

## Minutes AWC Meeting 09/16/2017 Badon Hill

Meeting was a status briefing and discussion; no votes were taken.

There is a call for a Game-Wide Ban capability, to prevent known “bad actors” like Ian Scott from showing up at Dagorhir events. Previously, bans and suspensions have always been at the event (e.g., Ragnarok) or chapter level.

A Game-Wide Ban presents challenges including:

1. There’s no provision in the Dagorhir Chapter Contract requiring chapters to accept a ban pushed on them from DBGA.
2. The process created needs to be fair (to prevent witch hunts or personality-conflict-driven bans), transparent, and repeatable. Simply declaring “We have banned Ian Scott nationally” doesn’t provide a framework to help protect the Dagorhir community from the next identified Bad Actor.
3. Many members are angry over the fact this hasn’t happened already; but since Scott is currently in jail, there is no urgency to passing a game-wide ban on him immediately.
4. Aratari banned Scott from all Aratari events earlier this year, as soon as documentation was provided showing his criminal convictions.

A committee has been formed to research ways to implement this policy effectively. Volunteer members on the committee include attorneys, experienced chapter leaders, and law enforcement. The names of the committee members (other than Timmourne and Graymael) are not being shared publicly because the cop and attorneys don’t want the negative attention which is often directed at folks in their positions.

Attendees discussed thresholds for banning people from Dagorhir events, especially things like criminal convictions which happened outside of Dagorhir but might show a pattern which could be dangerous to Dagorhir members at events. Most agreed that finding the correct threshold for such bans is tricky; we don’t want to exclude someone for one minor mistake in their youth.

Attendees also discussed how to handle possible bans on people who engage in hate speech on Dagorhir forums such as FaceBook, using the example of Dagorhir members who espoused Nazi propoganda on the Dagorhir Unmoderated FB group. At least one of these Nazis joined the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville.

Per the DBGA bylaws, initiation of disciplinary actions like banning members is an AWC decision; therefore the Game-Wide Ban proposal will be presented to the AWC for comment and approval.

A team has been assembled to revamp the aged Dagorhir website. New site will focus on recruitment and providing support to chapters and players.