

Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2016

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report - HL Brigitte die Arrogante

I am now approaching the various practice sites to make sure we get our 2017 contracts on time.

We booked the 2017 Baronial Banquet on the first weekend of the month which is also the Thanksgiving weekend in 2017. This does conflict with Golden Swan and we were requested to move it. We have done so and moved it to the second week which is free at this point. A question was raised whether the date for Freeze Off was set yet. It hasn't been so we will check with them as well.

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

2016 To Date

- Q3: on income of \$28,881.41 and expenses of \$25,065.85, we have a net gain of \$3,815.56
- YTD: on income of \$30,410.41 and expenses of \$25,799.75, we have a net gain of \$4,610.66
- Receivables \$1350
 - Baronial Banquet \$1300 advance for food expenses
 - \$ 50 Thursday practice float (Seamus)
- Prepaid Expenses: \$228.90 for storage through to the end of 2016
- Other Assets: \$1,000.00 for Delta Town & Country Inn (Tir Righ November Coronet 2016)

Events – net gain

| Event | Income | Expenses | Gain/Loss | Attendance | Remarks |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Lion Stage | 486.00 | 300.00 | 186.00 | | |
| Canterbury Fayre | 1,113.00 | 350.00 | 763.00 | | Three expenses no receipt provided, no reimbursement made |
| Champions | 1,217.88 | 1,287.66 | -69.78 | | Attendance almost half that budgeted (\$2,000 Income) |
| Sealion War | 6,910.00 | 3,699.51 | 3,210.40 | | Note: gate overage of \$135.00 |
| TOA | 3,346.42 | 3357.23 | -10.81 | Adults: 133 pd, 11 cd Minors: 13 youth, 6 children NMS 59 | Cleaning deposit not returned; have been advised there is an invoice for biffy cleaning, but nothing received |
| The Trials | 1,990.08 | 1,326.72 | 663.36 | Adults: 97 paid, 11 cd Minors: 7 youth, 12 children NMS: 29 | |
| Baronial Banquet | 3,370.00 | 843.10 | 2,526.90 | Adults site: 99 pd, 4 cd; feast: 69 pd, 2 cd Minors: 3 youth, 1 child NMS: 61 | Preliminary results only – only site/feast fees, hall rental and postage for mailing waivers are included so far |
| Totals | 18,433.38 | 11,164.22 | 7,269.16 | | |

Practices: net gain of \$2,027.91

All practices are fees received and rental paid through to September

- All Thing: gain of \$102.43
- Sunday (Archery and Equestrian): gain of \$347.88
- Tuesday (Heavy): gain of \$835.48
- Thursday (Rapier): gain of \$742.12

Budget 2017

- All officers are asked to have their 2017 budget requests in for November Council.
- Given the time constraints for Councils, I'm proposing that the Barony set up a separate meeting for budgeting and approval.

Looking for a New Exchequer

- I've received two inquiries from people interested in becoming exchequer; due to other commitments I haven't been able to reply. That will be done within the week.

Miscellaneous

- The Barony's share of Avacal-Tir Righ War was \$678.40; thank you to the Lions Gate populace who volunteered at the event.

Available Funds

As of 6pm on October 26th, total available funds are \$13,976.76 which includes the following Special Funds

- Archery \$164.93
- Baronial Pavilion \$1,463.90
- Baronial Thrones \$800.00

Late Update: Banquet made around \$700

Past Events

Baronial Banquet

Oct 1, 2016

Event Steward: Fithir inghean Aaron

The Hall liked us. We got our deposit back. There were four culinary catastrophes including that we ran out of hot water for cleaning and had to boil water. Discussion about whether we should have some clause in our contract concerning things like this. General comments included that this was one of the best feasts in a long time.

Future Events

Tir Righ November Coronet

Nov 4 – 6, 2016

Event Steward: HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate

Things are going well. Request for gate float put in. There are some musicians coming after 5 PM for the evening tavern. Can they be comped or just pay the NMS? No, rules do not allow us to comp any non-members. However, others can pay their event fees

Principality has concerns about using carpet when fighters drop to their knees. Warwick, the Principality Marshal, has gone out to the site to inspect the fighting eric and see if there are any issues. The ballroom will have chairs for 100 people during court.

The bar opens at 4 PM and closes at 11 PM. We need to sell \$400 dollars of alcohol for the hotel to waive the costs of the bartender. We have a room for curia and the ready room.

Reminder that there is no outside food allowed.

