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KINGDOM
OF THE
EMERALD HILLS

Reign XXXIII
King Sir Ewen McFadden & Regent Sir Kaz DeKinky
September 2004



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Amtgard is a non-profit, non-sectarian group devoted to recreating elements of the medieval, ancient, and fantasy genres. The thrust of Amtgard is both recreational and educational, with major group efforts devoted to reconstructions of medieval combat. Amtgard weapons are safe, foam-padded replicas of the real things. Anyone age 14 or greater may join (those under 14 years of age require parental and Monarch approval to partake

(<http://amtgard.com:8080/what.html>).

"Thus we may know that there are five essentials for victory:

- 1. He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight.**
- 2. He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces.**
- 3. He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks.**
- 4. He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared.**
- 5. He will win who has military capacity and is not interfered with by the sovereign."**

- Excerpt from The Art of War by Sun Tzu

Hence the saying:

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

The Art of War by Sun Tzu is the earliest known book about warfare. Written by the Chinese general Sun Tzu in about 500 B.C., it gives instructions on the strategy of warfare and the leadership of armies.

THE KINGDOM OF THE EMERALD HILLS PRESENTS:

World Banner Wars V
The Art of War



Are you and yours tough enough to take the title of Best Fighting Force in Amtgard? Now is your chance to prove it.

When: October 7-10, 2004
Where: Tanglewood Forest, near Silver City, Texas
What: Bring your team, your banner, fight it out to see who is the best!
What else: Tourneys, workshops, Sat. night feast and a 24-hr lit ditch field.
How Much: \$15/person, which includes access to all activities & feast.

The schedule of events so far:

THURSDAY

4 pm Gate opens
9 pm Shaolin Showdown (Fighting Tourney)

FRIDAY

All Day Make and Take Workshop
2pm Five Man Tourney
6pm Armour Tourney
9pm Iron-man Tourney

SATURDAY

10am - 11am **Sign in for War**
11am - 12pm Armour and Weapons Check
10am - 11am Entries for the "Art of War" Art Tournament
11:30am Kid's Quest
12 pm **World Banner War!**
4 pm Chain Mail Workshop (Beginners)
6 pm Chain Mail Workshop (Advanced)
7 pm Feast

SUNDAY

12 pm Site closed, cleanup

Please visit www.worldbannerwars.com and check out the rules for the rules for the main battle. If you have any comments or questions about anything related to Banner Wars, you can email worldbannerwars@nondescript.net, or talk to Squire Moogie or Sir Logan.

Q&A BY SIR ECLIPSE BLACKFIRE

BY: VIGUS - CELESTIAL KINGDOM

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AMTGARDIAN AND WHY?

Hmm...that's a tough one. There are actually quite a few.. Tunear, Nevron, Trinity, Father Thomas, Forest, MHOOG, Bolt, McFadden, Shanti, Medryn, Logan, Zumat, Bromhir, Belkev, Moogie, Arthon, Dalos, Tholden, Arion, and Leif. They all possess qualities that I find very admirable, and each, in their own way, have inspired me to push myself to different levels in Amtgard. But overall, my two most VERY favorite Amtgarders are Sir Zigful SaiYuk, and Sir Tashirie-how-ever-the-fuck-you-spell-his-name. They are the two guys who got me into Amtgard, and actually stayed by my side until I figured out exactly what the game was all about.

BY: DRAEVEN SOMERSTORM - EH

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE AMTGARD EVENT AND WHY?

Mud-reign... It was great how everyone pulled together in time of need, and showed what brotherhood is all about.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AMTGARDIAN AND WHY?

Nevron, because of how much history he has with this game and how many stories can be tied to him.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN AMTGARD?

That would have to be when I chased someone out of their tent, cause I was piss drunk and thought they were in my tent...

Q&A BY SIR ECLIPSE BLACKFIRE**BY: SIR SEAN CARLTON - EH****WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN AMTGARD?**

Embarrassing &/or fun...synonymous - Two Way tie

#1 Summer 94, Battle game @ MS. I fell dead. In doing so my kilt flipped up and covered my chest.

