

[14:56] <@STFLinds> what? no cheesy prelude background music?
[14:57] <JohnBromin> Play us in johnny!
[14:57] <~ComChase> Beyond Two Decades: The legacy and lessons of a club :)
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[14:57] <~ComChase> Sorry for the double
[14:57] <JohnBromin> ::Doooh dee dah doo doop dah deeee::
[14:57] <~ComChase> lol
_06[14:57] * FCaptSalmonlSTF starts the music
[14:57] <Ensign_JameslStarbase118> :D
_06[14:57] * Vie puts on Majel Barret's voice. "Last time on SciWorld Online..."
[14:57] <~ComChase> its all yours, sorry am on the phone lol
[14:57] <@STFLinds> lol
_03[14:57] * Hellylou is now known as HellyloulSTF
[14:57] <@STFLinds> alright, I'm not running this by myself, I've got a few people with me.
_06[14:58] * DipperlSTF gets out the pompoms
[14:58] <TyralDFISTF> oh no you're on your own
[14:58] <@STFLinds> hush you :P
_06[14:58] * Ensign_JameslStarbase118 laughs
_06[14:58] * HellyloulSTF heckles
_06[14:58] * FCaptSalmonlSTF slaps TyralDFISTF around a bit with a large trout
_06[14:58] * TyralDFISTF heckles
[14:58] <@STFLinds> first off I'm Lindsay, from star-fleet.com, affectionately known as STF
_06[14:58] * DipperlSTF swaps the music for "All by myself"
[14:58] <TyralDFISTF> lol
[14:58] <HellyloulSTF> lol
_06[14:58] * JohnBromin slaps FcaptSalmonlSTF with a trout, initiating the fish dance.
[14:59] <TyralDFISTF> hi Lindsay
[14:59] <@STFLinds> and Jack, Drew and Helen have volunteered to make sure I don't ramble on too much, so I'll let them introduce themselves
[14:59] <Ensign_JameslStarbase118> Hello!
[15:00] <HellyloulSTF> Hey I'm Helen, the Personnel Director in STF :)
[15:00] <FCaptSalmonlSTF> hey, I can make sure I do the same ;)
[15:00] <DipperlSTF> Hello. I'm Jack, and I'm British ;-)
[15:00] <@STFLinds> lol of course Matt
_06[15:00] * TyralDFISTF sits back and watches
_06[15:00] * HellyloulSTF cheers Jack
[15:00] <DipperlSTF> I'm also the Coder for the site.
[15:00] <Elena> What is STF? To me it sounds as a curse1
[15:00] <HellyloulSTF> star-fleet.com
[15:00] <@STFLinds> lol
[15:00] <Elena> Ooh..

[15:01] <Vie> You surrounded by Trekers and ies.
_06[15:01] * TyraIDFISTF pokes Drew
[15:01] <Elena> I was reading it as the beginning of STFU !
[15:01] <TyraIDFISTF> lol
[15:01] <@STFLinds> And Drew, the Polar Bear on the list is our current President
[15:01] <TyraIDFISTF> we do say that sometimes
_06[15:01] * DipperISTF goes to register www.star-fleet-u.com
[15:01] <TyraIDFISTF> lol
[15:01] <@STFLinds> lol
[15:01] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> Yea, we're a group of Trekers and one pirate.
[15:01] <Vie> Heh
[15:01] <FCaptSalmonISTF> My name is Matthew and I'm a Fleet Commander in STF.
[15:02] <TyraIDFISTF> i'm just a mouse in STF
[15:02] <Vie> Hi Matthew
[15:02] <@STFLinds> So a bit of background for those not familiar with our club
[15:02] <Elena> And the pirate will retire after this hour... it's getting too late in my Eastern European corner
[15:02] <@STFLinds> we started in 1991 on Prodigy, and moved to the WWW in 1997.
[15:03] <@STFLinds> and if you're counting that means we're celebrating 23 years this year
[15:03] <Elena> Yay! Old and wise...
[15:03] <HellyloulISTF> Whoop
_06[15:03] * LtCmdrJanzen_STF learns something new about the STF.
[15:03] <FCaptSalmonISTF> wait, 23 years?
[15:03] <Elena> Congratulations! Most RPGs don;t make it past 6 months...
[15:03] <@STFLinds> yes Matt
[15:03] <TyraIDFISTF> yes Matt
[15:03] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> Wow 0o and I though SB118 was old...
[15:03] <@STFLinds> just out of curiosity what are the ages of the groups/sims people here belong to
[15:03] <@STFLinds> ?
[15:04] <FCaptSalmonISTF> I thought it's only 22, based on the math.
[15:04] <@STFLinds> we *will* be 23 in Aug
[15:04] <Vie> 26 here, though my mental age went senile some time ago.
[15:04] <Elena> Mine nearly 3. The oldest alive I know from RPG-D, one of my affiliates, is 12 or 13, an original fantasy
[15:04] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> Starbase 118 started in '94
[15:05] <JohnBromin> So we can go out with your game and get smashed?
[15:05] <@STFLinds> yeah, SB118 was the other oldie I knew about
[15:05] <@STFLinds> we might even bring out the Romulan Ale?shhh! don't tell