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

November 19, 2016

Event Steward: Arianna Freemont

No report but since the event will occur before the next council meeting, a request for a gate float of \$750 was put forth.

Lions Stage Event Bid

James Irvein presented a bid for Lions Stage in the same location as last year but set for February 11, 2017. James will be the event steward with Wulfstan as his co-steward. Caemgen will be their gate person.

2017 scheduled events - Bids Needed

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| April 1, 2017 | Canterbury Fayre |
| May 13, 2017 | Lions Gate Champions Tournament |
| Aug 4-7, 2017 | Tournament of Armies |
| Oct 7, 2017 | Baronial Banquet |
| Nov 18, 2017 | Baroness' Inspirational Tournament. |

Continued Business

Still Looking for officer applications for:

Baronial Chronicler

Lists

Exchequer

Positions have not yet been posted to website but will be posted today.

New Business

Minister of Stables – Miles will be stepping down and Brynmor will be stepping up. Changeover expected to be completed by Baroness Inspirational Tournament.

YAC – We put up a bid setting up a steel key for Youth Armoured Combat. So far, we have one bid for shields. We will send out the bid request again and set a deadline for November Council.

AllThings – The October 8th AllThing was well attended with 33 people despite the rain. The original intention of the AllThing was to create a cross-fertilization of all the martial activities. However, there has always some push back and difficulty getting marshals and participants from the heavy and rapier community who already have their weekly practices. Perhaps, it is time to end the AllThing and just go with a universal Sunday practice for archery, equestrian, YAC, and whoever decides to show up but not an AllThing. Perhaps, rather than a monthly AllThing, we might have a quarterly Marshal event focused on providing a training ground for warranting new marshals. The venue is still open to continuing the AllThings in the same format but the current coordinator is not interested in continuing so someone else would have to take over. The last two All Things are November 12th and December 3rd.

Since this is a bigger conversation than we have time for at this council, we will go forward with Sunday Practices and defer making the decision on the AllThings future to a later date.

Chamberlain Report Discussion – The Chamberlain would like to use the December 3rd AllThing to host a Baronial Maintenance workshop. There are many items in the storage locker that need minor repairs and/or cleaning to be fully useful again.

How long should we hold Lost and Found before putting it up for donation? While various time frames were put up including dump it in the trash five minutes after the event, the general consensus was that we hold an auction once a year at TOA and any lost and found not claimed for events up to May Champions or Sealion War be put out at that time. Event stewards would continue to put out a list of lost and found items. It was emphasized that listing lost and found is a courtesy not a requirement.

Ramsgaard – Ramsgaard is looking to hold Kingdom events (most likely in collaboration with Danescombe) and looking for our support if required.

Demo Request – We received a potential demo request from an artist, Stacy Ritchie, who is working on a project that involves period techniques and materials. As such, she is wondering if we might be interested in doing a demo when the project is completed and on display sometime in 2018. We are interested at this time.

Coronet Report

The Baron stated that last week he talked with Don at the Grene Wode. We are getting lazy and too comfortable with the site. We are not cleaning up after ourselves. We did not clean up at TOA this year and this resulted in us losing our site deposit as this was used to pay for the clean-up costs. Brianna and Corey are not there to be cleaning up after us.

The Baron also pointed out that part of his modern job is to dispose of computers that are now obsolete but still functional. Normally, these have been given away to schools for their use. If you know of a non-profit group that could use an older (three to four years old) computer, please let him know.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 23rd, 2016...location: La Fontana Cafe at 3701 Hastings St #101, Burnaby

Officer Reports

Archery – Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr

New and Notable:

Lions Gate has *2* New Master Bowmen!!! Duncan and Kisten.

Lions Gate Company of Archers is set to more than double their numbers this year over last year. Those who qualified will be announced during Baroness' Inspirations.

Practices:

Sunday Practices: Ongoing and with a consistent level of attendance despite eventing season stepping up into full swing. Attendance range is approx 12 - 20 individuals. Youth activities are also ongoing and growing. York shoots are also possible on Sunday practices.

***Additional October Practices (Saturdays) - To allow those who need to focus on averages come in and work on post scores.

Thursday Practices: Location: Burnaby Range (Burnaby Lake). Ongoing from now until mid-October.

Memberships are required (\$80 per person), through Burnaby Archery Association. These will be winding down shortly due to a shortage of daylight hours.

Last Thursday Practice is scheduled for October 28th.

AllThings: November AllThing: General meeting to be held regarding future of AllThings and all practices offered during this time as a follow-up to October's meeting.

