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Council Meeting Minutes Barony of Lions Gate

Minutes taken by: Bashira bint al-Rakkasah (aka Mjorna Lauritsdottir)

In attendance:

Marion Drakos	Morweena
Kevin Garvey	Caemgen mac Garbith
David Sharpe	Garet Doiron
Tamala Arm	Isabeau Fiona the Archer
Dave Graham	Duncan of Aberfoyle
Joanne Burrows	Tanikh bint Farida
Mark Hood	Baron Uilliam Mac Fearchair
Kirsten Masse	Jaqueline Lefleur
James Welch	James Wolfden
Vanessa Giddings	Agnes Cresewyke
Ken A. Berg	Kenzie McBean
Doug Loney	Nikolai Andreiov
Barbara Hansen	Ylas Annasdoter
Marg Galbraith Hamilton	Margaret Hamilton of Sterling
Colleen Vince	Mary Ostler

Last month's minutes approved.

SENESCHAL'S REPORT - Archos Morweena

Reminder that council is now the third Wednesday of the month.

Reporting was good - there were a couple late ones, but most were received. Reminder to please try and get the reports in on time, as late reports create a lot of hassle. It means last-minute accommodation, and it happens every month. If life gets in the way and you don't have time to prepare an actual report, please just say so as your report. If you have nothing to report, say "I have nothing to report this month". Just please send something.

Heard back from Cloverdale and have booked for Canterbury and Baronesses 2019

Was asked to book Cloverdale for Canterbury and Baroness' tourney 2019. Slight booking hiccup—ready rooms not available as they are now a daycare. An alternative is hanging drapes on upper gallery or closet.

Issues with YAFA process. Principality YAFA person contacted Morweena. Was asked to "approve" a person. If a person has passed their background check, there shouldn't be an issue. There is nothing on the webpage to address this. The requirement to ask whether someone is appropriate could be misused, based on personal biases. There are some legal risks inherent with this. Have asked for clarification, but for now, individuals will be approved if they've passed their background check.

 EXCHEQUER'S REPORT – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

2017 to Date

- YTD: income of \$17705.39 and expenses of \$21046.38, shows as a net loss of \$3340.99

Event Financials

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Canterbury Fayre	1908.00	1276.47	631.53	Adults: 108 paid, 8 comped Youth/Child: 18 NMS: 11	Final data
Tir Righ Heraldic & Scribal Symposium	2284.02	1144.39	1114.63 * portion for LG = \$278.66	Adults: 88 Youth/Child: NMS: 5	Final data
Lions Gate Champions	1004.60	355.12	649.48	Adults: 89 Youth/Child: 9 NMS: 21	Final data
Sealion War	4081.47	3180.66	900.81	Adults: 203 Youth/Child: 25 NMS: 59	Final data
Tournament of Armies	3431.30	3481.79	(50.49)	Adults: 100 weekend Adults: 45 day Youth/Child: 27 11 comp NMS: 53	Final data
The Trials	1405.00				

- Receivables & Other Assets \$801.93:
 - \$651.93 receivables
 - \$150 deposit to City of Maple Ridge for The Trials 2018
- Prepaid expenses \$2100.40:
 - \$1000 to Cloverdale Rodeo for the Baroness' Tourney site deposit
 - \$1100.40 @Public storage for August 2018 to Jan 2019 rentals, with Feb 2019 being the free month.
- **Available Funds:** As of September 18, 2018, total available funds were \$11,396.85, which include the following Special Funds:
 - Archery \$298.76
 - Baronial Thrones \$180.00

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- Practices: currently
 - Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice income received to date = \$4501.00
 - Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice site cost to date = \$6064.75*
**(Sunday site fees paid to the end of the year)*

Projects Underway

- Financial Policy is under revision.

Jaqueline – Has cheque for St. Augustine's been cashed? No, it has not been cashed as of yet.

Topic for Next Council:

- Discussion of how much it costs to run the barony each year and what is coming in from events.

CHRONICLER REPORT - Mjorna Lauritsdottir / Bashira bint al Rakkasah

- We are still on track for having the North Wind ready for issue on or around September 25.
- Officers--if you have anything you want included in the newsletter, please send it to me ASAP (by end of this upcoming week / i.e. September 21), as I'll be assembling the pieces on the weekend of the 22-23. Announcements would be awesome, articles amazing, and photos would be particularly prized.
- Thank you and see you on Wednesday evening.
- FYI--I am in the middle of switching my SCA name back to Bashira bint al Rakkasah (waiting to hear back from membership that they've got/processed the change). Do I need to fill out the officer forms again under the new (old) name?

