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President Column

Wow. Its been awhile. Hello my favorite IFGS members (yes that means you). This is you president speaking, and sadly this might be last time for a year or so, depending on what the rest of the board decides in the upcoming election. That's exciting too, new board members, which means new ideas, new people taking charge and trying to make the Dallas chapter the best it can be.

Well, we have had some things go on since the last time I was able to actually speak to you guys. We had Allison write a fun and interesting game titled Aftermath. Set in the world created by David Spence and Tina Cox (land of the dead) and as a sequel to last years Shadow of Death, it was an interesting take on what happens after an evil all powerful lich is suddenly removed from the scene. I know some people had fun with that.

There is nothing on the agenda for December, which is alright because it is freaking cold. We are only going to have a board meeting in January, which is also fine because it will most likely still be cold. The next big thing will be, wait for it, the Banquet Game!!!!

This upcoming year marks the Dallas IFGS chapters 25th year. The Banquet (for those of you who don't know because you are new) is a time for everyone to come, hang out, relax, have fun, roleplay, and participate in a fantastic game. Oh yeah and there is food. It is also when everyone pays their dues so as to become an official member of the IFGS. I personally promise you that the game this year will be something that changes the world we play in forever.

I look forward to seeing you all in February, and even some of you in January if you come to the board meeting.

This is your president, David Wood, signing off.
Later everyone!

“Samurai Pirate” Bank Report - Lyn Ellis

The Triad produced another WONDERFUL Samurai game this last Saturday at Winter Spring Park. Tina did an absolutely amazing job with this one. She worked her butt off and deserves some major props! We had plenty of NPC's helping make this game awesome, and even with a lack of radios, the game managed to run very smoothly and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Game day was blessed with some fantastic weather and it didn't ever seem to get too intensely hot, but was still just warm enough to run to the ice chest for some cold water every once in a while.

We welcomed back Kiwi who was out with her unfortunate arm injury from the banquet game Mordras Cauldron almost half a year ago! Even as great as that was though, it was confirmed that Rich DID end up being silly and breaking his toe from getting TOO into his part as a shark and kicking the boat in the shark encounter. Not only that, but he continued through the final pirate encounter, all four teams, with said broken toe, getting just as much into his part, only with less kicking and more Cannon launching. If that's not commitment, I don't know what is.

I heard nothing but praise from the teams about their games. Though I was not able to view every encounter myself unfortunately, I can say that the last encounter was a lot of fun and watching the cannon crew chase Nathan Roberts as his thief in circles as he yelled in fear, was just hilarious. We only had one PC Group trust David Wood, as the Pirate Captain, enough to give him back his heart instead of destroying it, which proved to be quite foolish as he went about with the killing anyways (Silly PC's, Pirates have no sense of honor, let alone rogue pirates!) Even with that every one of the teams ended up successful by the end of the encounter and was thanked by the villagers.

Everyone seemed to come out of the game satisfied with their new and fantastic toys, and the NPC's came out with a great and fun experience having been pirates, sharks, monks, a voodoo priestess, and, even a ninja! We also welcomed multiple newbie's to our organization from A-Fest and elsewhere, (most of whom, their names are not legible, shame on you all!) so if you see them again be sure to welcome them!

Welcome to everyone who is new: Angela Emery, Will Figuly, Ray Segura, Michael Crabb, Brittany Tratham, Melissa Barron, and Rachel King!

With all of that said, I'd personally like to thank all, NPCs, Staff, and PC's alike, for an absolutely splendid Saturday!

PC Game Ratings:

9	Logistics	Design	Mental	Physical	Fighting	Risk
9	9	8	7	8	7	6

Bank Report Cont'd.Best Of the NPC's:

Roleplaying	Costume
1. John Jones as the Ninja	1. Voodoo Priestess
2 Tyler Davis and Rich Adkisson as Sharks	2. Greyson Cox as the Monk
3. David Wood as the Pirate Captain	3. Taryn Cox
Monster	Humor
1. Voodoo Priestess	1. Sharks
2. Sharks	2. Wei Wang
3. Bozen, David Spence as Papa-San, John Jones as the Ninja, Greyson as the Monk	3. Ninja taking Devan's clothing and the Cannon Crew
Fighting	Special Effect
1. All of the Pirates	1. The Cannon
2. Greyson Cox as the Monk	2. Ninja's Substitution Jutsu
3. David Wood as the Captain	3. Grid Puzzle

Best Of the PC's:

