

Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2016

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report - HL Brigitte die Arrogante

Brigitte offered a few apologies in advance. First, despite how long she has been in the society, she still doesn't always associate the name with the face. Second, she will be asking a lot of why's – why do we do this, why do we do that – because she wants to understand what is going on.

Tonight's council location is an experiment as we have had some issues with the prior site so we are looking around at some alternatives. We will also be looking at alternative days to see if that helps.

Finally, Brigitte clarified the correct pronunciation of her name. It is Brie as in the cheese. Gi as in giggity. And Ti as in tic

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

2015

- On income of \$27,715.76 and expenses of \$24,907.45, we had a net gain of \$2,808.31
- Practices: net gain of \$362.98
 - All Thing: loss of \$14.71
 - Archery: broke even (no insurance certificate in 2015)
 - Bransles: profit of \$45.75
 - Tuesday (Heavy): profit of \$595.30 (no insurance certificate in 2015)
 - Thursday (Rapier): loss of \$263.36

2016

- On income of \$1,204.20 and expenses of \$642.61, we have a net gain of \$561.59
- Assets
 - Receivables: none
 - Prepaid Expenses: \$2,517.90 for storage through to the end of 2016
 - Other Assets: \$250 for Lochdale Hall deposit (Canterbury Fayre 2016) and \$1,000.00 for Delta Town & Country Inn (Tir Righ November Investiture 2016)

Events

- Lion Stage: on income of \$486 and expenses of \$300 (with waiver postage donated), the event made a profit of \$186.

Practices

- Effective February 1, 2016 the practice fees are as follows:
 - Tuesday and Thursday: \$5 per participating adult, which includes combatants and persons taking classes. Spectators are free.
 - All Things: \$6 per adult (based on Grene Wode charging for all adults on site)

- Sunday (Archery and Equestrian): \$6 per adult (based on Grene Wode charging for all adults on site)
- Exemptions:
 - Youth for all practices at all venues.
 - Adult newcomers for their first two practices (applies to all practices)
- Gate coordinators for practices will be contacted in the next two weeks to confirm paperwork and waiver requirements

Budget

- 2015 Budget results
- The Financial Committee will be presenting the 2016 Budget at the February Council meeting
 - All officers are reminded to contact the exchequer to advise of any budget requirements for the year

Miscellaneous

- At the Financial Committee meeting held on Saturday, January 23rd, approval was given for the Exchequer to pay the Barony's recurring expenses: Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition (Tuesday practices), Justice Institute of British Columbia (Thursday practices) and Don Giacomazzi/Grene Wode (All Thing and Sunday practices).
- We have approval from Kingdom to discontinue our paper statements and go to electronic banking statements which will save us \$3/month

Available Funds

As of 5pm on January 28th, ledger balance is \$9,004.21, which includes

- Archery \$55.93
- Baronial Pavilion \$700
- Baronial Thrones \$1200

Past Events

Lion Stage

January 16, 2016

Event Steward: Wulfstan

Lion Stage was held on January 16th at the Salvation Army White Rock Community Church. The event included several bardic performances, a single track of three classes, discussions on A&S- and bardic subjects, peer speed dating, great day food at a very reasonable price, and a delicious potluck feast.

In total, we had 39 gentles come through gate: five children and youth, 31 paying adults, and three comped adults (Baron, Baroness, Bardic Champion). One additional adult gentle arrived after gate had closed and been reconciled, and was invited by the event team to attend the remaining activities (which consisted mainly of the feast) gratis rather than re-opening gate. The event team declined their own comps.

This was about what we expected for attendance (we projected 40), though as some of these were not paying attendees, revenues were slightly below our projections. Response to the

Facebook page for the event suggested that there might be more, but several gentles who had intended to attend had to change their plans at the last minute. Illness and the memorial service of HL Isobel Fitzgilbert the same day seem to have been the main reasons, but inclement weather may have affected some of those planning to travel to the event. Though at time of writing I do not have the gate sheets in front of me, those in attendance were overwhelmingly from Lions Gate, with approximately eight from Lionsdale (4 adults, 4 children or youth) and one from south of the border.