CHAMBERLAIN REPORT - Fergus

- The new pavilion has been used three times so far and the poles are now finished with a nice stain.
- A wheeled storage tote has been donated and is now being used for the stakes and ropes.
- As the iron stakes are very heavy, I suggest a discussion regarding the use of the older and much lighter tent spikes instead and recycling or repurposing of the new iron. I am of the opinion that the weight is a significant burden on whomever is volunteering to transport it for us.
- The pop-up gazebo has endured much in its 8-year life with us but has now succumbed to its age. RIPieces.

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- Should we buy a replacement?
- I have identified a number of items that appear to be defunct and so am seeking to rid them from the inventory.
- See pics attached.
 - Lights(white)
 - Taper and tea light candles
 - Candle holders of three different types (taper style)
 - Two heavy 48" wood folding leg tables
 - Tie down ropes from the old pavilion (repurpose?)
 - Metal two door locker (bows and cross bows are not regulated in Canada and need not be locked up as do fire arms)

Chamberlain items to be tabled until Chamberlain is in attendance at council.

CHATELAINE REPORT - Briana nic h'Eusaidh

First things first! I finally have access to the email account, with many thanks to Mistress Alicia duBois, who has been a veritable Job.

Secondly, in finally gaining access, I noted several old items of business which I am following up on.

Ragnvaldr (the previous Chatelaine) has been in touch and will be forwarding on several emails from interested persons about our branch and the Society in general.

I am having interesting conversations about Gold Key, Newcomer Nights and Newcomer-focused practices with Her Nexcellency and various martial officers and will hopefully have a plan for those by next Council, in addition to scheduling the next series of Novus classes with our TUTR officers.

I am continuing to work on our brochure and business card design and hope to have those for council approval for printing by November's Council, so we can be all shiny and bright for next year.

I am still looking for a Gold Key deputy: anyone want to help with the refurbishment of Gold Key should get in touch with me briskly!

The first Newcomer's Social night will be at my home, 17098 Jersey Drive, Surrey, BC, on September 28, from 6 pm till 9 pm. This will be an introductory evening with snacks and warm drinks, and the main topic of conversation will be courtesy and etiquette! Come one., come all, bring your projects, thoughts, new or interested gentlefolk and enjoyment of puppy antics and friendly kitties!

SABLE LOAT PURSUIVANT REPORT - Laric Godwin

So, there was 1 event held just this last weekend, I performed the morning court and closing court was presided over by Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais, Wolfstan and myself. There were no awards given out at this time, however; Malie Rennick earned the right to be the first female Gallant of Lions Gate, Cassandra Wineday, the first Lancer, James Irvein and Briana nic h'Eusaidh also earned the right to bear the title of Lancer of Lions Gate.

There have been no consultations for heraldry this last month.

MINISTER OF STABLES REPORT - Brynmore Raven

Low turn-out again this month for heavies at Monday and Tuesday practice. At the Sergeant's' trials this weekend we had a new Gallant and 3 Lancers become part of the order. There was heavy fighting with no injuries reported

ARCHERY REPORT - Delwyn verch Ynyr

Archery in the Barony of Lions Gate continues to maintain a steady attendance at practices and events both.

We have had no issues, or incidents to report and currently are looking forward to a friendly challenge between our neighbors Hartwood and Seagirt this coming Thursday, September 20th at our regular practice.

Come out, join in the fun and help us to remind those two who the best archers are.

I anticipate this to be my last report as Baronial Archer and as such, I would like to take a moment to thank many, many individuals, including Their Excellencies for both supporting my endeavors and allowing me to run with my ideas to help not only support but grow our fantastic community.

Thank-you to my TW counterpart Duncan, and my deputy Angharad for helping with practices and taking leading roles. Also, to all those who've stepped up over the years to help set-up, take down and transport gear to our practices and events.

It has been an immense pleasure and I look forward to seeing our continued growth.

BLADES REPORT - Master Kian

We are seeing an average of 12 participants at Thursday practice, and an average of 6 Rapier and C&T fighters at Monday Practice

Since last report the SYGCLF Trials were held at the Albion fairgrounds.

At the Trials there were 10 Rapier fighters that participated in Rapier melee and single combat scenarios.

