

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 27, 2015**

**Barony of Lions Gate**

### **Seneschal's Report**

Nothing to report. Brigitte and I will be working on the third quarter report.

### **Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin**

#### **Income Statement**

- 3QTD: on income of \$4,086.77 and expenses of \$2,066.86, we have a 3QTR gain of \$2,019.91
- YTD: on income of \$17,122.26 and expenses of \$16,563.00 we have a YTD gain of \$559.26
- Assets
  - Receivables: \$50 for the rapier practice float
  - Other Assets: Murrayville Hall \$600 for Baronial Banquet site deposit

#### **Practices**

- All-Thing: net loss of \$13.75 up to July All Thing. August fees and invoice not yet received.
- Bransles: net gain \$45.75 with only one held in 2015
- Heavy: net gain of \$519.90 with practices held at Darren and Dawn's home June through part of September.
- Rapier: net loss of \$444.21 including \$289.19 for insurance certificate + late fee.

#### **Miscellaneous**

We have an appointment with RBC tomorrow to update our account signing officers. Removing Roxanne Hood and Tamala Arn, and adding Paul Puhallo (Principality Exchequer).

#### **Available Funds**

As of 6pm on September 24<sup>th</sup>, ledger balance is \$7,932.57 of which \$841 is in the Thrones Special Purpose Fund.

#### **Issues**

- a. Remaining funds from Barony of Lions Gate Facebook fundraising page
- b. Sunday archery practices

### **Archery**

In the Baronial Archery report, the Baronial Archer request additional practices at the Grene Wode on a weekly basis going forward with a possible connection to a future weekly AllThings.

Baron Uilliam expressed concern about expanding to weekly AllThing. He feels that it could end up costing the Barony money over the long term. Brianna stated that the site owner is willing to look at price breaks if attendance exceeds certain limits. There was also the cost of insurance brought up but it was pointed out that the site owner doesn't require named insurance except for the equestrian.

James stated that archery has an actual season unlike most other SCA martial activities. The season runs November to October. The initial push for practices is so that archers can get their final scores in before the end of the season. Once the October push is over and the November weather comes in, there will be less demand for the practices. Jaqueline also

pointed that a weekend practice makes it possible to start earlier in the day when you still have sunlight.

There were some general concerns about having practices on the weekends when they might be conflicting with other events.

It was suggested to go initially with a trial period and see how it goes.

### **Master of Stables**

Miles is willing to extend his term provided he gets a Iron Key Deputy to haul the Iron Key to practice.

### **Chatelaine**

The Chatelaine raised the question of what was the best way to hook newcomers. Do we want to hold a newcomer's meeting during a month in which the Barony is holding an event or just try to get the newcomer to come out to the event. Another idea is to move the monthly newcomer event to different venues each month. Hold it at the Cloverdale Fight Practice one month, the A&S Night another month, and so on.

### **Allthings**

There were only 10 paid attendees at the September All Thing which was not surprising as Odin was also happening. Attendees were mostly archers. October turn-out should be better.

### **Baronial Banquet**

October 3, 2015

Event Stewards: Baroness Caitrina with Cassandra as the Chef.

Over half of the tickets have been sold. There are only two full comps with that being the Baron and Baroness. Champions have been comped for the site fee but still have to pay meal cost. Discussion about whether servers would have to pay site fee or be comped. While servers do get to eat leftovers, they have to realize that there may not be any leftovers.

Since the Baroness' birthday is two day after the event, a cake competition is being held.

There was the suggestion that the presentation of the cake would stand in for the presentation of the subtlety. It was suggested that the cakes (after tasting and presentation) be auctioned off to reduce any potential shortfall.

The court should be very short.

### **Baroness' Tournament**

November 14, 2015

Event Steward: HL Arianna Freemont, Deputy: Caius

Garet reports that there will be fighting. The King, Prince, and Princess are expected to attend. Baronial Court will be kept to a minimum to allow for the extra courts. .

### **Lion Stage**

January 16, 2016

Event Steward: Wulfstan

The event's Facebook presence - set up by co-steward William of Haus Werner, who is overseeing promotions - shows that 21 gentles have indicated an intention to attend, and 47 have indicated that they may attend (as of Wed evening, Sept 23rd). My experience has been that a formula of all the "yes" responses and half the "maybe" responses yields a fairly accurate count of attendance on the day, so I feel that 44 people is a reasonable estimated attendance. This is slightly over our projected attendance in the event bid and would return the Barony a modest profit.

After some technical difficulties with the EIF "fill and save" pdf, I have sent Brigitte the relevant information by email.

The past month has been a bit slow otherwise, mainly because my modern life has been very busy: a new school, new courses, and new software and procedures to learn.

In the coming month I anticipate that we will have event copy on the Facebook page, submitted to the Crier and on the Calendar website. We will also be seeking and jurying a merchant for day food this fall. We have begun discussing potential classes and will be organising that as well. I spoke with the site owner regarding Baron Uilliam's question about a brewing class, and unfortunately he felt that it would not be fully in keeping with the spirit of the Salvation Army's position on alcohol (no pun intended... strangely enough...)

### **July Coronation 2016 Bid**

July 15-17, 2016

The bid was resubmitted and we received clarification back that denied because of prior issues with the site and the site owner. The seneschal feels that the issues are not truly valid. Bottom line is that we can not currently make any bid for any principality or kingdom events using this site at this time. The letter did make it clear that they were rejecting the site not the Barony. There was a suggestion to just let it go and carry on.