Workshops: No scheduled workshops at this time.

Equipment: No changes. Heading into winter month's we will need to do a major repair of archery gear with a focus on butts.

Fundraising: Additional funds have been raised towards the purchase of a metal detector, pricing for a unit is currently underway with the goal of purchase being before the end of 2016.

The community has made a formal request to adjust our fundraising goal of new archery netting to a more pressing need of purchasing a metal detector for locating lost arrows at practice locations and events where grassy fields make finding arrows difficult, costly (to the archer) and time consuming for all. Additional funds have been raised and donated for this purpose and will be ongoing until the item is purchased. Any residual funds will then go towards netting.

Events:

None held in the past month.

No upcoming LG events for archery at this time.

Chamberlain – Her Ladyship Jaqueline Lefleur

Inventory day – deferred to November

I'd like to hold a Baronial locker inventory day one Saturday in late November. This will be added to the information from the officers requested for the Baronial fall inventory. A team of 4 to 6 people should be enough. To date: Briana, Gareth, myself, Baron Uilliam have agreed to attend. Someone from the rapier community and youth activities and combat would be good additions. Any other areas we should consider?

Feast gear use and space

We could save several shelves of space by replacing the wooden serving boards—which were used at the Baronial Banquet this year—with lightweight, smaller round or metal trays. What do you think? Suggestions for someone to price out a bulk order?

Maintenance day – December 3rd

Some items in the baronial locker are showing signs of wear. The eric poles and flagging, banners and baronial pavilion and some décor items all need a little care. What does council think about holding a maintenance day at an AllThing? The last one this year is December 3rd.

Past Events

AT War July 18–25

Two folding tables were damaged at AT War. These have been replaced and are now stored in the locker.

Tournament of Armies July 29-August 1

Lions Gate Trials August 12–14

Baronial Banquet October 1

All the items from the feast are still at the Grene Wode. Lack of hot water at the event site lead to cleaning having to take place elsewhere. The weather on the day of also damaged many of the boxes. I've procured new boxes and packing paper. I will be meeting with the Event Steward this Sunday to repack everything and then return it to the locker.

Events – outstanding items

Parti-colour flagging is with Lady Ylva.

Radios are with Sergeant Gareth. They work. I have requested training.

Inventory

New business

- Lost and found - New lost and found system using dated boxes. We could also keep a photo log of items on the Lions Gate Facebook page or web site. Kept for one year, then auctioned off. Opinions?

Old business

- Hand painted arms on cardboard delivered to Garet Doiron for scanning and saving. Status?
- Tankards – delivered to Miles Fitzhubert

Maintenance roster

- Several of the parti-coloured long banners have fraying seams. Lady Ylva is repairing these.

Equestrian – Her Ladyship Cassandra Wineday

Nothing to report for October. We had no practices and canceled the AllThing Challenge.

Minister of Stables – His Lordship Miles Fitzhubert

no report.

Arts & Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

Our bi-monthly A&S nights have been well-attended - our social night on October 5 was particularly popular, and a discussion group on documentation was held on October 19.

HL Morweena has contacted me, offering to organize an A&S display/feedback opportunity at Baroness's Tournament. Tables have been put aside by the event steward.

I'm hoping that our class next month (November 16) will be an introduction to charter painting-type thing.

Chronicler – Baron James Wolfden

no report

Youth Armoured Combat – Lady Sibhaidh

Practices held at the AllThings and October 2nd with lots of help from Edwin Thorne and HL Garet at the Grene Wode.

We have 3 Dragon class authorized Youths ready to compete for YAC Champion at Baroness' Inspiration.

We have 1 Griffin and 1 Lion class Youths armouring up for Spring Tourneys.

Our practices and events have inspired other Youths in other Baronies and Shires and we may see more inter-branch competitions next year. I've been contacted by a couple of other branches or the parents of Youths in other branches to get more info.

Received Bid offer for Minor Key Shields.

Dates set for rest of year's Practices.

I've had some inquiries for background checks for Jr. YAC Marshals and I've sent them the information. They should be putting in their requests to principality YAC Marshal or Seneschal when they are ready to do so.

Scribe – Mistress Agnes Creswyke

no report

Chatelaine – Ragnvald Argolieason

no report

Sable Loat - Caemgen mac Garbith

Nothing to report

Webminister – Lady Jakemina Arwemakere

- upcoming events updated

- remaining allthings 2016, music, and dance classes added to calendar

- Paragraph on vacant positions to current news: so far have only received info for YAC Warden.