just, you know, it can't be and it's kind of a situation like this, It's not some kind of a lottery and. We appreciate having a competitive turn out from our end in such a field, so.

I also noted that there was A at least, well, there was one other historical miniatures game featured and they set up tables next to us, and they did. They had a pretty impressive tournament.

Turn out as well at least 16 tables, I think maybe there were 18 tables, So what this goes to show you right now is that we are on an upswing, and we have some momentum carrying forward for our, our miniatures.

So I I mean, I was just like being distracted every now and then by thoughts for my lost race car, prayers that she'd be returned intact. I'm happy about what things are going to be happening and keen on seeing all of our projects come through, Well, that aside, one of the things that I was involved with last year a was a a kind of an inaugural tournament in Fresno. There has been some more activity on this. Our local guy, Ed Forbes has agreed to step up officially as the local organizer for both of A team Yankee and a flames tournament.

There is now an organizing committee established among local members of an American Vietnam Veterans Association, and the states has been booked at their memorial Center for the date July 7th and 9th and I have a feeling that this is going to be much more widely attended than it was last year and had a chance to talk with a number of Norcal folks about this coming up and I'm I'm positive that it's going to be good and we'll be going forward on that and highlighting our HMGS position and perhaps we can find a way since anybody else associated with HMGS other chapters is

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nowhere to be found in the area. I know that we are proceeding ahead with other plans and I'll let the other Members of our executive (board) discuss those. So that's my report. Any questions?

00:06:41 Richard Aldrete

Can I make a comment on on your report?

00:06:45 Christian Sorensen

Of course you may. You are a director with this.

00:06:47 Richard Aldrete

OK, I I totally got a different report on our black sheep, OK, I just wanted to make a note of that

00:06:54 Christian Sorensen

How is how? How would it be totally different?

00:06:57 Richard Aldrete

Well, I was told during his last game he was very controversial with someone. I was really told not. To elaborate on it much, but you. Know that's as far as that goes.

00:07:07 Christian Sorensen

Well, fair enough, however. It's incontrovertible that he finished 7th.

00:07:12 Harmon Ward

Well, also I want to differ with you on that statement that he had a really strong what is it called the? That that which shows you that that you've that you've played a lot against against a lot of the better players, someone who just happened to lose his last game. Against a really tough opponent Finished 20th I think, and was tied for the position that our friend was in when our friend played a novice that I've played a couple of times and he doesn't play flameware very much, so he's not very hard to beat. And that's who. Our black sheep friend faced the last game, so his strength of strength, what is it called?

00:07:59 Christian Sorensen

Strengthen schedule.

00:08:01 Harmon

Strength of schedule. Thank you very much. His strength of schedule was quite lower than the person that finished 20th below hi, So I don't think he faced a lot of a lot of great opponents as you stated so.

00:08:13 Christian Sorensen

That isn't OK the way that a Swiss format tournament works is that you are matched up on each round with folks who are doing as well as you at that, and although his last opponent may be judged by you to be a weaker opponent.

00:08:28 Harmon

No, he definitely is. He's a novice. He's only played maybe five or six games.

00:08:33 Christian Sorensen

Yes, I know that. But he had a good tournament up to that point, his standing was way higher than you might otherwise have expected him to be.

00:08:43 Harmon

Be that might be true.

00:08:46 Christian Sorensen

And therefore, he was, if you will, on A roll. I see no, not necessarily evidence that he is a inherently weaker player, but in any event, those aren't things for me to judge

00:08:59 Harmon

Both of them may Have had lower strength of schedule points even though. They were up there. When they played, but anyway that just that that is something that came from the Los Angeles Group, OK, where he is sort of banned from tournaments. Not not my not my choice. Not my opinion. I have a different opinion on the matter. But I just wanted to. I commend you for, for attempting to help with them. I tried too, I want I want that said, you know and I understand that you know, but. I just felt I should interact, that I mean, interject that into your into your report regarding the tournament in Vegas that I missed. That's all I have to say.

00:09:52 Christian Sorensen

OK. Any other questions or comments?

All right. Are we ready to have someone make a motion regarding the review of the Minutes of last week? The last meeting.

00:10:13 Frank Patterson

Hey, can you hear me?

Hello here.

00:10:15 John Harold

Yes, Frank, Frank.

00:10:16 Frank Patterson

You just real quick.

00:10:17 Richard Aldrete

Yes, we can.

00:10:19 Frank Patterson

I'm sorry. I'm driving to a job right now and I'm in the I'm. I can barely use my phone. Just to chime in for people getting banned or I heard something, but I was told not to say anything. Look, don't even bring it up if you're not strong enough to say, look, we're on the board and I just feel like, look, we have to have some type of loyalty and just look, it hurts someone's feelings. It hurts their feelings, but we're never. Going to go anywhere. If we keep keeping secrets and all this, no God, just saying what we say and the guy that won the tournament, why is he banned? Is he banned because? He's good at the game?

00:10:54 Matt

Excuse me? You're. Not you're not hearing the whole story.

00:10:59 Frank Patterson

OK. Then I stand corrected, OK, But I want to make sure you know what I mean. You know, cause being this several times.

00:11:05 Matt

He's he's not banned, he's not banned from HMGS. Ok he's just banned from doing tournaments with our group at Pasadena. And he did not win the tournament. The gentleman who won the tournament is held at high esteem.

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00:11:15 Frank Patterson

OK. Ohh I thought. I misunderstood. I thought. I've been I've, been to the tournaments.

And and people just get real pissy because someone's actually really good at the game. I I just wanna make sure.

00:11:32 Matt

That's not what it is. That's not what it is. And I can I can, guarantee you that

00:11:15 Richard Aldrete

OK.

00:11:32 Matt

I can guarantee you you'd probably have issues with this particular gentleman yourself.

00:11:39 Frank Patterson

Oh, don't say that. I don't like when people speak for me either, I I

00:11:42 Matt

Well, I'm just telling you, you probably would.

00:11:45 Frank Patterson

I touch people, man to me.

00:11:46 Matt

That's an assumption, but that's fine.

00:11:48 Frank Patterson

I know, I know, I know, I know what you're saying. It's just not.

00:11:52 Matt

And you're Matt Deny, right? You're Matt.

00:11:55 Frank Patterson

No, I'm Frank Patterson.

00:11:56 Matt

Oh, you're Frank Patterson, right

00:12:00 Frank Patterson

And the only reason why I'm speaking up is because I joined the board for the reason is, let's all try to focus on war gaming and and look like Christian Sorensen said we all weird We're all little weird or whatever got our differences, but we gotta have loyalty.

00:12:16 Richard Aldrete

Well, perhaps you didn't. Didn't hear that I did mention that I did not agree with the banning.

00:12:22 Christian Sorensen

Ok. But I think in in, in fairness to Frank here point is bringing up negative things about; You know the The guys winning record or this kind of thing doesn't actually serve a purpose that forwards our agenda, compared given that the point of voting.

00:12:44 Richard Aldrete

Nobody said anything about his winning record. Don't one thing I said was that his strength schedule wasn't that great.

00:12:50 Christian Sorensen

Right person is on the road to, you know, rehabilitating his name and when that happens I think some amount of recognition is deserved.

00:13:06 Frank Patterson

Iron sharpens iron. You know, that's all I'm saying. Look, I I like everybody that I've gained with and I've met, whether I've known them or Not and You know, I love our community. I love the board gaming community. But one thing I don't like is is people picking on each other because they got some different view of life. You know, just look, we live in the real world and we have to, you know. We all gotta. Figure out how to get along and make this thing work. You know, so I don't know. Maybe I'm in the you know just.

00:13:43 Richard Aldrete

You didn't hear the whole conversation. For one thing, you know.

00:13:47 Frank Patterson

So that's all I'm saying. I apologize, I'm not.

00:13:49 Richard Aldrete

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OK, apology accepted.

00:13:53 Christian Sorensen

Alright, so then. Are there more comments on the President's report? Yeah, alright, let's get.

00:13:59 Frank Patterson

Back, let's get to work here, guys.

00:14:03 Christian Sorensen

And therefore hearing none do we have. Somebody willing to propose a motion accepting the minutes from the last meetings.

00:14:15 John Harold

This is John, Harold. I propose a motion to accept the Minutes for the last meeting.

00:14:20 Christian Sorensen

Could I get a seconder please? Who is that?

00:14:26 Matt

Matt seconds.

00:14:28 Christian Sorensen

Thank you. OK.

So I'm going to Call the question All in favor, please?

Say aye when requested to do so by the Secretary, who will call out the board members names.

00:14:51 Harmon Ward

I I will call the board members by name.

00:14:56 Harmon Ward

Alright, Emiliano morado.

00:15:07 Emiliano

"Present"

00:15:07 Christian Sorensen

Well, no, What we want is your vote.

00:15:09 Emiliano Morado

Oh, sorry.

00:15:09 Christian Sorensen

So is the vote on the approval of the Minutes.

00:15:13 John Harold

OK.

00:15:13 Christian Sorensen

You can either vote aye or nay or abstain.

00:15:17 Emiliano Morado

Ohh Aye, I I sorry, I heard the second already, that is something else.

00:15:21 Christian Sorensen

No worries.

00:15:22 Emiliano Morado

Thank you.

00:15:23 Harmon Ward

Matt. Matt. Denny.

00:15:26 Matt Deny

Yes

00:15:28 Harmon Ward

John Harrell,

00:15:29 John Harrell

Hi.

00:15:31 Harmon Ward

Frank Patterson.

00:15:31 Frank Patterson

Hi

00:15:35 Harmon Ward

Richard Aldrete.

00:15:36 Richard Aldrete

Present or yeah, Aye seen

00:15:39 Harmon Ward

Aye, there we are, or or nay or abstain.

00:15:44 Harmon Ward

So, Richard, you abstain.

00:15:46 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, I think so.

00:15:48 Harmon Ward

All right.

00:15:49 Christian Sorensen

Alrighty, OK, so we can continue then with the reports and why don't we have the report from John Harold please?

00:15:58 John Harold

John Harold for the vice president's report. Currently I have nothing other than the Russians are preparing the offensive in the next few days to try and take Luhan's back. I'm still working on my book. With the deadline at the end of the month so that pretty much ties me up now as to filing, I filed a new SSI 100 last month. I'm in the process of filing the Attorney General's report, which I forget the name of I think I need a little bit more data from the Treasurer, somebody I just need to know how much money did we start last year with 2002? How much money did we end with in December 31st, 2022? Pretty much I think that with that I will have everything I need to file the AG's report.

