

Meeting Transcripts from the SecondLife Residents that attended the following called meeting regarding the Linden Lab Aug 15th 2013 TOS changes....

WHAT: Special -- "Emergency" -- Discussion Meeting

WHY: Second Life Terms of Service (ToS) Changes

WHERE: EAST-WEST Amphitheater□

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 2013 12:00 (noon) to 1:00 p.m.

WHO: Anyone who now or intends to hold and maintain, import, buy, or sell User Content in Second Life.

HOW: Principally by written chat.

Following is the local public chat transcripts as captured and compiled by Toysoldier Thor:

MEETING OFFICIALLY BEGINS:

[11:58] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Just to start, We aren't ready to start yet. Thanks, Chuck. Ernie will start the meeting in a couple of minutes.

[11:59] Ernie Farstrider: Let me introduce myself: ... I am in RL a retired academic administrator

[11:59] Aztral Aeon: has everyone who is founder of a group sent a grp notice of this meeting? ;)

[11:59] Bagheera Kristan shouts: oh! a comment that doesnt' provide a lick of data and tells us to go home...I wish you'd typed something useful Chuck

[12:00] Phoebe Avro: tell that to the likes of renderosity

[12:00] Czari Zenovka: ACK didn't think of that...even though my group is miniscule

[12:00] Ernie Farstrider: please do not chat unless you have been recognized

[12:00] Ernie Farstrider: this will turn into chaos if you speak out of turn

[12:00] Ernie Farstrider: I and your fellow residents would appreciate it

[12:01] Ernie Farstrider: okay... the annoying wording of the ToS is in pink behind me

[12:01] Ernie Farstrider: I am sure everyone has read it

[12:01] Ernie Farstrider: but understood it ... perhaps not

[12:02] Ernie Farstrider: I hve posted a link to the Harvard website on "moral rights"

[12:02] Ernie Farstrider: in light blue

[12:02] Ernie Farstrider: you have been given the URL also

[12:02] Ernie Farstrider: in my work I was the administrator at a very large university for all intellectual property

[12:03] Ernie Farstrider: I am not an attorney ... but my daughter is ... she is entered before the bar in California

[12:03] Ernie Farstrider: her opinion is ...

[12:03] Ernie Farstrider: that Linden owns where we are and can assert anything they want

[12:03] Ernie Farstrider: but ... they have a purpose

[12:04] Ernie Farstrider: and it is our job to get them to state their purpose

[12:04] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Can everyone hear, Ernie

[12:04] Marcus Hancroft shouts: I can!

[12:04] Sina Souza (sinalein) shouts: yes

[12:04] Phoebe Avro: yes

[12:04] Czari Zenovka: Yes

[12:04] Đa???l (daniel.oridium) shouts: yes

[12:04] Ernie Farstrider: my personal opinion is that "moral rights" are unalienable

[12:04] Ernie Farstrider: so ... who would like to speak? Kylie first

[12:05] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: I'll start, then explain how we will proceed to keep it orderly.

[12:05] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: And make silly shout gestures.

[12:07] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: The purpose of the meeting today is not to argue whether or not the TOS IS a problem, but to deal with it for those of us who believe it to be so. I will proctor the meeting. Which means that no one will speak in open chat before IMing me first. Then I will call you to speak in order. Each that wants to speak may do so. Rebuttals not really helpful in a crowd this size. But before we start I would like to hear from Toysoldier who really brought this to a lot of our attentions to begin with

[12:07] Ernie Farstrider: okay

[12:07] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Toy do you have a few words to start us off?

[12:08] Toysoldier Thor shouts: My first thoughts about what actions to take is pretty much what we are doing now... LL has a long history of taking corrective action only when the pressure publicly is to great to ignore....

[12:09] Toysoldier Thor shouts: So for LL to see a large and growing voice from all communications is important for LL to rethink this latest TOS. It doesnt mean they will change their mind but it will be notice..... That is the purpose for the survey

[12:10] Toysoldier Thor shouts: In 12 hours we already have 65 recorded responses.... and I can give you a brief summary of the trends on the survey

[12:10] Ernie Farstrider: please do, Toy

[12:11] Toysoldier Thor shouts: with Qestion #1.... 90% are aware or very aware of the TOS and section 2.3

[12:11] Toysoldier Thor shouts: regarding Question #2.... 2. Regarding the changes in Section 2.3 of the SecondLife Aug 15 TOS, as a content creator (anyone uploading IP content into SL). Are you more comfortable of your rights in SecondLife before or after the Aug 15 TOS change?