;))

[15:05] <Dipper!STF> I have some gin ;-)

[15:05] <HellyloulSTF> yum

[15:05] <@STFLinds> you always have gin

[15:06] <Ensign_James!Starbase118> Well, in the UK at least my group is of age!

[15:06] <Vie> As a non drinker I'll stick with the fruitjuice or tea.

[15:06] <Dipper!STF> I have tea too

[15:06] <Ensign_James!Starbase118> I think I might as well... Vulcan tea Vie?

[15:06] <HellyloulSTF> tea!!! Anyhoo lol

[15:06] <@STFLinds> so, as a group that has been around awhile, one thing that new members tend to notice is our structure

[15:07] <@STFLinds> that it's quite developed and that we've established quite a few rules

[15:07] <Vie> my charicter on the other hand will go for Absinthe.

[15:07] <Vie> Tend to go for Lapsang rather than Vulcan myself.

_06[15:07] * Tyra!DFISTF nods

[15:07] <Ensign_James!Starbase118> Remind me never to drink with Vie...

[15:07] <@STFLinds> it's not for everyone, but these are things that have developed over the years, usually in response to various situations that come up

[15:07] <JohnBromin> maH tlhuthl Warnog

[15:08] <HellyloulSTF> I doubt we would still be standing without the rules

[15:08] <@STFLinds> exactly

[15:08] <@STFLinds> all groups need some sort of rules

[15:08] <JohnBromin> Rules are for squares daddy-o, what's the point of even having them?

[15:09] <Vie> "Don't feed your fellow shipmates to the ravenous bugblatter beast of traal"

_03[15:09] * mib_tc2c7k is now known as JohnBromin

[15:09] <Ensign_James!Starbase118> Lol

[15:09] <@STFLinds> lol

[15:09] <Ensign_James!Starbase118> This is why I always carry a towell!

[15:09] <Dipper!STF> Because by having a clear set of rules, people know what is expected of them to help keep the club a fun and friendly environment.

[15:10] <HellyloulSTF> Though like any member run area there will always be a little conflict or two

_06[15:10] * HellyloulSTF looks at Jack

[15:10] <@STFLinds> yes, and when you ahve so many people, conflict is inevitbale so we know how to handle it

[15:10] <Vie> Conflict spices things up, so long as your both civil and can work past it.

[15:10] <JohnBromin> Let it go unchecked and continue to spiral?