The look on Kahls face right before he said " That look works for you " and Quintar leaned over and said

" Why yes...yes it does."

#2 Watching Falamar turn green when he realized who I was (I was dressed in drag). Maxton and Rant pointed me out to him at Larins MidReign while I was setting up feast and he was checking me out!

MOST HARD FOUGHT BATTLE AND WHY?

Midnight Sun, orbiting planet Tiny, while he played a barbarian as a third level archer. We were damn near untouchable.

First time I met and fought with / against Sir Delphos.



Art by Sean Carlton

BARDIC AREA FUNDRAISER THIS MID-REIGN WEEKEND

Giving you the REAL ULTIMATE POWER to decide which songs do or don't get performed at Mid-reign!



All monies collected will go to making improvements to the Bardic area. Plans include an improved fire pit, a brick floor around the fire pit, and the eventual construction of a stage.

HOW IT WORKS

Several bards from around the Kingdom have volunteered songs from their repertoire to be subjected to popular whimsy. When you get to Mid-reign, look for K'tai sitting at a table near Galen's shop. Review the list of songs up for vote, then cast your vote by handing K'tai your money and telling her 1) which song(s) you're voting on and 2) whether you're voting "SING" or "SHUT UP".

The fundraiser will end right before Court on Saturday evening. If a song earns more "SING" money than "SHUT UP" money, the bard must perform the piece at Bardic. If a song earns more "SHUT UP" money, the song cannot be performed that evening.

K'tai will be keeping a running total as money is collected, so feel free to ask her how a particular song is doing before you vote!

CLARIFICATIONS

The bardic is still open to anyone and everyone who wishes to perform! In addition, even if a volunteer's songs are all voted "SHUT UP", they're welcome to sing any and all songs they didn't put to the vote. (Sorry guys; it's not possible to prevent the Bardic altogether. Maybe next time.)

Forest has volunteered his entire musical and oratorical repertoire for the fundraiser. If his musical repertoire is voted "SHUT UP", this will also keep him out of group performances.

Tigara was allowed to generically volunteer "something in English" and "something not in English", because it's funny.

LETTER FROM THE MONARCH

To the Good people of the Kingdom of the Emerald Hills:

I've been a bit distracted lately, what with all the rebellions and wars and stuff. Sorry I haven't gotten around to caring for each of your individual needs personally. Anyway, I'm putting a lot of effort into improving the defenses of my fortress in Tanglewood Forest. I'm just plain tired of being bothered by little bands of would be dictators bothering me.

Dame K'tai bin R'al has just escaped from the Kingdom Dungeon. She was captured in the last attempt at taking my fortress. Seems she's leading the rebellion. Anyway, some slick magician IN MY COURT! set her free. Seems I just can't trust anyone. My guards and minions will be on the manhunt for Dame K'tai and for this traitor that helped her escape. Please give them your utmost respect and cooperation. They are a bit worn and very short tempered.

I've also heard a few things about some of my trusted advisors. It seems some of them have been giving bad advice in order to cause me shame. They hope to cause a public outcry, which would help them overthrow their rightful King in order to take power for themselves. Don't be fooled by these lying tricksters. They will be dealt with harshly, and all will see the fate of those who would do harm to the Emerald Hills.

McFadden, Rex

Q&A BY SIR ECLIPSE BLACKFIRE

BY: SIR FOREST EVERGREEN - EH

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE AMTGARD EVENT AND WHY?

Clan 10th year in 93. It was all so new and big and the Grand Melee had over 400 fighters in it. I met tons of new people, joined the Green Dragons and ate and helped to cook an amazing rib feast.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AMTGARDIAN AND WHY?

Hmmmmm favorite? That's hard. I have so many friends in the game. If I had to pick someone I admire the most in the game it would be Sir Ivar Nefarious. He has been a driving force in getting Amtgard online and in keeping open communication between all the groups.

BY: SQUIRE ELDER VERMILION - EH

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE AMTGARD EVENT AND WHY?

Clan XX, Meeting so many people and seeing just how big an Amtgard event can be, the huge battle games as far as the eye could see, and the trench lines that went on forever almost. Quite an experience.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LESS OF IN AMTGARD AND WHY?

