

Minutes from combined BOD and AWC meeting 11/25/2017 Lake Needwood

Update on Dagorhir.com website project:

- Current site at least 10 years out of date. New site is needed
- Volunteer team assembled
- Dominick originally agreed to be Lead Content Manager; when Dominick withdrew, Tiberius of Alterra stepped up for that role. Graymael serving as overall project manager
- Other Content Managers are assembling new/updated language and pictures/art for each page
 - Team lacked design expertise propose hiring Gamhain for an amount not to exceed \$1,000
 - WordPress platform chosen for ease of use and updating (Also cost effective)
- We have purchased the Flatsome WordPress “Theme” to use for site (cost \$41) and a WordPress calendar widget for \$26.
- The goal is to have a modern website accessible from mobile devices targeted at recruiting and support to Dagorhir members and chapters
 - Site will be put up in phases. Target release date for phase one is end of January, 2018
 - Among other things Phase one will include:
 - Vetted tutorial section
 - History section with timeline
 - Interactive Map section with a ZIP code tool
- Modern Forums and possibly a Dagorhir Swagorhir Store are to be considered for a Phase 2 release
 - Some suggested future content: news section, event reviews
 - Intend to have junior content managers in the wings at all times to keep things running long term. Volunteers needed

Bylaws Changes

- Graymael passed out copies of proposed revisions to the DBGA bylaws to the unit representatives to take back to members for discussion
 - Changes to be discussed further at next War Council (Saturnalia? December 16)
 - People should feel free to bring their own suggestions
 - Extensive discussion of suggested bylaw change that any candidate running for President and Treasurer nominees would undergo a criminal case search. Discussion included:
 - Timing
 - Need for candidates to be declared well before vote
 - What happens if no one declares they are running
 - Responsibilities of those doing to the search

- Results to be shared with War Council and Board before voting
- Changing wording of the bylaws to state that rules changes made at Rag War Council would be added to the MOA
- Do we want to bring back garb checking / Unit banner requirements for a unit to have voting rights?
- Discussion of bulletin board rules and their applicability to social media
- What to do about sites that use the Dagorhir service mark, but which are not created or maintained by the DBGA? Most epically concerned with the unmoderated FB group because it's often full of extremely negative content but is one of the first sites to come up under a web search for Dagorhir Not a good first impression for new and potential members.

Treasury

- \$3,792 in Aratari account
- \$5,297 in Gofundme account
- Took three months to switch names on bank account (May need to change banks)

MISC:

Graymael will be asking Gurrundi to look into LARP insurance, not only for DBGA, but also policies which member chapters can buy into.

Yule Hosted by Berserkers!

- December 9th
- Patuxent River Park
- Camping the Barn
- Bring Desserts
- Tickets \$10
- 40 tickets sold so far