

BY-LAWS OF THE MARKLAND MEDIEVAL MERCENARY MILITIA, LTD.

"Quod omnes tangit omnibus approbatur" Ulpian digest 1,1,1,1

ARTICLE I.

The Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia shall also be known as the "Markland Confederation", "Markland", and the "Confederation". Its voting members shall be known as the "Folk".

ARTICLE II.

The offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer held by the trustees shall also be known as Aeldorman, Assistant Aeldorman or Shire-Reeve, Bocman, and Bailiff, respectively. The trustees shall be known collectively as the Witan. The function of said officers shall include:

- Aeldorman: shall facilitate the management of the Corporation, including the running of business meetings and enhancing public relations.
- Shire-Reeve: shall serve as the safety officer, making sure that the safety guidelines, as established by the Council and Folk of Markland, are current, adequate, and enforced. In the absence of the Aeldorman, the Shire-Reeve shall assume those duties as well.
- Bocman: shall oversee all instruments of internal communication.
- Bailiff: shall oversee the finances of the Corporation and serve as treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

The legislative body of this organization shall be the Council of Representatives, also called the Council of Markland, consisting of two representatives from each organization as the membership of Markland has (or shall) formed itself into, to be known as the Confederated Organization.

ARTICLE IV.

The Council of Representatives shall determine if a petitioning organization made up of members of Markland qualifies to sit on the Council of Representatives. If the Witan certifies that a petitioning group fulfills membership requirements (as outlined in Article XI of the By-Laws) the Fyrd at an Althyng or the Council of Representatives shall determine by a 2/3 vote if a petitioning organization qualifies to sit on the Council of Representatives.

ARTICLE V.

The trustees shall be subordinate to the will of the Folk and the Council of Representatives, and their main function shall be to execute the will of the Folk and Council of Markland.

ARTICLE VI.

Advisors and officers such as the Council feels are necessary may be called up for a period of time specified by the Council.

ARTICLE VII.

The Council and Witan shall meet a minimum of twice a year with no more than six months between meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

Elections of the Witan by the Folk and Council of Markland shall be held at the Summer Solstice, or upon the occasion of a vacancy, or at the request of the Witan. The new officers shall assume their positions immediately upon election.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments to the By-laws shall be charged to the Witan by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Folk.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be charged to the Witan by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Folk.

ARTICLE XI.

The minimum requirement for membership of groups in the Confederation is that such a group have a constitution consonant with the purpose of the Confederation and annually submit a roster of members at a time determined by the Witan. For a Markland group to gain its status as a member group, it must have the equivalent of ten (10) voting Markland members whose primary affiliation is to that group; furthermore, the members must appear at either an Althyng or council meeting. Each voting Marklander may either a) have primary affiliation to one group, in which case he or she would count as one of the ten voting Marklanders needed, or b) split his or her primary affiliation equally between two groups, in which case he or she would count as one-half of a voting Marklander for each of the two groups. A group may lose its official status if its membership falls below ten members(as of August 1 of the year) or fails to appear at two consecutive meetings of the Markland Council; the group will lose its status at the second meeting missed if the council wills it by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE XII.

Any voting member may vote at the Althyng by general proxy given to an attending voting member if the proxy is written, signed, and dated by the voting member who wishes to vote by proxy. No voting member may exercise more than five (5) general proxies. Any voting member may vote by specific proxy sent to the Witan or person appointed by the Witan for this purpose. The validity of any proxy will be determined by the Witan or the members appointed by the Witan for this purpose.

ARTICLE XIII.

The annual meeting of the Folk which occurs about the Summer Solstice shall be called the Summer Althyng. The annual meeting of the Folk, which occurs about the Winter Solstice, shall be called the Winter Althyng. The Witan shall schedule and arrange all such Althyngs. All such Althyngs shall be open only to current members who must be allowed to enter free of any entrance fee.

ARTICLE XIV.