Condoning of poor sportsmanship, sloughing, rules lawyering, and the attitude of "whatever it takes to win." I would hope that the goal for future Amtgarders is to have fun PLAYING the game, with honor, not just winning the game, perhaps without honor.

Q&A BY SIR ECLIPSE BLACKFIRE**BY: SQUIRE TEQQI - EH****WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN AMTGARD?**

My first battle game about 4-5 yrs ago. I was finally gutsy enough to go and try playing in a battle game. I was about to cast a spell when someone from out of the blue said "What the hell are you doing? Do you even know? Oh that's right your just a f**king nu-be...If you don't know what your doing then get of the battle field!!!" I was so embarrassed, I walked right off the field and sat in Nirvana. To this day, I still scared to go out there...I think I've been in 3 since then.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE OF IN AMTGARD AND WHY?

I would like to see more entertainment during Bardic, Court, or on Friday nights. I would like to see dancing and music during feast, for if you watch the flicks back in that time period that's what you see.

BY: MOOGIE - EH**WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE AMTGARD EVENT AND WHY?**

The first Spring War (the Potato War) because it was my first big field battle event, and it was spectacular. It showed me new possibilities! I had never traveled outside the kingdom, and had never seen an engagement on that scale before. It made me feel like I was part of something great, and cemented my love of my kingdom.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE OF IN AMTGARD AND WHY?

More of a sense of fun and adventure, and less boredom and disillusionment with the game. And of course more butt-kicking fighting women!

PLANNED CROWN VISITS**OCTOBER 2004**

7-10.....Thu-Sun.....World Banner Wars V....Tanglewood Forest
30.....Sat.....Annual Monster BashMidnight Sun

NOVEMBER 2004

7.....Sun.....Best of ShowBroken Shield
20.....Sat.....Crown Quals XXXIV.....TBA
21.....Sun.....Crown Quals XXXIV.....TBA

DECEMBER 2004

3-5.....Fri-Sun.....Wetlands Coronation.....Jones Cntry Fairgrnds
17-19...Fri-Sun.....EH Coronation XXXIVTanglewood Forest

WEAPON MASTER

Current Weapon Master: Brennon Viridian

1 st	Brennon	32 points
2 nd	Solace	23 points
3 rd	Kerb.....	21 points

DRAGON MASTER

Current Dragon Master: Sistar Tolken

1 st	Tolken.....	6.26
2 nd	Talthyr	4.18
3 rd	Kayla	1.66

Congratulations to Tolken for winning DM with 6.26 points.

This was a VERY tough competition. There were some truly amazing pieces entered and I want to thank everyone that entered and assisted with this reign's DM competition.

Kaz DeKinky, Regent

BEST IN SHOW COMPETITION, NOV 7TH @ BROKEN SHIELD

The Best in Show Competition will take place on November 7 at the Shire of the Broken Shield. I'm currently looking for Judges. If you're interested please contact Yoni haMagid at yonihmagid@yahoo.com. There will be a mandatory judges meeting the evening of November 6.

In their simplest form the rules are short; everyone gets one entry.

Of course, it's slightly more complicated than that, but only slightly. There will be two classifications and two divisions, giving us four winners. Each combination of classification and division will not compete head to head. Each competitor will be able to enter all four combinations. All judging will be done on an ordinal basis. In other words, each of the five judges will rank the entries from best (1) to worst (number of entries in that combination). Lowest average ranking will win the combination.

The classifications are single items and unlimited items. The divisions are solo entries and group entries. Giving us the combinations of single items entered by individuals, single items entered by groups, unlimited items entered by individuals and unlimited items entered by groups.

We do encourage entrants to, for instance, serve the meal or model the garb being judged. However, the entrant him or herself does not have to be the one doing the serving or modeling. If an individual entering enlists the help of others in the presentation, the entry is still that of an individual unless those helping are being judged on their performance.