[15:10] <@STFLinds> :P

[15:10] <~ComChase> conflict is easy for me, whoever out ranks me wins lol

[15:11] <DipperI STF> Anyway, the rules are a small part of our structure.
[15:11] <Hellyloul STF> lol if that was the case Larry would be Lord, and Dipper his Vice lol
[15:11] <DipperI STF> :P
[15:11] <@STFLinds> one of the other things that evolved was our leadership structure
[15:12] <Vie> So I forget, what is the topic at the moment?
[15:12] <Hellyloul STF> Beyond Two Decades: The legacy and lessons of a club :)
_06[15:12] * LtCmdrJanzen_STF has forgotten the topic.
[15:12] <@STFLinds> we have a President and Vice-President who run the club in 8-month terms, with a cabinet of people who oversee the departments and fleets
[15:12] <TyraIDFISTF> I like the structure we have.
[15:12] <@STFLinds> as well as various assistants
[15:13] <@STFLinds> it's a very clear cut chain of command too
[15:13] <Hellyloul STF> Even more so since EGO was formed
[15:13] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> EGO?
[15:14] <@STFLinds> EGO is Elected Government Oversight.
[15:14] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> Ah
[15:14] <@STFLinds> a group of 3 people who make sure the bylaws that are brought in are just and make sense
[15:14] <Vie> SB118 is much the same in that regard, a clear line of command and documented organisation.
[15:14] <Hellyloul STF> Oops my bad, Advisors if you will
[15:15] <DipperI STF> Executive Government Oversight
_06[15:15] * DipperI STF is pedantic
[15:15] <@STFLinds> thanks Jack
_06[15:15] * TyraIDFISTF hands Jack a glass of Gin
[15:15] <@STFLinds> I was goig blank on the E :P
[15:15] <FADMPolarBearI STF> _11haha
[15:15] <DipperI STF> All of our rules, as well as our documentation, is hosted in our Library: <http://www.star-fleet.com/library/bookshelf/>
[15:16] <@STFLinds> after 20 years, you can imagine that there is a lot of information we've gathered, and this is how we organize it
_06[15:16] * Hellyloul STF watches Jack presenting the library in his sequin red dress and heels
[15:17] <JohnBromin> _12So when does obsidian fleet fit in?
[15:17] <Vie> Very fetching.
[15:17] <@STFLinds> all that instituional knowledge is important to keep so you can learn from the past
[15:17] <DipperI STF> For the last 15 years, we have been meticulous in recording all club decisions. And we even have almost every role playing post since 2000.
[15:18] <FADMPolarBearI STF> _11it makes an interesting never ending read :)

trust me

[15:18] <@STFLinds> what do you mean John?

[15:18] <DipperlSTF> We are not affiliated with Obsidian Fleet.

[15:18] <JohnBromin> _12I'm never sure who's working with who.

[15:18] <DipperlSTF> www.star-fleet.com/archive/

[15:18] <TyraIDFISTF> STF and Obsidian Fleet are completely different groups

_06[15:19] * DipperlSTF does a little curtsy in his dress

[15:19] <Vie> Why am I now picturing this conversation turning into the "Judian people's front 'v' the people's front of Judea" scene?

_06[15:19] * TyraIDFISTF takes pictures

[15:19] <JohnBromin> _12Well you know, I thought that most of the star trek groups were connected somehow.

[15:20] <DipperlSTF> No, we are actually rather independent

[15:20] <Vie> Only by our love of Trek

[15:20] <@STFLinds> with any group, we've had split offs

[15:20] <@STFLinds> it's a part of being around a long time.

[15:20] <DipperlSTF> Our posting system is an in-house developed bit of software; not quite forum based, but designed around how we post.

[15:20] <DipperlSTF> It makes us fairly unique.

[15:21] <JohnBromin> _12Like with Nova

[15:21] <HellyloulSTF> Which I love

[15:21] <JohnBromin> _12?

[15:21] <FCaptSalmonlSTF> I guess because we are independent, it's stuff like this convention which allows us to reconnect

[15:21] <Vie> Sounds like a nice bit of work - the software I mean

[15:21] <TyraIDFISTF> @JohnBromin it's not really like Nova

[15:21] <@STFLinds> oh good, thanks Tyra, because I couldn't answer that one, lol

[15:21] <DipperlSTF> Vie: We're actually going through a major change to the core software over the next 6 months.

[15:22] <Vie> Oh yes?

[15:22] <FCaptSalmonlSTF> Dipper can attest to that as Coder ;)

[15:22] <DipperlSTF> The one we currently use is based on a content framework system called Drupal.

[15:22] <Ensign_JameslStarbase118> Ah, Drupal. Hows it working for you?

[15:22] <TyraIDFISTF> I write on both Nova and our system

[15:22] <TyraIDFISTF> completely different

[15:23] <Vie> The name rings a bell, but my only bit of coding was done on an Acorn Electron in BBC BASIC so I doubt I'll be able to keep up with more than the basics.

[15:23] <DipperlSTF> Unfortunately it's not as flexible as we would like, and does not really handle a large volume of posts (almost 600,000 current) very well.

[15:23] <DipperlSTF> I'm in the process of writing a new system based on Symfony2

[15:23] <@STFLinds> we're always tweaking different parts of the club, but the upgrade is the biggest one we've had since 2008

[15:23] <Vie> Hum, not heard of that one at all

[15:24] <DipperlSTF> <http://symfony.com/>

[15:24] <DipperlSTF> The difference in this one is how we have approached the design phase.

[15:24] <Vie> Ah cool.

