

Isles of Darkness AGM 2015 Minutes

Date of Meeting: 21st June 2015

Time: 2:05 – 2:30

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved as correct.

2. Annual Report including Finance Report

The Chair summarised the Annual Report. The situation with Board membership over the last year and the reasons for the motions presented were explained. The year has been one of significant and widespread change due to the reset and associated process improvements, and everyone was thanked for their efforts and enthusiasm in making the reset work. Membership figures are not yet confirmed as we are still in the renewal period, but ANC Member Services had confirmed that they were on target. The number of new members was encouraging. There are now fewer games in the Society, but they are reasonably evenly spread across the four genres.

The GM team had provided a report, which was largely factual, and a more thorough report of activities could be found in the State of the Society reports that they have produced in most months. They were thanked for this thorough and informative approach which had also provided a route for Coordinator Chain and Board updates. They will be running a full review of the reset in the autumn, and announcements asking for review team volunteers will be out in due course.

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting in person, but had provided a written report on Finance. The most significant change has been to Domain accounts which are now managed nationally, providing a smoother handover when DCs change. This is not fully operational in terms of making payments, but most of the work is now done. The other significant piece of work for finance has been with Events, and ensuring that they are run at a break-even or profit, and that payments are received in good time.

The Board's strategic plan was the Reset, and as such has reached the end. This went successfully, and although some aspects went more smoothly than others, it was noted that the reflective approach and willingness to learn from the experience sets the Society in good stead for the future. Some of the biggest pieces of work included the website, for which the Web Team were thanked; and the work on conduct and behaviour, for which the ANC Conduct and Complaints was thanked.

3. Board Elections Update

The Board Elections are still in progress, so Irina and Lizz will remain in post until the elections are completed. There is a good selection of candidates, and all were encouraged to submit their votes to the NC by the deadline.

4. Events Policy Update

ANC Events presented an update on the events planning and policy. The Awakening weekender in August is now booked, and pre-registration will be opening in due course. There is also a Lost weekender in October, and three out of four planned events in 2016 have been booked. Rough

costings for future events will be made available to help people plan and budget for the event in plenty of time. This event was the first to have pricing aimed at encouraging pre-payment and this approach will be used in future. Room lists will not be published in future, to respect people's privacy, but ANC Events will be happy to confirm individual arrangements on request. Members pre-registering for events were encouraged to complete the form fully, as all information asked for is important for planning.

ANC Events was thanked for her hard work over the past year in running successful and enjoyable events.

5. Motions

Motion 1:

That the Constitution should be amended to add the text in bold/italic to section 6.3:

6.3. The Board **normally** consists of:

(1) up to four elected Board members.

(2) up to two selected Board members, appointed by resolution of the Board to hold office until the end of the next AGM.

unless additional co-options have been made according to point 6.6 or 6.10 of the Constitution. If the Board has zero members, the NC must run an election.

28	Yes
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2	No
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Motion 2:

That the Constitution should be amended to add the text in bold/italic to section 6.6:

6.6. The Board may co-opt as a Board member any member to fill a casual vacancy amongst the elected Board members. ***Alternatively, the Board may request an election be conducted by the National Coordinator following the normal process. The Board should always request an election if there are two or more unfilled electable posts, unless an additional election has already been run and failed to fill the posts.***

29	Yes
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Motion 3:

That the Constitution should be amended to add the text in bold/italic to section 6.10:

6.10. Should there be any vacancy amongst elected or selected members on the Board, then the Board shall have power to co-opt any member of the Society ***or request an election*** to fill such vacancy ***where it would normally be elected***, but the proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated in consequence of such vacancies not being filled. ***The Board should always request an election if there are two or more unfilled electable posts, unless an additional election has already been run and failed to fill the posts.***

28	Yes
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1	No
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1	Abstain
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All three motions were carried.

6. Any Other Business

The Board were thanked for their work over the past year.