[12:12] Toysoldier Thor: 67% are much more comfortable with the TOS before then after... 18% are more comfortable before NONE are happen with the new tos

[12:13] Toysoldier Thor shouts: regarding your concerns on this issue Qestion #3... 3. Basically, the changes in Section 2.3 of the Aug15 SecondLife TOS now gives Linden Lab full non-exclusive, unrestricted rights to any content you upload with no compensation to you nor any restrictions to the purpose or intent on how they could use YOUR IP content. Based on these new L.L.rights, how has / will this change your own operations as a content creator for SecondLife?

[12:14] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 40% are in the middle... they are concerned and have stopped creating / uploading content to SL until LL corrects the TOS

[12:15] Toysoldier Thor shouts: the rest of the responses are moreso leaning to the indifferent or mildly concerned

[12:15] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 20% have stopped completely and or have decided to pull out of SL not to return

[12:16] Toysoldier Thor shouts: I will say right now that there is an error in the survey that did not allow you to select OTHER as an option... as such many of these results have a lot of OTHER comments that I wont post here now...

[12:17] Toysoldier Thor shouts: regarding the question... 4. If this TOS change remains permanent, how do you believe this will impact SecondLife's future?

[12:17] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: For those arriving late we are using a proctor system, so IM me if you have anything to add. Notes will be sent out. No open chat. please.

[12:18] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 44% say this TOS will have significant impact and 31% feel it could be the end of SL because of the tos being in place

[12:18] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 20% feel it will have no impact or minimal impact

[12:18] Toysoldier Thor shouts: as for the critical question #5 ... 5. Regarding this TOS Issue, what do you think should be Linden Lab's next step?

[12:19] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 41% agreed to... Formally & publicly acknowledge the TOS wording was wrong and revise wording with limited intent

[12:19] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 31% Formally & publicly acknowledge the TOS wording was wrong and restore old wording

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[12:20] Toysoldier Thor shouts: as for the general personal opinion of Q6....

[12:22] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 67% of those that wanted to comment on this Q felt that LL would have trouble winning TOS challenges in court for the last three alternatives posted....

[12:22] Toysoldier Thor shouts: 30% felt that LL would win or only lose on a few isolated occasions

[12:23] Toysoldier Thor shouts: So that is a summary for now of the survey as it is still open...

[12:23] Toysoldier Thor shouts: If you have not filled the survey... <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DDDP3Z5>

[12:23] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Thank you, Toy Do you have anything else to add?

[12:24] Toysoldier Thor shouts: remember that there is an error in the survey - OTHER does not work as an option so just comment it in the other text. thats it for me

[12:24] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Exotix. You are up next. Please click the green box to get info from Exotix.

[12:25] Mathilde Vhargon: The notecard is no copy and I cannot get it

[12:26] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: We'll get it out to everyone later then.

[12:26] Ernie Farstrider: sorry, Mati

[12:26] Mathilde Vhargon: thanks

[12:28] Ernie Farstrider: next speaker?

[12:28] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Ok. I think Inara may have stepped away.

[12:28] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: REMINDER, PLEASE SHOUT

[12:29] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Nest we will hear from Talli Rosca

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[12:30] Tali Rosca shouts: A comment on what to actually do now, to get LL to acknowledge that there is a problem. I believe a good option would be to contact various resource sites which we as SL creators use, and ask them for a statement on the Second Life ToS and its compatibility with their license. We already have such statements from Renderosity and CG Textures. Some may think that getting other sites to point out that their material cannot be used in Second Life would be shooting ourselves in the foot, but it really isn't. We need to obey their license whether they have said anything explicit about SL or not. Having documentation that it is a problem is something we can show to LL, to point out that it's not just a bunch of paranoid residents making a noise, but an actual legal problem. ///

[12:32] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Excellent suggestion Before we go any further. Faffner Hoffman suggest we create a group for this purpose. I'll set up a group and we can communicate better going forward. So Im me after the meeting to get an invite to the group.

[12:32] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Next is Aztral Aeon

[12:32] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Please type DONE When you have finished your post

[12:32] Aztral Aeon shouts: Hiyaz :)

[12:33] Aztral Aeon shouts: ut I would just like to add that we can absolutely effect a change in the TOS-if we try)

[12:33] Aztral Aeon shouts: main thing is helping to spread the word

[12:34] Aztral Aeon shouts: ut personally i believe in using 'leverage' - so contacting large group owners, other SL power players i would consider the best alternative. but we all do what can :)

[12:35] Aztral Aeon shouts: anywayz, that was it. jus wanna incite you all to riot. I now return you to your previous programming :)

[12:35] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): TY AZTRAL. mONSIEUR jEDI hERTIT. forgive caps. You are next.

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[12:36] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Ok bear Silvershade you are next. Please do SHOUT. There are people outside the arena who can't hear.

[12:37] Bear Silvershade Jr. (bear) shouts: SOrry Kylie, I wasn't on the list to speak, thanks.

