

Maidenhead Reapers Wargames Club Committee Meeting

12/8/17

Present: Mick(Chairman), Mark, Eric, Miles, Richard (Minutes), Chris (Observer)

1) Apologies for Absence

None. We is all 'ere.

2) Chairman's Ramblings

Mick thanks the newly elected committee for giving up their Saturday afternoon for the meeting. Outlines the plan for the meeting and how putting the club on a more formal footing will help it grow and be more successful in the future. We also need to make sure that the club grows and that everyone and all games feel welcome. We should challenge behavior that makes people feel uncomfortable or unwelcome.

3) Club Constitution

It is unanimously agreed that we should have a new constitution and rules governing the club. Mick, Mark and Richard have experience with this from over clubs and suggest we should find a suitable template to download and edit to make things as easy as possible. This is agreed by all.

Action: Mick will find a template and do a first draft to be circulated amongst the committee.

It is unanimously agreed that the final constitution will have to be voted on by the current members of the club to keep people on board.

Elections will be held annually at the end of September a month after the membership year begins.

4) Membership

All the committee agrees there should be a more formal club membership, but there should be no bar on non-members coming to club nights.

The form that membership should take and what benefits it bestows is discussed at length and several options explored.

It is decided that membership will:

- Be a sign of longer term commitment to the club and confer voting rights.
- Confer part ownership of the club, if its wound up its shared amongst members.
- Be inexpensive £10 (£5 not in full time employment) annually.
- Not give a reduction in the £3 cost of attending club nights.
- Be required for future committee members.
- Confer other benefits like priority at full events, borrowing the club scenery etc.
- Will be 6 monthly pro-rata (half a years membership is £5 for later comers)
- Run from 1st of September to coincide with the GCN Subs.

5) Club Officers

The Gaming Club Network (and most sane constitutions) require a minimum of a Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. The committee agrees that we should also have an Events/Competition Officer and a Publicity Officer. These will be agreed amongst the committee once the vote has taken place rather than people standing for particular positions. The committee agrees the following positions.

Chairman -> Mick, as elected
Treasurer -> Mark
Secretary -> Richard (hence the minutes)
Publicity -> Eric
Events -> Miles

We agree that Chris S. should attend these meetings as an observer and our liaison to our landlord (Housing Solutions), to keep us updated early on any issues arising.

6) Finances

Mick suggests and the committee unanimously agrees that the Treasurer should report on the finances monthly at committee meetings. This will be in the form of a spreadsheet output from the bank account, that will be published with the minutes, as well as a Google spreadsheet that the committee will have access to. This will allow the committee and club members to have a good overview of the clubs finances, setting a scale for projects and suggestions. It will also allow the committee to look at longer term income trends.

The issue of using club terrain for private events is raised, this is a slight ambiguity as members will technically be providing recourses for games they cant participate in. A solution is unanimously agreed that a token (£5) donation from the member borrowing the scenery will cover this.

Action: Mark to share documents with committee through dropbox and google spreadsheet

7) Reapers Survey

Mick suggests, and the committee agree, that we should conduct a survey of the current membership to find out what they think is going well and badly and what games people want to see more of.

Richard, Mark and Eric have all used SurveyMonkey and suggest this as a good way of conducting it.

Action: Richard to prepare the survey.

8) Gaming Clubs Network

This is a good thing and should continue, we can't get public liability insurance any cheaper anywhere else. It is in flux at the moment as it has lost some key players recently but will hopefully become more useful for organising local events with other clubs.

9) Any Other Business

9.1) More Storage Space

Chris S. reports that reorganization at housing Solutions may give us a lot more storage space, potentially the whole store-room upstairs at Blandford House. This would allow a lot more scenery to be stored on site and open up a lot of opportunities.

9.2) Stock Check

Eric would like to continue his stock inventory, and may well use a Monday to get everything together.

Action: Eric to continue to inventorize the stock

9.3) Helping with Vanquish

Mick would like us to do more in the local club scene, particularly helping out at vanquish. We should have 2 tables next year, one of which should be 40k to well represent what we do as a club. We should try and help out in other ways as well to take more ownership of this local event.

9.4) Committee Meetings

Mick notes that we should use the Facebook messenger group only to organise meetings and not make decisions. Major decisions and discussions should take place face to face to ensure there is no miscommunication and no one gets left out of the loop.

9.5) Link to Games Workshop Maidenhead

Miles suggests we use the new management at GW as an opportunity to get back on much better terms with the local shop. His suggestion that is welcomed by all enthusiastically is to provide free gaming night tokens as prizes for the competitions that shop occasionally run, and to make sure the winners get an excellent experience.

9.6) Open Days

Mark Suggests that to help attract new gamers we should hold open day events on a Saturday to let people come along and try a variety of games. These would be weekend events and held regularly throughout the year.

9.7) Scenery / Terrain

Mark suggests we go on a drive to improve the terrain as this will help get new members and distinguish us from other local clubs. Really high quality terrain (particularly if we get more space to store it) will be a great advertisement for the club.

9.8) Website

Richard suggests we have a website, concerns about the cost can be addressed by hosting it on Richard's server for free meaning the cost would only be the ~£7 yearly charge for the domain name. This would be only a simple html site to being with but would give us more of an online footprint. Richard and Eric both have some small experience in this area and will pursue this. This is not intended to replace the Facebook pages just give a more easily searchable place to access them from.

15:00 Meeting closed