

## Valkyrie Protocol

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## EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

### 1.1 AUDIT SUMMARY

Valkyrie Protocol engaged Halborn to conduct a security assessment on CosmWasm smart contracts beginning on September 20th, 2021 and ending October 22nd, 2021.

The security engineers involved on the audit are blockchain and smart-contract security experts with advanced penetration testing, smart-contract hacking, and deep knowledge of multiple blockchain protocols.

The purpose of this audit is to achieve the following:

- Ensure that smart contract functions work as intended.
- Identify potential security issues with the smart contracts.

In summary, Halborn identified some improvements to reduce the likelihood and impact of risks, which were mostly addressed by Valkyrie team. The main ones are the following:

- Remove execution logic from campaign contract.
- Update the logic of some functions in campaign contract to handle correctly edge cases (e.g.: no collateral deposited, no collateral denom specified, no rewards deposited).
- Generates automatically URLs for created campaigns and do not allow their modification.
- Fix calculus for rewards balance in campaigns.
- Remove transfer function in distributor contract to avoid rug-pull related attacks.
- Restrict the modification of execution messages when campaigns are ongoing.

External threats, such as financial related attacks, oracle attacks, and inter-contract functions and calls should be validated for expected logic and state.

### 1.2 TEST APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Halborn performed a combination of manual review of the code and automated security testing to balance efficiency, timeliness, practicality, and accuracy in regard to the scope of the smart contract audit. While manual testing is recommended to uncover flaws in logic, process, and implementation; automated testing techniques help enhance coverage of smart contracts and can quickly identify items that do not follow security best practices. The following phases and associated tools were used throughout the term of the audit:

- Research into architecture, purpose, and use of the platform.
- Manual code read and walkthrough.
- Manual assessment of use and safety for the critical Rust variables and functions in scope to identify any contracts logic related vulnerability.
- Fuzz testing (Halborn custom fuzzing tool)
- Checking the test coverage (cargo tarpaulin)
- Scanning of Rust files for vulnerabilities (cargo audit)

#### RISK METHODOLOGY:

Vulnerabilities or issues observed by Halborn are ranked based on the risk assessment methodology by measuring the LIKELIHOOD of a security incident and the IMPACT should an incident occur. This framework works for communicating the characteristics and impacts of technology vulnerabilities. The quantitative model ensures repeatable and accurate measurement while enabling users to see the underlying vulnerability characteristics that were used to generate the Risk scores. For every vulnerability, a risk level will be calculated on a scale of 5 to 1 with 5 being the highest likelihood or impact.

#### RISK SCALE - LIKELIHOOD

- 5 Almost certain an incident will occur.
- 4 High probability of an incident occurring.

- 3 Potential of a security incident in the long term.
- 2 Low probability of an incident occurring.
- 1 Very unlikely issue will cause an incident.

#### RISK SCALE - IMPACT

- 5 May cause devastating and unrecoverable impact or loss.
- 4 May cause a significant level of impact or loss.
- 3 May cause a partial impact or loss to many.
- 2 May cause temporary impact or loss.
- 1 May cause minimal or un-noticeable impact.

The risk level is then calculated using a sum of these two values, creating a value of 10 to 1 with 10 being the highest level of security risk.

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
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10 - CRITICAL

9 - 8 - HIGH

**7 - 6** - MEDIUM

**5 - 4** - LOW

3 - 1 - VERY LOW AND INFORMATIONAL

### 1.3 SCOPE

Code repository: https://github.com/valkyrieprotocol/contracts

- 1. CosmWasm Smart Contracts Campaign flow
  - (a) Commit ID: a4b9967c210e4ffd9f96656dcc5cf007611f6097
  - (b) Contracts in scope:
    - i. campaign
    - ii. campaign\_manager
- 2. CosmWasm Smart Contracts Remaining flows
  - (a) Commit ID: 2e1820a0d15bbbf91bf35e71f61418a64e25aad7
  - (b) Contracts in scope:
    - i. community
    - ii. distributor
    - iii. governance
    - iv. lp\_staking

Out-of-scope: External libraries and financial related attacks

# 2. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY & FINDINGS OVERVIEW

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
2	6	5	5	5

### LIKELIHOOD

(HAL-10)		(HAL-06)	(HAL-03) (HAL-04)	(HAL-01) (HAL-02)
(HAL-14)	(HAL-11) (HAL-12)		(HAL-07)	(HAL-05)
	(HAL-15) (HAL-16) (HAL-17)	(HAL-13)		(HAL-08)
(HAL-19) (HAL-20)				(HAL-09)
(HAL-23)	(HAL-21) (HAL-22)	(HAL-18)		

SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDIATION DATE
(HAL-01) ARBITRARY EXECUTION MESSAGES LEAD TO STEALING ALL FUNDS FROM CAMPAIGNS	Critical	SOLVED - 10/04/2021
(HAL-02) WITHDRAWAL OF ARBITRARY PARTICIPATION REWARDS WITHOUT DEPOSITING COLLATERALS	Critical	PARTIALLY SOLVED
(HAL-03) DEPOSITS GET LOCKED IN CAMPAIGN IF COLLATERAL DENOM IS NOT SPECIFIED	High	SOLVED - 09/30/2021
(HAL-04) CAMPAIGNS CAN HOST MALICIOUS URLS THAT HARM USERS	High	RISK ACCEPTED
(HAL-05) BALANCE DOES NOT UPDATE WHEN USERS CLAIM REWARDS	High	SOLVED - 10/11/2021
(HAL-06) POSSIBILITY TO TRANSFER AN ARBITRARY AMOUNT OF VKR TOKENS FROM DISTRIBUTOR	High	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-07) USERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGNS EVEN IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH REWARDS	High	SOLVED - 10/13/2021
(HAL-08) NO RESTRICTION TO UPDATE EXECUTION MESSAGES WHEN CAMPAIGNS ARE ONGOING	High	SOLVED - 10/04/2021
(HAL-09) FUNCTION TO UPDATE STAKING CONFIG DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY	Medium	SOLVED - 10/21/2021
(HAL-10) COLLUDED STAKERS CAN TRANSFER VKR TOKENS OUTSIDE GOVERNANCE CONTRACT	Medium	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-11) PRIVILEGED ADDRESSES CAN BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT CONFIRMATION	Medium	SOLVED - 01/18/2022
(HAL-12) NOT ENFORCING SLIPPAGE TOLERANCE COULD LEAD TOKENS LOSS	Medium	SOLVED - 12/30/2021
(HAL-13) DISTRIBUTION TIME FRAME CAN BE REDUCED UNRESTRICTEDLY	Medium	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-14) NO MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR EFFECTIVE DELAY PERIOD	Low	SOLVED - 12/29/2021

SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDIATION DATE
(HAL-15) DISTRIBUTION CAN BE UPDATED WITH AN AMOUNT LESSER THAN RELEASED ONE	Low	SOLVED - 10/22/2021
(HAL-16) RATES / PERCENTAGES COULD BE SET TO VALUES GREATER THAN 1	Low	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-17) VOTERS CAN FORCE UNEXPECTED QUORUM WITHIN SNAPSHOT PERIOD	Low	RISK ACCEPTED
(HAL-18) ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE ON BEHALF OF OTHER USERS	Low	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-19) DEPOSIT / PARTICIPATION PARAMETERS CAN BE UPDATED IN NOT PENDING CAMPAIGNS	Informational	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-20) PASSED POLLS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRE IF NOT EXECUTED	Informational	ACKNOWLEDGED
(HAL-21) MISCALCULATION OF DEPOSIT VALUE WHEN VALIDATING REWARD POOL WEIGHT	Informational	SOLVED - 12/21/2021
(HAL-22) MISCALCULATION OF REMAIN AMOUNT WHEN ADMIN TRANSFERS VKR TOKENS	Informational	SOLVED - 12/29/2021
(HAL-23) FUNCTION WITH UNUSED ARGUMENT	Informational	ACKNOWLEDGED

# FINDINGS & TECH DETAILS

# 3.1 (HAL-01) ARBITRARY EXECUTION MESSAGES LEAD TO STEALING ALL FUNDS FROM CAMPAIGNS - CRITICAL

#### Description:

participate and participate\_qualify\_result functions in contracts/cam-paign/src/executions.rs allow a creator to execute any message on behalf of the campaign contract. Consequently, a malicious creator can include an execution message for withdrawing all deposits from a campaign, i.e., stealing deposits from users that have participated in that campaign.

The risk level for this finding increases because there are no restrictions to update execution messages to malicious ones when campaigns are ongoing, see HAL-08 for more details.

A proof of concept video showing how to exploit this security issue is included in the report.

#### Code Location:

Loop of messages to be executed without restrictions on behalf of the campaign contract using the participate function:

Loop of messages to be executed without restrictions on behalf of the **campaign** contract using the participate\_qualify\_result function:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 5 Impact - 5

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended to remove all execution logic from the **campaign** contract. If it is not possible, update the logic in participate and participate\_qualify\_result functions to not allow transfers of tokens outside the **campaign** contract.

#### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 1e1de2243655fa3f083dec248256651e48dbb83b. Valkyrie team removed the execution logic from the **campaign** contract and moved it to the **qualifier** contract, which is written by the campaign creator and should have zero balance.

