

Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2015

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report

The Seneschale announced that she will not extending her term for a third year so we will be looking for applications to replace. The position will be posted in the North Wind and on-line. A deadline for applications was set at August 1, 2015.

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

Income Statement

- 2QTD: on income of \$2,766.69 and expenses of \$2,551.82, we have a 2QTR gain of \$214.87
- YTD: on income of \$11,369.64 and expenses of \$13,671.47, we have a YTD loss of \$2,301.83
- Assets
 - Receivables: \$101 from one individual for NSF cheques, \$50 for the rapier practice float
 - Other Assets: Murrayville Hall \$600 for Baronial Banquet site deposit

Practices

- All-Thing:
 - net loss of \$14.75 due to US exchange on equestrian insurance certificate
 - we haven't received an invoice from the site owner for April/May
- Bransles: net income of \$45.75; reporting is up-to-date
- Heavy: net loss of \$806.42; May practices are paid, fees should be picked up June 2nd
- Rapier: net loss of \$235.01 (\$524.20 including insurance certificate + late fee); May practices are paid, fees should be picked up June 4th

Events

- Champions – as advised by Event Steward James Wolfden
- Trials – awaiting bid package

Miscellaneous

I revised the form slightly to include proposal and final dates; have also added conditional formatting to highlight SCA memberships that expire before the event end date. If Council agrees, I will have this posted on the Lions Gate website.

Available Funds

As of 6pm today \$6,170.48.

Terry Wolfe Film Request

Terry Wolfe, an independent filmmaker, presented a request to allow us to do some filming at an event (The Trials) to add some medieval colour to the film he is making called "Kids from Camelot". Terry describes his film as a musical family film about some cell-phone addicted kids who travel in time to Camelot and find their imaginations. Terry suggested we watch the video "Rules Suck" on youtube to get an idea of what he is doing. Terry wants to film a scene where we could provide some crowd scenes when the children are in Camelot.

There was some concern raised about whether an event like The Trials was the best time to do this as our activity would be very concentrated on the event itself. It was suggested that an All Thing practice might be a better time to do this. Terry estimates that the shooting time might be 3-6 hours and could be spread over two practices, July 11th and August 15th. Terry was also warned that since we cover a wide range of time periods, we may not present a consistent image for what he wants to do. Hollywood may be inaccurate in its costumes but it tends to be consistently inaccurate whereas we may be more accurate but very inconsistent having early period, late period, Norse, English, Turkish, and maybe even Japanese.

The request has also been forwarded to the Kingdom Media deputy who is also forwarding it up the line to ensure that we are allowed to do this under the Society guidelines. So far there is not any concern expressed at the Kingdom level.

Terry made his presentation and then left. The discussion continued as we examined whether we need to do this as a branch or just left it individually to the members. We have taken this approach with other requests where we just publicize that somebody is looking for some people in garb as extras but without the Barony actually taking part in the filming. This would also eliminate any need for Kingdom or Society approval.

Our biggest concern is whether we are really what Terry needs. The Seneschal will look into this and determine whether it will be better to do this separately and find a suitable date.

Webminister Departure

Our Webminister Dreng has been transferred and will need to vacate his position as webminister. As well, his lady Eithne will also be joining him. We will need to find a new webminister ASAP. Eithne will be able to continue to some extent with the Baronial Banquet but a deputy is needed to take over as she will need to leave just before the event.

Past Events

May Champions

May 23, 2015

Event Steward: James Wolfden

Lions Gate May Champions had an attendance of 142 people. This included 113 paying adults, 7 comps, and 22 youth/children.

Profit for the event was \$887.73

Two of the champions paid their gate fee and will be re-imbursed. The closing float was short by \$10 implying we either gave the wrong change or forgot to charge someone.

The other expenses were the site fee of \$166.03 and the named insurance of \$64.24.

General Comments.

The site fee of \$10 with no NMS worked out well. There were no complaints from attendees and attendance was up from last year when we charged \$5. It also worked well at Gate making change easy. We would have still made a profit at \$5 but the extra \$555 generated by a \$10 gate fee goes well towards paying the overhead costs of the Barony including the locker fee.

We had a good number of youth and children in attendance suggesting that the policy of not charging for youth and children is working. Or, at the very least, it is not hindering or hurting our bottom line.