The site worked well for an event of this size and nature, but was near its functional capacity. It would have been difficult, for instance, to have another track of classes there, or more than fifty or so at feast. It was very affordable, however - in part because the pastors at the church are my parents, and gave us a flat rate for the day at a significant discount from the usual hourly rate.

As anticipated, people drifted in and out of the performance space between activities there, such that there was a constant but variable audience for the several bardic performances and discussion sessions held there. This format seemed to work well for this purpose, and would, perhaps with some streamlining and modification, be worth using again.

Our TUTOR session was very well-attended. Classes offered included "A Tour of the New KBC Judging Forms" (Wulfstan), "The Early Irish Learned Classes" (Briana) and "Blackwork for Beginners" (Elsbeth).

Peer speed dating was also very popular; we had four peers (Master Nicolai, OL; Drottin Sionann, OL; Baron Uilliam, OP; Baroness Caitrina, OP) and a dozen other gentles participate. The Order of the Courtiers conducted an exit survey to get feedback on this process from the non-peer participants, which was very positive. I was in the last group to go through, and found it very informative and enjoyable. I would certainly do it again.

Many of those in attendance took advantage of inexpensive and tasty culinary offerings provided by our food merchant, HL Cassandra Wineday. Her carrot soup was a particular favorite, which I hope will be at other events in the future!

We ended the day with a delicious potluck feast. Everyone got plenty of food, and there were some leftovers.

I would like to thank my event team - Courtier Briana, Courtier Caemgen, Lancer Applicant James Irvein and Sergeant Applicant William of Haus Werner - for all their help with the various aspects of the event; HL Cassandra for doing day food; Baroness Margaret for overseeing the TUTOR session; HL Katarina for helping out at gate; Eva for coordinating the feast; Michael Cordwain, HL Elspeth, Hrafn and Sasgerðr for help with setup; Dame Elena for her help with the finances; Sergeant Gareth for his help with logistics; everyone who attended, took classes and/or performed; and Their Excellencies and the Baronial Council for this opportunity to try something new. I felt that it was a very successful event; I haven't heard any negative feedback, and have had a number of people suggesting ideas "for next year..." My team and I will be submitting a bid to do this all again sometime in the spring.

Best of all, from an event steward's point of view, was the fact that everyone who was there, in the best SCA fashion, pitched in to help clean up the site, and I was able to lock the doors and leave at our scheduled site close time of nine o'clock, sharp.

Gate revenues totalled \$465.00, not including NMS, which has been submitted. TUTOR class registrations totalled \$21.00.

Site rental was \$300.00.

The event turned a total profit of \$186.00.

There were no injuries.

Future Events

All Things

February 13, 2016

Theme will be Courtly Love since next day is Valentine's Day. Classes planned include feather fan crafting workshop, belly dancing, and shield making.

Langley Fundamental School Demo

February 22, 2016

Event Steward: Baroness Caitrina

Usual stations being planned. Baron and Baroness will have a surprise presentation but if I put it in the minutes, it might not be a surprise and who knows who reads these minutes.

Hope Lutheran Demo is also being planned by Duchess Caoimhe but no date has been determined yet.

Canterbury Fayre

February 27, 2016

Event Steward: Morweena

Morweena sent in a report indicating that they are continuing to plan the events. There will be TUTOR sessions aimed at new members, children's events, as well as the A&S entries and Bardic performances. Deadline for entering is January 31. Both TUTOR and the event need a float.

Lions Gate Champions/40th Anniversary Revel

May 14, 2016

A bid was put forth by Cassandra to host a dual event. Lions Gate Champions will be held during the day at Warner Loat Park followed by a Revel in the evening celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lions Gate becoming a Barony. The cost will be \$10 to attend Champions or the Revel and \$15 if you want to attend both.