# 3.2 (HAL-02) WITHDRAWAL OF ARBITRARY PARTICIPATION REWARDS WITHOUT DEPOSITING COLLATERALS - CRITICAL

#### Description:

When a campaign is activated and no one has deposited collaterals yet, an attacker can participate an undefined number of times without depositing any collateral. Later on, attacker will be able to withdraw his illegitimate participation rewards.

This issue arises because, when a user participates, the internal require\_collateral function in contracts/campaign/src/states.rs is triggered and will always return false if collateral amount is zero, i.e.: no one has deposited collaterals yet. As a consequence, validation that user owns enough collateral balance will be bypassed and participation\_count field for user will increase by one for each participation, without the need to deposit any collateral.

A proof of concept video showing how to exploit this security issue is included in the report.

#### Code Location:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 5 Impact - 5

#### Recommendation:

Update the logic of require\_collateral function to handle correctly the cases where no one has yet deposited collaterals in campaigns.

#### Remediation plan:

**PARTIALLY SOLVED:** Commit 5b89ebd6767d031f168ad66dcba7a9fa23b25483 partially fixes the security issue by extending the require\_collateral verification even if collateral amount is zero.

On the other hand, by design, this protocol accepts that users participate in campaigns without depositing collaterals, which could lead that malicious users participate without restrictions and in unfair fashion

to earn rewards. The Valkyrie team decided to implement the following measures in commit b3586c8c869b16cdc4a4a1ed8c2d8f46d9531702 to partially reduce the attack surface:

- Make qualifier mandatory, so creators can include additional security requirements in their campaigns.
- Limit the participation count per address up to 100 when collateral\_denom is **None**.

It is highly recommended that Valkyrie documentation warns creators about the security risks of creating campaigns that do not require collaterals and the security requirements they should consider in their **qualifier** contracts.

# 3.3 (HAL-03) DEPOSITS GET LOCKED IN CAMPAIGN IF COLLATERAL DENOM IS NOT SPECIFIED - HIGH

#### Description:

When users call deposit\_collateral function in contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs for a campaign which collateral\_denom has not been specified at instantiation time, the contract will receive the deposits as usual, without throwing any error message to users.

However, for when users call withdraw\_collateral function to withdraw their deposits from **campaign** contract, the function will throw an error message and deposits will get locked forever in contract.

#### Code Location:

Conditional expression in deposit\_collateral function does not consider **else** case: reject operation if campaign\_config.collateral\_denom is **None**:

When users call withdraw\_collateral function to withdraw their deposits, function will always throw a "No collateral" error message:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 4 Impact - 5

#### Recommendation:

Update the logic in deposit\_collateral function to reject deposits in campaigns which collateral\_denom has not been specified.

#### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit e45c721568be661fc15d1dd20473ec54b61d1ca1.

# 3.4 (HAL-04) CAMPAIGNS CAN HOST MALICIOUS URLS THAT HARM USERS - HIGH

#### Description:

When a campaign is created with create\_campaign function from contracts/campaign\_manager/src/executions.rs or updated with update\_campaign\_config function from contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs, creator can introduce a malicious external URL that fools users to be redirected to a phishing DApp that can steal their deposits. It is important to note that URLs will appear in official Valkyrie frontend, so legitimate users won't be aware whether those URLs are malicious or not.

#### Attack scenario:

- 1. Malicious creator calls create\_campaign function to create a campaign with a valid URL.
- 2. Malicious creator sends the address of the campaign to Valkyrie team, who publishes it in official Valkyrie frontend.
- 3. Malicious creator calls update\_campaign\_config function to update URL to a malicious one.
- 4. Users click a malicious URL that appears in Valkyrie frontend and are redirected to a phishing DApp.
- 5. Users interact with the phishing DApp and try to participate in the campaign, but their deposits are sent to a malicious address instead of to the actual campaign.

#### Code Location:

Creator can send an arbitrary config\_msg that contains a malicious URL when creating a new campaign:

