

Finance Committee Meeting
September 7, 2009
Meeting began 9:04 AM

HL Elonda reports – Kingdom Policy needs to be brought up to Society standard.

Changes will be made to accomplish this before 12th Night.

Along these lines the An Tir/West War financial policy needs to be reviewed.

HRM Elizabeth –Have the changes then refer to Kingdom Law.

Sir Brand reports as fundraising deputy – This is a new office and he is trying to make it able to be duplicated at branch levels.

Sir Brand put out a survey regarding fund raising in An Tir. There were several points raised from this survey:

Groups need more members

How does one help?

People are familiar with fund raising activities at events.

A suggestion was made about an “artifacts for cash” offer that can be made to museums. While there were not an great number of responses; they did come from all corners of the Kingdom.

At September Crown \$190.00 was raise for the Raven Travel fund.

Sir Brand will begin fund raising for a new Lists Pavilion.

HRM Cedric – We have \$140 in cash to give to Elonda after the meeting.

HRM Elizabeth – The items in the Pennsic trailer were inventoried. The Kingdom needs to ensure that there are enough items in the trailer to make a “Royal Presence for the King and Queen at the event. She suggested that the following items should be kept in the trailer to be used by future Crowns of An Tir

Travel Thrones

Feast Gear

Banners

These items need to be of appropriate quality to show the grandeur that is An Tir. They also need to be made of materials capable of being stored in the cold and moist heat of the area.

HRM Cedric inquired whether Sir Brand’s position is limited to coordinating fund raising or largesse, or both? We need to get something written down in the Financial Policy defining the position and how it works.

Master James – Stated that he views Sir Brand’s job as one that facilitates the raising of money and encourages the spirit of giving.

HRM Cedric stated that he wants the position codified in the Financial Policy by 12th Night.

Brendan Al Llewelyn inquired about the ownership of the trailer, and whose responsibility it is for the insurance.

HL Elonda responded that it is insured by the Kingdom and there is research ongoing to track down the title.

HRM Cedric – requested that the travel funds for Their Royal Highnesses Wrenn and Owain be increased due to the distances They will travel while Prince and Princess. HL Elonda said that an exception can be made and that she would do some research on the subject.

HRM Elizabeth spoke about the longer travel distances and increased costs in travel including gas prices. Their was discussion about a possible increase in Royal travel allowance to reflect these increased costs.

There were two September Crown bids presented. One by Sir Godric, Baron of Glymm Mere and one by Baron Cedric of Dragon's Laire on behalf of Master Arontius.

The following issues were discussed regarding the bids in general:

HRM Elizabeth asked about a day fee since both sites are more or less on the “I-5 corridor”.

HRM Cedric stated that Their Majesties are firm believers in day fees.

Both presenters agreed that this could be done.

Master James expressed a concern about people paying a day fee but returning the next day...a discussion ensued.

HRM Elizabeth spoke about setting the day fee that would work with the NMS.

HRM Cedric expressed a concern over people “ghosting” the event. This is a hot button subject after the issues suffered by July Coronation. This is a potential problem with the site in Dragon’s Laire.

HRM Cedric expressed a concern about the having one branch take on 3 Kingdom Events in one year.

HRM Cedric, HRM Elizabeth, Master James, HL Elonda and HL Renart then excused themselves to confer about the bids. When They returned the bid was awarded to Glymm Mere.

Meeting Adjourned

10:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted
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