Sealion War

May 27 – 29, 2016

Event Steward: Garet Doiron

EIF will be submitted after Ursalmas.

Tournament of Armies

July 29 – August 1, 2016

No bid received.

The Trials

August 12 – 14, 2016

Cianna and Eleanor put forth a bid for the Sargeantry and Courtier Trials. The planned location is Island 22. They have done additional work to improve the site and have hosted numerous equestrian events there since TOA was last supposed to be held there. The issue is more with the spring run-off into the Fraser which should not be an issue later in August. The site was chosen because there is a limited number of affordable sites that will allow for Lancers to be tested this year. Cost of the site is \$200/day plus a \$150 license. There is one toilet on site and additional portable toilets will need to be brought in. Quotes from 7 bids were collected. Some discussion on number of toilets required.

In addition to the candidate trials, the plan is to also have archery, thrown weapons, and equestrian activities for the general populace plus games, some classes, and a family scavenger hunt. Site is dry. Brief discussion of terminology. Sites are either dry or wet – there is no damp. Site fee is \$20.

Event is budgeted to make a small profit based on attendance numbers from last year.

Baronial Banquet

October 1, 2016

No bid received.

Tir Righ Coronet

Nov 4 – 6, 2016

Event Steward: Cassandra Wineday

No update received.

Baroness Inspirational Tournament

November 19, 2016

No bid received.

New Business

Chronicler – We are still looking for a new Chronicler. James will continue in role until a replacement is found or one year passes. Then he is history. He is toast. Stick a fork in him, he is done.

Youth Armoured Combat - Sibhaidh of Lough Neagh

A meeting of people and parents involved in Youth Armoured Combat was held on January 20th. Minutes from that meeting are attached.

Canadian Background Checks – an informal discussion with an RCMP officer indicated that if the Barony or Principality were to implement Criminal Background checks for its youth officers there would be no costs since the request was coming from a registered non-profit group.

Champions Belts – With four new Champions being added, we will need four new belts. These have already been commissioned and will cost \$600.

Webminister – The new webminister, Jakemina Arwemakeres, was introduced. She has not actually been giving the keys to the website but Baron Uilliam and her will get this set up over the weekend.

Recorder Lessons – Master Nicolai will be offering recorder lessons shortly. Copy will be sent to the North Wind.

Family Activities Coordinator – Wendy wanted to know about her application for Family Activity Coordinator. Seneschal still waiting to hear back from Kingdom.

Coronet Report

Last week, Their Excellencies officially sent a letter to the appropriate channels that they are interested in extending for another three year term as Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate.

Next Council – February 25th

Officer Reports

Archery Report – HL Delwyn verch Ynyr

Quarterly report sent.

20+ active archers. 5 active marshals. 0 marshaled branch events since last report.

No issues to report at this time.

Seasonal Year End: Lions Gate finished the 2015 with a total of 8 Top Ten Medallions across several classes (Open, Period Recurve, Crossbow, Period Crossbow). These are to be awarded out at the next Baronial Event.

During Baroness' Inspirations awarding of new/updating Baronial Tassels were awarded to all archers who posted an average this season. We also accepted a new member into the Company of Archers.

Lions Gate has secured a weekly practice location out at the Grene Wode for the duration of 2016 and is in addition to the monthly AllThing Practices and the upcoming late spring/summer weekly practices traditionally held at our Burnaby Archers range. Practice attendance has maintained an average of 8-10 archers over the winter/holiday months.

We also host a monthly fundraiser 'fun shoot' to generate funds for ongoing costs such as target faces and routine supplies needed for maintenance.

Upcoming: rebuild of new archery butts, most supplies already obtained. Ongoing project to update loaner gear: armguards & arrows.

Chamberlain – His Lordship Gareth Doiron

No injuries to report!

The equipment from the locker is in good shape, and is all stored away, save for three (empty) totes in my possession, and one bin of table-cloths (dried, to be folded and stowed this weekend).