00:16:52 Harmon Ward

Perfect, John I.

00:16:55 Harmon Ward

I can probably get that to you during this meeting. I'll send the e-mail.

00:17:00 John Harold

Or just send it to me in an e-mail.

00:17:03 Frank Patterson

Ohh, and by the way guys I reason why I have to speak I'm in my truck full of tools. I'm going to a plumbing jobs reason why I'm speaking real loud cause my phone is on the floor.

00:17:15 Christian Sorensen

OK, that's good.

00:17:16 Frank Patterson

Yeah. So. You don't even have to look at it.

00:17:18 Christian Sorensen

You can. Keep your eyes on the road.

00:17:20 Christian Sorensen

Oh, yeah.

00:17:21 Frank Patterson

I don't know who I'm talking to or what, but I mean, I've been in the Meeting. So I was 't know how to unmute the phone.

00:17:29 Christian Sorensen

You could use that.

00:17:29 Frank Patterson

Good stuff. Yeah, I got an emergency call and I'm almost to my job right now, and it's not a.

00:17:35 Frank Patterson

This is not gonna be a fun job today.

00:17:41 Christian Sorensen

But you're one of the saviors of our of.

Over little wars.

00:17:45 Frank Patterson

Hey I look. Dude, look, I apologize if I misheard or what, everything, but really what I'm trying to say is if I got this. I just really want us to do some really cool stuff, man. This year, OK?

00:18:01 Christian Sorensen

Frank and I, I appreciate the setting the, you know, consciously trying to set a positive tone. I think it's important.

00:18:12 Frank Patterson

Thank you.

00:18:16 Christian Sorensen

OK. Shall we have now the secretary's report?

00:18:24 Harmon Ward

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Uh, yes. We have. The getting the Minutes and the Minutes from the old meetings up on the website that work is coming together I've got. I believe everything that exists up until the time before we kept minutes, so at some stage we will have those up on the website soon. I think that's about it.

00:19:04 Christian Sorensen

Well, we did have a discussion, though, about these duties, didn't we?

00:19:08 Harmon Ward

Oh well. Oh, that, that is true. I completely forgot about that. As as all of you know, I've been I've been as of the last couple of days, officially retired for four months and that's given me a chance to figure out, you know, how everything, how this retirement thing works a little bit. I sent an e-mail to this effect and I got, you know, no response on it, but there is too much work demanded of the historical Miniature Gaming Society secretary for it being one person, the secretaries responsible for all the election process, keeping all of the records, keeping track of all of the membership. Keeping track of all of the all of the meeting minutes., and all of that not last weekend, but the weekend before that.

I spent four hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday. Trying to get catch up and I didn't come close to getting caught up. I got a lot done but I didn't come close to get caught up. There's there's just too much to do. The membership changes every month, every month we add new members.

And so every month. Members have to be welcomed into the group with an e-mail, their records have to go into the membership spreadsheet. And and all of that, and even again, even on my retirement time. It's just. Too much work and and part of that is because of the backlog.

But part of it is because it's just asking an awful lot of one person. So my proposal is that we add a recording Secretary. Who takes care of the meeting minutes and that would leave me free to deal with more of the back end stuff that if you think taking meeting minutes is. Not fun.

I have met very, very few people that wants to comb through old records and identify whether people still

live in the area or not. I would. I would it would be. I would appreciate a motion. To add the position of Recording secretary.

00:22:03 Christian Sorensen

Right now I do have a question for you that I mean that I haven't really raised before and that is having to do with their. Duties as secretary. Since you're already, you're also the convention coordinator. I am wondering if you might consider effectively trying to take on a. Like a deputy to the secretary. Who would as hopefully aspire to the entire? Secretary position?

Or would there be? I mean, considering the nature of the record keeping involved, it's, you know, part of our bread and butter, if you will. But I'm wondering if we can't be more ambitious than just asking someone to then making a formal position for The recording secretary slice of that when what we really kind of need. Is more people to do the other stuff too

00:22:56 Harmon Ward

Well, a that's a that's a very significant and important clarification. As as most of you know, I'm I'm also members of. Three different groups, totally different groups. They all tend to be people about my age. And within the last year, two of these groups have had significant officers who just didn't wake up in the morning. And, and There's a few positions that definitely need. someone to fall back on, and one of those, of course, is the Treasurer and the other one is the secretary.

If suddenly I wasn't around and everybody had to suddenly learn where I kept everything up on the Google. File, it would take a while. And uh, because of the nature of the Google Drive it, we can't give access to it to everybody. And we can't trust that many people.

So it's not like I can say hey. Here's everything that. We have collected on all of our Members.

Over the past 15 years. That person.

00:24:29 Christian Sorensen

Bad format in many respects. It's just, you know, we're we're dealing here with a little bit of a logistic issue, the main one being finding people with the time to help team. You know, therefore do it. In in a better manner

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and you know I have some hope with respect to that and also no matter what It's useful to try to get people in on a. Even an unlimited commitment basis,

00:25:10 Harmon Ward

or a non-emergency basis.

00:25:05 Christian Sorensen

Don't always want to be chasing our tails.

00:25:07 Harmon Ward

Yeah, so so, yes, the recording secretary in many ways would be A trainee to be the next secretary. As soon as they were able to take it off. Specifically, and you all, you all know this. Nobody in this organization should be wearing three hats, which is what I'm currently doing. I'm one of the webmasters. I'm the secretary, and I'm the convention coordinator. And that's too much, even for somebody who's retired.

00:25:47 Christian Sorensen

OK, anybody want to share their opinion on this issue?

00:25:53 Emiliano Morado

So I'm also part of a few different nonprofits. This is Emiliano. What we've done recently and we just received a few grants. We've actually hired a couple of people to start helping us. We are growing at about about \$100,000 a year over the last five years. This year will be at \$600,000 in our coffers. But we have to be able to disperse that money here in the Community and hiring someone. It's really the best expense we've got. They do everything online. They would be in the meeting, they take the Minutes, they get paid \$10.00 an hour. If this meeting is an hour long, they're getting paid \$10. They put the minutes on record. They take care of it and no one else has to worry about it. They're on the Google Drive, same as HMGS, but there's only one person entering them, and then everyone else and review them so. That's how we do. It and it only costs us \$10 per meeting

00:27:03 Harmon Ward

There's, there's a lot. There's a lot to be said for that, that concept in the in the Knights of Columbus, for example, the the Treasurer is paid. Not much. But the understanding is that if they're paid, you can kind of

demand. That they do something because they're they're accepting a check.

00:27:28 Emiliano Morado

Well, let me ask you this. If you were paid Harbin, would it be better?

00:27:33 John Harold

That violates the that violates the bylaws.

00:27:33 Emiliano Morado

With the.

00:27:36 Harmon Ward

Ohh I understand I I understand that, that violates the Bylaws.

00:27:41 Harmon Ward

And and that is that is.

00:27:41 Emiliano Morado

Could we amend the bylaws to add that?

00:27:44 Harmon Ward

That is correct, but the mechanism of. The the the problem with the mindset of a volunteer is many, many people feel that a volunteer means that the amount of work you put in is u Arbitrary based on their mood And things like secretaries, the meeting minutes and the membership role, that's not. That's not optional. When when we send out ballots.

00:28:19 Christian Sorensen

You are talking about his stewardship of a responsibility.

00:28:23 Harmon Ward

Exactly, but the the. When someone gives us \$20 a year, we have a responsibility to get them a ballot, and we can't do that without adequate records and that creates a workload. So I I think I think a good first step is to to have somebody else who becomes a trainee and starts to learn what needs to be done.

00:28:58 Emiliano Morado

I would like to motion that we can actually amend the bylaws to include a paid position, whether it's Harman or somebody else. It isn't expensive.

00:29:10 Emiliano Morado

OK. Well, what do we have to do to create a paid position? I mean, it's not like we're dealing with grants.

00:29:14 John Harold

So it has to be, it has to be, it has to be approved by the membership of the organization and the next time that's going to get together for the vote will be October. Once I finish this book, I will be putting together amendments to the bylaws and at that time, if if the board wants to make that amendment.

Now, the way around it. The advantage of wearing a lawyer hat is we can hire a contractor OK to do that. But no officer or director can be paid by the. Whether it's we or somebody.

00:29:53 Christian Sorensen

In other words, we wouldn't need a new position, we would need merely to approve the funding for the contractor.

00:30:00 John Harold

You got it.

00:30:02 Emiliano Morado

So could we vote on that today? That way we can get started for our next meeting and then be present already.

00:30:08 Christian Sorensen

In order for us to vote and I will need to hear a motion.

00;30:16 Emiliano Morado

I Emiliano Morado would like to motion that we contract someone to do the extra work that Harmon Wardhas just mentioned.

00:30:41 John Harold

Well, that does seem to succinctly cover what we were doing. In fact, it's even a little more flexible. Do I have a seconder for this?

00:30:41 John Harold

This is John, Harold, I second it.

00:30:44 Christian Sorensen

OK, let us begin discussion then in earnest. Is there anybody who objects to this that would like to try to sway the votes of the board?

00:30:57 Richard Aldrete

Well, I was just wondering where the funds would come from to pay this gentleman or this person who's going to do this.

00:31:04 Christian Sorensen

They would presumably come from our Kitty.

00:31:09 Harmon Ward

Membership dues. Membership dues. So if if we for example paid \$10.00 a month for meeting minutes, that would take up the membership income of 6 members.

00:31:32 Richard Aldrete

Do you need another motion or another second or?

00:31:35 Christian Sorensen

No, what I've asked for is for someone who's opposed to the motion but skeptical, is is, is, is just as valid to bring up their concerns with it and in discussion we can see if those can be ameliorated or not.

00:31:54 Christian Sorensen

We're still in discussion on the motion on the floor.

00:31:59 Richard Aldrete

Well, it seems to me if dues would. Pay for it, there would be no no opposition to it.

00:32:08 John Harold

Correct. And actually to be more clear it it, it's not just news. It's whatever's in the Treasury, you know? So it could be profit from.

00:32:18 Christian Sorensen

Shirt sales.

00:32:19 John Harold

From sales, you know it's so it's, it's the general treasury that would be paying for it.

00:32:23 Harmon Ward

Hmm, well, that is true, we do not have itemized ledgers of different areas of money.

00:32:34 Christian Sorensen

Right. and I I'm not really anxious to, to, to saddle our new treasurer with the task of doing so.