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The Lions Gate C&T Championship had to be postponed due to high rainfall and no indoor area available onsite. It has been rescheduled to Baroness's Inspirational Tournament in November.

LISTS REPORT - Cassandra Wineday of Newingate

Lists has nothing to report for events. Still waiting for a successor. I will post again on Facebook.

THROWN WEAPONS REPORT - Duncan of Aberfoyle

It has been a good month for thrown, attendance has been down a little this month, but some good scores posted. We still haven't had a chance to reface our hard targets but that is in our plans.

Two events this month I MIC'd Lionsdale missile championship last weekend and we had a great turnout and 12 competitors for the TW championship. The winner being Herbatius in a very tight final.

Viggo MIC'd Lionsgate Trials this weekend so that I could focus on doing Senior TAM testing with Delwyn. the turnout wasn't as we had hoped mainly because of the weather as we all know it was Noah's Ark out, at Albion Fairgrounds lol

Looking forward to finishing the season with a bang in TW and cheering our throwers on to attain that next rank they are hoping for

EQUESTRIAN REPORT - Briana nic h'Eusaidh

Practices:

One practice held, August 19, which was organised by James Irvein as one of the last stages to his recommendation for Senior Marshal status.

There were 3 riders in attendance, two ground crew, and four horses. We ran through Heads, Reeds and Mounted Archery, and discussed some of the logistics of September, which with three equestrian events was looking to be quite a challenge to co-ordinate.

James is in the process of test-building a set of Reeds, Rings and Berjas game standards. Needless to say, we are having fun testing these out! (Berjas is *hard*.)

Our next practice will be October 7, a meeting at Briana's house to look over the calendar for next year and discuss the marshallate and how we may continue to grow our discipline. We will likely combine this with a social get-together to watch a film or failvids.

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Events:

September Crown saw a Lions Gate rider, Cassandra, ship down with her horse Jewel to compete, and by all accounts she did us proud. The logistics of hauling distances up to 6 hours away, along with the associated costs (Coggins and Health Certs must be up to date; Coggins lasts 180 days but Health Cert is only 30 days, which adds up to a significant expense for a single event.)

Trials was our big local event: four horses, three (damp) Lancer candidates, three (very damp) assessors and three (even damper) ground crew. Many thanks to Ciana, Katerina and Edward for their skilled eye and perspectives, to Elizabeth for the great pictures, and to Master Nikolai, Master Garet and Lady Melangell for ground crewing so valiantly! All three Lancer candidates were successful in their Trails: Lions gate has three new Lancers: Cassandra Wineday, James Irvein and Briana Cassia.

This was the third Trials with equestrian activities at it, and there was a lot of interest from modern passers-by. It would behoove us to ensure that we have some literature to hand at all future outings.

Upcoming is Emprise of the Black Lion, hosted by Madrone. This is the Kingdom's premiere event, and one we Lions Gate/Tir Righ equestrians enjoy a great deal. With the pressure of Trials this year, however, we have determined to attend as support crew rather than competitors this year, so a vehicle-full will be daytripping down on Saturday the 29 of September. (There's room for a couple more in the SwanVan if there are any interested parties!)

Warrants:

I am working on making sure all current authorisations are up to date and renewed as necessary. I will be re-upping my marshallate at Emprise and hopefully getting signed off on my Driving authorisation at the same time. Crystal has also been informed that she has cleared all obstacles towards her Driving authorisation, and as she is attending Emprise, I will endeavour to ensure that this moves ahead as well.

Projects:

I am gathering quotes for the permanent Equestrian notices and signage: the wet weather destroyed all of the cardboard signs I had been using all year, so it's time for us to invest in a couple proper signage banners, printed in vinyl. I will be requesting funds at next council to have those banners made.

We are also in need of a couple archery butts and stands, and a new Pigs Lance and Rings lance. I will be submitting receipts at next council for the replacement of these pieces of equipment.

I am scouting for sites for practices next year, as well as possible site for an Integrated/Super Practice. With the very positive response we get from the public, it would definitely be to the advantage of our branch to be hosting practices in more public locations. To that end, I am in conversation with the Langley Riders Association and with the Campbell Valley Equestrian Society about the potential for use of their

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respective facilities. I will update Council on those discussions when and if they prove productive. I would like to be able to submit dates for 2019 practices for next Council, and that would require any new site be given due consideration.

I believe that is all from Eq for now! Been a busy one!

YAC – VACANT

No report.

Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff

The class “The Bliaut” Was held on August 28, 2018. Attendance: 5

- The September Black Kettle cooks’ meeting was held on September 5, 2018. Attendance: ~6
- The September Arts & Sciences Social was held on September 12, 2018. Attendance: 3
- I am looking for someone to teach a class (up to 2 hours) on the evening of September 25, 2018, in the meeting room of Waves Coffee on Columbia Street in New West. The topic/area of specialization is less important that instructor availability and suitability of the location.

BARDIC

No report.

DANCE - Adelia Danica

No report

GAMES – Master Gareth Doiron

Games made the difficult travel to Trials this month.

The testers and testee's provided their own. No games were harmed, and no injuries were reported.

The wooden games box swelled (swole?) in the damp, but it appears to be unswelling (unswoling?) now.

A class was taught in TUTOR on games, and Hunkerdown/Kubb were recovered from the locker for this purpose. Due to muddy conditions, the games were not played.

Next event: Banquet!

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I have a clever plan to increase games for next year, with a system of complex awards...or just a prize tourney 😊

SCRIBE - Ciana dei Libri

No report.

WEBMINISTER - Lady Jake mina

- August minutes uploaded
- Reverted back to normal heavy practice location
- Added bare bones info on dance practices in new location until dance coordinator contacts me
- Received confirmation at September Crown curia that all events that are on the kingdom calendar will have their Facebook events created from the An Tir kingdom page by the An Tir Social Media deputy. This change is in the works and will be announced once active. Until then we can continue as we are now. Also, the Lionsgate FB page can continue to be used for events not on kingdom calendar such as council meetings.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

No report

TUTR - Tanikh bint Farida

We had 2 classes at Lionsdale's Thrown Weapons, thanks Mme Jaqueline for running registration

We have 3 classes coming up (had by the time this is read at council) at Lions Gate Trials

I have not completely given up on the idea yet, but seeing as Tir Righ A&S is in our vicinity this year, and a lot of local effort is going towards that, I might have to try and find another later date for the Grand TUTR session - I still think this is a really awesome idea and has a lot of potential as we don't have any purely educational events any more, and there is a huge demand for it (and with planning and a good run-up time, we can get the numbers still just like Ithra used to, as evidenced by the Heraldic and Scribal one) I will dive back into this idea more intensely after A&S

PAST EVENTS

Trials: Sept. 14 - 16, 2018 – Albion Fairgrounds

Steward Team: Gareth & Brynia

Profit was \$48.48. No incidents to report. One minor armour failure, but no injuries sustained. Envelope for insurance came in. Gareth to email details to exchequer.

FUTURE EVENTS

Reminder: Level 1 or premier events MUST have copy sent to the Crier.

All events should have copy on the An Tir Webpage, not just Facebook, at this time this can be uploaded manually by the calendar team.

An Tir webpage replacement is currently being beta tested and should be live by Oct. 1.

Baronial Banquet – Oct. 20 – St. Augustine’s Parish Church

Event Steward: Jaqueline LaFleur

Tickets are on sale. EIF submitted via online form. Event has been created in the Lions Gate page, with Steward as co-host. E-mails have been sent. Jaqueline or Isabeau will travel to all practices, as well as A&S Bardic to sell tickets.

Cheque Requests:

- 1st – Advance: \$1K for the cook. Motion made by Jaqueline. PASSED.
- 2nd – Float: \$200 for chocolate bidding buffet, as there are individual tickets sold after gate (i.e. people can increase the # of bids they put in). Likely will need a lot of coin for this. Duncan moved. PASSED.

Kenzie to get final menu to Jaqueline ASAP so it can be posted.

Baroness’ Inspiration Tourney – Nov. 17 – Cloverdale Fairgrounds

Steward Team: Maminka the Bohemian & Theodora van Zeeland

- Event has been created in LG page, with Steward as co-host.
- Awarded using Cloverdale site, contract sent with deposit.
- Crier copy sent, copy on Antir page.

Morweena needs confirmation regarding ready room space.

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TIR RIGH BIDS 2019

February Investiture – Mistress Anya needs LG to put in a bid; Event deputy contacted Morweena directly as she needed a bid in hand ASAP. Morweena prepared a bid using suggested sites, ran it past the finance committee and “in principal” with the Tir Righ event deputy. Halls are only available on the Saturday; bid has been sent to Tir Righ; can be withdrawn if needed.

August Investiture – heads-up that new process for Kingdom events will involve list of pre-approved sites being made available for event teams to select from. Ulfr expressed interests in a bid for Aug Investiture and September Crown 2019.

