

Summer Althyng Minutes

by Shakira

The 1992 Summer Althyng was called to order at 2:10 pm on Saturday, July 25, 1992.

The Schedule of Events is printed elsewhere in this Plaque .

Old Business

Frat Rules: Both Frat rules (yellow designates lights and a suitable barrier for public events) passed. There was no discussion. The next discussion of frat rules will take place at the last Council Meeting before the Winter Althyng. Watch for a date, time and place to be announced.

Group Status: Bardoom is now an unofficial group without voting privileges. Clan Cambion has stepped down as an official group and will instead stand as an official Markland contact with the SCA. Look for group statuses to change as dues begin to trickle in. If you know some of your members have not paid, encourage them to do so.

New Business

Smithsonian Flier: Funding was approved for Chort to send an information flier on the Smithsonian demos to every Markland member. Look for yours in the mail.

Non-Member Surcharge: Michelle Ringo of the House of Ono proposed a change to the by-laws requiring a \$2 surcharge be charged to all non-Markland members attending any event requiring a ticket or entrance fee (mostly feasts and wars). This is to help offset the cost of insurance and is done by a lot of other groups including the SCA and many museums. After much discussion, the by-law was passed and with this printing, becomes official.

Non-Member Frat Fighting: As an aside to the above change to the by-laws, Quinn proposed the following change to the Frat rules: If you are not a paid Markland member or the one guest of a paid Markland member, you may not fight. There was much discussion of this rule change as well and it was then sent to Council.

APA 1066: It was decided that Markland shall fund the APA for the next year at a cost of \$220. If you would like a subscription to the APA, contact Merle Insinga. There will be an ad for the APA in the Plague sometime soon.

Financial Stuff: It is once again time for the CDs to rollover. However interest rates are down. Wihthead proposed looking into more profitable investment options, so that our money could work for us. I'm sure he's got an article somewhere in this Plaque that is both more detailed and more clear than anything I could write. See it for the details. The Fyrd voted that he be allowed to look into the matter and report back to the Witan with his findings for their approval.

New Group: De Condotta, which is based in the College Park area, requested and received status as an official group in Markland. They have some familiar faces (Hi, Bert!) and a very ambitious, if long, constitution. I'd suggest anyone who wants more information on the group to contact Roger Roop at (301) 779-7898. Welcome, De Condotta.

Quinn: Quinn presented the "oops" award to Chort for his fall at MTA in March. He also quizzed the Fyrd on their knowledge of the historical times surrounding the Robin Hood legend, Surprising how much we didn't know.

Archers: Erik Ironfoot's proposal to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to fight as archers in Rec battles was presented and passed. To refresh your memory-

Persons of the age between 16 and 18 years old may participate in Rec battles as archers with written or verbal consent from their parents; to be given to the head archer or Battlemaster. This must be approved by the Battlemaster. A 16- to 18-year-old archer can only be on winning side, with no physical contact with fighters.

To become official, this rule must pass another vote.

Insurance: Bors (Chris Faber) would like to know the total number of claims made to the insurance company and who made them.

Elections: Elections were held without much ceremony and the new Witan is:

Bailiff: Robert Becraft (Wihthead)

Bocman: Patricia Dennis (Shakira)

Shire Reeve: Anna Surr (Nina)

Aeldorman: Eric Littlewood (Erik Ironfoot)

Proxies played a large part in this election.

Funding for Maldon 991 Film Project: Drey presented the financial information requested by the Witan at the last Council. There was a lot of discussion. There were even a few proposals for funding. However, as the people in charge of the project had not asked for funding, the point was pretty much moot. Discussion was closed. The Althyng was adjourned and we all partied at the feast.