



LARPwest ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25TH June 2023 2:00pm

Agenda

Ordinary Business

Confirm Minutes of Previous AGM

Committee Report on 22/23 Activities

Treasurer's Financial Report

Election of Office Holders

-> Election Chair 1 Continuing - Aaron Apollos Uncontested

Vice President Continuing - Amanda Burges Uncontested

Treasurer 1 Nominee / Transfer -

Secretary Continuing - Anya Pearce Uncontested

Ordinary Member 1 Nominee - Jake Ward Uncontested

Membership Terms and Fees

Changes to Model Rules

General Business

WA LARP Facebook Page and LARPwest branding/advertising

Plans for Upcoming Year (23/24)

Lotterywest Grant Application

Improving governance procedures

Continuing to develop website and membership processes

Continued involvement in local community events and fayres

Minutes

Meeting Start: 2:01pm, opened by Aaron Apollos

Attendance: Anya Pearce, Aaron Apollos, Amanda Burges, Sam Bowden, Jesse Sales, Daniel Turner, Brian Dunnett, Jacob Ward, Bean Bowden, Skittles Harris, Mitch Fell, Erica Collins, Emily Barrett, Bill Coats, Paul Frayne, Casey River, Jacob Howarth



Ordinary Business

Confirm Minutes of Previous AGM

Confirmed by Aaron Apollos, seconded by Amanda Burges

Committee Report on 22/23 Activities

Read by Aaron Apollos

Shattered World dissolved, majority of their remaining funds spent through LARP grants program and donations towards venue hire for Vic Park training

Two more events joined LARPwest, Riot in the Blood and Jugger (at POX).

NERFwest expressed interest in joining. Have not confirmed.

New model of Ascension events including full 'community LARP events' with a range of events hosted throughout the event day was a huge success. A lot of different activities run, and money was raised for LARPwest. Will continue this for the upcoming Ascension games in summer.

As reported last year, LARPwest and the WA LARP community are noticing an increased level of community interest and opportunities for engagement with the wider community. We have had medieval fairs reach out to us, as well as Pixel and an event run by a private business, Core Cidery.

LARPwest attended the following:

Boddington Medieval Fair 2022

Highland Gathering 2022

Guildford Medieval Fair 2022

Pixel 2022

Boddington Medieval Fair 2023

A workshop/talk promoting LARP at Kwinana Library

We have plans to attend Pixel con, Highland Games 2023, Swan Medieval Fair and the Winter Fable and Feast event at Core Cidery in the upcoming year.

We did submit an EOI to Balingup medieval fair and did not get a response.

Grievance Update

Intention this year is to review procedures and perhaps make minor adjustments based on any issues raised in case handling process this year. Just under 20 raised and completed in the two years of the subcommittee.



Planning on amending process for handler onboarding. The change is to not enforce that handlers **must** take a break (six months minimum) after 12 months volunteering in the role. New process: subcommittee annual applications will take place a couple of months after each LARPwest AGM. All current and prospective handlers must apply to be considered. LARPwest committee will appoint handlers from that pool. Handlers may re-apply to stay on the subcommittee. The handler volunteer role can be advertised and new applications taken at any point throughout the year, based on case load and other changes.

Build Subcommittee Update

Build Subcommittee was formed this year. They have since had 12 applications for new buildings at the Boddington site.

There are still some existing buildings that need to apply to the subcommittee and Boddington council for retroactive approval. Waiting for new planning/infrastructure officer to commence at the Shire of Boddington.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Summarised by Sam. As posted online to WA LARP page.

Current account balance at \$10,091.22. Main income is membership costs, however also had revenue from donations from game events, payment for services at medieval fayres, containers for change.

Report raised that many community members donate materials and do not claim reimbursement.

Good year financially . Insurance cost as increased insurance cost due to increased membership numbers.

Election of Office Holders

-> Election Chair 1 Continuing - Aaron Apollos Uncontested

Vice President Continuing - Amanda Burges Uncontested

Treasurer 1 Nominee / Transfer – Sam Bowden renominated, Jesse Sales nominated. Sam Bowden stepped away and Jesse uncontested.

Secretary Continuing - Anya Pearce Uncontested

Ordinary Member 1 Nominee - Jake Ward Uncontested

Ordinary member 2 Nominee – Brian Dunnett ran at AGM, uncontested.

General Business



Changes to Model Rules

Aaron Apollos has now updated the model rules document to reflect minor updates agreed upon last AGM. Mostly committee role descriptions.

Membership Terms and Fees

Currently have these membership options: full membership (\$20 for 12 months), junior (\$10 for 12 months), training membership (\$2 for single training session).

Change proposed by Aaron are:

An increase of full membership to \$30 for 12 months.

Introduction of quarterly membership that costs \$15 for 3 months. Quarterly membership has no voting rights.

Change Junior to be under 18 rather than 16 and under. This is to be in line with our current safety rules, under 18s must have a guardian and cannot participate in fights at medieval fayres without guardian consent.

Sam Bowden raised: what is the reasoning for the increase given current LARPwest finances, what would the extra income be utilised for.

Aaron Apollos: A lot of LARPwest income is from donations from our game events and fundraising efforts. These income streams are less certain/stable than membership fees. LARPwest intends to seek volunteer training opportunities and the website needs to be completely revamped. This is the intended expenditure the higher membership cost would be used for.

Unanimously voted in favour for all proposed changes.. Membership costs will change to the above.

WA LARP Facebook Page and LARPwest branding/advertising

Raised by Anya Pearce: Communication of information and marketing/promotion to potential members is currently very poor - information on LARPwest and how to get involved is inaccessible.

Discussion points:

Having a LARPwest Facebook page, which is an admin of the WA LARP group. Makes announcement posts more official, and easier methods of promoting important documents, website and posts.

Currently WA LARP 'Announcement' function is underutilised. Admins of the page should work together to improve communications.

Add a 'Communications' volunteer role to support LARPwest



Make important documents into PDF flyers and link in the pages About section
Can have a banner slideshow of images on the page, to promote the page as Western Australian and a part of LARPwest.

All suggestions to be discussed at the next LARPwest committee meeting and new strategies to be decided on and implemented.

Plans for Upcoming Year (23/24)

Lotterywest Grant Application - focus on project to pay a consultant to write improved governance procedures, support costs associated with website re-development and run a community event at the end of the project to 'launch' LARPwest into the community.
Demographic survey to be sent to all members (not compulsory). The intent of the survey is to support the grant application with information on the membership of LARPwest (showcasing the people we support with community connection, and activities to improve mental and physical wellbeing).
Continuing to develop website and membership processes
Continued involvement in local community events and fayres

Raised by Emily – ensuring WA LARP page clearly communicates it is West Australian.

Raised by Casey – Can comms be broadened to email list and website for important announcements. Infrastructure upgrade to the server. Committee is already considering options for (likely moving to the use of cloud storage with google).

Meeting closed: 2.46pm