[15:24] <Ensign_JameslStarbase118> I've tried doing stuff in Symfony before, it looked really good, I just didn't have the time to learn it!

[15:24] <DipperlSTF> We actually have a list of 'what I want as a member' from members in the club

[15:25] <DipperlSTF> And I am using those 'user stories' to base the system on.

[15:25] <@STFLinds> which, when you have over 100 members, makes for quite the list :P

_06[15:25] * TyraIDFISTF keeps adding things to that list

[15:25] <HellyloulSTF> The club really is about the members

[15:25] <Vie> The only software project I'm aware of at SB118 at the moment is a new web-irc client, since the flash based one is... ..shall we be nice to it and call it problematic?

_06[15:26] * HellyloulSTF notes her huge list she really needs to send in

[15:26] <DipperlSTF> Symfony has a quite a significant learning curve to begin with, but is really nice to work with.

[15:26] <@STFLinds> we're having similar issues with our java irc client Vie

[15:26] <TyraIDFISTF> What helen said is very true...we are about our members

[15:26] <DipperlSTF> But we have gone right down into the basics of things such as how characters are handled, etc.

[15:27] <DipperlSTF> Anyway, enough of me :-)

[15:27] <HellyloulSTF> With the changing times members are more aware and want more things from the club

[15:27] <DipperlSTF> I am more than happy to provide advice if anyone wants via PM

_06[15:27] * TyraIDFISTF gives Jack a cookie

[15:28] <@STFLinds> and that's a part of what keeps a club going: evolution

[15:28] <@STFLinds> sometimes it's your site itself that needs change, or some of your rules

[15:28] <Vie> Have a word with Atimen over at ours once the new one is done, might be able to help you out.

[15:28] <@STFLinds> but you keep moving forward but at the same time keep in mind where you've been

[15:29] <HellyloulSTF> WHICH is why we elect a new president every 8 months

[15:29] <JohnBromin> _12! thought it was supposed to be every four years.

[15:29] <JohnBromin> _12:P

[15:29] <@STFLinds> lol

[15:29] <@STFLinds> though one thing I think that can hinder us at times with an

8 month term is that people can forget to plan beyond that.

[15:29] <DipperlSTF> And why we have the 3 Egotists, who have been in the club for some time to provide that historical view

[15:30] <@STFLinds> some things take longer than 8 months

_06[15:30] * DipperlSTF has been in the club for 10 years.

_06[15:30] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11has been in the club 9 years

[15:30] <@STFLinds> yeah, I'm still a relative youngin' at 3 years :P

[15:30] <DipperlSTF> He also has a very horrible font colour

[15:30] <TyralDFISTF> like our Symphony upgrade

_06[15:30] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11its in tribute to you

[15:30] <HellyloulSTF> indeed its horrendous and hurts my eyes

[15:30] <TyralDFISTF> i've been in the club for five years...

_06[15:30] * Vie passes the Polar Bear a saucer of milk for that one.

[15:31] <HellyloulSTF> 4 for me

[15:31] <Vie> about 6 months here...

[15:31] <FCaptSalmonlSTF> 5 as well.

[15:31] <Vie> Though I did start off back in 2001, just took a break after a while - school being school.

[15:31] <HellyloulSTF> Its just romantic banter Vie hehe

[15:31] <@STFLinds> at about 2 years in STF you're somewhat deemed a veteran. that's due to normal tunrover

_06[15:32] * @STFLinds tells her fingers to type properly

[15:32] <@STFLinds> so does anyone have any questions about anything so far?

_06[15:33] * @STFLinds listens to the crickets

_06[15:34] * STFRRange is not quite a veteran

[15:34] <HellyloulSTF> Does my bum look big in this?

[15:34] <Alex_S> Just watchin' :)

[15:34] <@STFLinds> lol

[15:34] <HellyloulSTF> you asked :P

[15:34] <DipperlSTF> No more than usual

[15:35] <HellyloulSTF> good

[15:35] <Alex_S> Curvaceous.

[15:35] <@STFLinds> FYI, our IRC chat is a lot like this most of the time :P

_06[15:35] * TyralDFISTF nods

[15:35] <STFRRange> Yes it is

[15:35] <Alex_Richards_118> 118 fleet chats don't differ to much :P

_06[15:36] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11nods aggressively

[15:36] <LtCmdrJanzen_STF> always fun

[15:36] <Alex_S> :)

[15:36] <HellyloulSTF> watch your head doesnt fall off Drew

_06[15:36] * FCaptSalmonlSTF giggles

[15:36] <@STFLinds> I think one of the things that we've learned and seen in practice a lot os that at the end of the day, you can't please everyone.