EVENTS FOR 2019

Lions Stage – Feb. 23. Preliminary bid received from Lancer James a few months ago, but no site was arranged. Morweena suggested including a Grand TUTOR as a way to increase numbers and that he contact Anika regarding the Waterfront Training Centre. Kevin and James may have a more complete bid in before next council.

Canterbury Faire, March 30; Shannon Hall booked. Cassandra requested financials, so may be working on this.

Lions Gate Champions – May 31 to June 2. Application process with City starts in October. Looking for an event team, but Morweena will go ahead and book Warner Loat Park. James Wolfden notes that it is easy to make this affordable and profitable as a one-day event.

Tournament of Armies – Aug. 2-5. Event will possibly be something else.

Trials 2019 – Sept 13 – 15. New Gallant and Lancers may need some support running the event, so council to put the possibility of their running the event to them. Some concerns about the date, as the middle of September doesn't work well. Potential for the last weekend of July? Would be hot, but not pouring rain. With the right site, this would be better (and air quality would be better).

Baronial Banquet – Oct. 19. No bids.

Baroness' Inspiration Tourney – Nov. 16. Cloverdale site secured, but no bids.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Customary Updates in progress: sent to a copy editor.

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Officer Vacancies – All open positions are to be posted, and interested parties are to write to their Excellencies and the Seneschal to apply. The outgoing officer can also supply their recommendation. The new officers can shadow the outgoing for one month before taking over and allowing the outgoing officer to step away. Outgoing officers are to be encouraged to (and must) step away.

- YAC is now vacant.
- Archery will be taken over by Master James Wolfden, but he cannot take it right away because he'll be on vacation.
- Lists term is up in October; posted an apply-by date of Oct 10. Cassandra has agreed to run lists at Baroness'. Ideally, she will be watching/helping the new officer.
- Stables is due in October. Apply by date was September 12; no applications received. Attendance is down at fight practice. Master Gareth was moist.

NEW BUSINESS

Table Loan to Lionsdale – Lionsdale wants to borrow tables. Do we wish to loan Lionsdale some tables and table cloths? Motion made by Duncan. Passed.

Council Member Accountability – Cáemgen spoke of importance of understanding that those who do work are volunteers. However, when someone takes an office, they are promising to take on the responsibilities of that office, including reporting in a timely manner. There is an issue with reporting. If there's an issue, then it needs to be communicated with the board. Due date traditionally is Tuesday before council (before 5 pm, which is generous). Info needs to be pulled and incorporated in the agenda so that it can be discussed. Kevin will be tracking delivery of these and 1) trying to find ways to help support that person's success, and 2) asking council members to step back, if necessary. This is crucial, as a certain number of offices must be held, or we'll lose barony status. Late reports = multiple reiterations of the agenda. This isn't fair to Morweena. The seneschal shouldn't have to chase for the reports. Council members are to send something, even if it's an "I don't have time to do much of a report this month". Those who are no longer doing the job need to step back.

VCON – October 5-7 this year, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Application has gone in for a Lions Gate table. It will need to be staffed Friday 2-8 pm, Saturday 10 am - 8 pm and Sunday 10 am - 2 pm. Briana will be available for all those shifts but would 100% LOVE some extra bodies on hand to assist.

If our application is successful, we can also purchase two passes to the Con for \$20, which Brianna will do and have on hand for two of our volunteers to be able to represent our branch and our hobby within the con grounds as well as at our table.

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Chatelaine will be posting calls for volunteers as soon as lobby table and space are confirmed.

Tanikh – has a bunch of old copies of scribbles from Celdae. Also has a gauge from Gerhardt's time. Bashira/Mjorna to give to Mistress Agnes.

Baronial Banquet – In original bid, ages were split into minors and adults. Is it okay to have 5 & under for free? No way to know for sure how many of that age would be coming. James Wolfden suggests leaving it as it is due to complications re seating. Kevin suggests trying to keep value as much as possible for each seat given the barony's current financials.) To leave as-is for now for the sake of simplicity.

CORONET REPORT

Trials - Great time at trials. Wet, but rewarding. Difficult event, but it resulted in the first 3 lancers and first female gallant of Lions Gate. Have already received 4 candidate applications for courtiers for next year's Trials.

This was the penultimate council for Uilliam and Caitrina.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Oct. 17

Location: Vancity meeting room.

MEETING ADJOURNED