My thanks to the Event-stewards of the last two events, who were fantastic about ensuring the baronial equipment was returned to the locker within days of their event, and in good condition.

ALL OFFICERS: It is January, so it's time to count all your equipment again! I will need a complete inventory from all of you by March council, please. Chatelaine, your Gold Key is in the locker, and clean 😊

Finally, my term is coming to an end in April. I would encourage all those interested to contact myself, or Exchequer, and relieve me of this before I take on more work at a Principality level.

Minister of Stables – His Lordship Miles Fitzhubert

The heavy fight practices have had a good turnout Jan (I think) as we have had the luxury of an indoor practice at the Cloverdale fairgrounds.

No accidents/incidents to report.

My thanks should be extended to those (Knights, Don's & Grey Geoses' etc) who have held teaching/learning secessions during all of the practices. The Barony is indebted to them.

Arts & Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

Preparations are underway for our Arts & Sciences and Bardic championships at Canterbury Fayre. With four days left to declare, I believe we're sitting at 4 A&S entrants and 3 Bardic entrants!

I'm working with my deputies as well as Courtier/bardic-nerd Wulfstan and our current A&S

and Bardic champions to fine tune our judging forms.

This month's A&S night had excellent turnout, and Katelijne and I are discussing possibly having classes or more focussed A&S nights.

Youth Armoured Combat – Lady Sibhaidh of Lough Neagh

minutes from YAC meeting.

Attended by Angela Gallant, Kim McEwen, Amanda McEwen, Richard Bertand, Corwyn Practice:

Noted that Tuesday Night Fight practices were impractical given the ages and locations of the participants. As most participants have bedtimes before 9pm, Fighter/Marshal Parents would need to leave practice early to take their Youths home. Coming back would be impractical as practice would be over by the time they got back.

Corwyn suggested the Grene Wode during Archery practices and All Things. Pros include Youths are free of gate costs and SCA Insurance is already in place for both activities. Con, south Langley – distance

All agreed this was a good choice.

Dates: 1st and 2nd Sundays of most months along with the AllThings, to begin by 2pm latest. Donations will be accepted, suggested is \$5/family or as can afford, to help cover costs for YAC Iron Key, repairs, etc. or even time spent going over Iron Key pieces.

Armour: New regulations prevent commercial reselling of used helmets, parents will be responsible for acquiring Youths' Jill/Jocks for personal use only.

YAC Iron Key will be cared for by Corwyn at the Grene Wode for the time being. YAC Marshals, Warden and Corwyn will be responsible for repair and upkeep and list of YAC Iron Key. Donations gratefully accepted

Parents: It was reiterated that no Youth may participate in YAC practices or events without a designated adult as their Inspiration. This adult will be responsible for helping armour up, water, refresh and remove/reset the Youth during their participation. As even adults can become less mentally functioning during combat, it is prudent to have an adult who can take their Youth aside and help them calm and return to a functioning, honourable participant. Any parent marshalling can NOT be this person for their Youth and thus while marshalling must have another adult designated to their Youth. This is in the rules, however, it was felt it needed to be reiterated.

Marshals/Mentors:

Sir Kieran is the only local Sr. Marshal and thus raising up Marshals is a slow complicated task. We are looking for any Jr. Marshals who would be willing to help as no one person can guarantee to be at any given event or practice.

Two Deep rule is to be followed at this time with all Youth participants.

Miscellaneous:

Angela to ask Council for a \$50 kitty to reimburse for next purchase of YAC rattan. These lengths will be owned by the Barony and used for either YAC Iron Key or be purchased from the Barony by Parents at cost.

Tabards for participants would be nice to cover hockey gear as armour.

Angela to contact all Event Stewards to ensure there is placement for YAC at all events, whether it ends up being a practice, a demo or a full on tourney. Youths encouraged to bring armour to all events and practices.

Suggested to ask for Sergeants and Trial applicants to include YAC in their purview as mentors, inspections, etc. Great opportunity to select Pages and increase our mentorship in the SCA as per medieval customs.