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Council Meeting Minutes Barony of Lions Gate

Minutes taken by: Bashira bint al-Rakkasah

In attendance:

Marion Drakos	Morweena
Mark Hood	Baron Uilliam Mac
Briony Seedhouse	Fearchair
Christi Frank	Brynja Kortsdottir
Danielle Stephens	Anika Styfe
Darren Cocking	Theodora van Zeeland
David Sharpe	Cyneric Bearson
Doug Loney	Garet Doiron
Faith Frewing	Nikolai Androv
Jacqueline Lee	Bashira bint al-Rakkasah
Jay Irvine	Elvina Effynewoode
Jillmarie Wilson	James Irvein
Jim Welch	Maminka J.
Joanne Burrows	James Wolfden
Joanne Loney	Tanikh bint Farida
Ken A. Berg	Cassandra Wineday
Kevin Garvey	Kenzie
Kirsten Masse	Caemgen mac Garbith
Lee Tomkulak	Jaqueline Lefleur
Tamala Arm	Fergus of Glamis
Tina Johnston	Isabeau Fiona the Archer
	Millicent of Eaglescliff

Acceptance of Last Month's Minutes

Motion Made (Bashira). Approved.

SENESCHAL'S REPORT - Archos Morweena

Reminder that council is now the third Wednesday of the month, reports by 5 pm the day before please.

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Reporting

Pretty good this month - only missing one report

If you cannot report or attend council because of personal reasons, please just tell me (I do not need to know why)

Part of my role is to manage all 20 officers plus the 7 event teams and that includes covering for them if they cannot complete a task. If you do not report regularly or reply to emails etc, I do not know if you need support or for me to find someone to help you

Changes to Quarterly reports to Tir Righ

Principality Officers or their reporting deputies should receive reports from their branch subordinates by the 15th of the following months: January, April, July and October.

So our Q3 reports are due by Oct 15 rather than the 31

All branch officers are to report on the previous quarter to their Principality superior or designated reporting deputy by the 15th of the following months: January, April, July and October.

- a) If there is no Principality or designated reporting officer to report to, an officer must report directly to their Kingdom superior.
- b) A copy of each report shall be provided to the branch seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness or Royal Patron of the branch.

Comps and financial policy

SCA Financial Policy was changed in June 2017 to include

8. Any policies regarding event admission charges or complimentary passes.
 - a. Non-members may not receive complimentary passes.

This means we cannot waive site fees for anyone that is not an SCA member. Also when a site fee is say \$20 with a \$5 discount for members (this is required wording) really the site fee is 15 (part retained by the branch) with the extra 5 that non members have to pay going straight to the SCA as NMR (non member remittance).

Non members always have to pay this extra cost for "events" (not practices or meetings).

Sorry to be a rule monger but it comes with the job - the seneschal has to ensure the branch follows, SCA, Antir, TirRigh, LG laws and policy as well as mundane law and contract details - this means sometimes I have to nitpick

Communication

A reminder - please use email for any branch related requests or action items.

Why not IM for branch related discussion?

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- 1) if you are not on my fb list I cannot see the message - there are 167 paid members and over 700 in our FB group, my friends list does not contain all those people.
- 2) I work in customer support, I have my account set to limit non approved contacts for a reason
- 3) I often mute IM or FB when at work or busy and may not see a message sent there, it may shuffle below personal messages as I do use it in my personal life and I may miss it or forget what the action request was.

I do check email at least 3 times a day

This also lets me have "off hours" where branch related requests are not in front of me. I'm not the only seneschal that works this way, in fact it was suggested to me by both Mistress Allsandra (Tir Righ Seneschal) and Dame Aine (past Tir Righ seneschal)

Equestrian Accident out of Kingdom

If the media contacts you seeking information or comment about Peter Barclay or the incident of his passing, please refer them to the President of the SCA.

His email is: president@sca.org

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,
Mike Watkins
Society Seneschal

Also note: From Acting Society Equestrian Marshal: the practice or performance of the game known as Pigsticking / Tentpegging is NOT ALLOWED, until it has been thoroughly investigated

Kingdom Web Page

Testing revealed some bugs, it is pushed back slightly but the testing I did was really great.