[12:37] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Well moving along then to Trinity.

[12:37] Trinity Yazimoto shouts: first, please forgive my non perfect english language.

[12:38] Trinity Yazimoto shouts: But id like to point the thing about external website. Im not sure it s the good end for taking the pb.

[12:38] Trinity Yazimoto shouts: the pb about external website is that we cant use anymore their items... but LL can object you can find same and maybe better within SL. im thinking for example, to CG and textures... you can find great qualities texture withing sl and maybe LL will think its even more fair to use these ones and so to make works SL creators.

[12:38] Trinity Yazimoto shouts: And you wont get with us, the ppl who do create their owns or use ones bought within SL.

[12:38] Trinity Yazimoto shouts: The main problem for me remain the intellectual property of what we create here...and its then a more large pb.

Thus, focusing on external website is not the right startegy imho... we need to spread the word within sl and and get with us the more sl creators we can...

[12:40] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Thank you for all suggestions. There is merit to both sides. And likely all forms of pressur should be laid to are. MR. MANNER! May we hear from you, please

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[12:41] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): Mariner

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[12:41] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: I'm 57 lol Can't see

[12:41] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: As artists, most of us use no one else's textures or material. There needs to be a representative point to LL about this for us.

[12:41] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): I continue to read in Voice in the understanding that the Lab could only exploit that specific performance if they extend the ToS to Voice.

[12:41] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): And, I suppose, if the Lab bothers recording my mad rambles, which I highly doubt.

[12:41] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): I strongly urge all writers of original work to carefully consider how best to protect the future value of their creations.

[12:41] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): Hamlet Au's recent advice to copywrite it is insufficient, since under the new ToS the Lab or anyone who buys them or SL have the right to use and resell uploaded content without restriction.

[12:42] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): Also, those who host writing workshops and open-mike events should alert their participants to potential risks.

[12:42] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): Finally, after being selected as a Linden Endowment of the Arts artist, I've declined to use the sim. Both the LEA ToS and SL ToS have conditions under which I cannot produce new artwork under.

[12:42] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): If I have erred, I have done it on the side of caution, and I'm comfortable with that.

[12:42] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): -ls/cm

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[12:42] Sina Souza (sinalein): applause

[12:42] Ernie Farstrider: thanks, Mariner

[12:43] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner) salutes

[12:43] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Toysoldier I believe you had something to add

[12:43] Toysoldier Thor shouts: One way to get formally recoginized by LL is for as many of us creators to consider filing a support ticket with LL. I have done it under "my account has been compromised". Then explain to them your concern about the TOS and how it impacts your rights and that you want LL Management to reconsider reverting the TOS or reword it to clear spell out LL's limits of their intent that they have already expressed informally at 3rd party blog sites.

[12:43] Toysoldier Thor shouts:

Be respectful in your content of the filed ticket but explain how this TOS impacts you. By filing a support ticket, it gets formally tracked in LL's internal systems and stats. It also formally records your disagreement to the TOS section 2.3.

[12:44] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Thank you.

[12:44] Ernie Farstrider: excellent idea

[12:44] Toysoldier Thor shouts: LL gagged our ability to use the Resident JIRA... so for all of us that are concerned... file a support ticket

[12:44] Toysoldier Thor: /

[12:44] Toysoldier Thor: DONE

[12:45] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Mathilde did you have a comment?

[12:45] Đa???! (daniel.oridium) shouts: or if you are premium go nagg them on live chat! sorry for the interruption

[12:46] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): i find your suggestions to harass support staff a bad idea, and it only ties up support staff from servicing legitimate support requests. make your grievances directly to linden staff as per the contact information on their website.

[12:47] Exotix (inara.pey) shouts: I must second Crap's statement

[12:47] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): i used to work tech support, and tying up support staff with grievances against management just makes things worse

[12:47] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Please no comments out of queue. We'll have utter chaos. IM me for queue

[12:47] Bear Silvershade Jr. (bear) shouts: as do I

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[12:47] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): well, when you have people give sound advice, i'll remain silent

[12:47] R. Crap Mariner (crap.mariner): goodnight

[12:47] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Mathilde Are you ready?

[12:49] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: ok I'll come back to you MEDI Hertit. It's you're turn

[12:49] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: Yes

[12:49] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: kk Mathilde you do now. and Jedi is after her.

[12:49] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: JED!!!

[12:50] Mathilde Vhargon: I have two points to make. My first is that many of us are very intelligent people and many of us are capable of resonaing. I am uncomfortable with suggestions that we should not be alarmed. Some tell me that every online site where I post my art has similar TOS. I have read them and I do not see anything as alarming as this statement there.