00:32:44 John Harold

So what we'd be doing is is maybe getting a quarterly check to whoever was doing this, and that's not too much of a workload for the new treasurer.

00:33:06 Emiliano Morado

I can get you information for the company that we use as soon as tomorrow. That way you know if you want to use that Avenue Quite honestly, it's more convenient, but if you guys have someone in mind. I mean have that, but I'll still get you the information so that you know what's available on there.

00:33:26 Christian Sorensen

Thank you, that would be appreciated, which kind of? Well, let let us, I think perhaps we've played out the discussion on this. Is there anybody else who wants to contribute a question?

00:33:48 Emiliano Morado

Just in general or about this?

00:33:50 Christian Sorensen

No, about this motion.

00:33:56 Matt

I have a Kind of a fundamental question, this is Matt here.

00:33:59 Christian Sorensen

Yes, Matt

00:34:01 Matt

I've always wondered why we have officers who are not members of the board, and this is for later on naturally,

but I We ought to think about having a bigger board so that the officers can be Board members.

00:34:16 John Harold

This is this is John Harold, originally the officers and the board members were the same and then over the years as we expanded. I think I initially became an officer without being a board member, so somebody else could sit on the board and get more participation.

I can't remember offhand the bylaws. Right now we're running at the minimum level for the board. It can be expanded, I think up to 7 directors.

So and also at the original, when we originally wrote the bylaws, you could only be a director or president for two terms or four years, and you had to wait two years and then you could, you know, run again.

But we found out we couldn't find enough people that want to be directors.

00:35:06 Matt

So I was just curious because in most of the organization I'm part of, the officers come from the board. But that's not always the case, is.

00:35:16 Richard Aldrete

Right.

00:35:16 John Harold

There basically the board selects the officers, they're not elected by the by the membership. That was a screw up that we did. I wrote the when I wrote the bylaws, I put that in and completely forgot it and then had, you know, run for election for president.

00:35:33 Christian Sorensen

Right.

00:35:33 John Harold

We were off the bylaws for a couple of years, but basically the the officers are selected by the board and they can be board members like myself and I'm a vice president, but I'm also an officer and a board member. I was elected to do. So as I said, you know they can be if we want them to be and we can expand the board.

00:35:57 Christian Sorensen

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Right.

00:35:58 Christian Sorensen

And we can expand the board if necessary, but I frankly don't really see any pressing region to expand the board simply for someone that would be effectively exercising a contract.

00:36:14 Matt

Well, but if you, anyhow the I always wondered why. Well, for example, we used to have a treasurer for HMGS who was not a board member and wasn't, wasn't Harmon Wardright? And I don't know of any issues with that, but the something like the treasurer. Who has control of the money ought to be, I think, ought to be a board member. And no, I'm not volunteering for that.

But I think you the fiduciary part of it, you know the board is responsible for the money, not the Treasure, and if we contract contract some of those duties, maybe that wouldn't work so much.

If there's a problem. Just just a thought and not.

Being necessarily for today. Now the Convention manager, on the other hand, I can see that easily being a non board position and being a paid position because it's the idea is to. Put on an event that You know, breaks even or makes some money.

So the incentive there to succeed if there's remuneration involved might be a good thing, but just throwing it out there, i'm kind of a noob to all this so.

00:37:43 Christian Sorensen

OK, no problem now. I mean, if you were inclined to try to formalize your proposal, you would be proposing an amendment to the to the motion, but you are not obligated to do that. And if you don't feel you want to, that's just fine.

00:38:05 Matt

No, I think that would be for future thought.

00:38:08 Christian Sorensen

OK, fair enough.

00:38:11 Matt

John's writing revisions to the bylaws, right, so that can be considered when when all that?

00:38:20 Christian Sorensen

Right, excellent. OK. So are there any other? Observations about our experience, or otherwise having to do with the secretary. Hearing none, why don't I call the question on the on the, on the motion on the floor? Which is to have a contractor. Do some of the overflow work for the Secretary? Perhaps I could have Harmon Ward read out the roll call of directors present.

00:39:04 Harmon Ward

Emiliano morado.

00:39:11 Christian Sorensen

We we would like, yeah. How does Emiliano Morano vote?

00:39:24 Emiliano Morado

I'm sorry, Aye.

00:39:26 Harmon Ward

Thank you. Matt Denny.

00:39:32 Matt Deny

Aye

00:39:32 Harmon Ward

John Harrell,

00:39:33 John Harrell

Aye

00:39:35 Harmon Ward

Frank Patterson.

00:39:40 Matt

Not here.

00:39:42 Harmon Ward

Yeah, he dropped off Richard Aldrete.

00:39:47 Richard Aldrete

Aye

00:39:49 Emiliano Morado

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All right.

00:39:50 Harmon Ward

The motion is carried.

00:39:53 Christian Sorensen

Indeed it is.

00:39:54 Matt

OK.

00:40:02 Christian Sorensen

Do we have any other items? In your report to us.

00:40:07 Harmon Ward

Not in the secretaries report, no.

00:40:09 Christian Sorensen

OK, so why don't we continue on to your report on the convention committee?

00:40:15 Harmon Ward

Alright, we're very close to getting the , the contract formalized for.

00:40:24 Harmon Ward

Arizona it's gonna cost us in the range of \$4000. The way these things work, we tend to front a lot of money to secure the space, and then during the event we recoup. Hopefully all of that money, it's going to be a little bit difficult. The what we paid for this space last year was about \$1000.

00:40:51 Christian Sorensen

Right.

00:40:51 Harmon Ward

This this year, it's.

00:40:52 Christian Sorensen

And they made clear to us that was promotional.

00:40:54 Harmon Ward

That was a promotional coming out of COVID deal and their standard rate is about \$4000. We got to try and find someplace cheaper, but we got 16 weeks before

the event. Now is not the time to see if we can find something cheaper. So we need to secure the building, start advertising, fill the space, have a great event and then Lock down a better location for next year.

00:41:39 Christian Sorensen

OK. Fair enough. I don't know if. We need any kind of motion for this.

00:41:48 Harmon Ward

It is it it it really doesn't. You know, the, the, the the Convention manager is, is the person responsible for this type of thing.

So I've already talked to everybody on the board that I could get in touch with and and everybody agrees in the in the convention committee and on the board that we need to just bite the bullet and move ahead and.

00:42:19 Emiliano Morado

I have a quick question.

Are we allowed to sell beer at this event?

00:42:29 Harmon Ward

An extremely good question.

They they actually have a kitchen attached to the room that we're talking about, and I'm talking to them about what what would be involved with us using that kitchen and if it is available, then we will be running a snack bar and a hot dog.

00:42:49 Harmon Ward

Lunch like we have in the past and that tends to be a huge profit making potential.

And yeah, beer sales would be good too, to check up on how how to do that legally in Arizona.

But we can get a temporary license. I'm sure if the center would have and the center the center.

00:43:07 Christian Sorensen

Right.

00:43:11 Harmon Ward

It's a Convention Center and they have all kinds of events there that have beer. I've never heard of a dry

Convention Center on this part of the country, so so it's definitely something we'll be looking into.

00:43:23 Emiliano Morado

Right.

00:43:26 Emiliano Morado

OK, I do have connections here in Arizona with the local distributor.

00:43:31 Harmon Ward

Oh, fantastic.

00:43:32 Emiliano Morado

And then it usually costs anywhere from 50 to \$250 depending on what type of event and how how many people are going to. be served.

You do need to carry insurance. Which I'm guessing we already do for events , but I can have a beer donated to us And then we can keep the profits. All we have to do is report, you know how much beer was sold? We can display signage with their name on it, which is Hensley, so it can be HMGS and Hemsley.

00:44:06 Harmon Ward

They become, they become sponsors. That's that's it, that's phenomenal.

00:44:09 Emiliano Morado

And they'll give us. They will give us the beers.

00:44:12 Emiliano Morado

They'll put it in a truck with the cooler if we want, or if we have fridges, they'll donate a certain number of beer. But this is what we do here in Thomas.

00:44:18 Christian Sorensen

You could have an official beer of the HMG.

00:44:21 Emiliano Morado

That'd be cool. That would be really cool. And they handle Budweiser, Bud light, make a little light.

There's a bunch of other ones. They do some vodka drinks, but this is something that I've been involved

with at our last event, we made \$11,000. They donated all the beer and we get to keep all the profits.

00:44:43 Harmon Ward

So excellent.

00:44:43 Matt

And in in Arizona, there's no law about having a A designated server, and all that you can just.

00:44:50 Emiliano Morado

No, I will serve it

00:44:55 Matt

Like the Wild West out there.

00:44:57 Emiliano Morado

Yeah, I mean.

00:44:58 Christian Sorensen

Almost all in our case, huh?

00:44:59 Emiliano Morado

You need security whenever there's you need security, but beer sales would pay for a security guard. I mean, you could pay someone 100 bucks.

I'll get you a security guard if you want. You know, you pay \$100 for a security guard. I think it's one per 100 people.

00:45:16 Matt

And the security guard serve.

00:45:19 Emiliano Morado

No, he would be watching well because people are drinking, so he's there for security, making sure nothing gets out of hand.

But it's part of the insurance process.

00:45:27 Emiliano Morado

Anytime there's beer served in an open or public space here in Arizona.

00:45:31 Matt

OK, so it's similar to here actually.

00:45:34 Emiliano Morado

Yeah, they're not touching the beer. They're just there for security reasons. Anyone can serve the beer. I'm sure I can get volunteers to serve the beer over here. It's no problem I.

00:45:44 Christian Sorensen

It's here.

00:45:45 Emiliano Morado

But you know, getting beer donated is pretty easy.

00:45:48 Emiliano Morado

I found that the local distributor wants to give us stuff.

00:45:51 Emiliano Morado

They'll print up banners for us if we need them, as long as they can advertise their brand on there and it's a money maker. So if we really want. If we want these shows to be a success, we have to control the liquor sales ,they have their own liquor sales or beer sales there at the Convention Center. If we can bypass that and bring in our own, it'll be donated to us.

00:46:12 Christian Sorensen

That will have to be checked out, but that'd be ,that'd be. I can see it being of value, especially if a a sign or signage can be made that is potentially multi multi year use.

00:46:27 Christian Sorensen

Having one of them say HMGS PSW with logo and and you know graphics and everything and be something that's up for you know more than just one Convention season, which would seem to be a win win.