EXCHEQUER'S REPORT – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

2018 to Date

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Canterbury Fayre	1908.00	1276.47	631.53	Adults: 108 paid, 8 comped Youth/Child: 18 NMR: 11	Final data
Tir Righ Heraldic & Scribal Symposium	2284.02	1144.39	1114.63 * portion for LG = \$278.66	Adults: 88 Youth/Child: NMR: 5	Final data
Lions Gate Champions	1004.60	355.12	649.48	Adults: 89 Youth/Child: 9 NMR: 21	Final data
Sealion War	4081.47	3180.66	900.81	Adults: 203 Youth/Child: 25 NMR: 59	Final data
Tournament of Armies	3431.30	3481.79	(50.49)	Adults: 100 weekend Adults: 45 day Youth/Child: 27 11 comp NMR: 53	Final data
The Trials	1417.00	?	?	Adults: 68 Youth/Child: 5 8 comp NMR: 5	
Baronial Banquet					
Baroness' Inspiration Tourney					

YTD: income of \$20,995.26 and expenses of \$21,779.28, shows as a net loss of \$784.02

Receivables & Other Assets \$1550.00:

- \$1500 advances and floats for Baronial Banquet
- \$50 rapier practice float
- \$150 deposit to City of Maple Ridge for The Trials 2018

Prepaid expenses \$1825.30:

- \$1000 to Cloverdale Rodeo for the Baroness' Tourney site deposit
- \$825.30 @Public storage for November 2018 to Jan 2019 rentals, with Feb 2019 being the free month.

Available Funds:

As of October 15, 2018, total available funds were \$13,330.85 which include the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$298.76
- Baronial Thrones \$180.00

Practices: currently

- Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice income received to date = \$5,868.85
- Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice site cost to date = \$6360.06*

**(Sunday site fees paid to the end of the year)*

Exchequer to elaborate on the Barony's financial situation with regards to the remainder of the year.

Expenses not covered by event budgets – profit margin on events are to cover the operating costs for the barony. E.g. storage locker is \$3,300/year. Banking costs can be up to \$175; postage for waivers and gate, printing and publications, baronial polling, gate form printing (budget is \$60). General supplies for admin & departments and equipment maintenance (\$860). Non-event site costs, polling costs (\$4,200 to \$4,500/yr is grand total for all of these expenses). Profit this year is just over \$2,600, with only a couple of months left. Be aware when preparing event budget proposals. Practices are also a significant cost. Practices came close to even last year. Attendance has been down this year and we are about \$500 behind. Site fees still need to be paid for Sept/Oct.

PAST EVENTS

Trials: Sept. 14 - 16, 2018 – Albion Fairgrounds
Steward Team: Garet & Brynja

2018 Trials final number – made \$178.

FUTURE EVENTS

Reminder Level 1 or premier events MUST have copy sent to the crier. All events should have copy on the Antir Webpage, not just Facebook, at this time this can be uploaded manually by the calendar team

Event Information Forms (EIFs), barring unforeseen and unusual circumstances, should be submitted to the Kingdom (or Principality) Calendar no less than three (3) months before an event is to take place.

Baronial Banquet Oct 20
St. Augustine's Parish Church
Jaqueline LaFleur

Discussion on costs for servers etc.

SCA finance policy says Non-members may not receive complimentary passes.

Currently \$800 in the positive. 66 tickets sold, 72 total (including children); just over 100 people including volunteers.

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LG policy says

1. The Baron and Baroness and their minor children are exempt from site and feast fees for all Baronial events.
2. The current Baronial Champions for Heavy, Rapier, Archery, A&S and Bardic are exempt from site fees only (not feast or accommodation fees) for Baronial level 1 and level 2 events.
3. The Event Stewards (maximum of 2) are exempt from site fees but not feast or accommodation fees.
4. All Royalty and Their Heirs will receive complimentary site and feast fees to Baronial events.
5. At events with organized feasts (e.g. banquet), the head cook and their staff shall receive complimentary site fees.
6. Additional comps not outlined above can be requested and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

However, we cannot contradict SCA policy

From Exchequer: Baron /Baroness, Royalty and heirs do not pay for feast or site fee.

Champions of Lions Gate, Event Steward, Kitchen and serving staff do not pay for the feast, but do pay site fee.

Kenzie and 9 people are kitchen staff and can be comped their site fee if they are members. Servers have to pay site fee. – Motion approved.

Baroness's Inspiration Tourney - Nov 17

Cloverdale

Maminka the Bohemian & Theodora van Zeeland.

