

Whispering Runes

President's Column

Wow, it's been a while since a column has shown up here. But as president its one of my duties which I should take seriously. With a new baby and a stressful job, it is just too tempting to take the easy way out and not do one. After looking at what IFGS means to me and the role I can play in it, I've decided that it is something I need to take more seriously.

It is that time in our chapter's life when we all need to take a look at what IFGS means to us. We need to look at the fun we've had and the friendships we share. We need to decide if IFGS needs our renewed commitment and some serious attention. I'm not trying to place a guilt trip on anyone. All I'm asking is that you evaluate the place IFGS has in your life. Some will say it is not important enough. To those people, all I can say is "I will miss you dearly and I hope you will keep us in your thoughts."

For those that remain, I beg of you, please take some time to play a bigger role in IFGS. WE need everything. We need PC's and NPC's. We need game writer's and game producers. We need people to sanction games. We need everyone to give a little time to a hobby which can bring us so much fun. The next time someone calls you to PC or NPC, or serve as game staff, please say yes. Our chapter needs you.

And here is your first chance, We have a table at Con-DFW this weekend in Richardson. We need volunteers to help man the table on Saturday and Sunday. John Jones will also need people to help with a con game we are running as a recruiting drive. If you can help for even a little bit. Contact John Jones, Olan Knight or me.

*Paul Coley
Dallas IFGS President*

Midnight Shuffle Bank Report

On Sunday, 25-JAN-2004 we celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the Dallas Chapter of IFGS! The Annual Banquet was fun, the food was great, and the mini-game

was a BLAST! It was a good turnout - we even had someone from Norman attend! Way to go, Jeremy! ☺

It was great to see so many faces that had been absent from the last few games. Michael Magness and Beth Wilson showed up from Waco; school had kept them away from IFGS all last year! They even brought a novice with them! Next time you see Seth Bush, be sure to welcome him to the Chapter! Our Chapter President Pat McGehearty showed up from Austin!

The Annual Banquet began with an auspicious note: the mini-game was ready to go at 11:00 am! The first team went through about 15 minutes later, but that was because we were waiting for someone to handle check-in! OK, so we needed the one extra NPC to truly be ready, but hey....the production was done on time!

Paul Coley went out and corralled the food while team two was on course. The Ravenous Hordes descended like locusts onto the Colters BBQ, and proceeded to gnaw and munch their way through a little over HALF of what was available! In other words, there was *plenty* for all! Team two finished the game a little later, and the January Board Meeting was held during lunch.

The January Board Meeting

Our new Board consists of the following people:

Paul Coley	President
Joe Dimatteo	Vice President
Mark Venable	Secretary
John Jones	
Robert Armbruster	
Amy Coley	
Olan Knight	

The new Board gave profuse and heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Board members Gordon Griffith and Pat McGehearty for their many years of hard work on behalf of the Chapter; the room erupted into applause for them both!

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Citing the reality of a new baby, Amy Coley stepped down as the Sanctioning Committee chair. Pat McGehearty volunteered to fill that position so he is now the Dallas Chapter Sanctioning Committee Chair.

All other Committee Chairs were re-elected to their position. Paul Coley is now the Acting Newsletter Chair. Anyone who would like to assume the responsibility for the Dallas IFGS Newsletter should contact Paul and probably attend the next Board meeting – which will be held at Paul and Amy's place on Tuesday, 03-Feb-2004 at 7:30 pm.

And did you know that our very own John Jones is the current IFGS Society President?? Is that not too cool???

PC Best of Game

Roleplaying

1. Andy Moon
2. Seth Bush

Costume

1. Jenny Peterson
2. Michael Magness
3. Rick Peterson

Humor

1. Andy Moon (By a landslide. And he really was hilarious!)
2. Michael Magness (I don't care about any of my gear except my bottle of Vodka!)

Olan Knight

Registry Chair.

IFGS - Dallas Chapter Board February Meeting Minutes

In attendance:: John Jones with Olan's proxy, Tracey Skopinski, Amy Coley, Paul Coley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by Paul Coley.

Committee Reports

News letter: Has not been sent out as Paul landed at DFW at 5:55 PM after spending a week in CA.

Bank: Olan reports thru John that it is up to date.

Safety: : No report The position is open

QM: More or less in order. John is considering options on the shed.

Sanctioning: No report

PR: No report. The position is open.

FRC: No report The position is open.

Society Liaison: : No report The position is open.

Treasury: Paperwork for "Crystals of Need" was turned in. We are now getting charged \$10 per month for our account. We will explore options including a look at Community Credit union. Tracey needs Joe, Mark, Olan to complete the signature cards. Budgets for all standing committees are due to Tracey by the next board meeting.

Old Business –

- Secretary position still open. Paul to confirm with Mark that he will still serve in this capacity.
- Paul gave the replacement battery charges to John .
- Con DFW. Olan reserved a table in our name and paid the associated fee. John to run a sequel to Midnight Shuffle as there is a room set aside for us on Saturday evening. Possibly looking at a Fight-the-knight as well. Need volunteers for both days (Sat. and Sun.)

John Jones made a motion to reimburse Olan the \$75 for the table fee, Amy seconded. Pass 4-0-0.

New Business

- Need to find an alternative to the shed. John to investigate proposal on a 20X20 foot shed for \$90.
- Need to find an alternate bank account.
- Paul to look at running a banners in early March,

A motion was made by Amy Coley to make the next board meeting at 7:30PM on March 2nd at May and Paul's home. The motion was seconded by John Jones and passed by acclaim.

Paul Coley pronounced the meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Sanctioning Committee Game status

Sanctioned:

Game	Writer/Producer	Level	Run Date	Committee	Status
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Sanctioning at Work.

Game	Writer/Producer	Level	Run Date	Committee	Status
Punishable by Death	P.Coley	2-4	TBD	Amy C.	Submitted
A Small Matter	P.Coley	2-4	TBD	TBD	Submitted
Trouble in Trocton	M/B. Magness	TBD	TBD	P&A Coley, O.Knight	Submitted

Calendar Of Events

Game	Chapter	Author/Producer	Levels	Type	Date
Con DFW	Dallas	John Jones			Feb 21 and 22
Mage of Shadows, Norman Medieval Fair	Norman	Jeremy Storm	Levels 3-4	Major	Mar. 27-28,04 April 2-4
Mini Game	Norman	Mary Hayes			April 3
All's Fair in Love and Chaos	Norman	Michael Whaley	Levels 6-7	Major	May 15-16, 04