00:46:42 Emiliano Morado

Yep, exactly. We can have banners inside. You know, we can give them logos for the games that are. Being displayed as long As they have their brand on there, that's all they care about. We do need, I would say, at least a monthly time, so they can prepare the materials.

But anything that has their logo, they'd love to get to us, they do provide the wristbands, you know, so you can check ID's.

They they don't provide any beer tickets or anything like that. They just provide the beer. If we need raffle items, they can provide stuff like that as well. Last time I got into little golf banks.

00:47:18 Christian Sorensen

Do they have? Do they have the? Plastic. I'm sorry.

00:47:21 Emiliano Morado

Go ahead.

00:47:22 Christian Sorensen

Do they have like plastic dinnerware and cups or steins?

00:47:28 Emiliano Morado

No, everything's in bottles. They used to provide servers in one of their beer trucks with kegs inside. But times are rough, so they donate packaged product they'll leave it there.

00:47:40 Christian Sorensen

Right.

00:47:41 Emiliano Morado

They don't provide anyone. You move the beer yourself, but there's no cups or nothing. It's right out of the can or bottle or whatever they're selling.

00:47:48 Emiliano Morado

But most bottles are aluminum, no glass.

00:47:52 Christian Sorensen

We'll have to have some professional beer drawers.

00:47:56 Emiliano Morado

Ohh it's no kegs anymore, so it's just, you know, they buy a bottle. The last time the prices and they set the prices for the most part, the beer is 5 bucks, and then any vodka mixed drinks that come in the canner 7. But I mean, it's more money for the group So five and seven was a really good price for us. We can run promotions, we can do whatever we want, but the price discrepancy is because if you drink more vodka than you do beer, obviously you're going to get drunk or so it costs a little more. But I don't think anyone's gonna get out of hand.

It's just nice to have it. And we can recoup a lot of money from selling beer.

And we can do this at every show like I have contacts for these guys and They'd be very happy.

To get this stuff set up I have spoken to to a couple other representatives already and they assured me that we can do this as many times as we need throughout the year. And they're willing to do it.

00:48:54 Emiliano Morado

It's a tax break for them and free advertise.

00:48:58 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, it would strike me as as being. Win, win then yeah.

Any any thoughts on Emiliano Proposal on that.

00:49:13 Harmon Ward

I like it. I like it. Yeah, it's something. It it I what? I'll what I'll do is I'll. I'll check with them and then we can. I'll let everybody know what the Convention Center.

Like, like Emiliano said, many venues. Cal State Fullerton was like this. No food moved on Cal State Fullerton unless it went through their soul caterer, which is why we never had food at Cal State portion because their their caterer was used to working with you know the state budget for teachers getting together and having a meeting. So \$50.00 a person for food for one day was no big deal because the taxpayers were paying for it, our our group wasn't about to lay down \$50.00 for a meal and so we had no food and there was and there was no negotiation about anything else. I talked to them.

About, you know, food trucks, I talked to them about sack lunches nothing in order to have food, it had to go through their person.

00:50:26 Harmon Ward

But I'll find that out and then I'll report to everybody about it. Excuse me, and I will add when you see that e-mail, please read it and and please respond with a I like this idea or I don't like this idea. We're at the point now where we can't wait for the March meeting to start making some of these decisions.

00:50:55 Richard Aldrete

Excuse me, did we finish the motion?

00:50:26 Harmon Ward

No, which motion are you talking about.

00:51:05 Richard Aldrete

The one to get another secretary to assist you.

00:51:08 Harmon Ward

Ohh that that we did finish, and we did finish that and that was approved unanimously.

00:51:17 Richard Aldrete

I didn't hear the announcement to that fact.

00:51:19 Harmon Ward

That's that's one problem with zoom communication and you're good. It's good you clarified it.

00:51:32 Christian Sorensen

I'm inclined now then, to call question on. Oh well, there's no current motions. Are there? Unless I mean, I'd be willing to to hear a motion that would reflect. Beer or otherwise, I'm not sure one is needed really.

00:51:52 Harmon Ward

Well, I I think we need more information again if the if the Mesa Convention Center will not allow it, then there really isn't much purpose in going ahead and trying to find trying to find a way to make it work.

00:52:07 Emiliano Morado

Right.

00:52:07 Harmon Ward

Not not this year but Knowing that they'd if they do not allow it, we that would work into our calculation for what we do for next year. Because it is a great profit center and it makes it makes for a better event.

00:52:28 Emiliano Morado

I have a another idea over here. Well I have a location, the local Catholic Church here in my hometown. It's called Tolleson, AZ. I'm an audio engineer as well, so I've been installing their speakers, projectors and all kinds of

other audio. They have a pretty large space. It's not as big as the Mesa Convention Center. They charge 3000, but it's usually for parties and continentals and stuff like that, but the space itself is. I think suitable for a small convention. I can get it for \$1000.

I can get you guys the specifics. Maybe there's more opportunities to do shows over here, I have just started. I'm gonna start using it to run concerts here. I've already got it set up. I'm about to install sound system so I know it will be more than adequate for anything we're trying to do. They have tables available which is included in the price of the rental. If we need help or, you know, let's say catering. It would be extremely easy. We can hire whoever you want they can use the kitchen and they can feed us. So depending on what you want to do, I've been working on this and I wanted to make sure I joined the meeting And I'm sorry for not being here in the past, but I wanna make sure I'm I'm doing better here and really giving you the information I've gathered.

00:53:52 Christian Sorensen

Right. Thank you very much. This is good.

00:53:56 Harmon Ward

Emiliano would would you be available the next week if I flew out to Arizona and we could meet there? Yeah, I'll be here. I'm always here.

00:54:07 Harmon Ward

Yeah, yeah.

00:54:08 Emiliano Morado

OK. My next show is the 17th. So I mean, I'll be in California, and I'm sure I'll see your strategic time. But whatever you want to do.

00:54:16 Harmon Ward

That you'll you'll be there. We would want.

00:54:19 Harmon Ward

We would want this to happen before orcon. So yeah, sometime in the next 5-6 days.

00:54:23 Emiliano Morado

OK. Yeah. And then we can promote it here in town.

00:54:29 Emiliano Morado

I'll have them put a banner across Van Buren. I can invite the local schools out. I would just go with the local principals here and well, because of our other nonprofit. They really want to do well and we have lots of community volunteers and we've adopted several families and all those kids can actually help us run the show, set up tables, really do whatever we need to do.

00:54:51 Christian Sorensen

Find my. You're going to be a Non-Profit star in in the Phoenix area.

00:54:56 Emiliano Morado

Check it out.

00:54:57 Emiliano Morado

My dad is the president of Tallas conservice committee, or Tolleson. I'm sorry. What is the name?

Yeah, tell us. Tolleson service committee. I'm sorry, and then my brother is the President of TCC, which is Towson Community coalition and and together we have about \$700,000 that we use yearly to either adopt families we to death benefits, we give many grants and scholarships to teachers. We also promote shows I mean, we do have a lot of money that we have to use over here and HMGS can benefit from that. I'll make sure that I can vote for money to be given to HMGS for whatever we need it to show. You know.

00:55:42 Christian Sorensen

There you go. This is good. Well, OK, I'm.

I'm looking forward then to your input Emiliano and and the and the results here as we nail down how we're going to go about doing this next jaunt out to Mesa, I must admit it's going to be interesting for me.

Last year I accompanied my ex president.

And had to walk down the street, we were both swaggering with stuff around our hips although mine was a cell phone, his was not.

00:56:17 Emiliano Morado

Ah yeah, I remember that. Ohh man. Poor guys.

00:56:22 Christian Sorensen

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Anyway, I jest a bit, but do we have anything more to add then on this particular thing?

00:56:35 Harmon Ward

No, I I think that that sounds good.

00:56:39 Christian Sorensen

OK, so let's you you still have a couple more items on on your convention committee report though, Harmon. One of which was the creation of a new.

00:56:53 Harmon Ward

The Who?

00:56:55 Christian Sorensen

The I'm asking you the leading sentences here. A new committee.

00:57:13 Harmon Ward

I'm sorry, who?

00:57:16 Christian Sorensen

A new committee.

00:57:21 Harmon Ward

I'm drawing a blank.

00:57:24 Christian Sorensen

OK, you have recruited a new committee for help with the conventions.

00:57:32 Harmon Ward

Ohh yes.

00:57:33 Harmon Ward

No, that that's that's already been done though.

00:57:40 Christian Sorensen

Just reporting on that and.

00:57:41 Harmon Ward

OK.

00:57:43 Harmon Ward

All right. Yes, no, we we have a, we may have a a convention committee which involves which involves

board members Frank Patterson and Christian Sorensen and Richard, but also includes Ethan Reef, a television, movie producer from Studio City. It includes a mark de Laduca and it includes. Let's see that and that. It it's a total of eight people, and yeah, they're, they're already moving ahead, helping me with the upcoming convention.

00:58:41 Christian Sorensen

And there was also sudden decisions or likely decisions made on the venue for the next mini wars.

00:58:50 Harmon Ward

We, we. I need more information from the DoubleTree Hotel in Buena Park. This is where the Ipms had their last event. It's a very, very nice hotel, and I I'm still negotiating with them with how much we get from them in order to be there. But as we were talking before the meeting, unlike a lot of areas, the police departments tend to be very, very responsive around the, the theme parks, those bring a lot of money into the city, so it's a lot safer than your average place to have a convention.

A few years ago there was a big riot in in Anaheim and the leader of the riot, somebody from out of California, was standing there with a bullhorn trying to direct the rioters to go over the freeway. overpass and get into Disneyland. And they ran into a wall of police and kind of stopped or I should say they were stopped. That type of thing isn't isn't tolerated.

01:00:21 Christian Sorensen

I'm assuming that you're of the belief that that's a good thing.

01:00:25 Harmon Ward

The Who?

01:00:27 Christian Sorensen

That's a good thing, right?

01:00:29 Harmon Ward

Well it since, like I told the City Council, I said, you know, I can walk to that freeway under Overpass. I do walk to that free. It's right by my house, I said. I'm really glad you didn't let my neighborhood burn. Thank you.

They got the point.

01:00:48 Emiliano Morado

So it's a safe.

01:00:48 Christian Sorensen

All right.

01:00:49 Emiliano Morado

It's a safe place. That's good. Do we have something similar? Can you guys do something similar in California where you ask for beer donated from local distributors?

01:01:01 Harmon Ward

As a matter of fact, I'm glad you mentioned that and you and I have to talk, my retired cousin used to be a very, very high up in the Michelob brewing world.