Insurance ordered. \$ for float required (vote to approve amount)

On track for event. Event stewards require \$1,200 advance for gate float.

Motion made by James Wolfden. **Motion approved.**

Tir Righ Bids 2019

We were awarded Feb Investiture as a one day event Feb 16 2019.

UlfR expressed interests in a bid for Aug Investiture and September crown 2019 - I see there is a new process coming for Kingdom events, waiting for details but Kingdom will have a list of "approved sites" in a geographic area for event teams to select from

Morweena spoke with Aine (Tir Righ Events deputy) and she indicated that yes UlfR is working on a bid.

Events for 2019

February Investiture - Feb 16, 2019

Site- Cloverdale

Event Steward – Morweena

EIF sent. Looking to build a team (Gate keeper???)

Lions Stage Feb 23

James Irvein

Waiting for confirmation for use of school. Going with the Waterfront Training Centre. Steward team to prepare and submit the bid by October 31.

Baronial café proposed by Briana for this.

Canterbury Fayre – March 30, 2018

Shannon Hall, Cloverdale

Cassandra submitted a preliminary bid - she is still looking at alternate sites so the bid details have not been reviewed as yet

Shared profit day food has been proposed (barony forwarding \$ for supplies, then is paid back and earns 50% of proceeds back).

Lions Gate Champions May 31- June 2

Duncan and James W are interested in a bid

Cut off to request park booking is Oct 31, which I will compete - do we want to ask about overnight? Morweena to look at having a longer 1-day event, rather than 2-day.

Lions War Aug 2-5

Kevin wants to include an invitation to every branch in all of Tir Righ. Tabled until a bid has been submitted.

Trials Sept 13-15

This date is reserved for 2019 but I have concerns

Banquet Oct 19 - TBD

Baronesses Tourney - Nov 16

Cloverdale Site

Tabled until next month.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Customary updates - Morweena

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Chamberlain - tabled from last meeting

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.

TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER MEETING.

The pop-up gazebo has endured much in its 8 year life with us but has now succumbed to its age. RIPieces. Should we buy a replacement? On sale right now, so this would be a good time to get one. – Fergus to nail down price by next meeting.

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)- do they work
- Taper and tea light candles - was suggested to donate to Swan or give away/toss-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)

Officer Vacancies

Note all greater offices are required to have a deputy so things can continue if the officer needs to step away

All jobs are to be posted and interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschale to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

Deputy required for Chronicler office, as is a major office.

The new officers can shadow the outgoing for one month before taking over and allowing the outgoing officer to step away.

YAC – VACANT

Families - Interm officer

Stables – Sgt. Brynja

Lists - term up in October, - no applicants

Cassandra will do Baronesses (children); Dalla is doing heavy; but ideally, she will be watching/helping the new officer. Has posted looking for a deputy/ new officer.

Web - term is up Jan 2019

Blades - term due Feb 2019

Scribe - term is due Feb 2019

NEW BUSINESS

Rapier Practice

Contract is due for renewal in Jan 2019

Cost is the same as 2018, requires named insurance certificate.

From Blades officer

I would encourage Lions Gate council to renew the contract with the Justice Institute, as the site is centrally located for our participants, and has adequate space for up to 8 bouts to occur at a time. There is also outdoor space nearby for activities in the summer.

Requires financial approval (vote)

Motion made to renew contract with Justice Institute site (James Wolfden) –
APPROVED

Chatalaine

Printing expense - aprox \$200 spent without prior approval for materials handed out at VCON

Note - no additional printing should be done without prior approval on cost (should add to branch budget for 2019)

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING; Briana to bring receipts in for discussion.

- Demos
- **Vcon (past)**
- Surrey Tree Lighting Festival Nov 24
- Langley Fundamental School: Monday February 25 2019
- BC Highland Games, at Lafarge Lake Park - note conflicts with Lionsdale premier event June 15 (confirmed with Lionsdale Seneschal) – Wants to do a medieval village. Could do Sunday only (June 16). Morweena to talk to Briana. Potential to suggest Lionsdale do their Champions at Lafarge Lake Park? Morweena to discuss with Daniela.
- Abbotsford Fair, - Aug 3-4 – Same weekend as Lions War. Being offered \$2K for this. Need to discuss potential for doing both.
- Famers Markets (membership) – Tabled until next months

Newcomers area at events – Baroness' Tourney

New Business from the Floor

Tanikh – Would like to hold newcomers' costume workshop in early 2019. To coordinate with the Chatelaine. Looking at holding onto Jan. 19 or Feb. 9 for this.