The fees for membership shall be determined by the will of the Folk or Council. In addition to senior, junior, and associate memberships, a Lifetime Senior membership of fifty (50) times the cost of the annual senior membership is established. Special memberships or fees may be established to cover insurance costs, special mail handling costs, purchase of titles, contributions, or other costs as may arise. (Most recent change in dues: July, 1995):

Single membership - \$25.00

Family membership - \$33.00

with all memberships to expire on their one year anniversary date (Changed from all expiring on August 1 of each year by the Fyrd on 1/18/97.) Titles sold are the property of the purchaser and may be sold, bartered, exchanged, or given at the discretion of the bearer. Titles may be purchased and held by Official Groups, as well as by individuals. If a title-holding membership lapses more than ninety (90) days, the title reverts back to Markland's possession. Every transfer of title, whether loaned, granted, sold, or gambled, a tax shall be imposed. The tax has to be paid, by either party, to allow the transfer; the amount is to be set arbitrarily by the Witan.

ARTICLE XV.

Events of the Corporation may have one of three status designations: Official, Unofficial, and Official Pending.

Definitions: Events granted "Official" status are those which at least two Witan officers have granted official status, after the event's organizer(s) and the event itself have met certain qualifications, as detailed below. Only Official events sanctioned by the Witan are granted liability coverage under Markland insurance. Also, only Official events count toward Steel Qualification. "Unofficial" events, which do not meet the criteria of an Official event, may be listed in Markland's publications as events of interest to some Marklanders. These events are listed as FYI and are not covered by Markland's liability insurance. Unofficial events must be identified as such when advertised in Markland publications. An "Official Pending" status in Markland publications will be used for those events which the event organizers expect to meet and obtain Official criteria, but for which the paperwork is not yet complete. It is important to note that some Official Pending events never obtain "Official" status, and the Fyrd should not rely upon insurance for these events until Official status has been granted.

Requirements for Official Status: Official events, other than meetings, require: 1. the availability of a first aid kit at the event, and 2. a completed Event Form signed by 2 Witan members AND filed with the Bocman, certifying the event's Official status. The information on the Event Form must include: name, address, and telephone number of at least one of the event's organizers; the nature, time, date and location of the event; and the agreement of the event's organizers that the event will be run according to Markland's rules, regulations, and safety guidelines. These qualifications must be met before the event can be designated as Official in any Markland publication, on-line announcement, or telephone service. (Official meetings do not require a first aid kit. Requirements for Council Meetings and Althyngs are covered elsewhere.) In addition, Official battle recreations using metal weapons require that at least one Steel Qualifier be present at the event. Official events involving horses that are ridden or used in public, require that at least one Horse Guild Board member must be present, unless the event has the express approval of the Witan that the requirement be waived. Official Frat events require the presence of at least one Reeve.

Other paperwork or requirements, as determined by the Witan, may be required. The Witan retains the right to deny Official status to any event. This decision may be appealed to the Council or Althyng.

ARTICLE XVI.

Rules governing fratricidal and recreational fighting, and the use of horses at events, shall become effective after the approval by the Council or the Fyrd at the Althyng, a subsequent publication of the rule(s) in the Plague/Pox, and a second approval by the Council or the Fyrd at an Althyng.

ARTICLE XVII.

In order to comply with the statutes of each state in which the Corporation does business, a resident agent shall be chosen from and by the Council of Representatives. Upon approval of the Witan, the resident agent becomes the legal representative for the Corporation in that state.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The Plague shall be run by an editorial staff determined by the Editor-in-Chief, but recommended by the Witan and Council to be a staff of approximately five (5).

ARTICLE XIX.

The editor-in-chief of the Plague will be a two (2) year position to be appointed by the Witan and approved by the Council. The position will be advertised in the October/Hastings Plague and resumes should be sent to the Aeldorman. The Witan should meet and present their choice to the Council at the November/December meeting for approval. This is not to be an election. Unless serious doubts are raised about the candidate's qualifications, then the appointment shall stand. The current Editor-in-chief may resubmit for another term.

ARTICLE XX.

Official discussion of fratricidal fighting rules will be held at the Winter Althyng and the council meeting preceding the Winter Althyng. Rule changes may be proposed at any other time, however discussion will be tabled until the appropriate meetings are convened.

"Wise shall he seem who well can question
And also answer well
Nought is concealed That men may say
Among the sons of men."

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