And yeah, so. So the well the, the alumni building at Cal State Fullerton was donated by him. Yeah there is a bronze plaque at the side of the building that says, Miller Brew company.

01:01:20 Emiliano Morado

Do it.

01:01:27 Harmon Ward

Oh, wow.

So yeah, it's it's, it's something I've been thinking about and I'm. I'm glad. The idea is moving forward.0

01:01:42 Emiliano Morado

Yeah, let's do it.

01:01:44 Christian Sorensen

Alrighty then.

01:01:44 Emiliano Morado

For sure.

01:01:46 Christian Sorensen

What I want to see moving forward on this type of an issue is. You know official.

01:01:51 Christian Sorensen

Beer sponsorships of our our our organization and annual trials amongst the candidate.

01:01:53 Harmon Ward

Uh huh.

01:02:00 Christian Sorensen

Companies wanting a beer sponsorship to determine the best product.

01:02:05 Emiliano Morado

There you go. I think that's smart.

01:02:08 Christian Sorensen

We could have a a season of trials, if you will.

01:02:13 Emiliano Morado

Oh yeah, and there's a bunch of different organizations that will do the same thing. Bigger restaurants will donate food.

01:02:21 Emiliano Morado

I mean, get him the number of meals he'll donate. I used to have a connection. I Buca di Peppo and she's recently moved on. But one of the shows at Cal Fullerton. You know, I had asked her for the next one. could we, you know, be sponsored by Buca di Peppo?

She said sure, we'll give you guys some lasagna. We'll throw some bread at you. It doesn't cost them much, you know. But if we have to ask, and really it should be on nice letterhead, but we need to have donation letters for our corporate neighbors.

And that's what these people are they're our corporate neighbors.

So if we can actively, you know, motivate the people that we spend money our money with to donate back to the community, which is HMGS. At this point. I mean those here returning profits, they can get coupons. They can do whatever they want.

01:03:15 Christian Sorensen

Excellent. OK.

01:03:20 Christian Sorensen

Do you have anything more, Herman on the on?

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01:03:22 Christian Sorensen

The convention committee.

01:03:24 Harmon Ward

No, I do. Not no, I do not.

01:03:26 Christian Sorensen

I will add one thing myself personally, having had some more discussions after this last LVO (Las Vegas Open). concerning the suitability of our continued association with Frontline gaining.

01:03:39 Christian Sorensen

For the hosting of, you know what is arguably the biggest historical miniature gaming event for tournaments.

Learning to play in a wave in our area and.

01:03:51 Richard Aldrete

North Coast.

01:03:55 Christian Sorensen

It has occurred to the locals who showed up to play and discussed with us about what's going on. That we could do a lot better, financially speaking and we could do our.

01:04:08 Christian Sorensen

Members a lot better, financially speaking, by effectively going out on our own finding venue. News finding venues at a more reasonable budget place and basically offering a similar kind of package for a discount to the people who are becoming in a way I mean for ticket for venue fees alone, LVO would have cost somebody about 100.

And \$20. Yeah. And that's not including accommodation near the Rio. And the idea that you're going to be paying, you know, \$6 for an orange juice, this kind of thing, everything is very expensive, and the locals know that that doesn't have to be the case.

And they were at pains to point out to us this, and I think any moving forward on that kind of a thought

would easily be a HMGS type effort given that they're members of HMGS.

And we could, we could add some value here, so I wanted to be working on that too at the beginning and that's something that our next meeting of this convention committee will be talking. too, and I'll bring forward the names of the locals who were providing us with some hints and things on this, and we'll quickly come to a conclusion.

Last year we had a similar talk, if you may recall, and we elected to postpone determination of that given everything else is going on and the, and the running of of time.

But I think frankly now is the time to give it the serious consideration it needs and you know the the money involved here. If you add in the personal budgets of the attendees, can be quite significant. We can make the difference between. Having a you know a \$600 weekend and and say a \$250 weekend; Which could be a big deal.

01:06:38 Emiliano Morado

Christian Sorensen, are you saying to not? attend LVO and make our own show in Vegas. Or are you saying to OK alright.

01:06:46 Christian Sorensen

Exactly what I'm talking about.

01:06:50 Emiliano Morado

How would that help us boost our membership by getting away from the larger show instead of working with frontline games?

01:06:56 Christian Sorensen

By allowing it. Allowing the whole thing to be cheaper from the point of view of the prospective. AT10D. You know, it's not because of LVO. That our current membership across the nation come to that event.

It's because it's an official national event in the in the tournament schedules of the of the host of the host game and you know LVO per se, It doesn't really necessarily do a lot for us other than logistically speaking, with respect to table mats and so on and the cost for this is.

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I mean, you could call it reasonable, but that's it. It's still steep, right? and you know.

I was, you know, given my relative lack of funds for this one, some of those issues were brought into sharper relief for me.

01:08:02 Harmon Ward

Exactly, exactly to that point, the Superstition Ballroom at the Mesa Convention Center has a room next to it called the Apache Room, with a lower ceiling and a much smaller profile.

It will fit 30 tournament players and the rental on that is \$750. Now if we were to get 30 tournament players in Mesa AZ that Saturday or at that Saturday and Sunday. We could easily afford to rent the larger space.

And and and that's that's the mathematics of it all. If we went, if we rent too much space and we don't have enough people to fill it, we're in trouble, if we have enough people showing up to fill 15,000 square feet, getting 15,000 square feet is easy because we can pay for it because we have the attendance. So definitely Christian Sorensen. We need to talk about whether we can fit 30 people for Mesa in May.

01:09:22 Christian Sorensen

So this is the the, the, the wolf and wolf of of convention planning really in that, you know, for new wish events such as the Mesa One is, you know, compared to ones where we have a good baseline of what we could expect.

If there's a stable venue a EG Mini wars, we have different calculations and we can automatically look at different potential options.

Even if we want to consider these things conservatively, right, and you know, because of that, just seeing what we've got on for the Las Vegas thing gives me hope that we should be able to come up with something that, that, that could work for us.

Anybody else have some thoughts on convention? organization and our future calendar.

01:10:29 Matt

Not here. Not yet.

This is Matt.

01:10:33 Christian Sorensen

I have one more item that I I'm kind of bouncing back and forth by the way, with respect to the Fresno event which would to remind you is going to be organized officially by the local Vietnam Vets Association and this is, you know, I guess the first what amounts to the first weekend in July or is it the second, I don't know 7th to 9th.

So that's I Guess the second the original plan had been to do a kimiaki and a Flames award tournament. However, it occurred to me that given that a number of our player base, myself included, have specifically Vietnam miniatures and we have tables and terrain for Vietnam themed games.

We could do a kind of demonstration tournament, not really a tournament, but maybe a series of like 5 or 6 tables worth each with a different game played in to host or to also to highlight the, the Vietnam vets in this, that would guarantee the current organizers something that would probably be near and dear to their hearts.

01:12:14 Richard Aldrete

Oh may I add something to that.

01:12:16 Christian Sorensen

Yes, of course you may.

01:12:17 Richard Aldrete

Thank you.

01:12:19 Richard Aldrete

I don't know if all that's true.

01:12:21 Richard Aldrete

You know, I think it might want to do World War Two and maybe Team Yankee better.

01:12:29 Christian Sorensen

Who says?

01:12:29 Richard Aldrete

That was a nasty war, you know. That was a nasty war.

01:12:32 Richard Aldrete

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And some of them don't think about, don't want to reminisce. Got it.

01:12:36 Christian Sorensen

Well, OK.

01:12:37 Richard Aldrete

In fact, a lot of them. But we are dealing with. Don't I?

I had relatives that were over there.

01:12:40 Christian Sorensen

The veterans right.

01:12:42 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, but I had relatives that were over there. I wasn't. I was fortunate enough that when I went in, they weren't sending anybody over there anymore and I don't I I don't doubt that I mean, I admit in a minute that. I I was scared. I wouldn't I didn't want to go over there, you know, and I I do know that my wife has an uncle that was over there during the Tet Offensive, my wife, my cousin was married to a guy that was over there during the Tet Offensive.

They're both a little older than me and they don't like talking about it they don't like that, you know, my myself would brings back bad memories when I play Vietnam now, I have a Vietnam army, but it's not built, you know, I I don't know.

01:13:22 Christian Sorensen

OK. Well, what we have to do, Richard, is force build your army in time and then a conscript you for service in the upcoming memorial and ensure that your present on pain of some form of.

01:13:22 Richard Aldrete

That's just my input.

01:13:39 Christian Sorensen

Detention, Leavenworth.

01:13:42 Richard Aldrete

I'm being drafted again, only this time it's it's a hot it's a hot draft, huh?

01:13:39 Christian Sorensen

Yeah

01:13:49 Richard Aldrete

OK, we'll see.

01:13:52 John Harold

I wanted to put that out there though, for for consideration, because I mean I'm not.

01:13:57 Richard Aldrete

I would talk to them first Christian Sorensen and see how they feel about it. Say, hey, do you wanna do Vietnam or do you wanna do World War Two or?

01:14:04 Christian Sorensen

Having turned and, I suspect but do not know, that they this would be something that they would be happy to see so. we can give that a test, in other words, like really asking.

01:14:18 Richard Aldrete

Do ask before you before you before you make it a commitment to doing Vietnam, I would ask.

01:14:24 Christian Sorensen

Right, that's what I just said.

01:14:28 Richard Aldrete

OK.

01:14:30 Christian Sorensen

All right.

01:14:32 Christian Sorensen

Shall we move on to the Treasurer report?

01:14:36 Harmon Ward

The treasure, unfortunately, is not here. We have about \$8000 in the Treasury, Mary and I will be getting together with Bill and Christian Sorensen as soon as possible to change the signers on our new checking account. Right. Right now, the only signer that we have on our checkbook is me. Anne Marie is no longer our treasurer. And of course, Dana Hohn is no longer the president and those are the other two signers.

And we would be crestfallen to have the bank accept the check signed by Dana and and Anne Marie right now, wouldn't we?

So the the plan is to transfer our funds to bills, Bills bank, he has made the point. Very good point a couple of times that his office is directly next door to the owner of the bank's office.

And so if there was ever any kind of difficulty, it's really easy for him to get in touch with somebody that can Fix things and it's a small bank and we don't, we don't need, we don't need a big bank, we need a bank that works with us and having him work inside of that is a really, really good idea. Like I said I I suggest that we have at least Christian Sorensen and the new Treasurer.

01:16:28 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, well.