Roleplaying	Costume
1. Sara Cox as Lavender	1. Seth Bush as Bubba Leeroy James
2 Angela Gallegos as Solstice Ivan, Michael Magness, Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing, Seth Bush as Bubba Leeroy James, Dustin Proctor as Dongo	2. Alyssa Phillips as Angie Jenkins, Angela Gallegos as Solstice Ivan, Rachel
Monster	Humor
1. Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing	1. Nathan Tryon as Sir Thing
2. Angela Gallegos as Solstice Ivan	2. Sara Cox as Lavender, Seth Bush as Bubba Leeroy James, Chris Pettit as Jerric Castiand
3. Michael Whaley	
Fighting	Special Effect
1. Angela Gallegos as Solstice Ivan	1. The Cannon
2. Matt Kline as Givilegldi (?)	2. Alyssa Phillips, Pirate Heart
3. Robert, Seth Bush as Bubba Leeroy James, Michael Magness	

Aftermath: Part 1 Investigative (Bank) Report by Geraldo (Rich Adkisson)

The Twisted Water Scandals! Plots of a fallen Lich revealed! Strange weather control powers uncovered!

An overpowering evil otter river spirit, the reign of the blood rain, a creepy ice spirit child, sea monkeys, seahorse/frog/hobbit creations and a blinding fog were reported in the aftermath of the evil lich Balen.

And if that was not enough for the adventures to endure, as they heard the description "The sky is turning an ominous gray", the skies did exactly that. This strange weather control device drove the adventurers mad!

The first party attempted to kill off the gypsy that was aiding them. The Drow's party became friends with sea monkeys. Bowser (Tyler Davis) became a good guy and actually saved all the damsels.

And in all the madness, PCs and NPCs were heard to rant: "Super fun game", "Awesome Game! Lots of fun. Great role-playing! Great reps", and "Fantastic! Keep up the good work!"

- Geraldo, Channel 1024 News
"We don't just break the news - we follow it down dark alleys and torture it till it confesses"

PC Game Ratings:

9	Logistics	Design	Mental	Physical	Fighting	Risk
7.1	6.8	6.9	5.9	7.8	7.7	7.1

NPC Game Ratings:

9	Logistics	Design	Mental	Physical	Fighting	Risk
8.2	8.2	8.4	5.8	6	7.8	5.4

Bank Report Cont'd.Best Of the NPC's:

Roleplaying	Costume
1. Rachel King (Both Knights of Greenfire)	1. Autumn Pittman (Gypsy)
2. Allison Pace (Creepy ice spirit)	2. Blood Elementals
3. Autumn (Gypsy)	3. Rachel King (Knights of Greenfire), Moises Heredia and Devan Bedell (Gullum and Smeagul)

Monster	Humor
1. Robert Armbruster/Otter water creature	1. Devan and Moises as Gullum and Smeagul
2. Blood Elementals	2. Amber Gallegos as Merchant, Sea Monkeys, The Mostly Undead , especially Kevin Dunning
3. Moises Heredia and Devan Bedell (Gullum and Smeagul)	3. Creepy ice spirit child (Alyssa Phillips and Allison Pace), Gypsy (Autumn Pittman)

Fighting	Special Effect
1. Undead by the water	1. Fog/blindness cave/pipe course
2. Robert Armbruster (Ambu)	2. The Ominous gray skies
3. Alyssa Phillips as the Evil Druid and the Bood Elementals	3. Ice cave/Ice blocks
	4. Rope down to river, Blood Elementals

Best Of the PC's:

Roleplaying	Costume
1. Drake McWhorter as "Rico Suave"	1. Tyler Davis as "Bowser"
2. David Spence, Tyler Davis as "Bowser", Henry Wood as "Greggor"	2. David Spence, Tina Cox, Greyson Cox, and David Wood

Monster	Humor
1. Tyler Davis	1. Sara Cox as "Love Child"
2. Jason Dziuk	2. David Spence, Drake McWhorter as "Rico Suave"

Fighting	Special Effect
1. David Spence	1. Clouds (the ominous gray skies)
2. Taryn Cox	2. Sara Cox
3. Andrew Nunnall	

Dallas Chapter IFGS - Board Meeting Minutes**29-OCT-2011**

Called to order at 1:46 PM

People in Attendance :

Board in attendance: Rich Adkisson, Alyssa Phillips, Patrick McGehearty, Allison Pace, Andrew Saunders and David Wood. Jason Dziuk's proxy was given to Andrew Saunders at 2:28 pm.

Members in attendance: John Jones, Olan Knight, Nathan Tryon, Joe Dimatteo, Michael Carter, Autumn Pittman, Danny Fuchs, David Spence, Tina Cox, Andrew Nunnally, Laura Moos, and Angela Gallegos.