Creator can even update URL to a malicious one for campaign when is in **pending** status:

```
Listing 9: contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs (Lines 152)

143 if let Some(url) = url.as_ref() {
144  validate_url(url)?;
145
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 4 Impact - 5

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that <code>campaign\_manager</code> contract generates automatically URLs for created campaigns (e.g.,: <a href="https://app.valkyrieprotocol.com/campaigns/terra1e9...7mpw">https://app.valkyrieprotocol.com/campaigns/terra1e9...7mpw</a>) and allows users to participate in campaigns directly through Valkyrie frontend, without the need of external sites. Furthermore, creators shouldn't be able to update those URLs.

#### Remediation plan:

RISK ACCEPTED: The Valkyrie team accepted the risk for this finding. They also claimed that this is a critical part of the creator's process and workflow when creating a campaign, so it must be necessary for the creators to input their link and the protocol must allow for flexibility.

## 3.5 (HAL-05) BALANCE DOES NOT UPDATE WHEN USERS CLAIM REWARDS - HIGH

#### Description:

The claim\_participation\_reward and claim\_referral\_reward functions in contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs allow users to claim their rewards when they participate or promote campaigns.

Every time these functions are called, they do not update total reward balance, which allows other users to participate in campaigns even if there are not enough rewards for them and affects all rewardable ecosystem of Valkyrie protocol.

A proof of concept video showing how to exploit this security issue is included in the report.

#### Code Location:

After unlocking balance, total participation reward balance does not update when reward is claimed:

After unlocking balance, total referral reward balance does not update when reward is claimed:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 5 Impact - 4

#### Recommendation:

Fix the logic in claim\_participation\_reward and claim\_referral\_reward functions to update total balance when rewards are claimed.

#### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 397af636356390334af89a68f93f8d0340124e61. The Valkyrie team also discovered this security issue while a security audit was in progress and solved it timely.

### 3.6 (HAL-06) POSSIBILITY TO TRANSFER AN ARBITRARY AMOUNT OF VKR TOKENS FROM DISTRIBUTOR - HIGH

#### Description:

The transfer function in contracts/distributor/src/executions.rs allows an admin (Valkyrie team) to transfer an arbitrary amount of VKR tokens from distributor contract to a potentially malicious external account.

The maximum amount of VKR tokens to transfer depends on unlocked balance. However, admin can call update\_distribution function to unlock all balance by updating start\_height (see HAL-13 finding). According to Valkyrie documentation, this contract can concentrate up to 40% of total supply of VKR tokens.

#### Attack scenario:

- 1. Malicious (or compromised) admin calls update\_distribution function
   with start\_height = <any\_value\_greater\_than\_current\_block\_height>
   and amount = 0.
- 2. As a consequence of **Step 1**, the aforementioned function will unlock all balance in contract.
- 3. Malicious (or compromised) admin calls transfer function to totally withdraw VKR tokens from **distributor** contract.
- 4. There won't be more VKR tokens to distribute to **lp\_staking** and **governance** contracts anymore.

#### Code Location:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 3

Impact - 5

#### Recommendation:

If not used, it is recommended to totally remove transfer function to avoid rug-pull related attacks.

#### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit 9cb490064cdf6f1d37b2373644d355aaec9f2d8f.

# 3.7 (HAL-07) USERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGNS EVEN IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH REWARDS - HIGH

#### Description:

When a campaign is activated and its creator has not deposited participation / referral rewards yet, users are allowed to participate in the campaign, even if there is no balance for rewards distribution. As a consequence, unless campaign creator deposits all rewards accrued unexpectedly in campaign, some users will not be able to claim their rewards.

This issue arises because, when a user participates, the internal validate\_balance function in contracts/campaign/src/states.rs is triggered and will always return Ok(()) if balance has no elements, i.e.: if creator has not deposited rewards yet.

A proof of concept video showing how to exploit this security issue is included in the report.

#### Code Location:

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 4

Impact - 4

#### Recommendation:

Update the logic of validate\_balance function to handle correctly the cases where creators have not yet deposited rewards in campaigns.

#### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 1026b29b7cefc6a9e3af3800d2c1061718afe14d.

# 3.8 (HAL-08) NO RESTRICTION TO UPDATE EXECUTION MESSAGES WHEN CAMPAIGNS ARE ONGOING - HIGH

#### Description:

The update\_campaign\_config function in contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs allows creators to update execution messages when campaigns are ongoing, i.e., last active height is different to None. This situation can produce the following consequences:

- A malicious creator can update execution messages when a campaign is ongoing and force contract to transfer the whole collateral deposits to him, i.e., stealing deposits from users that have participated in that campaign. See HAL-01 for more details regarding the exploiting of this vulnerability.
- Users who participate in campaigns may be unaware that the execution messages have changed to malicious or disadvantageous ones and, of course, cannot react timely if the change made is not in the best interest of them.

#### Code Location:

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#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 5 Impact - 3

#### Recommendation:

Update the logic of update\_campaign\_config function to restrict the modification of execution messages when campaigns are ongoing.

#### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 1e1de2243655fa3f083dec248256651e48dbb83b. The Valkyrie team updated the logic of update\_campaign\_config function to not allow changes in execution messages.

## 3.9 (HAL-09) FUNCTION TO UPDATE STAKING CONFIG DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY - MEDIUM

### Description:

The update\_staking\_config function in contracts/governance/src/s-taking/executions.rs is not restricted to be called only by admin (Governance contract). Moreover, all changes made are not saved appropriately in contract's storage.

As a consequence of malfunction of aforementioned function, admin will never be able to update distributor field for governance contract and could stop receiving rewards adequately.

Likelihood - 5 Impact - 2

### Recommendation:

Update the logic in update\_staking\_config function to saves all changes appropriately in contract's storage. Also, restrict access to a function in such a way that can only be called by admin.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit 753da9627f9dad0ee089415937178a33ebe4796d.

### 3.10 (HAL-10) COLLUDED STAKERS CAN TRANSFER VKR TOKENS OUTSIDE GOVERNANCE CONTRACT - MEDIUM

### Description:

The run\_execution function in contracts/governance/src/poll/executions.rs allows stakers (users that have voting power) to execute any message on behalf of governance contract.

Because there are no restrictions regarding messages to be executed and **governance** contract can concentrate all staked VKR tokens plus up to 10% of total supply of VKR tokens in rewards (according to Valkyrie documentation), malicious stakers have a strong motivation to collude and approve an execution message to transfer all tokens outside contract.

The risk level for this finding increases because there is no minimum threshold for effective delay period (see HAL-14), so malicious stakers can even execute the transfer message immediately.

Likelihood - 1

Impact - 5

### Recommendation:

Update the logic in run\_execution function to not allow transfer of VKR tokens outside **governance** contract. If not possible, at least limit the amount of VKR tokens to be transferred to a reasonable value.

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit b031a838feaad9ccb0c2b24dff9966bd4f4f85fc.

## 3.11 (HAL-11) PRIVILEGED ADDRESSES CAN BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT CONFIRMATION - MEDIUM

### Description:

An incorrect use of update\_campaign\_config and update\_config functions in contracts can set owner to an invalid address and inadvertently lose control of the contracts, which cannot be undone in any way. Currently, the owner of the contracts can change admin / governance address (owner) using the aforementioned functions in a single transaction and without confirmation from the new address.

The affected smart contracts are the following:

- campaign
- campaign\_manager
- distributor
- community

