

Council Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2015

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report

Nothing to report. This should be the last curia for me.

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

As revised during Council

Income Statement – as of 5pm on 22Oct2015

- Q3 report: on income of \$19,123.74 and expenses of \$16,563.00 we had year to Q3 gain of \$2,560.74
- YTD: on income of \$20,335.64 and expenses of \$19,858.63 we have a year to date gain of \$477.01
- Assets
 - Receivables: \$50 for the rapier practice float (to be returned in December and reissued in January)
 - Other Assets: Murrayville Hall \$600 for Baronial Banquet site deposit (spoke with caretaker today; the cheque was signed about a week ago and he believes was mailed)

Practices – revised during Council

- All-Thing: net gain of \$10.29 because we haven't been invoiced for September
- Archery: net gain of \$240 because we haven't been invoiced for the site use
- Bransles: net gain \$45.75
- Heavy: net gain of \$165.80. Includes payment for October's practices the fees for which won't be picked up until early November
- Rapier: net loss of \$354.21 including \$289.19 for insurance certificate + late fee. Note that we haven't been invoices for September or October practices, and I've received no answer to my email or voicemail.

Available Funds

As of 5pm on October 22nd, ledger balance is \$6,120.32 of which \$1,200 is in the Thrones Special Purpose Fund leaving \$4,920.32 as available funds.

Past Events

Baronial Banquet

October 3, 2015

Event Stewards: Baroness Caitrina with Cassandra as the Chef.

Gate was \$1630 with an additional \$90 collected for NMS. Food costs came under budget so the event made a small profit of \$110 not including cake auction amounts. It was a good kitchen but would like more industrial stoves and an actual dishwasher.

Future Events

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

November 14, 2015

Event Steward: HL Arianna Freemont, Deputy: Caius

Arianna can't be here. Cheques issued for gate float, TUTR float, and miscellaneous expenses. People are excited about the line-up for classes. Pre-reg is important. There was a question asked about why there was a separate merchant fee this year. This was done partly in response to feedback from those merchants that do run their booths as a business. A separate merchant fee makes it easier for them to write off the event on their financial sheets. A second reason is that it ensures merchants actually show up.

Lion Stage

January 16, 2016

Event Steward: Wulfstan

Wulfstan was unable to make council but sent a written report.

Event copy has been submitted to the Crier deputy and will go up on the An Tir calendar this weekend.

I will be getting the insurance paperwork sorted in the next week or so as well.

I am also hoping to begin seeking a day food merchant and performers and commenters in the next few days, as well as lining up some classes. Information will be posted to the local e-lists and Facebook as well as the event's calendar website.

Canterbury Fayre

March 12, 2016

Event Steward: Morweena

Morweena sent in a bid for Canterbury Fayre. Site is Lochdale Community Hall in Burnaby. Focus is on Arts & Sciences, Bardic and Games championships, newcomers meetup and discussion groups, informal project gatherings, possible other arts/bardic contests tavern night with games, dance and classes geared to applications of the SYGC on games, bardic and dance.

Bid was accepted with some questions still to be asked by the Financial Committee.

All Things

October All Things was very well attended with 50 people attending (26 members and 24 non-members). In keeping with standard practice, first time newcomers are not being charged.

We are not expecting a huge attendance for the November 15 All Things since it is the day after Baroness' Inspirational Tournament.

The November 28 All Things will focus on introducing Equestrian to newcomers.

The December 12 All Things will be sharing the site with a LARP group. They will be in a separate area but there is room for cross-pollination.

There was an issue with the day food. It has worked out but not without some consequences in the manner that it came up.

New Business

Cassandra will be putting bid together for 12th Night 2017 at the Executive Hotel in Richmond.

We are still waiting announcement of bid for February Investiture. Thornwood has also submitted a bid.

The August long weekend has officially been released back to us. We are looking for bids for TOA. Warwick has expressed interest if it can be used as an opportunity to train Uilliam to run it next year.

We have no webminister still and the website is out of date. Baron Uilliam can update it but

doesn't have the time right now. The Baroness and the Chronicler expressed interest that they could do it.

There was a discussion whether we needed an actual Equestrian officer. Cassandra can do it on a temporary basis but is looking at taking on some other offices when she steps down from Seneschal.

Tanikh wants to resurrect the Black Kettle, Lions Gate old culinary guild. She will send details to the North Wind.