In the single item classifications, each entrant is allowed one item. It can be anything from a belt favor to an entree, a weapon to a picture. The autocrat of the contest will be the ultimate arbiter of what constitutes one item. The basic guideline is that multiple items, for instance a knife and sheath, that would normally be entered as one item into a traditional cultural tourney would still be considered one item. Obviously, anything that would have to be entered into multiple traditional categories would not be eligible.

As previously stated, the autocrat is the ultimate arbiter of this decision, so it would be a good idea to check with the autocrat before embarking on a questionable project. Any entries judged not to be single items will be reclassified to the unlimited classifications.

Judgment of the single entry classifications will be based on:
Excellence of the workmanship 50%
Aesthetic impact 50%



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OFFICERS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE EMERALD HILLS**THE CROWN**

Monarch..... Sir Ewen McFaddenKing@Amtgard-EH.com
 Regent..... Sir Kaz DeKinky.....Regent@Amtgard-EH.com
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 Prime Minister.. Squire Blaise de Morraypm@amtgard-eh.com

GUILDMASTERS

Anti-Paladins .. Nevron Dreadstar
 Archers Zhanell Avaroth
 Assassins Delphos Darkheart
 Barbarians Draeven Somerstorm
 Bards Deitri VanDevic
 Druids Elder Vermilion
 Healers Draeven Somerstorm
 Knights Trinity Skythasis
 Monks Nevron Dreadstar
 Monsters Elder Vermilion
 Paladins Logan T. Black
 Reeves Logan T. Black
 Scouts none
 Warriors Nicodemus Aravoth
 Wizards Martello Entropy

EH IRCA Rep .. Brennon Viridian
 EH 6.1 Rep Brennon Viridian

BEST IN SHOW COMPETITION CONTINUED...

Individual judges will be instructed to weight their scores on this basis, but, again, they will only publish an ordinal ranking for each item.

The unlimited classifications will allow any person or group of persons to submit as many items in as many traditional categories as they like, provided they are unified by a single theme. Simple examples of this would be a meal presented in its entirety, the garb for a juggling team, a group of songs or performances with a unifying theme, a photo essay or portfolio of artwork, or a collection of essays and stories. However, since these entries are not limited to single categories or genres, more ranking weight would be given to entries such as an entire meal in which the ceramic dishes were created by the entrant, a juggling team's uniforms and complete set of weapons, a photo essay or art portfolio accompanied by supporting documentation and essays, or a performance of songs and skits for which the costumes were made specifically. This summary of entries is by no means a complete list. In fact, one of the reasons to hold such a contest is to see the very creative ways in which our artisans can come up with to group usually disparate categories of endeavor.

Judgment of these classifications will be based on:

Excellence of the workmanship 35%
 Aesthetic impact 35%
 Variety and diversity of media 20%
 Unity and cohesion of the entry 10%

Individual judges will be instructed to weight their scores on this basis, but, again, they will only publish a ranking for each item.

Each of the four combinations will produce a winner. If a combination does not draw at least three entries, it will be eliminated. Entries that would have been judged in that combination will be added to the judging of the other division in their classification. So if there are only two unlimited group entries, they would be added to the unlimited individual entries, and all will be judged together.

There will also be a "Best in Show" winner. That entry, regardless of classification or division, will be the one that the judges agree upon. There won't be a score associated with it, and it might not have won its combination. It will be an entry the judges found to be the best thing they'd seen that day. It will be entirely at their discretion and will be a consensus decision.

Prizes will be gift certificates. I would like some input from potential entrants in to which stores would be most popular.

LETTER FROM THE INCOMING PRIME MINISTER

Dear Populace:

As incoming PM, I intend to raise the emphasis on the position of Chancellors (park PM) and park officers. **A bit of fair warning: elect responsible park prime ministers.**

First: During my tenure I'm going to work with the monarchy to properly reclassify each and every park in the greater DFW area. Attendance will be measured by your average unique sign-ins over a 6 month period starting last coronation. I need to have copies (preferably scanned images) of your sign-ins for this period no later than Monday, December 6th 2004. I don't care if you give them to me all that day, or if you want to email them to me every week. Either is fine. Parks whose attendance is up will be recommended for promotion. Parks whose attendance has sagged will be recommended for demotion.