### **Tir Righ Heraldic and Scribal Symposium**

April 2, 2016

Aine is putting together a bid for this. One possible site is a school where we might be able to get a better deal if we did a demo. A request for a demo write-up was made.

New Business

### **V-Con**

Doctor Carus pointed out that V-Con was coming up and we have done tables/demos there in the past. James stated that he organized the last two years but didn't step forward this year as he was planning on seeing more of the convention. He had hoped someone else would step forward. Since no one had but people had expressed interest, he did send off a very late email seeing if there was still room. He had not heard back yet but if needed he would organize the table and arrange volunteers.

### **Bransle**

Jaqueline reported that while there was good attendance at the beginning, numbers have dropped off. An informal poll provided all sorts of reasons for the drop-off but nothing to really suggest there is a demand for it currently. Jaqueline recommended that the Bransle be canceled at this time.

### **Council Meetings**

There was small discussion about where we should hold council meetings. The Baron was quite adamant that he was not interested in crossing a bridge.

### **Baronial Fundraising Auction**

It was decided to postpone the Baronial Auction to after the Tir Righ auction was completed.

### **Coronet Report**

The Baron pointed out that he and the Baroness had made the decision that they would not be going to the Tir Righ A&S on the island. It was decided long ago. Now, the Baroness has decided she will be going and not coming back until Thursday, two days before Banquet, leaving the Baron all alone. Even though they agreed. And that's our report.

Next Council – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Officer Reports

### **Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe**

After taking a break for the summer, our monthly Arts and Sciences nights have resumed! Our September 16th gathering saw about seven people attend, which was a pleasant surprise after two months of dormancy.

Future dates have been set and should be added to the online calendar. They are:

October 21

November 18

December 16

All from 7 pm to 10 pm, and still at Master Iain and HL Katelijne's house.

There is nothing else to report.

### **Archery Report – HL Delwyn verch Ynyr**

As this is my first report, I will beg pardon for any missed items or points of interest.

Form for Change of Officer has been filled out (from my end) and passed on to Nancy Jeanne Hedge (Brianna) to be handed over to Council tonight.

Practices:

Target Archery Practices for Aug/Sept:

From previous accounts, attendance for our outdoor practices (at Burnaby archery range) have increased over the latter two months from earlier in the season from about 4-5 archers, to a healthy 13-15, including both new and old archers, during the course of an evening. This is outstanding given the membership challenges presented by this particular range.

August AllThing - This was my first introduction into this monthly practice and was heavily attended by both archery community and those interested by it. Although I do not have hard numbers, estimates would be in the 20s over the course of the day between current and new participants on the range.

Many thanks to Jaqueline for providing one of her classes on archery techniques and to the many archers who stepped up to marshal over the course of the day.

September AllThing - Due to a scheduling conflict we saw a reduced attendance, however we still managed to have approximately 10 archers over the course of the afternoon. Huzzah!

New Practices:

Effective now until end of October, we have an additional archery practice located out at the Greene Wode every Sunday from noon until Dusk. I am encouraging carpooling when and wherever possible to better facilitate attendance for those interested. It was also suggested we do some sort of a potluck 'snack' table for those attending as well.

New Request (Practices):

It is at this point I will be requesting that we take this new practice and extend it beyond October to an indefinite and ongoing basis as there has been a lot of interest generated from this new opportunity, and would give our archery community a place to shoot both short and longer distances, potentially even our standard 40 yard range, over the winter months.

Something that has not been available to Lions Gate archers previously. This would then allow us to post scores at the Kingdom level starting effectively in November as opposed to waiting until the spring months for our outdoor season to pick up.

(\*\*\*Note: I believe Nancy will be stepping forward with a proposal for a weekly AllThing Practice and as such, archery practices would fall in the same time. Essentially, we discussed this and are on the same page.)

Events:

In the past month, there were no Baronial events to report on from an archery perspective

though we did have multiple local events that many of our Baronial archers attended including Investiture and Odin's Playground.

Looking ahead:

As I become more familiar with this office again, I will be reviewing what we currently have for inventory (loaner gear, equipment, etc) and seeing what we will need to repair or replace for the coming season ahead, if anything.

I am also reviewing what has been done over the past couple of years in terms of recognition and accomplishments for the archery community and intend to re-establish some form of presentation for achievements in ranking (previously awarded coloured tassels), Company of Archers and Kingdom top 10 achievements.

#### **Chronicler's Report – Baron James Wolfden**

The minutes and North Wind have been posted. Although, I now have the ability to add the files to site, the webpage still needs to be updated to point to the files.

I have started a subscription list with three subscribers to date.

My term is slated to end in January 2016 so we should start looking for a replacement.

#### **Chatelaine's Report – Duchess Caoimhe ingen Domnaille**

I would like to approach the Baronial Council about both expanding the Baronial monthly Social, as well as looking at ways to make it a more strategic program. I would like to first move it from the East Van location to other venues that are more likely to capture the energy and activities that are ongoing in the Barony. For example, holding it at the heavy fight practice in Surrey. I believe this will also help as many of the newcomers contacting me through the Chatelaine email address are located south of the Fraser (i.e., east of the Port Mann Bridge). The other consideration I would have is to whether we should avoid holding a social in the same month as the Barony is holding an event. I feel strongly we should be finding ways to better incorporate newcomers and obviously at events is the best place to do that. Though on this last point, I would welcome any and all feedback and ideas people have. In general, we are experiencing an influx of newcomers and I want to make sure we have the best support in place.