General discussion about the YAC Marshal and background checks. In the U.S., there is a process in place that uses a third party to do the checking. They want to use the same system and the same third party in Canada but since things work differently in Canada in regards to criminal record checks, this is being contested by the Kingdoms in Canada. This is another stay tuned for further updates.

Coronet Report

The Baroness stated that we have a trebuchet for the Sargeants. The Baron stated they will be missing the November 28th AllThing as they will be at the Hartwood Yule. They will also be attending the Canadian Heraldic Society Christmas Dinner where they will be giving a presentation on what being a herald in the SCA means.

The Baron and Baroness thanked Cassandra for the work she has done as Seneschal.

There was a round of applause for Cassandra.

Next Council – November 26th

Officer Reports

Archery Report – HL Delwyn verch Ynyr

Practices:

At this time we have ceased attending the Thursday practices due to lack of daylight/seasonal shift.

We have continued with the Sunday Practices over at the Grene Wode with a significant amount of success. Attendance has been consistently in the mid-teens or higher with a mixture of new, regular and returning archers.

October's AllThing ran into inclement weather, however we still did manage to participate in a couple hours of shooting. Attendance was approximately 10 individuals.

Equipment:

Archery netting: Netting itself is good for now. The wooden up-rights broke earlier in the month, but were repaired with proper hinges and points were added to the base for better stability.. Tie-ons were added to further prevent wear and tear of netting and ropes, and posts were painted Baronial black and white for weatherproofing and esthetics. There was no cost to these repairs.

Butts: They are in need of repair/replacement. Both the wooden stands themselves as well as the butts. Wood is likely to be no cost, looking at options and cost to replace foam.

We are also in need of new target faces as well. The last few have been provided by myself at no cost, but for the coming weeks and fall/winter season, we will need more to continue practices.

Loaner equipment:

Bows: We have one good left-handed, take down recurve bow. We have approx. 3-4 right-handed recurves, of mid-to-poor condition. Recommendation for future would be to consider one take-down recurve to match out leftie, and consider one lower cost fiberglass bow for short-term solution (I have one valued at \$45 that can serve as both left/right).

Arrows: The Barony has no usable loaner arrows at this time. The arrows currently being used are my own personal arrows. We have a collection of wooden arrows that have been donated but are in need of repair, mostly either fletching (which I will provide), or tips. I would also recommend purchasing some non-wood arrows for loaner use as they have a longer lifespan and tend to work better for new archers.

Gloves/Tabs/Arm guards: These are in poor repairs and will need to be updated/replaced soon. We may be able to make most of these items within the group ourselves, or repair (as in the case of the guards) the lacing.

Quivers: We have 3 quivers, however belt clips are missing. I'll be getting some portable holes made (no cost) over the winter months.

Proposal/Request for Fundraising: As the cost for archery supplies is ongoing, the archers as a community are requesting the ability to do our own fundraising. We have been provided with ice packs that we would like to offer for sale at \$2-\$3/each, the funds of which would be turned into purchasing items listed above.

Looking Ahead:

Practices will continue on Sundays for now at the Grene Wode until directed otherwise. This would be our only source of off-season practice and is strongly recommended that we try to keep this location if possible. This helps the group maintain skills over the fall/winter months when working towards their seasonal scoring goals in whichever class they choose to shoot in. Workshops and informal classes and coaching to be determined come November.

For Baroness' Inspirations we are hoping to hand out awards for: Most Improved Male/Female archer, Company of Archers, Archery Tassels (based on Royal Round average). (Top 10 awards, if any, will be awarded out in the new year once they are finalized).

Minister of Stables – His Lordship Miles Fitzhubert

The heavy fight practices have had a good turnout Sept/Oct as we have had the luxury of an indoor practice at the Cloverdale fairgrounds. No accidents/incidents to report.

I have decided to hold the office of Minister of Stables for another 2 years, with the councils agreement. I have taken on a deputy Brynmore Raven and have spoken to Jason of House Werner about the position of IRON KEY under my office.

I would like to know if any funds are allocated to the office of MOS?

My Idea is that the office of Iron key would be the looking after the Heavy loaner armour and the upkeep. Any funding requests would go through the office of M.O.S.

Chatelaine's Report – Duchess Caoimhe ingen Domnaille

She has had inquiries from six people. There is a school demo planned next month. The newcomer's social held at the Tuesday Fight Practice had six people show up. Eleven newcomers showed up at Baronial Banquet.