[15:36] <FADMPolarBear|STF> _11'd grow another, this is my 5th
_06[15:37] * FADMPolarBear|STF _11nods less aggressively... just in-case
[15:37] <@STFLinds> you have to find balance between wants and needs and
figure out what makes the most sense for the majority
[15:37] <Hellyloul|STF> indeed but that happens everywhere in general
[15:37] <STFRange> I have a Question for our Veteran players actually... From
your perspective over the years you have been here has the place remained
mostly the same, or changed.....If you feel it has changed how do you think
changes have effected the over all feel?
[15:37] <@STFLinds> hmmm
_06[15:37] * Hellyloul|STF looks at Jack
[15:37] <@STFLinds> it's shifted at least in the last 3 years
[15:38] <TyraIDFISTF> It's changed a lot in the 5 years that I've been here
[15:38] <FADMPolarBear|STF> _11nice question
[15:38] <Dipper|STF> I would say, Rping wise, we have had little change.
[15:38] <@STFLinds> I think we have a lot more open debate than we used to.
or at least it's handled better?
[15:38] <FCaptSalmon|STF> defintiely has shifted since I've been a cadet in the
academy
[15:38] <Hellyloul|STF> I'd say thats down to a lot of the 'older' members moving
on in life too
[15:38] <Dipper|STF> In terms of how the club is run, then yes it has had a lot of
change.
_06[15:38] * TyraIDFISTF nods
_06[15:38] * LtCmdrJanzen_STF agrees.
[15:38] <Dipper|STF> I would say that we do a lot more 'by committee' these
days than we used to.
[15:39] <Hellyloul|STF> And the club is more open and everything isnt left to the
old hands to decide
[15:39] <Dipper|STF> ie, we have a good discussion about it in our Command
ship
[15:39] <LtCmdrJanzen_STF> There's more people getting involved in running
various departments and fleet
[15:39] <Dipper|STF> before implementing anything
[15:40] <Hellyloul|STF> I like seeing new members come through the club and
see that they are going into command and government more
[15:40] <@STFLinds> one of the things that's evolving more is that we're training
newer members more and more to help out in the club
[15:40] <@STFLinds> yeah
_06[15:40] * TyraIDFISTF nods
[15:40] <@STFLinds> it means smoother transitions I think
[15:40] <TyraIDFISTF> There are several changes that are being looked at in our
Academy
[15:41] <Dipper|STF> At the same time, however, I think we have got slightly

weaker in developing our junior members to take on the out of character responsibilities of being a department head, executive officer and commanding officer on ships.

[15:41] <FCaptSalmonISTF> and of course with X-fleet, were looking at what kinds of environments we can add to give people in the future more options.

[15:41] <HellyloulSTF> I certainly agree Jack

_06[15:41] * @STFLinds nods

[15:41] <DipperISTF> However I know Helen is working hard to focus on that problem, as Personnel Director.

_06[15:42] * HellyloulSTF staples Jack to her Department Discussion

[15:42] <DipperISTF> I saw that

[15:42] <DipperISTF> It's very easy for a CO to do all of the work on a ship

[15:42] <@STFLinds> a question for the SB118 folks. do you have the same observances about growing and changing? or has it been different for you?

[15:42] <DipperISTF> when some of that can be done by others (such as sending out AWOL notices to Junior Officers, etc)

[15:43] <LtCmdrJanzen_STF> Matt has me do that.

[15:43] <@STFLinds> or in fact, any of you who have been in your groups awhile

_06[15:43] * FADMPolarBearISTF _11high fives Matt

[15:43] <Ensign_JamesIStarbase118> I'm far too new to sb118 to comment I'm afraid :)

[15:43] <DipperISTF> The other "big win" will be automating some of the trivial, yet time extensive, administration of the club.

[15:43] <HellyloulSTF> Whoop!!!

[15:43] <Alex_Richards_118> There have been changes yes, several ooc activities have gone through revamps and retoolings

_06[15:44] * HellyloulSTF throws a less admin party

[15:44] <@STFLinds> how were they decided? was it just a project took o or did people as a club decide that?

[15:44] <@STFLinds> *on

[15:44] <Alex_S> Y'all sound very organised.