I understand that there was an additional \$110 collected at the event through the sale of garb donated to the barony for gold key that was given directly to the Baron. It is not included in the event numbers.

Logistically, there were some last minute concerns about getting stuff to the event. Most of these were worked out. One I will single out as it presents a particular cost savings in the future. I requested that the Baronial waterbearing supplies be brought to the event. This included some large 5 gallon water carboys, some water bottles, and pumps for the carboys. It turns out the carboys were recycled after Canterbury Fayre. Minor inconvenience for the event as there is fresh water on site and it just meant filling up the water bottles a little more often. However, carboys take up a good amount of space in a locker. They cost \$10 deposit and \$5 to fill at most stores. Why are we storing them in the locker. Every event could just go out buy the water they need and then return the carboy at the end for the deposit.

Scheduling, we ran into some unplanned overlap of the Heavy and Archery Tournaments with the Heavy Tourney running about 1 hour behind schedule. We started archery on-time and allowed time at the end for those still in the heavy tournament to shoot at the end. That said, I would recommend that we do archery first. There is less overhead time because there is less inspection.

There was a brief discussion concerning water bearing supplies stored by the Barony. It was decided that the Barony will not store any water bearing supplies including the smaller water bottles. The issue is that such bottles are often not cleaned and sterilized between each event. Event Stewards should note that the locker will not have any water bearing supplies and they budget water bearing costs accordingly.

Ladner May Days

May 24, 2015

Demo Steward: Jaclyn McEwen

We received an Honourarium of \$300 and we may end up doing this again.

Allthings

June 6th, 2015

June 27th, 2015

Falling/Vaulting workshop on the 6th.

Baronial Trials

July 24-26, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna, Jayson

Event is coming along. Fighting with the PDF. This is a level 2 event.

Baronial Banquet

October 3, 2015

Event Stewards: Eithne

Eithne is moving just before the event. Seneschal will be approaching individuals to step in for Eithne.

New Business

Gold Key

Niall reported that two soon to be three bins of garb that had been donated to Gold Key. The

Barony does not require donations of garb for Gold Key. Gold Key will be limited to 1 bin of tabards. The days where we need a van to transport Gold Key to outfit a few dozen new people is over. We have sold some of the garb to newcomers and will continue to do so to any garb donated. To expand, any donation to the Barony may be sold to generate funds for the Barony.

Scribal Symposium Survey – The seneschal reported that in the Scribal Report, the Baronial Scribe reported that she was thinking of conducting a survey about resuming the Scribal Symposiums. Note: Scribal Report has not been sent to Chronicler.

Coronet Report

War!

Next Council – June 25

Officer Reports

Webminister – Lord Drengr Randviörson

Please find enclosed the May Officer Report for the Barony of Lions Gate's Webminister position.

Sadly there has not been many innovations or updates on the website aside from the usual updates.

New Business:

Calendar has been updated with the latest events.

Webminister position is now available.

Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

Nothing to report

Archery Report – Lady Thérèse de Merc

Practices

The outdoor practices have resumed on Thursday evenings at Burnaby Butts; please contact Jaqueline Lefleur for further details.

Events

Lions Gate Champions Tourney was held on 23 May 2015. Gareth Haydon ran a fun and challenging tourney, including a swinging baton-like object and dragon eyes. There were a whopping 21 entrants into the championship, thanks to all who joined! (The heavy fighting only had 20 entrants listed.) Another round narrowed down the list to the top five archers. Of those finalists, the top two, Aline de Seez and Fiona the Archer, had a final deciding round, from which Aline emerged the victor. Both were awarded prizes in court later that day, and Aline was inducted as the new Archery Champion of Lions Gate.

No injuries reported this past month, yay!

Chamberlain's Report – His Lordship Garet Dorion

The locker is still a'full of stuff. I have not had the time to re-rack the eric bases, nor really conduct a full sort and reshel, I'm afraid.

We need to contact the storage company and advise them the light circuit is burned out/breaker is off. I tried a new bulb, to no effect.

The search for the wall hangings continues, and will continue until they are located. A new lead has recently surfaced.

All other baronial items are located. Some are currently residing at the GW (in particular, the archery materials), but they are all accounted for at this time.

No injuries to report, even from climbing the shelving to change the bulb out :)