Heavy and Archery Contracts—Stables to look into Westwinds renewal, as named insured will take time.

Loan of Butts: Lionsdale wants to borrow our butts – loaning thrown weapons to Coronet—moved by Garet; APPROVED.

CORONET REPORT

Last council meeting. Thanks to everyone for everything (Baron Uilliam thanked us all for our service).

NEXT MEETING

Date: THIRD Wednesday - Nov 21

Location: Vancity meeting room

OFFICER REPORTS

Emails are copied and left at the front of the desk for reading. There may be new business arising from these reports, if so it is added to. - new or continued business

Officer reports as received by October 16 5:30 pm - edited to include reports sent after 7 pm

Chronicler - Bashira bint al-Rakkasah July 2018-July 2020

- Northwind published
- Sept minutes completed

Chamberlain - Fergus July 2018-July 2020

I have nothing new to report at this time.

Chatelaine - Briana nic h'Eusaidh Jun 2018-June 2020

I finally was able to access the email account on September 15, 2018, and have been playing catch up since then.

NEWCOMER NIGHTS:

We held our first Newcomer Night on Friday Sept 28. There were five in attendance: many thanks to Melangell, James, and Ewen for coming out and a hearty welcome to

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Nathan, who we will hope to see out and playing soon. We discussed some basics of SCA Courtesy and Etiquette.

Our next Newcomer's Night will be Friday, 19 October (not the 26th as advertised): we will discuss Feasting and Revels and various colder-weather pastimes, and probably play some medieval board games!

I would like to have a chat with the various Practice Co-ordinators about hosting a practice at least quarterly that was focused on welcoming new participants. I will be reaching out to each of the officers responsible directly.

RESOURCES:

The brochure design went well, but there were some hiccoughs in the printing, and though they were resolved for VCON, we will be tweaking the brochure in keeping with input. The idea is we keep the file updated and do only short print runs, so we are never stocking a lot of resources that are out of date. We gave away all 30 brochures printed up for VCON. I also prepared 80 infocards with some basic contact info on them: we gave away about half of these. Rhun Collbran will be bringing the remainder to FanExpo next week to have at his booth. Also printed off ten copies of the North Wind and gave away 8 of them. I will be updating the info card into a two-sided file with Upcoming Events listed on the back sides, in order to facilitate getting the word out about events as they are happening. The total invested in these projects was \$200 approximately (will submit a receipt if the Barony sees fit to reimburse me, but I absolutely understand if that is not feasible, as I didn't clear the expenditure with Council beforehand).

We are definitely going to benefit from an organised Demo Kit, containing promotional materials, banners and booth decorations, as well as a USB key with slide shows and other such multimedia presentations, dance music, a few more interesting A and S items, and some small arms and armour. I will be brainstorming these ideas, and seeking donations once I have a clear idea of what sort of displays we need to be building. A table banner and a bunting banner are bare minimums... Also had some very productive conversations this month about the plans I have for a Demo Team of dedicated approachable individuals for specific aspects of demos. I hope to be working on these projects over the winter months.

The Newcomer's Guide revamp is underway: I am using an ancient edition as a template, putting it into a more user-friendly format, and updating the information on offer. I will be sending the revised text along to the Baron and Baroness and to my superior at Principality before printing off or otherwise publishing this eventual resource. I would *love* to be able to have it available for download from the Baronial webpage, eventually.

The other big project underway is the creation of a "Citizenship": a passport-like program that contains a checklist of activities and people to meet, after which the individual is declared no longer new, but a citizen of the Barony, and given a Key and maybe a small scroll as a token of their new status. (This is modeled on the Barony of

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Seagirt's Orca program, which has been of great help in that branch.) The new comer can pick up their booklet at any practice, and turn it in to the Chatelaine at any event thereafter. There is no limitation on how new someone needs to be to earn their Key. The exact items on this passport are still being determined: I would love the input of any interested parties with this project. Timeline for this would starting in the New Year, unless their upcoming Excellencies would prefer to start it at their step-up. I will discuss it with them.