[12:50] Bagheera Kristan: let me give you the conversation so far... just a sec

[12:51] Sina Souza (sinalain) shouts: [12:50] Mathilde Vhargon: I have two points to make. My first is that many of us are very intelligent people and many of us are capable of resonaing. I am uncomfortable with suggestions that we should not be alarmed. Some tell me that every online site where I post my art has similar TOS. I have read them and I do not see anything as alarming as this statement there.

[12:51] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: Because of that, I feel compromised as an artist and as a gallery owner who invites others to exhibit. I was preparing to help two non SL artists come to SL to show their works. This will not happen now.

[12:52] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: Because I do not want them to come in under these very shady kinds of intentions that LL seems to be showing us.

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[12:53] Taralyn Gravois is online.

[12:53] Ernie Farstrider: amen!

[12:53] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: I am housebound and mostly bed bound. I know of many other artists and content creators who find themselves in similar circumstances

[12:53] Đa???! (daniel.oridium): yep AMEN!

[12:54] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: Many have told me that SL saved them from suicide and/or complete isolation as this is their only or almost only form of social contact and engagement. Also for many of us who are no longer able to work and have in the past, it is our only way to have a creative and meaningful life

[12:55] Mathilde Vhargon shouts: Done

[12:55] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Thank you, Mathilde. Jedi? It's your turn

[12:55] Ernie Farstrider: exactly!

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[12:56] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: The one thing that MAY catch their attention is not the rank and file (pardon the expression) of users.

[12:57] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: it will be the big spenders, likely large landowners, those with large shops, etc.

[12:57] Aztral Aeon shouts: ;)

[12:57] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: If you can contact people who run these companies, express your concern, and have THEM email customer support

[12:57] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: i believe the Linden's will be forced to take notice.

[12:58] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit) shouts: //

[13:00] Monsieur Jed Herbit (sirjedherbit): done

[13:00] Bacon Spam (spamspamspambaconspam) shouts: Have no fear! Bacon is here!

[13:00] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: We have been here for an hour and I know you all have so much to say. In fact there are now 8 in the queue. I suggest. that set up the group. Get you in it. Grow it. And use it to continue this discussion and share information.

[13:02] Armany Thursday shouts: seriously? no solidarity? no resolution?

[13:02] Ernie Farstrider: I hope this has been informative and I thank everyone for their attendance and many courtesies

[13:02] Sweet Valentine?™ (sweet.valentine) shouts: I need more groups <cries>

[13:02] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): I know all ahve much to say and the group is likely a better place to continue. Please IM me that you want a group invite Also please suggest a name for the group in your IM. I hate to cut anyone off, but we hae enough for

[13:02] Sina Souza (sinalain): Discussion is no Solusion, bye

[13:02] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): This is just a first meeting Armany We will come to a resolution in a few days.

[13:03] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): If you want to continue for another hour or two we can.

[13:03] Toysoldier Thor shouts: I agree that this is just a start.....

[13:03] Ernie Farstrider: We will organize with Aneli and Alo Congrejo too

[13:03] Sweet Valentine?™ (sweet.valentine) shouts: I suggest sending twitter messages to rodvik...more the merrier

[13:03] angel Kingmaker shouts: a new group ho can be a form of informal petition

[13:03] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): This is a grassroots movement and we need to mobilize and organize. And that is . . . Exactly.

[13:04] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): lol I like that Sweet

[13:04] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra) shouts: Toy wil you please post the links to the survey

[13:04] Sweet Valentine?™ (sweet.valentine): he uses it and moniters it

[13:04] Armany Thursday: honestly...i don't have a lot of time to "play" in SL....they either change this back pronto or I'm done. I can't in good conscience support a company that willfully steals IP from artists.

[13:05] Aztral Aeon shouts: <http://www.rodvik.com> has an email for ole Rod :)

[13:05] Đa???! (daniel.oridium): yes i agree Armany

[13:05] Toysoldier Thor: yesss

[13:05] Timo Gufler shouts: We should unite and the group is the first step for that.

[13:05] Exotix (inara.pey) shouts: Armany, the Lab isn't "stealing" IP. They are assigning themselves equal rights,. There's a world of difference there.

[13:05] Ernie Farstrider: Hello Save Me ...

[13:05] Toysoldier Thor shouts: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7DDP3Z5>

[13:06] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): It's okay. The formal meeting is over. Free for all, But please do get your ims to me for the group.

[13:06] Sweet Valentine?™ (sweet.valentine) shouts: <https://twitter.com/rodvik>

[13:07] Đa???! (daniel.oridium) shouts: they're not stealing IP they just want to make sure that if and when they will sell SL they will have the right to sell it with everything inside it

[13:07] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Feel free to engage in open communication. If you have somethign to say say it.

[13:07] Kylie Angel Skyborne (kylie.sabra): Formal meeting ended for now.

MEETING OFFICIALLY ENDS