Second: The kingdom of the Emerald Hills will no longer accept dues from members directly. If you wish to be a dues paid member of the kingdom, you must pay dues to your park PM who will issue you a receipt. The park PM will then turn over to me no later than the Monday before elections a copy (preferably scanned images) of all receipts and ledger books (Excel spreadsheet format, preferably). If this does not happen then the members of the non-complying park will not be able to vote at the kingdom level. No exceptions will be made.

If you have not claimed a park, you will need to choose a park to pay dues, receive credits, and track your awards. You do not need to always play at that park.

Third: The kingdom will be discouraged from handing out awards that can be given out by the park level monarchy. The kingdom should only give out awards that are beyond the scope of the monarchy of a given park to grant. A list of all awards given out must be given to the Kingdom PM (that's me) no later than the end of court. If a list of awards is not given to me, the awards given by that park will not count.

The Pay-Off: We will, for once, have a completely accountable system of government in place at the kingdom and park level. Elections will run smoothly and the results be handed out swiftly. Awards and credits will be accurately tracked. Sign-ins and attendance can be tabulated and the general health of the kingdom assessed. If you do not think your park PMs can handle this simple job, I encourage you to remove them from office immediately rather than wait for them to deprive you of your rights as members of the kingdom.

Sincerely,
Brennon

OFFICERS OF AMTGARD: KINGDOM OF THE EMERALD HILLS, INC.

BOD	Mundane Name	Position	Term Expires
Martello Entropy	Aaron Simpson	President	JUN 05
Moogie	Laura Brashear	Vice-President	JUN 05
Blaise de Morray	Ramona Wesely	Treasurer	SEP 04
Reine vonDoom	Kala Schmitto	Secretary	JUN 05
Ewen McFadden	David Hall	King/RGK Liaison	DEC 04
Brennon Viridian	Brenden Meiners	DEC 04
Tamisan D'Verdemire	Arroxane Ullman	DEC 04

bod@flail.com

RGK	Position	Term Expires
Ewen McFadden	Landlord, 972-686-7755	N/A
Trinity Skythasis	RGK President	MAR 05
Tangeena Skythasis	RGK Treasurer	MAR 05
Kaz DeKinky	RGK Selected Seat	N/A
Nevron Dreadstar	SEP 04

rgk@tanglewoodforest.org

BOD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 2004

In Attendance

McFadden David Hall
Reine Kala Schmitto
Blaise.... Ramona Wesely
Moogie.. Laura Brashear
Martello. Aaron B. Simpson
Brennon Brennon Meiners

Observers

Elder
Clio

Missing

TamisanArroxane Ullman

Guest

Andrea Thompson (Tarrant County Asst DA)

Start 11:37 AM

Elect Offices

President- Aaron Simpson

VP- Laura Brashear

Secretary- Kala Schmitto

RGK- Laura Brashear

First order to discuss- Cuiviedor Amarth Contract- 5 to 0 pass, Aaron to get contract notarized.

11:40 AM Second order Tanglewood Lease- revise final draft

- Section IV- Payment

- David Hall to mail pymt and give copy to PM Ramona Beggs

- Section IX- Utilities & Services

- when used by other parties, Tenant not responsible for utilities.

- Section XI- Assignment or Sublease

- reasonable use- RGK schedule

- Section XV- Loss and Damage of Personal Property

- need to work on individual wavier for events

- Andrea to revise, add utility addition, sign at next meeting

12:30 PM Third order to discuss- Corporate Status- documents sent back

- Ramona sent taxes documents, waiting for response to send next documents

Other BOD business proposed: Advised Monarch about underage drinking recommendation

- Laura looking into the cost of wristbands for events

Next meeting proposed for Rath's house Friday August 20th @ 7:00 PM

Move to close 12:45 PM

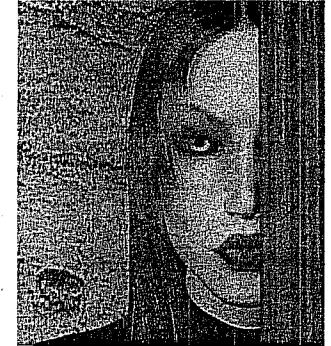
MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER

Everyone,

I am so very glad to not be the PM anymore. Never again!!!