[15:44] <DipperISTF> One of my main success criteria for the new system is to put people out of a job!

[15:44] <@STFLinds> we have to be Alex.

_06[15:44] * STFRange gets his cardboard and marker ready

[15:44] <DipperISTF> (We have a position that files reports and bills, etc).

_06[15:45] * FADMPolarBearISTF _11colours in Jacks philtrum black

[15:45] <Alex_Richards_118> But we have a similar set up where there is the Executive council consisting of FltAdmr Wolf and the fleet captains, then the Captains council comprised of the captains as voting members and their FO's as non voting members

[15:45] <HellyloulSTF> You'll always need me Jack :P

[15:45] <DipperISTF> Ahh

[15:45] <@STFLinds> ahh, you all vote.

[15:46] <DipperlSTF> Everyone gets a vote in the presidential elections
[15:46] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11not everyone
[15:46] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11active members only
[15:46] <DipperlSTF> The EGO elections are restricted to FCapt
[15:46] <DipperlSTF> That's kind of what I meant by everyone
[15:46] <TyralDFISTF> lol
_06[15:46] * FCaptSalmonlSTF notes that as a Fleet Captain, he can vote in the next election for EGO
[15:46] <DipperlSTF> Inactive members aren't really members, by definition
[15:46] <@STFLinds> how does your Captain's Council work Alex?
[15:47] <Alex_S> In BD we're a bit more haphazard heh heh. (In a nice way.)
[15:47] <HellyloulSTF> That way people that have been about the club longer and know the ins and outs are able to vote for the Advisors (EGO)
_06[15:47] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11I like to be pedantic - Jack Dipper (yesterday)
[15:47] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11;-)
[15:47] <Alex_Richards_118> I'd have to go look that up in the constitution as I'm not on the CC :)
[15:47] <@STFLinds> ahh, okay. was just curious
[15:48] <JohnBromin> _12Woah, I'm getting flashbacks by looking at star-fleet.com
[15:48] <Alex_Richards_118> We also have a team dedicated to the wiki and a species development council for said wiki
[15:48] <~ComChase> Hi DiegoHerrera :)
[15:48] <HellyloulSTF> Thats what our library and GM Department are for :D
[15:48] <Alex_Richards_118> The SDC's job is to write up new species for the wiki and add new information canon to our group into existing species
[15:48] <DiegoHerrera> Hi :)
[15:49] <@STFLinds> for us, it's individuals who submit those for review
[15:49] <Vie> Afternoon
[15:49] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11hey
[15:49] <Alex_Richards_118> Individuals can still submit for review by the commity as well. But new species also have to be vetted by the EC iirc
[15:50] <DiegoHerrera> Captains' Council rather than EC, but yes that's right :)
[15:50] <HellyloulSTF> everyone is able to review in STF not just the committee
[15:51] <~ComChase> 9 minutes :)
[15:51] <DiegoHerrera> We also run a guild system in SB118 so if there are a number of players writing for the same species they can work together :)
[15:51] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11having recently submitted a species for submission, i loved having several different members opinions
[15:51] <JohnBromin> _12What lead you guys to that somewhat confusing website layout?
[15:51] <@STFLinds> so, yeah, a lot of what we are today has been based on learning what works and what doesn't and making sure that what's in place is still

functioning for us the way we need

[15:51] <DipperlSTF> Ultimately the Gamemaster Director (who looks after species) has the final say, usually based on the peer review.

[15:51] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11ranging from the old hands to the new
_06[15:51] * @STFLinds looks at Dipper to answer that question

[15:51] <DipperlSTF> JohnBromin: Predominately Drupal

_06[15:51] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11joins Linds

[15:51] <DipperlSTF> Hence why we're changing it.

[15:52] <HellyloulSTF> It may look confusing but once members get going it is quite easy to use, says the IT simple one

[15:52] <DipperlSTF> My background is in communications and information systems engineering

[15:52] <DipperlSTF> Hence why I am taking the new project right back to basics.

[15:52] <Alex_Richards_118> Ah, it's nice to see a different way of handling new species :) @ 118 the minimum requirement for entry is Ensign iirc

[15:52] <@STFLinds> any more questions before we wrap up?

[15:52] <DipperlSTF> (I also write websites for fun)

_06[15:53] * TyraIDFISTF thinks Jack is insane

[15:53] <HellyloulSTF> Are you sure my bum doesnt look any bigger in this?