DEMOS:

VCON was the weekend of the 5, 6, 7, and thanks to James Wolfden's timely alert, we were able to get a lobby table spot, allowing us to access the free areas of the con and meet up with numerous interested new players, and quite a few folks who no longer play, which led to some very informative conversations, as member retention is a big issue facing the SCA today. I had seven volunteers help man the table over the three days, which was wonderful turnout, as well as Rhun giving us space on his table for brochures and infocards, and talking up archery and thrown weapons. I owe deep thanks to Rhiannon ap Gwynedd, Lindsay, James Irvein, Loki, Sadbh, Crystal, Rhun, and Melangell for their kind and capable assistance! Rhiannon was invaluable, loaning us her personal SCA banner for the table, bringing ambient dance music, as well as recruiting dancer friends to run through a couple set dances in the corridors. All in all, we gave away almost all of the 30 brochures I had printed, about half of the 80 infocards, and 8 of the 10 copies of the most recent edition of the North Wind, and spoke with quite a few enthusiastic new or returning players.

FanExpo was the weekend of the 13/14, and Rhun distributed our info cards and brochures from his booth at that event. I had given him most of the remaining materials I printed off for VCON.

I have been in contact with the Surrey Tree Lighting Festival about a potential booth and/or demo as part of the entertainment for this big, cross-cultural event. The date for this is Saturday, November 24, from noon to 7 pm. If so, this would be a terrific opportunity for us, so I am optimistic that we can pull together a great demo. There is a nominal cost for booth space rental, of \$60 for a 10 x 12 space: is this something the Barony wants to do? If so, I will forward on the application paperwork to the Seneschal.

We have been contacted by the usual suspects at the Langley Fundamental School: the date for next year's demo is Monday February 25. I am asking for anyone interested in assisting with the preparation for this demo to please contact me and we will put together the desired number of stations. We will need at least 12 folks, 2 for each station. Stations will definitely include: Heavy Combat, Rapier, and Equestrian: I would love to have Archery, Clothing/Fibre Arts, and Bardic or Scribal Arts as Stations as well, but I am open to other ideas: ping me!

We have also been contacted by a person at the BC Highland Games, at Lafarge Lake Park in Coquitlam. I have reached out to contact him to discuss the options for a larger demo as part of the entertainment for this event. The date of the Highland Games is

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June 15, 2019, so we will want to bear that date in mind for our events calendar. We could easily set up camping and schedule for a full weekend of activities here, and this is a potential site connection for us as well. At the very least we should be able to demo combats and thrown weapons, and various A and S activities. The co-ordinator and I have scheduled a site walk over to see what we might be able to offer with what they have in mind, we will be doing that October 21, the day after Baronial Banquet.

We have also been contacted by a person co-ordinating entertainment for the Abbotsford Fair, which is scheduled for August 3 and 4 (yes, our usual non-conflict date). This would be for a performance style demo: the bigger the better, which could include heavy and rapier combat, archery, equestrian, dance, etc. We could tell a story or just showcase our various aspects. This would be for pay as part of the entertainment for the fairgoers, and a suggested honorarium of \$2000 has been mentioned. It would be for a set timeframe on both days, but not overnight, so participants could return to TOA or whatever event is on for that weekend. I would love the clearance to move ahead with this demo, as it would be a prime opportunity to spread the word about our activities, as well as a decent income for the Barony.

I am also discussing with the Board of the Langley Rider's Society for a demo at one of their shows/fundraiser events during the summer, in exchange for the use of their excellent, transit accessible facility for an event or for a possible weekday archery/equestrian practice venue during their open season (April to October). This venue has flush toilets, two sand arenas, lights and covered seating, as well as some overnight camping facilities and could be a decent site for us for various uses. I will keep Council informed if these discussions come to any point.

SPL: I will be getting together with Ciana in the near future to discuss the application process for our participation/organising of a Very Large Demo through the Surrey Public Library. I will keep Council updated as that conversation progresses.

Farmer's Markets: I am looking into buying a Farmer's Market membership so that we can participate with either an info table, small hand craft demonstration table or a full on active combat demo at Farmer's Markets throughout the 2019 season. Every municipality in the lower mainland has farmer's markets on a weekly basis, and I can see a great deal of interest coming from that demographic. I would be aiming to hit all of them at least once, hopefully twice. I will need some dedicated help in order to make that happen: to sit the table, offer demos and help me with transport of the kit and myself. I will keep Council informed of any plans afoot as far as this project goes.

EVENTS:

Baronial Banquet: There are going to be at least 6 newcomers in attendance: I am helping source garb for those who have reached out to me. If anyone else is bringing a new face to Banquet, please take the time to introduce me to them: I'm happy to help!

