

## War Council Meeting 08/05/2017

Quorum present (5 of 7 voting units): Rome, Berzerkers, Gestiguiste, Guard, No Quarter

- General inquiry as to preferences for notification of battles and events.
  - FaceBook was general consensus but it was also suggested that younger members might prefer Twitter.
- Conversation regarding how to use the website not just to provide links and information to current members but also to attract and recruit new membership. The current site is outdated and the new website should be set up so it can be easily maintained by non-programmers. We will be recruiting Dagorhir members to be part of a team who will be responsible for monitoring and updating specific sections of the site.
- A proposal was made that day battle check in hours be changed from 10:00 - 12:00 to 11:00 - 1:00 with the exception of the Thanksgiving Battle to better accommodate participant's. This was seconded with the caveat that organizers will be starting battles promptly at 1:00pm and a reminder that there are extra fees charged for late arrivals.
  - Vote taken 8 y / 0 n / 2 a Carried.
- A suggestion that some of the newer units may want to consider running one of the events on the calendar. Interested unit's should contact the Magistrate.
- A reminder that next Sunday, 08/13, is the battle of Koom Valley at the Spring Mill field office, Silver Spring and that this will be followed up with an after party at the local swim club. Also, the Guard will not be requesting funds this year to assist in the purchase of straw bales for use in events. Unfortunately the majority of the past years bales have been ruined and there is no point in purchasing new bales which could not be stored properly due to moldy conditions.
- A general question about the participants opinion on this year's site for Allthing (4H center, Upper Marlboro). The response was very positive. A suggestion was made that we consider holding Mayhem at this site.
- A discussion regarding the GoFundMe campaign created to fund the creation of the new Dagorhir website. \$8,000 was raised. \$3,000 of which was paid to the web designer with the prior contract. Unfortunately the site we received was not usable. The question was how to proceed. Should we use the remaining funds to create a new website, less ambitious but more functional than the current one or should we try to partially refund the donations?
  - The general consensus was that we should use the funds to continue forward in creating the new site. A web committee will be formed to better track progress and help maintain the site.

- A general question as to how to combat the misperceptions of some Dagorhir members over War Council meetings and procedures. A suggestion was made that the meetings be recorded and posted in addition to the minutes so that all members may have access to them.
  - The proposal: a dedicated SD card will provided to the secretary so that the sessions can be recorded on her camera then uploaded onto YouTube within one week of meeting. Vote taken 8y / 0 n / 2 a. Carried.
- A valid weapons check template with correct circumference needs to be generated and distributed for events. It was suggested that a template could be designed and generated on a 3d printer to make sure they are uniform. This template could then be made available to Dagorhir members. Volunteers are requested to contact the Magistrate.
- A discussion regarding the need to insure that there are sufficient heralds at battles. It was agreed that we will begin offering a sign-up sheet at check in to generate a pool of participants who are willing to assist in heralding that day. The size of the pool would be based on the stated needs of the unit running that day's battle.
- Move to adjourn. Seconded, no objections.

RD/ESD