[15:53] <DiegoHerrera> In other words it's open to all fleet members, Alex :)

[15:53] <DipperlSTF> I'm British

[15:53] <DipperlSTF> Of course I'm insane

[15:53] <Alex_Richards_118> (and anyone who signs up can opt to be either a voting member or a full member who will be given a species to work on to prepare for the vote) :)

[15:53] <JohnBromin> _12I'm just going to come out and say it's hard for me to force myself to read that site, the whole thing just feels a bit, cluttered, and confusing.

[15:53] <HellyloulSTF> I think British isnt the only standard, Im not insane

[15:54] <DiegoHerrera> Which site is that, John?

[15:54] <DipperlSTF> JohnBromin: We know... hence why it is being changed.

[15:54] <Alex_S> Which site John?

[15:54] <@STFLinds> www.star-fleet.com

[15:54] <DipperlSTF> (Incidentally, once you start to use it, it begins to make sense).

[15:54] <Alex_S> I don't think it's cluttered. :s

[15:54] <HellyloulSTF> Thats what I meant Jack

[15:55] <DipperlSTF> The main issue I find with it, to the new person, is that it's a bit overwhelming

[15:55] <STFRange> As a newer member at STF I will agree with what Jack said, took me a week or two to get in the groove but now adays its just well STF to me

[15:55] <Alex_Richards_118> tbh, it doesn't look to bad - from an outsiders point

of view, it just needs modernizing :)

[15:55] <HellyloulSTF> I prefer it to the old system, that confused me

[15:55] <FCaptSalmonSTF> that might be what John is getting at. He's looking it as a new member. Right?

[15:56] <DipperlSTF> You know, I have a sneaking suspicion that we are all in agreement.

[15:56] <@STFLinds> :P

[15:56] <JohnBromin> _12New members can't become old members, if they get driven off by it.

_06[15:56] * TyraIDFISTF nods

[15:56] <DipperlSTF> Unfortunately my magic wand doesn't work over night ;-)

[15:56] <Alex_S> We must be looking at different sites heh.

_06[15:56] * FADMPolarBearlSTF _11high fives Alex

[15:56] <HellyloulSTF> Aww and here was me thinking you would be lightening my work load this weekend :P

[15:56] <@STFLinds> change takes time, and we're definitely excited by the ones coming up

[15:57] <Alex_Richards_118> A site that size looks like it would take a lot of work to revamp. Kudos to the person who is going to work on it

_06[15:57] * DipperlSTF also took over a Coder about 4 months ago.

_06[15:57] * TyraIDFISTF points at Dipper

[15:57] <JohnBromin> _12 Hegh Daq qo'

[15:57] <TyraIDFISTF> he's the one revamping the site for us

[15:57] <@STFLinds> I think that more or less covers what we wanted to talk about.

_06[15:57] * DipperlSTF bows

[15:58] <@STFLinds> So, in closing, after twenty years, the club has seen a little bit of everything and that knowledge tells us that that we can still be around for another twenty years.

_06[15:58] * HellyloulSTF hands Jack a tray of Gin, Earl Grey and his smoking jacket

_06[15:58] * Alex_Richards_118 raises his glass of Romulan ale to that

_06[15:58] * TyraIDFISTF tosses ice in the earl grey

[15:58] <HellyloulSTF> I hope we are, no doubt my kids will be playing then hehe

[15:58] <FADMPolarBearlSTF> _11ditto!

_06[15:58] * STFRRange and even in that time Frame will never run for President, thinks that those that have are a little special

[15:59] <TyraIDFISTF> and jack will still be around in his smoking jacket, sipping gin..

[15:59] <@STFLinds> hahaha Jeremy

_06[15:59] * @STFLinds curtsies

[15:59] <HellyloulSTF> We are all a little special

[15:59] <@STFLinds> it does take a special brand of crazy to run things :P

[15:59] <JohnBromin> _12Hah, just let me get back on my brain helmet, then we

can keep going.

[15:59] <Alex_Richards_118> I'd just like to mention, I think Gene Roddenberry would be overwhelmed that his creation still touches so many to this day

[15:59] <Alex_S> Aw.

_03[16:00] * ComChase sets mode: -o STFLinds

[16:00] <HellyloulSTF> My 3 mth old loves trek :P

[16:00] <STFLinds> it really is wonderful

[16:00] <~ComChase> Thanks STFLinds! You did fabulous!