

Minutes from Spring Council Meeting 5/18/08

- Establish Quorum
- Moment of Silence was had for the loss of Chester Karasinski
- Discussion about donations to help Joan
- Discussion of a group participation activity where a specific item will be stolen and returned for donations

Calendar of Events

5/17/08 – Wilhelm Greycloake has launched his boat and is offering it for people to come and sail. Need 1 captain and 2 trained crewman to sail. Boat is docked in Southern Maryland.

6/6/08 – 6/8/08 – Ball and Chain: Celebrate Alvin and Claire's Wedding – Blackbird State Forest
Potluck feast to help out.

6/20/08 – War of the Seven Heads – Clan Clonakilty – Site TBA either Baronage Farm or Waiting Pines Campground. Field Feast will be held by Mary Beth and Otto, proceeds going to Chet's Memorial Fund. Feast Price approximately \$5.

July – Terminus Est – Renewing Wedding vows – Details TBA

8/23/08 – Summer Althyng – Bear Public Library

8/29/08- 9/1/08 – Order of the Crimson Coast Event – Details TBA

First Weekend of every month –

Baronage Farm – Open house for camping, there is a site fee, would like to host more events, have a webpage with a calendar of events.

Old Business

- Reminder – the By-Laws dictate that, to be fair, rule changes be voted on first at a Council Meeting and then at an Althyng in order to make them official. As the last Special Council Meeting was, in fact a Council Meeting, the final vote for the changes made to the Fratricidal Rules of Combat will take place at the Summer Althyng. Though final voting is occasionally handled without discussion, discussion will be invited concerning these rules at Summer Althyng.
- There has been some arguments and confusion regarding the titles in Markland. Attached is a clarification written when the idea of titles first came about.

New Business

- Challenge to the Artists of Markland – design a new Markland bumper sticker.
 - For cost – consider 1 background color and 2 detail colors
 - Can be emailed to either the webmaster or Aeldorman or handed in directly.
 - Deadline is Summer Althyng.
 - Winning sticker will be voted on by the Fyrd.
 - Prize to be determined (free sticker)
 - Possibly use these as a fundraiser for Markland.
- Page Program – Terminus Est - Questions on insurance regarding page program, possibility of starting one? Would like to start something for all age levels and skill levels. Recommended to check SCA program adapt to Markland, must be adults involved, must consider safety, possibly something in the Boggie Times to evaluate interest.

Officer Reports

- Plague Editor – Need Submissions, Deadline for plague is May 30th. Next deadline will be August 29th for September Plague (please check dates before publishing)
- Webmaster – Submissions – can put pictures up, would like to use the web for more active recruiting. Email address available for \$5 a year. _____@markland.org. Each group has email and web space available on the site.
- Bocman – Does the Special Accident policy cover children?
- Bailiff – All insurances are paid up. Gave asset report.
- Shire Reeve – check and pad weapons before events. Some issues with people taking hits(too hard and too light), email is now being forwarded to his personal email, Summer Althyng is the rules change voting
- Aeldorman – nothing new

Titles in Markland

From the Witan

There are basically four types of title in Markland. Because of increasing confusion over what titles mean in Markland, we will attempt to set this straight for the record.

REAL PERMANENT TITLES

These are the titles of the Witan and include Aeldorman, Shire Reeve, Bailiff and Bocman. There are no other real permanent titles at this time. The only way to get these titles is to run for the office and win the popular vote.

REAL NON PERMANENT TITLES

These include the Head of the Reeves Guild, Steel Guy (subject to pending name change), and Master of Fence (also subject to name change). Also included in this category are Head Reeve, Site Coordinator and other similar titles. These are essentially Witan appointments for a specific period of time. Those relating to the running of events are chosen from within the hosting group but approved by the Witan.

FUN TITLES

When Markland formed it was decided by the Fyrd that all other titles would fall into a separate category that we are calling Fun Titles. A Markland dues paid member may purchase any title "not in use by any other paid Marklander" for a fee of 25\$. These include the "King of Markland", the "King of Poland", the "Warlord of Mark- land", and other similar titles. These titles convey no actual real benefits to their holder apart from it's possession and exist as a class simply to raise monies for the organization.

GROUP TITLES

Group titles include "Warlord of Marche de la Warre", "President" of your group, "Knight of Galacia" and other similar titles. These have no organization wide recognition and are basically free fun titles given within a member group. That is, they convey no real benefits to their holder apart from it's possession. Some of them are functionary titles such as "Warlord of Marche de la Warre" and some are honorary titles like "Knight of Galacia". Sometimes Mark- land benefits from these titles financially, but usually not.

So if someone comes up to you and tells you that they have a title, use this test to see if the title bears out any actual authority or if it is simply a means of having fun. The latter is most likely.

The Witan