Baronesses Inspiration Tourney: Also had some productive conversations with the Steward of Baronesses Inspiration Tourney, as regards the Hospitality Area. The idea

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behind this is that at EVERY event, we make space for new attendees to be social and meet friendly folk in a relaxed place, that is not part of anyone's encampment, but is a public lounge area, with a table or two and seating so folks can come and work on a project they are willing to talk about or teach about for an hour or two, in the course of their event. This allows new or returning players to make connections on common areas of interest and to ask questions in a less-obtrusive way. The Hospitality area would be an ideal place for classes of the Novus degree to be taught at events, as well.

The Hospitality area could also offer snacks and beverages, and give folk who have driven a long ways a place to recoup their energy before setting up camp or what have you. I should like this area to be close to but not on top of Gate and/or the TUTR Registration areas. I do not foresee this project costing the Barony any additional funds, as I'd run the beverage and snack station by donation.

I will be reaching out to event stewards for the foreseeable future about the need for and placement of the Hospitality Area. I would very much like to see this become a standard consideration at all normal registration events in the future.

GOLD KEY:

A inventory and wash of Gold Key is needed before Baronesses Inspiration Tourney. I will be discussing with the Chamberlain a good time to meet up and do that.

I am discussing some ideas for Gold Key options with Mistress Arianna, as she has Thoughts about this service. I do still need a Gold Key Deputy.

Gold Key will be present at Baronesses Inspiration Tourney, at the Hospitality Table, if anyone needs to make use of this service.

MISC:

The Historical Performance Society has been in touch to let our members know about a costuming dispersal they are running. The co-ordinator is Catherine Lee, her email is historicalperformance@gmail.com if anyone has any questions or would like to get in touch with her about that.

It's a busy time but I like being busy

Sable Loat Pursuivant- Laric Godwin Jun 2017- June 2019

No events occurred in the last month so no awards or heralding has happened. I have assisted with consultations for a couple of people looking into registering names and devices.

Minister of Stables - Brynmore Raven Oct 2016- Oct 2018

Practice has been going steady with an average attendance of heavies of 4 to 6 fighters per practice. Dance practice has helped bolster attendance as well. No injuries reported.

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One event was held this month. Sgt trials. No heavies attained the rank this year and no injuries were reported at event

Archery James Wolfden Sept 2018-Sept 2020

The office is still in the process of being changed over. I need to still get the email address transferred over to me.

Some loaner gear has been transferred over to me including some new youth bows that have been donated and probably not in the current inventory. I will catalog the equipment for the chamberlain in November. Some loaner gear is currently in use.

Practices continue with the Sunday practice being the more popular of the two. We will run the Thursday practice until the end of the month and then it will likely be too cold and too dark to continue. The archery season ends this month and there is usually a last minute push to bump averages.

Blades Master Kian Feb 2017-Feb 2019

Since last report the only Rapier activity that has occurred has been our regular Thursday Practice. Our average attendance at practice has been 12 combatants.

I would encourage Lions Gate council to renew the contract with the Justice Institute, as the site is centrally located for our participants, and has adequate space for up to 8 bouts to occur at a time. There is also outdoor space nearby for activities in the summer.

Lists -Cassandra Wineday of Newingate Oct 2016- Oct 2018

There is still no applicant for the position. Nothing else to report.

Thrown Weapons: Duncan of Aberfoyle Aug 2017- Aug 2019

It has been a good month since last report, we continue to have good turnouts for our practices and I'm very pleased to see more newcomers joining our ranks. We have several new people whom have posted an average this year and the awards presentations at Baroness' Inspirations should be good. No issues to report, everything is still running very smoothly. We have three new junior TW marshals and also Viggo has finally had his Senior Marshal status approved.

Equestrian - Briana nic h'Eusaidh Feb 2017- Feb 2019

The early October practice was cancelled due to VCON's demo, but plans are underway for James and Cassandra to run a Halloween practice on the last weekend of October which looks to be fun and creative. If anyone has interest to come and see how silly we can get, this one's a good one. The Archers also get creative at this time of year...

The end of September saw a truckload of Lions Gate Equestrians journey down to the Kingdom's premiere equestrian event, the Emprise of the Black Lion in the Barony of

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Madrone, and by all reports they had an excellent time. Our mini driver and host of our practices went down and competed and was also authorised for gaming and driving, and made some good connections with equestrians from all over the place.