```
Listing 17: contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs

198  if let Some(admin) = admin.as_ref() {
199     campaign_config.admin = deps.api.addr_validate(admin)?;
200     response = response.add_attribute("is_updated_admin", "true");
201 }
```

### 

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 4

### Recommendations:

It is recommended to split **ownership transfer** functionality into set\_admin and accept\_admin functions. The latter function allows the transfer to be completed by the recipient.

If a smart contract accepts more than one admin, it is recommended to aggregate / update them one-by-one, and not massively.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in the following commits:

- b76df77a6b72ad9a3a4aee7987d458f4f8f18cb8
- 031e4d54bfbbf2adf399c109c2a2960f7fc262b7

- 0b0dae47029aac265f4d84809a17fd07cdb433e9
- 8b816adaed0ec917b324a8e26921f826b9161b88

### 3.12 (HAL-12) NOT ENFORCING SLIPPAGE TOLERANCE COULD LEAD TOKENS LOSS - MEDIUM

### Description:

The auto\_stake function from contracts/lp\_staking/src/executions.rs does not enforce slippage\_tolerance parameter when users provide liquidity to lp\_staking contract. As a consequence, if a user mistakenly (or fooled by an attacker) provides liquidity with an imbalanced asset pair, he could lose all his leftover tokens.

As an example, if a user provides liquidity of **100 VKR** and **254.039006 UST** for **lp\_staking** contract, he receives 150.987532 LP.

On the other hand, if the user provides liquidity of **100 VKR** and **25403.9006 UST**, he also receives 150.987532 LP, the same amount of LP tokens than previous transaction, but spending **100 times more** UST.

```
Listing 21: contracts/lp_staking/src/executions.rs (Lines 48)

43 pub fn auto_stake(
44     deps: DepsMut,
45     env: Env,
46     info: MessageInfo,
47     token_amount: Uint128,
48     slippage_tolerance: Option<Decimal>,
49 ) -> StdResult<Response> {
```