01:16:28 Harmon Ward

Signers on the account I'm not all.

01:16:30 Christian Sorensen

I'll be willing to make myself available for fed.

01:16:34 Harmon Ward

OK. And that's about it.

01:16:38 Christian Sorensen

OK. Any comments or questions on the? Treasure report. Well, hearing none, why don't we go on to the next item on the agenda that Harman put there, which is reports of committees, special volunteers, demo team, that Harman was going to speak to and I'm assuming you're talking about folks participating in the upcoming orcon and so forth.

01:17:11 Harmon Ward

Yes, we are, we are now obligated to have a table that demonstrates historical and other miniature war games in the miniatures room at Orcon and yeah, I'm accepting volunteers, there's a schedule that you can look up the schedule on the Oricon website. We're going to do 2 hour demonstrations of everything from flames of war to bolt action to battle tech to wings of glory, and the idea is to have something that occupies that time that people wander around in the in the

historical, in the miniature room, looking for something to do.

01:18:03 Christian Sorensen

You know what, I could volunteer to do a or a War at Sea demo, that that would kind of work. I'm it's it's a it fulfills a you know one of our triad of potential you know forms of warfare which we can gain easily so.

01:18:23 Harmon Ward

There that there there's the the table has enough room for two 4 by 6 spaces or maybe 4 by 4 which works out better for a demo anyway, and one of those will be working on a a schedule published in the program. The other one will be available to any HMGS member. That wants to demo anything. Throughout the convention.

And the key is to be gregarious and friendly and get new people to come to our group.

01:19:01 Christian Sorensen

Well, I think we could accomplish something along those lines. Yes siree.

01:19:12 Richard Aldrete

I could volunteer for Sunday to do tank a tank war tank battle demo. In the desert. Sunday, I can do that. Saturday I'm committed to something else.

01:19:28 Richard Aldrete

But yeah, I can do that Sunday on a four by four.

01:19:31 Richard Aldrete

I guess I can.

01:19:32 Richard Aldrete

I can fold my mat in half, I guess.

01:19:36 Christian Sorensen

Or we could arm wrestle for the 6 by 4.

01:19:39 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, we could. You'll win that though.

01:19:46 Christian Sorensen

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All righty.

01:19:48 Richard Aldrete

I'll be there Sunday. I'm bringing a friend with me. Is that OK? You know, just so you know. I think you know the gentleman, Alan Peel. You know, Alan.

01:19:58 Harmon Ward

Every demo team needs a minimum of two people, one to explain, one to explain the game to the member, to not to the Member, but one to explain the game to the person playing and the other one to answer questions for passersby.

01:20:18 Christian Sorensen

Ideally, there would be 4, wouldn't there? The two participants and then a Punch and Judy show of. Explainers like I said last week at the realm a friend, was playing Battletech, and a guy was standing next to me, and I said, have you ever played before? He says, well, I've built during COVID. I built all the models, he said but I don't have anybody to play with.

And I said, well, you're talking to the right guy and uh, I pointed to my friend Darren. I said, we've been playing since 2006 and. last week, when we got together, that guy was there and he didn't bring all of his models, but he brought enough and so he got to play his first game ever.

and he's going to be there next Tuesday, and that's how it happens you got to talk to people.

01:21:17 Richard Aldrete

I hear Battle Tech's a pretty good game.

01:21:35 Christian Sorensen

You know it's It's the least expensive game that people can start into in the miniature world, and that's that's not, that's not hype, it actually is. You what?

You what you need? What you need to get started is like 30 bucks.

01:21:37 Richard Aldrete

That is cheap because Infinity you can get started for about 60.

01:21:41 Harmon Ward

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's it's according to the industry, it's the least, at least expensive miniature game to get started in and so it it fills a really good niche that way.

01:22:01 Christian Sorensen

All right. OK. Anything more to say on demo teams?

01:22:07 Richard Aldrete

What time do you what time?

01:22:08 Richard Aldrete

Do we need to be?

01:22:09 Harmon Ward

There Sunday, the the demo table will be operational from 10:00 o'clock in the morning till if I remember correctly it's 8.

01:22:18 Richard Aldrete

OK.

01:22:19 Harmon Ward

Saturday and Sunday, if we have, if we have the enthusiasm, the space is there on Friday and Monday too, and it could start earlier and it could work later. MM James, by the way, is an HMGS PSW member. He runs the miniature room so.

01:22:21 Richard Aldrete

So what I'm going to do?

01:22:39 Harmon Ward

We have the ear of the guy that. can fix stuff for us, which is really good.

01:22:44 Richard Aldrete

That's great.

01:22:45 Richard Aldrete

OK, I I can do Sunday and Monday I can do Sunday and Monday so.

01:22:49 Harmon Ward

Very cool.

01:22:57 Christian Sorensen

Perhaps not politically correct term is Mike.

01:23:00 Christian Sorensen

The Roly Poly guy.

01:23:03 Harmon Ward

Yes, that's one way to describe them.

You know what I'll say this the guy that's always smiling despite the burden of running that room, it gets rough and he and he approaches it with, very with, with all the professionalism you might expect from an exceptional human being.

01:23:27 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, he certainly manages to infuse everybody with enthusiasm.

01:23:31 Richard Aldrete

Yes, always have a good time when I go down there.

01:23:34 Harmon Ward

Yeah, yeah, it's it.

01:23:37 Harmon Ward

I'm really looking forward to this, any of you that have been to a strategic unconvention before the staff is really pumped up about the enthusiasm they're seeing about everybody wanting to show up and have a great time.

01:23:53 Richard Aldrete

And that is this next weekend coming up, right?

01:23:56 Harmon Ward

Yeah, it's it's early early in February.

What is it? 17th, 18th, 19th.

01:24:03 Richard Aldrete

Oh, so that will be next weekend.

Yeah, because.

01:24:05 Harmon Ward

Yeah, not this.

01:24:05 Richard Aldrete

This is the yeah.

01:24:06 Harmon Ward

Not this weekend, but the weekend after that.

01:24:09 Christian Sorensen

At 2:00.

01:24:10 Richard Aldrete

So it's in two weeks then.

01:24:12 Emiliano Morado

Two weeks.

01:24:13 Richard Aldrete

Oh, OK, Oh, I could do Saturday and Sunday.

01:24:16 Richard Aldrete

Then third, third weekend of the month, then.

01:24:18 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, I could.

01:24:19 Harmon Ward

Yeah, third, yeah.

01:24:20 Christian Sorensen

You thought?

01:24:21 Christian Sorensen

This conflicted with the with the with. our tournament, didn't you?

01:24:24 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, because I had the impression thanks to one of the one of the guys I was playing with there yesterday that it was this weekend.

01:24:33 Richard Aldrete

It's not. It's next the weekend after, because I had talked to Harmon Ward about that and yeah.

01:24:35 Harmon Ward

No, right?

01:24:37 Harmon Ward

Your yeah, yours is the second weekend.

01:24:39 Harmon Ward

This is the third weekend.

01:24:40 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, right So I can be there Saturday and Sunday, I'll let Alan know that it's not this weekend, it's next weekend and that's what I told Dylan I think I have the feeling it's not this coming weekend. It's the weekend after.

01:24:57 Christian Sorensen

There we go, and since we know the dates. That's confirmed.

01:25:05 Richard Aldrete

I'm looking forward to that.

01:25:07 John Harold

OK.

01:25:07 Harmon Ward

It's, you know, it's going to be and and for all of you too, I traditionally have Sunday breakfast at the the cafe there and it's it's not exactly cheap, but it's something I treat myself to at every convention and you're all welcome to join me Sunday morning.

I can't buy everybody's breakfast, but I'll buy everybody's coffee, How's that sound?

01:25:34 Christian Sorensen

When is that, you'll probably have to shell out some coffee money, then all right?

01:25:35 Harmon Ward

That's so. There you go so. Sunday, Sunday morning, probably around 8:00 o'clock.

01:25:44 Richard Aldrete

At the before the Convention opens.

01:25:46 Harmon Ward

Before yeah, before, before we get everything roaring.

01:25:49 Richard Aldrete

OK. If I can get down there that early with Alan, yeah, we'll have breakfast with y'all.

01:25:54 Harmon Ward

Well, there's a.

01:25:54 Richard Aldrete

Let him know.

01:25:55 Harmon Ward

There's a little incentive fFor you and and by the way, the Hilton serves really good coffee.

01:26:02 Richard Aldrete

Oh yeah, yeah, I know, you know, last time I went down to the 24 hour fiasco thing gentleman, I went with him and I got a room together and we were playing in the tournament and I was leading for two for two games.

And so I didn't want to leave and I kept playing and kept playing and played all night long and never went to the room. Not once, Yep, no.

01:25:07 Harmon Ward

Oh my gosh.

I I will have a room and my grandsons are not coming down from Washington, so if you need a place to crash, let me know.

01:26:51 Richard Aldrete

It's only going to be a day thing. I didn't go to the 24 hour longest day last year. because it do that getting too old for that.

01:26:45 John Harold

All righty.

01:26:46 Christian Sorensen

OK.

01:26:47 Christian Sorensen

So anything else to add on demo teams? OK, so why don't we move on to the next item agenda which would be unfinished business bylaws Review, John do you have anything to add?

01:27:05 John Harold

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Nope, I do not.

01:27:08 Christian Sorensen

I suspected that would be the case.

01:27:10 Christian Sorensen

Thank you.

01:27:11 Christian Sorensen

Now, dealing with this Treasurer installation, which we have of course approved the the replacement by a vote of the Board of Directors, we are now looking at performing background checks, which we agreed to do.

01:27:29 Christian Sorensen

So the question is, what should we do?

01:27:35 Harmon Ward

Well, the the private investigator route is like \$1000 and we don't have the budget for that.

01:27:42 Harmon Ward

Yes, didn't Matt.

01:27:44 Matt

If you just go to an insurance company and have the person get bonded for \$10,000, that'll be that.

01:27:50 John Harold

And that's why we're not doing that.

01:27:53 Matt

They do the background check. Well, the the bond is, what about 150 bucks a year for 10 grand? It's not terribly prohibitive, I don't think.

01:28:02 John Harold

That 10 grand is the prohibited part.

01:28:07 Matt

No, no, no. The insurance policy is for 10,000.

01:28:10 John Harold

Yeah, but the bottom line is to hire an investigator to do. It's going to cost you 1000 bucks and all you have to

do is do a double signature on the on the check and you're fine.