Cordially,

Blaise



Art by Sean Carlton

KINGDOM FISCAL STATUS

KINGDOM BANK INFORMATION

Checking account balance \$2,660.01

Savings account balance \$74.00 \$3,600.00 transferred to checking 3/14/04

EVENT TURNOUT AND COLLECTIONS

12/21/03 Reign XXXII Coronation ... \$1,075.00..... 143 total attendance

03/26/04 Mid-Reign XXXII \$1,430.00..... 173 total attendance

06/18/04 Reign XXXIII Coronation.. \$1,375.00..... 160 total attendance

RGK BANK INFORMATION AND PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS

March 2004 to September 2004

Outside source revenue: none reported

Checking account balance \$3,461.67

Savings account balance \$354.00

EXPENSES (NO NEW EXPENSES SUBMITTED SINCE MARCH)

Water..... \$343.62

Electric..... \$129.65

Trash \$140.00

Depend-a-Can..... \$1,067.58

MAINTENANCE

Rentals..... \$176.47

Tractor..... \$635.54

Chainsaw..... \$234.12

CAPITAL EXPENSES

none reported

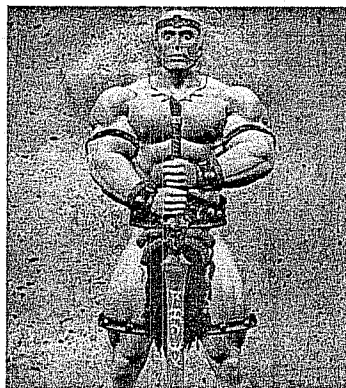
INVENTORY LIST

KINGDOM

- 7 11'8"x19'6" Pavilions
 - 8 poles ground
 - 8 poles ceiling
 - 12 intersections
 - 2 side walls
 - 2 end tarps
 - 1 roof tarp
 - 30 tie downs
- 250 ft extension cord
- 2 jugs 15 gallon
- 1 cooler small round
- 1 cooler medium round
- 1 propane heater
- 8 18 gallon tubs w/lids
- 1 large canvas bag
- 3 tarps
- 1 clear plastic tub 2'x1'x1'
- High table 30"x72"
- 1 table-top podium
- 7 tubs small
- 1 50 gallon plastic trash can
- 1 cash box
- 10'x10' b/w pavilion
- WG
- 3 tubs feast supplies 35 gallon
- 150qt cooler w/Eclipse

RGK

- Post hole digger
- 2 packs shingles
- 1 jug
- 1 bucket
- 2 spade shovels
- 1 flat shovel
- 1 leaf rake
- 1 dirt rake
- 1 broom
- 5 2x4 lumber 8ft
- Various plywood sheets
- 4 2x6 lumber 8ft
- 3 1x4 lumber 8ft
- 1 mini refrigerator
- Various nails & bldg materials
- 8 tarps
- Lyme
- Trash bag holders
- Crate foam
- 11 chains 15ft towing
- 4 park benches
- 12 picnic tables
- 2 wheel barrows
- 8 trash barrels



Art by Sean Carlton

BOD MEETING MINUTES JAN-APR 2004

SEPTEMBER

Scheduled for Sunday, September 28, at 10:30am

The next meeting of the Emerald Hills Board of Directors will be Sunday, September 26th, at 10:30am, at Rath's place. Call Martello at 214-395-6950 for directions.

AUGUST

In Attendance

- McFadden.....David Hall
- Reine Kala Schmitto
- Blaise.... Ramona Wesely
- Moogie.. Laura Brashear
- Martello.Aaron B. Simpson
- BrennonBrennon Meiners
- TamisanArroxane Ullman

Missing

- ReineKala Schmitto

Observers

- Elder
- Clio

Opened Meeting

- Signed two copies new lease agreement
- Asked for new business
- Asked for old Business
- Ramona reported: Nothing heard back from State of Texas on new documents sent
- Moved to close
- Closed