```
vec![Coin {
           denom: UST.to_string(),
           amount: uusd_amount.checked_sub(tax_amount)?,
       }],
       &PairExecuteMsg::ProvideLiquidity {
                    amount: (uusd_amount.checked_sub(tax_amount))?,
                        denom: UST.to_string(),
                    },
               },
                    info: AssetInfo::Token {
                        contract_addr: token_addr.to_string(),
                    },
               },
           ],
           receiver: None,
       },
117 ));
```

Likelihood - 2

Impact - 4

### Recommendation:

Enforce slippage\_tolerance parameter in auto\_stake function and add a validation routine to ensure that this value is lesser or equal than a predefined max value. As a reference, max slippage tolerance for Uniswap liquidity pools is 50%.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit 5d61e0b50145e9b8e55b72a5eaafc61b7bbbed78.

### 3.13 (HAL-13) DISTRIBUTION TIME FRAME CAN BE REDUCED UNRESTRICTEDLY - MEDIUM

### Description:

The update\_distribution function in contracts/distributor/src/executions.rs allows admin (Valkyrie team) to change without restrictions start\_height and end\_height fields. If those changes are made in a wrong or malicious manner, can produce the following consequences:

- Possibility to transfer an arbitrary amount of VKR tokens from distributor contract, see HAL-06 for more details.
- Time frame can be reduced to be less than 4 years (minimum distribution time defined in Valkyrie documentation), which impacts negatively VKR token supply and trust from Valkyrie users and community.
- Distribution can be updated with an amount less than released, see HAL-15 for more details.

Likelihood - 3 Impact - 3

### Recommendations:

Update the logic in update\_distribution function to not allow the change of start\_height field. Furthermore, add a validation routine in the aforementioned function to ensure that the difference between end\_height and start\_height fields is greater or equal than a predefined minimum threshold. The value of this threshold should be reflected in Valkyrie documentation, too.

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 390a5e069c979b4cd74d3ded8a65f6281a232558.

### 3.14 (HAL-14) NO MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR EFFECTIVE DELAY PERIOD - LOW

### Description:

**Timelocks** are defined in **Governance contracts** to allow protocol users to react timely if a change made is bad faith or is not in the best interest of protocol and its users.

The instantiate and update\_poll\_config functions from contract-s/governance/src/poll/executions.rs do not restrict that timelock (execution\_delay\_period) is greater or equal than a minimum threshold. So, malicious changes proposed through voting could even be executed immediately if execution\_delay\_period is not set appropriately.

```
Listing 24: contracts/governance/src/poll/executions.rs (Lines 40)

36 let poll_config = PollConfig {
37     quorum: msg.quorum,
38     threshold: msg.threshold,
39     voting_period: msg.voting_period,
40     execution_delay_period: msg.execution_delay_period,
41     proposal_deposit: msg.proposal_deposit,
42     snapshot_period: msg.snapshot_period,
43 };
```

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 4

### Recommendation:

Add a validation routine inside instantiate and update\_poll\_config functions to ensure that timelock (execution\_delay\_period) is greater or equal than a **minimum threshold** that allows Valkyrie users to act timely against any issue that protocol could have when changes are made. The following are some examples of timelocks used on other protocols:

Uniswap: 48-hours timelockCompound: 48-hours timelock

Aave: 24-hours timelock (Short time lock)

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 610784f128f9f7cfbbb30873339904605f213439.

### 3.15 (HAL-15) DISTRIBUTION CAN BE UPDATED WITH AN AMOUNT LESSER THAN RELEASED ONE - LOW

### Description:

The update\_distribution function in contracts/distributor/src/executions.rs allows admin (Valkyrie team) to change start\_height and amount fields in such a way that distribution can be updated with an amount lesser than released one, which directly affects rewards distribution to lp\_staking and governance contracts.

### Attack scenario:

- 1. Malicious (or compromised) admin calls update\_distribution function
   with start\_height = <any\_value\_greater\_than\_current\_block\_height>
   and amount = <any\_value\_lesser\_than\_released\_amount>.
- 2. As a consequence of **Step 1**, the aforementioned function will allow the new amount to be lesser than the released one.

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 3

### Recommendation:

Update the logic in update\_distribution function to not allow the change of start\_height field.

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 9cc43540fbdf2d63b385cc7d4480e0e4329316ee. The Valkyrie team updated the logic of update\_distribution function to not allow that distribution can be updated with an amount lesser than released one.

### 3.16 (HAL-16) RATES / PERCENTAGES COULD BE SET TO VALUES GREATER THAN 1 - LOW

### Description:

The instantiate, update\_config and update\_referral\_reward\_limit\_option functions from contracts/campaign\_manager/src/executions.rs do not restrict that rates / percentages fields are greater than 1.

If they are not correctly set, some operations will always panic and won't allow legitimate users to deposit, withdraw or participate in campaigns; thus generating a denial of service (DoS) in Valkyrie protocol.

The affected fields are the following:

- deposit\_fee\_rate
- withdraw\_fee\_rate
- min\_referral\_reward\_deposit\_rate
- percent\_for\_governance\_staking

### Code Location:

Affected code in instantiate function:

```
Listing 29: contracts/campaign_manager/src/executions.rs (Lines 38)

