

Three Cranes Grove Business Meeting Minutes -- 2/23/2006

Present: Mike Dangler, Mike Day, Nick, Leesa, Meghan, Anna

I. Full Charter Request: Filling out paperwork. If you can stop in, please do for this meeting. Promise it's painless. :)

Paper work was signed :)

II. Upcoming Rites:

A. Sp Equinox: March 19, 2006, Time/location: 12:30/1:30, Highbanks, Northern Reservable Shelter Norse rite, led by lees

B. Beltaine: Date: April 30, 2006, Time: evening?, Location: Sharon Woods? As soon as there is a cite, Mike Dangler said he could scope out things like lighting and tree-as-maypole availability

C. Su. Solstice: Date/time/loc: June 25? 2006 - at ComFest?

Should come up with alternate idea/site if Comfest says no. Mike Dangler will fill out the appropriate form for 'Performance' to see if we can do it there, though.

III. Ritual at The Gathering, invitation from Mark Williams:

July 14th & 15th, 2006, UUCE

Can we commit to this? There was wide acclaim, and the suggestion of the fabled BELANUS rite, although that does depend upon what TIME they would like us to do the rite, as a firelighting rite at high noon is somewhat lacking in drama...we will find out.

IV. Summerland plans.

Summerland takes place 8/24-8/27. We need FIRM COMMITMENTS if we are going to be the food service provider, so that 3 people don't have to stay in the kitchen the 4 days of the festival. THINK ABOUT if you can go and if you are willing to help, and if you say YES, MEAN IT.

V. Next Liturgy/Outreach Meeting:

March 16, 2006

Location: Library

We'll preview and go over the Sp. Equinox rite

Time: 6:30 PM

VI. Bylaw revisions:

Mike's Proposals:

sec. 1.1 - change:

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[remove "." after ADF]

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Sec. 2.2.2. - change:

2.2.2. Other rites may be conducted in a manner representative of alternative Indo-European cultural focii with prior permission of the Senior Druid. Such permission shall be requested no later than two (2) months prior to the date for the ritual being requested.

to:

2.2.2. Other rites may be conducted in a manner representative of alternative Indo-European cultural focii with prior permission of the Senior Druid. Such permission shall be requested at a business meeting no later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled date of the ritual in question.

[changes to last sentence]

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Sec. 2.3 - change:

As required by A.D.F.,

to:

As required by ADF,

[remove dots]

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Sec 2.3.2 - add:

These officer roles are defined by the specific liturgy as agreed upon by the Grove, and may be assigned on the day of the ritual. This does not exhaust all potential parts of the ritual that may be assigned.

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sec 2.3.2.1 - title change:

Senior Druid

to:

Druid

[confusion reduction]

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Sec 3.1 - change:

Membership in Three Cranes is open to any person as per Article 6, section 6.1. Any person may apply for admission to the Grove upon having attended at least one High Day ritual. Acceptance of new Grove Members or Friends of the Grove must be approved by a majority of the current Grove Members. Upon acceptance, the member shall sign the Grove Member Agreement. If denied membership in the Grove, that person shall still be permitted to attend all public Grove rites.

to:

Membership in Three Cranes is open to any person as per Article 6, section 6.1. Any person may apply for admission to the Grove upon having attended at least one High Day ritual by stating their intent to join the Grove at a business meeting. Acceptance of new Grove Members or Friends of the Grove must be approved by a majority of the current Grove Members at the next business meeting. Upon acceptance, the member shall sign the Grove Member Agreement. If denied membership in the Grove, that

person shall still be permitted to attend all public Grove rites.

[Added in bits about joining at a business meeting, and when the vote would take place.]

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sec 3.2 - change:

There shall be annual dues for membership in Three Cranes, which shall be payable in monthly, quarterly, or yearly installments. For those choosing monthly installments, the first three months shall be due immediately, with month-to-month commencing after the end of the second month. Grove members shall pay full membership fees, and Friends of the Grove shall pay at 50% full membership.

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There shall be annual dues for membership in Three Cranes, which shall be payable in quarterly or yearly installments. Grove members shall pay full membership fees, and Friends of the Grove shall pay at 50% full membership.

[removed monthly option for payment]

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Sec 3.3.1 - change:

A Grove Member is defined as a person who is current with their Grove dues and has attended at least one High Day ritual and one other Grove function per quarter. Grove membership shall optionally include membership in ADF, with a portion of the Grove dues being used to pay for said membership. Only Grove Members who have chosen to also be members of ADF can be elected to Grove Officer positions. All Grove members are entitled to vote in Grove elections, and are given votes corresponding with the number of years active affiliation with the Grove.

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[added note about officer elections only being open to ADF members]

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Sec 3.6 - insert and renumber current 3.6 to 3.7:

Members shall be considered lapsed if they fail to pay dues in full for two successive quarters. Upon becoming lapsed status within the Grove, the member shall lose all voting rights until active status is reinstated through becoming fully caught up with dues. At such point that a lapsed member has not attended ritual for two quarters, they shall no longer be considered members of the Grove.

possible amendment to the end:

Lapsed members who wish to rejoin the Grove are responsible for paying back dues as well, which shall not exceed two quarters of dues. Members who resign their memberships and are never given lapsed status are free to rejoin with no penalty regarding dues.

Leesa's proposal: to alter the way the cultural focus of the grove is maintained:

OLD:

2.2 Cultural Focus

For the purpose of group cohesion and continuity of practice, the cultural focus of The Grove shall be primarily Gaulish in nature. As such, all cross-quarter day rites shall be conducted to reflect said focus and intent.

2.2.1. Cross quarter days shall be defined as Samhain, Imbolc, Beltaine, and Lughnassad.

2.2.2. Other rites may be conducted in a manner representative of alternative Indo-European cultural focii with prior permission of the Senior Druid. Such permission shall be requested no later than two (2) months prior

to the date for the ritual being requested.

NEW

2.2 Cultural Focus

For the purpose of group cohesion and continuity of practice, the cultural focus of The Grove shall be primarily Gaulish in nature. As such, [[rites shall be conducted to reflect said focus and intent, unless otherwise requested following the procedures outlined in section 2.2.2. and except as indicated in 2.2.1 below]]

2.2.1. Autumnal Equinox and Imbolc shall remain Gaulish in nature.

2.2.2. as indicated by Mike's suggestion above.

VII. Scribe report:

0 New members, 17 total members, 3 inactive/14 active members

VIII. Pursewarden report: will be added later, post Arnold Fitness Expo
income/expense
dues
balance

IX. Community service:

A. Next park cleanup? Are we done? - The scribe throws herself on the mercy of the grove as she has been very bad and not followed up on this. She will do better, honest.

B. Total canned food donations from last quarter - 55 at Samhain, 56 at Imbolc. We totally rock.

C. Other opportunities: Komen Race (or Amble) for the Cure is in May-ish.

X. Outreach committee:

Leesa will write up press release for Ostara (and Mike Dangler will e-mail her last year's as a model).

XI. Status of newsletter

Deadline for Beltaine issue is APRIL 15! TAX DAY!

XII. Reminder of fund-raisers for Grove:

- eScrip

<<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>>

(To enroll and find the Grove by ZIP Code, enter
"43210")

- cafe press site

<http://www.cafepress.com/heirons_place>

XIII. Schedule next meeting.

March 23, 2006, 6:30 PM, main library room 1