There has been an issue with the KEO, and in the interim Dame Macha, the contingency deputy has taken up the reins. The Authorisations Office is also in flux, so current authorisation processes are on hold till mid-November. Gentles can still be authorised to participate at events and practices, but their status will not be official until the online records are updated. That said, the only point of authorisations in point of fact is participation at Kingdom Champions and out of area events: if a rider does not have their green card ti hand, their authorisation can be confirmed online. In practical usage, the marshals present can assess whether someone is competent by watching during grooming, tacking and warmup, so cards are only very rarely required to participate. All *that* said, I am updating all authorisations from the last 6 years to make sure everyone can be confirmed as warranted, once the changeover has occurred. I will also be in closer contact with the new online auths deputy to ensure our info is up to date.

Speaking of websites being up to date, I sent an email a few months ago about an issue with the Kingdom website, as our practices were not listed under our name (they were under the Shire of Lionsdale, for some reason.) When I went back to check if it had been fixed the antir page was down. When I went back to check this morning, they had fixed the branch, but had listed the dates from last year. I have sent another email, with only two practices left in the year, but I have also let my upline know how this kind of nonsense has made us feel.

From Acting Society Equestrian Marshal: the practice or performance of the game known as Pigsticking / Tentpegging is NOT ALLOWED, until it has been thoroughly investigated to ensure no repeats of the tragic accident that took the life of the SEO, Master Terafan Greydragon on October 6th, 2018. This is one of the few games that uses an actual edge or point in the weapon, and the other such games may also be placed under safety review, but at this time, they are focussing on the specific game and equipment that was involved in that mortal incident.

I have not gotten the banners printed yet, that may be waiting till the New Year, at this rate. There will be at least one social get together this fall for equipment repair.

Next Practices:

November 18, (the day after Baronesses Inspiration Tourney) we will be posting this one far and wide in hopes to tempt out of towners to stay late at the event and come out and pet ponies, etc. This will be our Newcomers themed practice, starting with a Basic Horsemanship class at 10 am and proceeding to an Old Hands showing New Riders how it's done.

December 9. Holiday themed challenge course, and after get-together at Briana's to celebrate a great year.

ADDENDUM

October 17, 2018

The interim KEO has been in touch to address both of the issues I mentioned regarding the website and incorrect posting of our info and dates, and I have taken the opportunity to ask her how we can resolve the driving warrant issue. I will keep Council posted on that.

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Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff April 2017- April 2019

October Lions Gate Arts & Sciences Report:

- The second September A&S Social was held on September 25, 2018.
Attendance: 5
- The October Black Kettle cooks' meeting was held on October 2, 2018.
Attendance: ~6
- The October Arts & Sciences Social was held on October 10, 2018.
Attendance: 7

Dance - Lisa Boorman. June 2017 to June 2019

Dance classes started up again on Monday Sept 17 at fighter practice in Cloverdale.

We have had several new people attend our dance classes since we moved locations.

- Sept 17 - 6 dancers
- Sept 24 - 6 dancers
- Oct 1 - 8 dancers
- Oct 8 - no dance due to Thanksgiving
- Oct 15 - 4 dancers

Games – Master Garet. June 2018- June 2020

Games went on a trip or two!

To two non-baronial events. Nobody died or was injured.

Sadly.

Better luck next month.

Scribe - Ciana dei Libri Feb 2017- Feb 2019

No report

Webminister- Jacomina van Vossenbrouck - Jan 2016, extended to Jan 2019

October 2018:

- Minutes have been uploaded

October 17, 2018

- North Wind has been uploaded.

Family Activities Intern Officer covered by deputy seneschal

I have nothing to report at this time.

Hoping to get traction on Families activities through the winter.

TUTR - Tanikh bint Farida Nov 2017-Nov 2019

Tir Righ A&S has happened (unfortunately I was ill and unable to be there - much sadness)

Participated in Classes at Golden Swan

Planning to get back to the Grand TUTR concept - Seagirt's is in the end of Oct, so if we work on ours for April or May of this year (or next) I think it works well (will bring this up at Council)

Working on a Beginners Costume Seminar for sometime in Jan/Feb - need to discuss times/dates with Council

Millicent is wanting classes for A&S nights, will coordinate with her to get instructors and for TUTR credit for students