34  ReferralRewardLimitOption {
35    overflow_amount_recipient: msg.referral_reward_limit_option.
        overflow_amount_recipient
36        .map(|r| deps.api.addr_validate(r.as_str()).unwrap()),
37    base_count: msg.referral_reward_limit_option.base_count,
38    percent_for_governance_staking: msg.
        referral_reward_limit_option.percent_for_governance_staking
,
39 }.save(deps.storage)?;
```

Affected code in update\_config function:

Affected code in update\_referral\_reward\_limit\_option function:

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 3

### Recommendation:

Add a validation routine inside instantiate, update\_config and update\_referral\_reward\_limit\_option functions to ensure that **aforementioned fields** are lesser or equal than 1.

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit 7810214ad4d5e353350e4e5df396d5496693fb67.

## 3.17 (HAL-17) VOTERS CAN FORCE UNEXPECTED QUORUM WITHIN SNAPSHOT PERIOD - LOW

### Description:

The snapshot\_poll function in contracts/governance/src/poll/executions.rs is not restricted and allow voters to force unexpected quorum within snapshot\_period in some edge scenarios. To better illustrate the issue, a comparison between a regular scenario and a forcing quorum scenario will be included, taking the following parameters:

- poll\_config.quorum = 0.1
- Total votes = 180 VKR
- Staked amount = 2000 VKR
- Snapshot period is active

### Regular scenario:

- 1. User calls stake\_governance\_token function to stake 20 VKR and then calls cast\_vote function to vote with his 20 VKR in the poll.
- 2. Total votes now are 200 VKR. Internally, in Gov contract, snapshot\_staked\_amount function is triggered and because snapshot period is active, now snapped\_staked\_amount is 2020 VKR.
- 3. Nobody else votes and, when someone calls end\_poll function, quorum is not reached (200 VKR / 2020 VKR < 0.1) and poll is rejected.

### Forcing quorum scenario:

1. Before voting, user calls snapshot\_poll function. Internally, in Gov contract, snapshot\_staked\_amount function is triggered and because snapshot period is active, now snapped\_staked\_amount is 2000 VKR.

- 2. User calls stake\_governance\_token function to stake 20 VKR and then calls cast\_vote function to vote with his 20 VKR in the poll.
- 3. Total votes now are 200 VKR. Because snapped\_staked\_amount is already set in **Step 1**, it remains in 2000 VKR.
- 4. Nobody else votes and, when someone calls end\_poll function, quorum is reached (200 VKR / 2000 VKR >= 0.1) in this scenario.

### Code Location:

The snapshot\_poll function can be called by anyone and triggers internally snapshot\_staked\_amount function:

Listing 33: contracts/governance/src/poll/executions.rs (Lines 412) 395 pub fn snapshot\_poll( \_info: MessageInfo, poll\_id: u64, 400 ) -> ContractResult < Response > { let mut poll = Poll::load(deps.storage, &poll\_id)?; return Err(ContractError::Std(StdError::generic\_err("Poll is not in progress"))); } let mut response = make\_response("snapshot\_poll"); let contract\_available\_balance = load\_available\_balance(deps. as\_ref(), env.block.height)?; contract\_available\_balance, )?; poll.save(deps.storage)?;

The snapshot\_staked\_amount function set snapped\_staked\_amount value only if snapshot has not occurred before:

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 3

### Recommendation:

If not used, it is recommended to remove snapshot\_poll function to avoid issues describe above. Another alternative could be to restrict its access, applying the principle of least privilege.

### Remediation plan:

RISK ACCEPTED: The Valkyrie team accepted the risk for this finding.

### 3.18 (HAL-18) ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE ON BEHALF OF OTHER USERS - LOW

### Description:

The participate function from contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs allows a user to participate in a campaign if he has previously deposited collateral tokens in that campaign. However, anyone can participate on behalf of user specified in actor argument because the function does not validate that the sender is the user that participates.

Although the rewards for participation are sent to actor, it is important to apply the principle of least privilege in these cases to not affect users with unexpected operations.

### Code Location:

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 3 Impact - 1

### Recommendation:

Update the logic in participate function to not include actor as argument. Instead, the participation should be done on behalf of the sender.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit 57e2d2f3a82ade965d774c3c31d06049dc2859bc.

# 3.19 (HAL-19) DEPOSIT / PARTICIPATION PARAMETERS CAN BE UPDATED IN NOT PENDING CAMPAIGNS TNFORMATIONAL

### Description:

The update\_campaign\_config and set\_no\_qualification functions in contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs allow the update of some deposit / participation parameters in campaigns that are in not pending status, i.e., last active height is different to None. This situation could create disadvantages for users that have already participated.

The affected parameters are the following:

- collateral\_amount
- collateral\_lock\_period
- qualifier

### 