This was actually brought up the by people that are no longer on the board to basically disrupt everything.

01:28:28 Matt

Well, John, what I'm saying is, if someone needed a background check, getting a bond insurance policy costs 100 to \$150.00 for \$10,000 in coverage, and they do the background check.

So you don't need a private investigator check

I've done this with a number of bookkeepers that we've hired.

01:28:47 Matt

I've just required them to get bonded.

01:28:50 John Harold

Ah, I got you.

01:28:52 Christian Sorensen

OK. Well, if you're if you go that route, it is, are we going to be willing to compensate the? current Treasurer for that.

01:29:04 Matt

I don't think it's prohibitively expensive. That's what 6 or 7 memberships. I don't, I don't know.

01:29:12 Christian Sorensen

I mean, I think we should be given that we would be changing unilaterally the terms of our, you know, association with them.

01:29:19 Matt

Well, the the other thing too is that in my experience having two signatures on the checks doesn't stop the bank from running the checks. They don't check that stuff. It's all done electronically.

They scan the checks and two signatures, one signature even. No signatures they'll go ahead and and run the check through the system.

01:29:38 Christian Sorensen

We're far better off ensuring that trust is worthy than attempting to read.

01:29:44 Christian Sorensen

A lot.

01:29:47 Matt

The the other, the other thing, if you don't want to do the bonding, my firm subscribes to a a service that does Background checks. It searches all the public records for criminal stuff. It's not foolproof, but we use.

01:30:03 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, I I've got something like that too and I have to admit to some disappointment with some of them. the ones that charge a lot charge a lot. They're not necessarily better than ones that charge less, and they all charge.

01:30:20 Matt

Well, ours.

01:30:21 Christian Sorensen

Something and they all want something from you every month?

01:30:24 Matt

Ours charges us about 20 bucks a month and. It may not have everything in there that a regular, you know, a PI's background check would have, but as an internal control, if the new Treasurer knows that we're going to be doing this background check and agrees to it, I think that's that's an internal control right there that should, you know, if they've. Got some sort.

01:30:45 Christian Sorensen

Fair enough.

01:30:46 Matt

Of they're not going to want.

01:30:47 Christian Sorensen

Which one were you? Going to be using trying to play.

01:30:50 Matt

I forget the name of it. It's one that's online and we use it in some cases to vet new clients.

01:30:58 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, OK. I, I mean I've used truth finders and for for that kind of a thing and there's another one too, that is fairly well respected.

01:31:11 Matt

Wish I could remember what it was called off hand, but it works pretty. Well for us.

01:31:14 Christian Sorensen

Kind of weird name. I'm thinking I'm expecting we're thinking but it really doesn't matter what the heck it's called.

01:31:23 Matt

I already have a subscription to it, so I'd be happy to run whoever's name as long as they agree to it, you know, and they know that. This is going to happen and then that provides the internal control right there really.

I think to a greater extent than than two signatures. I've seen banks run two signatures all day long with only one signature.

01:31:47 Christian Sorensen

Right.

01:31:51 Harmon Ward

There is the added.

01:31:53 Harmon Ward

Inconvenience of having to get the check to two different people when we are in a very widely spaced geographic range. We have board members from Arizona to out in the valley.

01:32:09 Christian Sorensen

They're even outside carrier pigeon range.

01:32:14 Matt

And in a lot of cases, you're going to want to pay something with a debit card or with Zelle or. you know, something like that that takes the money directly out

of. the account and there's no provision for two signatures for that either.

I think just running one of these consumer background checks would be sufficient. I don't know, John, what do you think?

01:32:38 John Harold

I don't care either way.

01:32:41 Harmon Ward

As as John mentioned, the the the members of the board that were were seeking to burden us with a lot of things that they said we should be doing they're they're no longer here and due due diligence. That being said, a little due diligence is a good idea.

I think Bill Stillwell is is of sterling character, but I don't know everything about him.

01:33:16 Christian Sorensen

Well, fair enough.

01:33:21 Matt

And what? If if you're still curious about what these reports look like, I could run one one on myself and send it out to everybody and see.

What I look like that?

01:33:30 Harmon Ward

that would be helpful. I have zero experience with this type of thing.

01:33:34 Christian Sorensen

OK, right.

01:33:35 Christian Sorensen

I don't have zero experience and it would be good. I think one also needs to know the types of items that are likely to be inaccurate about such a thing.

If anything, the best part of the are the criminal check

01:33:54 Matt

Well, and then it also shows if there are any major liens on someone.

01:33:59 Matt

So mine shows the UC filing for a loan that we got from SBA, I've had some other people showing tax liens and that's that's important to know too that you know somebody. 's got the organic debts and that might be a motivation to do something they shouldn't do.

Pretty much everybody has some kind of liability and pretty much the only ones that get shown on these reports are ones for which a lien's been filed or there's a UCC filing.

01:34:35 Christian Sorensen

OK. Do we have anything else to add on this?

01:34:43 Harmon Ward

General treasurers.

01:34:51 Harmon Ward

Matt Denny has offered to file our 990 N and the postcards, Matt, Danny has offered to file the postcard with the state and the federal. and having done it before, he knows it can be done in 3 minutes. and knowing Bill, knowing Bill as I do, Bill will not be upset that someone helped him out a little bit.

01:35:19 Matt

Well, it takes.

01:35:19 Christian Sorensen

So yeah, OK, that's a good point.

01:35:21 Matt

Last time around, when when John had said they weren't filed, we tried. We attempted to file them, we filed and of course they were all rejected but that date is still in the system, so rolling it forward to 2022 is is a piece of cake.

01:35:35 Harmon Ward

You have that you have the addresses and everything else all you need is the Bank balance and I gotta get that out to John anyway, so I'll just forward it to you.

01:35:43 Matt

I don't even think the bank balance is necessary. There really are virtually.

01:35:47 Frank Patterson

It is.

01:35:47 Christian Sorensen

Some statement that we're signing to the effect that where our revenues are under a certain amount, right?

01:35:53 John Harold

Yep, 50,000.

01:35:56 Matt

So you know if if, whoever it is that's responsible for the filing wants me to do it, then just let me know and I'll, I'll. I can send them a review copy and then once they approve it I can file it and it doesn't take long at all.

And it and that way we also have A A third party Point of contact You know that if the IRS?

We could even set it up so that any notices also get sent to our office as the Cpas.

01:36:22 Harmon Ward

That that is that is something to keep in mind, Matt, apparently there's a a check mark in that process that gives us a copy of what was filed.

Make sure and get that copy and send it to me and to John and I'll put it up on. our Google Drive. So that we have a copy for next year.

01:36:47 Matt

Well, again, you know, I won't do anything unless somebody asks me to cause.

01:36:55 Harmon Ward

I agree. Would somebody please would somebody please ask Matt to do this?

01:37:04 Matt

All right.

01:37:04 Christian Sorensen

I mean, if we want, we could have another vote of the Board of Directors to make it formal.

01:37:12 Matt

Well, I mean, we would just be filing it on behalf of the Treasurer.

01:37:14 Matt

So I don't know that that.

01:37:16 Christian Sorensen

I'm not so sure that such a motion is necessary, frankly. OK, perhaps we should move on to the next item on the agenda.

01:37:29 Harmon Ward

Are we going to ask Matt to file it? Well, I need to hear about that effect, that's sure.

I'm sorry, what?

01:37:39 Christian Sorensen

I would need to hear a motion to that effect as.

01:37:40 Richard Aldrete

I'm sorry what

01:37:41 John Harold

I, John Harold. moveit for Matt to file the tax returns for the year 2023.

01:37:49 Richard Aldrete

I'll second it.

01:37:52 Harmon Ward

All right.

01:37:55 Matt

Will do.

01:37:55 Harmon Ward

And and and John, how do you vote?

01:38:00 John Harold

Excuse me, I vote I approve my motion.

01:38:06 Harmon Ward

And then Richard?

01:38:07 Richard Aldrete

I approve it.

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01:38:08 Harmon Ward

OK, excellent.

01:38:15 Christian Sorensen

But you gotta have a a few more people tallied in the votes, don't you?

01:38:21 Harmon Ward

Well, we need we in this case, we will need the President to make to break the tie.

01:38:31 Christian Sorensen

Why have we lost our other records?

01:38:32 Harmon Ward

Well, because we have 3 Ayes, but we need four votes because we have six people on the board and it needs to be more than 50%.

01:38:46 Christian Sorensen

Uh, huh. Well.

01:38:50 Christian Sorensen

Is that really a tie?

01:38:54 Harmon Ward

Three out of 6.

01:38:57 Christian Sorensen

Yeah. OK.

01:38:58 Matt

Well, or can't we vote via e-mail?

01:39:04 Matt

Reside in the new the new bylaws.

01:39:07 Christian Sorensen

To be seen as casting a vote out of place, right.

01:39:12 Matt

But we also have until May 15th if it's not extended, so we could come up with the next meeting that would be fine

I mean.

01:39:22 Christian Sorensen

Comes up at the at the time in the meeting at which there's still.

01:39:25 Christian Sorensen

Plenty of participants.

01:39:29 Christian Sorensen

If we can get away with it, I would prefer to have my vote recorded as an I and have the matter settled.

01:39:39 Matt

OK, good.

01:39:44 Christian Sorensen

So the next thing.

01:39:48 Christian Sorensen

On our agenda.

01:40:00 Harmon Ward

Replacing Ruben Moreno.

01:40:02 Christian Sorensen

That's right. So an issue in case you realize it, it comes up. It turns out that society is wanting to go full on charity mode official charity and Ruben had informed us that he was had accepted a position as a board of Directors member for this and. Input from us on on on whether this constituted a conflict of interest, and although at first glance Harmon and myself didn't seem to think there was any John.

01:40:47 Christian Sorensen

Out that you know, we were dealing fundamentally with two organizations in the same space and that our thinking could easily be turned on its head. and this has subsequently resulted in Ruben's resignation from our organization.

01:41:11 Christian Sorensen

Thus, solving that the first issue, but now bringing up another in that whom do we replace him with.

01:41:22 John Harold

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Who was the next person on the?

01:41:23 Christian Sorensen

Remembers that.

01:41:25 John Harold

On the elected list.

01:41:28 Christian Sorensen

OK. Directly. I mean, I'm gonna. Let me find the reporting on this or maybe I could ask the Secretary to the the the the next person on the list would be Jacob Shober.

Ohh if my assumption was wrong then. OK, but in any event, is it the the will of the board that we continue to use the Convention vote or the the annual meeting voting for filling absent? or vacant directors positions or attempting to fill for the immediate future.

