

LARPWEST AGM MEETING 5th of June, 2022

Meeting Start - 3:04pm

Attendance: Sam Bowden, Aaron Apollos, Paddy Then, Mitchell Fell, James Bylund, Tim Pullen, El Horley, Lionel Price, Miriam Hurst, Cameron Kilshaw, Michael Harris, Connor Horne, Keith Barker, Carolyn Roe, Jess Sales, Anya Pearce, Amanda Burges, Brian Dunnett, Bean Bowden, Ronnie Bowden, Alex Hey, Brendan Lisle, Daniel Turner. **Discord:** Robyn Garner, Mark Williams.

Sam to Chair, due to Aaron not feeling well.

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Aaron – Chair Report

Since last year, there has been a more complete formulation of LW Grievance and Build Team - 2 Sub-Committees. This extends the work of what LARPwest covers. Our presence has been at fundraising of a few different related community events. Since last year, the LW website has been coming along from what it was.

Sam – Financial Report

Has submitted the report as posted online. People voted to read the detail there, instead of recounting in the meeting.

Paddy – Secretary Report

We have been receiving more new inquiries through our emails, showing a wider interest and growth of the larger Perth community.

Regular Committee Moves to Vacate the LW Committee – vacated.

Nominations of New Position

Chair - Aaron – elected unopposed.

Secretary – Anya – elected unopposed.

Treasurer – Sam – elected unopposed.

Vice President – Amanda – elected unopposed.

GM – Mark – elected unopposed.

Reports on Agenda

LW Build Team

The development draft is almost done for voting on, including new development plans for the Boddington game site and government site requirements being met. We discussed getting it finished before AGM but decided it would be good to do after with the new team. Team will look at existing resources and apply for the 10K mining grant before 21st June. This grant ideally will go towards a micro-electrical system for solar power and batteries on site to power it.

Build Sub-Committee: **LW Rep:** Aaron, **Concord Rep:** Sam, **SW Rep:** Keith, **Faith and Steel Rep:** Carolyn, **Smallberger Rep:** Eugene, **General Members:** Robyn Garner and Craig Williams.

Vaccine Mandate Changes

Sam's Motion to Vote: Remove the previously added state gov requirements that LW had previously adopted. These were vocational requirements such as mask wearing ruling added previously.

Motion: Whatever the state gov rules, we will follow, but don't need to have the additional vocational rules. This change of mandate is for LW games in general and won't prevent sponsored game organisers from deeming higher levels for health risks.

Sam – Motion.

Reason to Remove Previous Motion: Sam's opinion is that the mandate has affected one person negatively, none positively as those who are at risk or immune-compromised people have elected to not attend LW events instead of attending and feeling safe, thus the stricter than necessary regulations has not helped. Also if LW were to adopt standards higher than anyone else in the country, Sam's experience is that the COVID-19 vaccination doesn't protect anyone else at the moment in terms of transmission, as it is still passing it on to the people. Not to say the vaccine does not work but it is likely that people will come to game with COVID unknowingly.

Michael's note – It is only worth making a bunch of work for games to make people safer if it is useful, but if it isn't, then it's not worth it. Eg. The purchase of RATS is unreasonable for games.

Seconded by Alex, unanimously agreed by all attending in person.

Grievance Committee Updates

James + Aaron's Discussion: From the previous year to now – GSC are currently looking at new processes and overview to streamline. Since the beginning of the Sub-Committee, there have been 2 successful intakes for new members and member rotation out.

Michael's question - What was the result of the FB online post of a semi-public list of banned members? Aaron + Paddy – It is locked to members only on the LW membership access part of the website, and does not list what the offense is, only the degree on severity.

Tim's question – What will be shared to game organisers to help them? Carolyn spoke from Grievance - It's in draft process with Grievance Sub-Committee about what is needed to be shared to game organisers, eg. sanctioned suspension list or probationary conditions to go to game organisers. The draft will then go to LW Committee to be finalized and put into motion.

James' note – From the concept of it to now, the Grievance Sub-Committee seems to be working, and we've been seeing people from our community stepping up. Paddy – Please share information and review processes as a community in order for the GSC to be useful to our people, to evolve with our needs.

Website

Since Aaron has been Chair, there has been a lot of work done on the website but we're basically needing a lot more to be done so it's useful and functional and it requires funding.

Discussion on LW funds: Insurance will be covered this year in one payment as we have enough, but last year we had to do insurance over time, in 3 payments and Sam had to pay first. \$4700 in the bank currently.

LW Income Sources: almost all from LW memberships, raffles, small event attendance, and Sam's Containers for Change, plus Ascension gave us money when they shut down.

Likely 20% increase for insurance estimate – estimate \$5k this year due to public liability changes and increase in membership numbers. Suggested draft Membership fee changes: \$40 for annual, 3 month - \$15.

We need more fundraising from the community – Containers for Change? Discussion with grant hunting, as it does take a lot of time and effort, but would be a larger source of money, but with a limited lifetime return as they are a once-off payment. Tim's suggestion – reduce costs of LW membership to \$30, and \$10, and have less budget available for the LW Committee to use perhaps. Not conclusive on any decision and will be further discussed in a future meeting.

James' proposal - Creation of a LW Media and Social Sub-Committee. Would cover the organization of media coverage of events and handle our social media. Goal – to streamline content to community and get new members. Paddy – We're seeing more interest from the larger community and it is useful to do some social media management and website management, so it is not being done by individuals and by our community. Note: LW income was used on website management, such as purchasing of other LW domain in order to redirect people to existing website and for us to appear first in online searches.

Alex's note – As a previous LW member, the LW Committee seems to have evolved from just dealing with the physical insurance aspect of the community fighting at games, to a larger committee handling Perth's LARP needs.

Sam closes the AGM at 3:43pm, 5th June, 2022.