```
Listing 39: contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs

260 campaign_config.qualifier = None;
261 response = response.add_attribute("is_updated_qualifier", "true");
262
263 campaign_config.save(deps.storage)?;
```

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 2

### Recommendation:

Update the logic of update\_campaign\_config and set\_no\_qualification functions to restrict the modification of parameters detailed above when campaigns are in **not pending** status.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit ba7b525dac227e768da2bee30e3115244dc95778.

## 3.20 (HAL-20) PASSED POLLS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRE IF NOT EXECUTED - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

The governance contract does not define a maximum threshold to execute passed polls before make them expire, as defined in Valkyrie documentation. Moreover, the execute\_poll function in contracts/governance/src/poll/executions.rs only validates that passed polls can not be executed before execution\_delay\_period, but do not include any logic to restrict the execution of expired polls.

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 2

### Recommendation:

Define a **maximum threshold** to execute passed polls before make them expire and include a routine in execute\_poll function to validate if a passed poll has not expired before allow its execution.

### Remediation plan:

ACKNOWLEDGED: The Valkyrie team acknowledged this finding.

## 3.21 (HAL-21) MISCALCULATION OF DEPOSIT VALUE WHEN VALIDATING REWARD POOL WEIGHT - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

The validate\_reward\_pool\_weight function from contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs miscalculates deposit value because referral\_reward\_amount is used instead of referral\_reward\_value in the calculus of return value:

 $participation\_reward\_value + referral\_reward\_amount$ 

At the end of deposit function, the miscalculated value is added as an attribute and emitted as part of a "wasm" event, which could affect the adequate traceability of the operation.

### Code Location:

Affected code in deposit function:

```
Listing 41: contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs (Lines 320)

let (key_denom, referral_reward_pool_ratio, deposit_value) = validate_reward_pool_weight(

&deps.querier,

deps.api,

&campaign_config,

&reward_config,

participation_reward_amount,

referral_reward_amount,

??;
```

Affected code in validate\_reward\_pool\_weight function:

```
Listing 43: contracts/campaign/src/executions.rs (Lines 450,470)
       &querier,
       &global_campaign_config.terraswap_router,
       cw20::Denom::Cw20(reward_config.referral_reward_token.clone())
       key_denom.clone(),
456 )?;
    let referral_reward_pool_rate = Decimal::from_ratio(
       participation_reward_value + referral_reward_value,
    );
       min_referral_reward_deposit_rate {
       return Err(StdError::generic_err(format!(
               to_string(),
           )));
    Ok((key_denom, referral_reward_pool_rate,
        participation_reward_value + referral_reward_amount))
```

```
Risk Level:

Likelihood - 2

Impact - 1
```

### Recommendation:

Use **referral\_reward\_value** instead of **referral\_reward\_amount** when deposit values is calculated in validate\_reward\_pool\_weight function.

### Remediation plan:

SOLVED: The issue was fixed in commit a1e310e5b92c58b9626b5e1e934d00ff88771dd9.

### 3.22 (HAL-22) MISCALCULATION OF REMAIN AMOUNT WHEN ADMIN TRANSFERS VKR TOKENS - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

The transfer function from contracts/community/src/executions.rs calculates the remain\_amount when a sender transfer an amount of VKR tokens. If the sender is admin (Governance contract), the remain\_amount is miscalculated because amount is not subtracted from balance.free\_balance.

At the end of the function, the miscalculated value is added as an attribute and emitted as part of a "wasm" event, which could affect the adequate traceability of the operation.

```
Listing 45: contracts/community/src/executions.rs (Lines 204)

202 response = response.add_attribute("recipient", recipient);

203 response = response.add_attribute("amount", amount);

204 response = response.add_attribute("remain_amount", remain_amount);
```

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 1

### Recommendation:

Update the calculus of remain\_amount to subtract amount from balance.free\_balance in transfer function when sender is admin.

### Remediation plan:

**SOLVED:** The issue was fixed in commit d648cabc4629bef8e742140fd4f479df5341a3ef.

### 3.23 (HAL-23) FUNCTION WITH UNUSED ARGUMENT - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

The \_height argument in load\_available\_balance function from contract-s/governance/src/common/states.rs is not used as part of the internal logic of this function. So, its presence is not necessary for the correct working of the aforementioned function and only incurs in additional gas fees consumption.

### Code Location:

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

### Recommendation:

If not used, it is recommended to remove \_height argument in load\_available\_balance function in order to reduce gas fees consumption.

### Remediation plan:

ACKNOWLEDGED: The Valkyrie team acknowledged this finding.

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