

Aros Historical Fencing Guild general assembly 2026

Held 21st of February 2026

Participants: Chairman Benjamin Lentz Olesen, Secretary Troels Windekilde, Treasurer Leif Capparelli Pettersen, as well as members Ellie, Kim, Jonas, Lærke, Sebastian, Rene, Thomas, Germano, and Darius.

Selection of conductor and referee

Conductor: Benjain L. O.

Referee: Troels W.

The board's account of the past year

The chairman accounted for the events of the past year; included social events such as the trip to Horsens Middelalderfestival, the summer party, and multiple Knights Night Out, as well as tournaments, including Squad Game II.

The new-commers who were present contributed with feedback relating to what made them stay in the guild, after the introcourse – which seems to have been a successful initiative. The retention factors they reported were:

- Social events.
- Feeling comfortable being in a sizable group of newbies.
- Structure – arguably a result of the new intro course.
- Early sparring, giving a real sense of what melee combat is like.

Presentation of the financial report

Treasurer Leif Capparelli Pettersen presented the report, which was approved unanimously.

Budget proposal for the following 12 months

The budget was approved by vote.

Membership fees remain unchanged.

Noteworthy were:

- 2.000, - party and social event budget.
- 1.500, - temporary funds.
- 4.000, - Squad Game III budget. In case such a tournament will be planned.
- 25.000, - new for lockers and gear. See the Locker & Equipment Acquisition proposal for further details.

Incoming proposals

Volunteers

It was proposed that a trainer to step in with additional course work, co-trainers who will assist, a quartermaster to maintain and track club gear, a party committee, and an outreach committee be appointed and made official.

An impressive number of members volunteered.

Trainer: Sebastian – Who will arrange a study club.

Co-trainers: Jonas Skov, Lærke Lejel Gehlert

Quartermaster: Thomas Tuushuu

Party Committee: Ellie Dimitrova, Sebastian, Kim Oliver Knappert

Outreach were deemed unnecessary, since the guild does not currently have facilities to host an increased number of newcomers.

The other volunteers were approved unanimously by vote.

Weapon of Choice

A discussion about which weapon Germano should teach ended with a vote between Saber and Messer. Messer was approved 5 to 3 with multiple members abstaining.

Locker & Equipment Acquisition

A proposal to budget 25.000, - DKK for new lockers, chest protectors, and multiple full sets of HEMA protection was approved unanimously, including optional sword-hangers.

Additionally, a go for applying for sponsored gear was approved.

Costume Party

A costume party was proposed and approved by vote. It will be up to the party committee to execute on this.

Training Facilities

A proposal to look into future training facilities, including cost, and possible locations were discussed. The comments mostly related to price and location, with a future increase of the membership fee to cover such an expense capped at double the current amount being the cap for several members.

Ease of access with both car, bicycle, and public transport were also mentioned multiple times.

It was unanimously agreed that Germano should investigate current and future options.

Election of Chairman (even years)

Benjamin Lentz Olesen was re-elected unanimously.

Election of Alternate (each year)

Thomas Tuushuu was elected unanimously. He will be replacing Benjamin Lentz Olesen, who was elected Chairman at the extraordinary general assembly of 2025.

Election of Auditor (each year)

Rene Frederiksen was elected unanimously as replacement for Guglielmo Mirone.

Eventualities

None were put forth.

With thanks to Darius for hosting this year's general assembly, and those members who bravely offered to stay behind and deal with the leftover snacks and cookies, the meeting was adjourned.