01:42:15 John Harold

But how many votes did he get? Do we know?

01:42:20 Harmon Ward

No, I can. Well, I have that and that number.

01:42:22 Christian Sorensen

Is right on the left side you ohh.

01:42:23 Harmon Ward

You have it OK.

01:42:25 Christian Sorensen

I'm just.

01:42:27 Richard Aldrete

Let me guess, 36, 35.

01:42:30 Christian Sorensen

It's an, It's certainly up there. I mean, just missing the cut where a number of people with a fairly substantial number of votes, Richard. And then this fellow.

01:42:44 John Harold

Yeah, I don't. I don't know anything about him?

01:42:45 Richard Aldrete

He's right behind me. He was right behind me. Is he good? Is he a good fit for the board?

01:42:56 Richard Aldrete

Have we been in contact with him lately?

01:42:57 Christian Sorensen

You have experience and he also it will. It will contribute to his activism in general for the organization.

01:43:12 Matt

Do we have any language in the bylaws for how to?

01:43:17 John Harold

Basically, the Board of Directors can fill a slot when it's vacant.

01:43:23 John Harold

That's how the bylaws read it. What we did for the last one.

01:43:25 Christian Sorensen

Right.

01:43:27 John Harold

We just took the next guy in line on the boats just because we had, you know, the the votes relatively recently and we had all the numbers. But we don't have to do that we can we can actually appoint somebody that was not voted for in the last October.

01:43:46 John Harold

Again, that's what I'm saying.

01:43:47 John Harold

If he if he, if he's a good fit, then we could do that or. If we know if somebody else that really wants to be on the board, then active in the in the organization, that could be that person instead.

01:44:03 Christian Sorensen

Right.

01:44:05 Harmon Ward

I suggest that that offering the position to Jacob would be prudent and if he's not interested, then we find somebody else.

01:44:17 Christian Sorensen

OK, me, I'd be Happy to entertain a motion to that effect.

01:44:22 John Harold

OK. John, Harold, I entertain a motion to approach Jacob to see if he wants to be a board member, and if he does, and I. Would hope show up at the? next one.

Yeah, show up in the next meeting.

01:44:37 Richard Aldrete

I'll second that.

01:44:39 Christian Sorensen

Thank you, all right. Can we have the I'm going to call the question on this not sensing that there's going to be any dissent here.

So all those in favor say aye, and opposing A and other.

Starting with Harmon, please read out our roll call then for this vote.

01:44:59 Harmon Ward

John Harrell

01:44:59 John Harold

Aye

01:45:01 Harmon Ward

Matt Denny.

01:45:01 Matt Deny

Aye

01:45:03 Harmon Ward

Richard Aldrete.

01:45:03 Richard Aldrete

Aye

01:45:06 Harmon Ward

Perfect.

01:45:09 Christian Sorensen

OK.

01:45:10 Richard Aldrete

By the way, gentlemen, may I interrupt again? My last name is Aldrete.

01:45:15 Harmon Ward

I I'm sorry.

01:45:15 Matt

Yeah, you did. When you were going to say that.

01:45:17 Christian Sorensen

This is why I deliberately said Aldrete too.

01:45:20 Matt

I've been wondering all day.

01:45:21 Christian Sorensen

Yeah, right.

01:45:24 Christian Sorensen

Well, I was going to have some fun with it, but I didn't want to send Tom enough.

01:45:28 Richard Aldrete

Well, you know there there's a famous already that invented one of the blood gas tests that they used in the medical field. And yeah, you pronounced his last name Aldrete.

01:45:38 Harmon Ward

OK. I I just, just so you know, you've mentioned that. Before and unfortunately, and fortunate for me, I spent some time yesterday with someone who spoke French, and we spent the whole afternoon. Bringing up French pronunciation, and as you know, that's quite a bit different. That's quite a bit different than normal pronunciation.

01:46:06 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, it's really tough.

01:46:10 Harmon Ward

Thank you. Thank you, Richard. I'll get it right.

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01:46:11 Richard Aldrete

I wish I could speak that language.

01:46:18 Harmon Ward

And and the next one is the name change.

01:46:22 Harmon Ward

Desert wars. As we all know now, is owned by a game company that has worked in the past with Jason Coffey for his event in in Nevada. And just. Taking it when it's in the same area as we're in.

Was kind of rude and so the suggestion is, is that we come up with a new name. I I sent some out.

I sent out some suggestions in the agenda. And we should choose one. I could add a add.

01:47:07 Christian Sorensen

And that would be plutonium and food.

01:47:15 Harmon Ward

What was that, Christian Sorensen?

01:47:18 Christian Sorensen

This is this. The you know the operation spring wind.

The thing that kicked off the. The Catherine battle.

01:47:29 Richard Aldrete

Mm-hmm. Right.

01:47:33 Harmon Ward

And and and and so that would be that would be. I didn't catch it.

01:47:43 Richard Aldrete

Fooling Vinta is that German for winter.

01:47:51 Christian Sorensen

No spring.

01:47:52 Richard Aldrete

Oh, OK.

01:47:53 Harmon Ward

Springs. OK.

01:47:54 John Harold

Bring they also have Operation Battle Axe Operation Crusader.

01:48:01 Richard Aldrete

Operation Battle axe or well, and and and.

01:48:05 Matt

Then we have to bring our wives.

01:48:07 Harmon Ward

The the the thought is the thought is is.

If someone looks up Operation Battle Axe, they're gonna find a bunch of history. Way before they ever find us. Whereas if we call it. Desert battle axe. They'll find us.

01:48:32 John Harold

Our desert crusader.

01:48:33 Christian Sorensen

How about neutronium and frauleins vinta Indu veston? Oh, Wolston, that is.

01:48:41 Harmon Ward

Well, well, I do have something to add. Here I think one of the best names is is Desert Outpost.

01:48:51 John Harold

That works.

01:48:52 Christian Sorensen

I have to admit I. Heard that from you before.

01:48:54 Harmon Ward

And there is a very the the biggest game The biggest game store in the Phoenix area is the imperial outpost. and they are. They are primarily Warhammer 40K, but they do stalk flames of war and bolt action. The the owner, not the manager, but the owner of that store. And I have been exchanging Phone calls but when we do get a chance to talk, if he is not against us calling this desert outpost, I think that would be a really good fit because it would give us instant name recognition with a with all of the local gamers, all of the local gamers

have heard of Imperial Outpost. It's their version of Brookhurst hobbies.

01:49:50 Richard Aldrete

Yeah, I've been in the store.

01:49:52 Harmon Ward

Yeah, it's pretty impressive.

01:49:52 Richard Aldrete

And I talked to the owner one day.

01:49:54 Harmon Ward

It's pretty impressive. Yep.

01:49:57 Harmon Ward

And and and Darren, Darren has mentioned that he really wants to talk to me. So I I don't think that will be a problem so. Perhaps we kind of, we see if desert outpost is available, if they're not gonna object to it and we have a motion to accept that if it's OK with them.

01:50:20 Christian Sorensen

I'd be happy to entertain such a motion.

01:50:24 Matt

So much.

01:50:28 Christian Sorensen

So is.

01:50:28 Richard Aldrete

What's that? What's that again?

01:50:30 Harmon Ward

Was there a second?

01:50:32 Richard Aldrete

Oh, I'll second that, yeah.

01:50:33 Harmon Ward

All right, all in favor.

01:50:38 Christian Sorensen

You know, one of the reasons why. I was insisting on the roll call was so that we could identify these voices

more easily. There's just four of you. So perhaps you could we could start at the top here.

01:50:53 Harmon Ward

OK, let's do Matt Denny.

01:50:54 Matt Deny

Aye

01:50:58 Harmon Ward

And John Harold

01:50:58 John Harold

Aye

01:51:00 Harmon Ward

And Richard Aldrete.

01:51:00 Richard Aldrete

Aye

01:51:06 Christian Sorensen

Excellent, indeed.

01:51:06 Harmon Ward

And and gentlemen, that gets us done with unfinished business. We now have no unfinished business.

01:51:15 Christian Sorensen

That's right. So now we should inquire of our directors whether there is any other notes or announcements they wish to make or new business?

01:51:30 Richard Aldrete

Harmon, have you been to Imperial outpost?

01:51:34 Harmon Ward

Am I am I what?

01:51:35 Richard Aldrete

Have you ever been to Imperial outpost?

01:51:38 Harmon Ward

I have not.

01:51:39 Harmon Ward

I again.

01:51:39 Harmon Ward

I I'm planning on getting out there like this week.

01:51:44 Richard Aldrete

There's a there's a group out there. I don't know the name of the group, but the guy that's one of the prime members of the flames of war group out there, his name is John.

John Halter. I believe his last name is and he has the YouTube channel called all Ministers great and small.

He used to they used to hold the shifting sands tournament. They did once a year there and they stopped doing it. It's kind of a shabby place, but it's, you know, it's old, it's worn. It's been there for quite a while, but I was impressed because it's huge. It's got so many gaming tables and it's it.

It's got a very good. Stock of everything.

01:52:25 Christian Sorensen

OK.

And this is in eight of?

01:52:29 Richard Aldrete

Hmm. Say again excellent.

01:52:34 Richard Aldrete

I just wanted to share that.

01:52:35 Harmon Ward

That's really cool.

01:52:36 Christian Sorensen

I see.

01:52:37 Harmon Ward

I'll check out. The YouTube channel.

01:52:40 Christian Sorensen

OK. Any other announcements or shares? Hearing none, I detect no opposition to calling this meeting a wrap.

01:52:58 Richard Aldrete

OK.

01:52:59 Harmon Ward

Thank goodness. Wow.

01:53:01 John Harold

Hey, Megan.

01:53:03 Christian Sorensen

Alright, cool.

01:53:04 Christian Sorensen

And so we shall be by the way meeting again on the will amount to the first Sunday of next month.

01:53:14 Richard Aldrete

OK.

01:53:15 Harmon Ward

And and that will be what are we at here? That will be March 5th boy, that's odd. OK, that will also be March 5th. So we got February 5th, then March 5th.

01:53:42 Christian Sorensen

That's right. We will have the Ides of March just behind us.

01:53:49 Harmon Ward

That, yeah, definitely.

01:53:52 Harmon Ward

Thank you all.

01:53:54 Richard Aldrete

Enjoy the rest of your Sunday, everyone.

01:53:57 Christian Sorensen

All right.