Approval of minutes: The July/August and September minutes were approved with a 6:0 vote.

Committee Reports:

Treasury – Completely caught up and good.

Quartermaster - John Jones - The shed needs to be cleaned but with all of the volunteers here, this should be easily fixed.

Registry – Olan Knight - Still doing paperwork for Samurai Pirate, but all games up to that point are up to date.

Safety – Rich Adkisson The 5th radio was found and returned home after a short adventure of its own. In relations to the need for more working radios, Rich say that he has some big ones but they need batteries. It might be cheaper to get more radios so that will be looked into by Rich. Rich is to look into new radios and will email a comparison list before the game on the 19th and the board will decide on the 19th at Aftermath.

“What we do do... I said do do” There was an appropriate golf clap offered.

Newsletter – Paul Coley - The new newsletter is out and ready to be read. If you have fun stories from recent games, type them up in character and send them in. ^_^

Society Liaison – Pat McGehearty - There has been an informal mention that they might remove the cap for gold limit and there are some questions about how this will affect the [gold + magic items] < = [experience] rules.

Sanctioning – Pat McGehearty

General note: This year we've had a plethora of games started and would like to see more games finished and in the process of being sanctioned so that we can be ready for the 2012 gaming season.

- *Aftermath* – Allison Pace
-Is a new game designed for PCs level 1-3 and will be run on November 19th.
- *Dead Man's Chest* – Alyssa Phillips
This will be the first game written by Alyssa Phillips and has a SC of Allison Pace, Brittney Hoglund, Kiwi Tinker, and John Jones. It is in process.
- *Important Tidings* – Kevin Dunning, sequel to Tales of the Dead
No news as of right now.
- *Averlast Again (Part III)* – Justin Murphy
“He can whip it out whenever it is needed” -Pat. It is believed to be able to be done whenever we need a game. No news right now.
- *Shipwrecked II* – Danny Fuchs
The highly anticipated to Shipwrecked ran mid 2010 by Danny and is in process.
- *Wind of the Wills* – Michael Whaley
4-6th Sanctioned and working on production now.

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- Onward II – David Wood
Tina is to be replaced by Angela Gallegos for the SC and is in process.
- Life's a Gamble – David Spence
For levels 1-5 and 6-10. It is written and ready to go.
- 2012 Banquet game – David Wood and Angela Gallegos
Pat has passed the torch for the Annual banquet to David and Angela.
- Other games available:
"Sun & Air", and "Scent of Blood" – Pat McGehearty These are older games that were run before and have been updated for the new rules. They can run again if someone else is willing to produce them.
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Other Committee reports:

~ Election Task Force: Pat McGehearty, David Spence, Jason Dziuk

The Task Force is working to get digital ballots so that people can respond by email to reduce chapter cost and time for the 2012 (December) elections. Notice of any changes will be sent out and voted for throughout the 2012 year.

The four, two-year terms that are expiring for 2011 are: Rich Adkisson, Jason Dziuk, Patrick McGehearty, and Allison Pace. These four seats are opening up and anyone who wishes to volunteer to run for them should send in a 250 word max position statement and submit it to David Spence before November 19th to be on the ballot. Ballots will be sent out on November 20th and are due back (post dated by) December 20th.

Old Business

- * There was a formal thank you given to all of the people who wrote and produced games in 2010.

New Business

Attendance to board meetings by board members: A desire to try and instigate a suggested attendance quota for board member around 75% was brought up. The chapter constitution will be examined to see what we can be done for current board members who have not met that expectation to see if their earned cap will be prorated to fit the attendance.

Olan Knight, speaking as the Society Registry Chair, said that such a rule is already in place. Board members who do not attend every official Board Meeting will automatically have their Administrative CAP reduced by an appropriate percentage, but the Chapter Board can vote to override this penalty if they choose to do so.

*For people who want to be on the board for the 2012 year, please take into consideration that you will be expected to attend **at least 75%** of the monthly board meetings.

~ A motion was passed 7:0 to allow David Spence to spend up \$200.00 to send out the election ballots.

~ A motion was passed 6:0:1 to repay Pat McGehearty for \$12.00 for each of the 6 swords that were donated to the shed, for a total of \$72.00.

End time: 3:12 pm

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Note from the editor:

My goal is to have the newsletter out by the last day of the month. I will gladly accept future submissions up to 5 days prior to that last day. I will be using OpenOffice 2.4 that will accept **** MOST **** Microsoft formats. As always, Artwork, Pictures and personal articles are welcome.

Editor
Paul Coley