

## **Baronial Council Notes November 2008**

### **Officer Reports**

#### Seneschal – Uilliam

Nuttin. No news from the last Seneschal meeting. No updates on the Watch or Pied Piper.

#### Demo – Aelana

There's one coming up in February.

#### Watch – vacant

Garrett (mka Dave Sharpe) has involuntarily volunteered and has been accepted.

#### Exchequer – Anika

- Got about \$17K in the bank.
- Some of the painted rock wall panels are missing.

#### Chamberlain – Sigurd (not present)

Been hard to get a hold of.

#### Stables – Cyneric (not present)

- Record number of fighters at Baroness' Tourney.
- Monthly practices are going well.
- No injuries to report.

#### Blades – Warwick (not present)

Lots going on which is good. No incidents or injuries at Baroness' Tourney or Investiture. Practices have been going well and are well attended. Practices are moving to Wednesday in December at a different location as the hall is unavailable.

#### Archery – James

Archery tourney with a birthday theme at BT in the evening and indoor. Had some outdoor archery as well and thankfully the weather held. The field was really bad though (clay). Regular practice has been going well.

→ Anika is a drunk and is cut off (kidding, of course). She tried to catch a fly and Uilliam and his book ended up wearing her beer. Now back to your regularly scheduled program!

#### Lists – Algae

Advertised over email. A few people have been interested, Dame Elena most of all. As soon as she steps down as Principality Exchequer, hopefully soon, she can do the job. 45 fighters were on the field at Baroness' Tourney – the largest ever.

### Herald – Kevin

There has been heraldry. A new voice herald at Baroness' Tourney helping with the tourney and he did great. Woo! Uilliam has a historical set of devices/shields that were used for lists.

### Chronicler – Ceara

Two folks have shown interest in the job. Will work with both of them until one takes the bait.

Web – Rothgar (not here)  
(insert report)

### Arts & Sciences – John (not present)

- Report sent in but it couldn't be read because it was covered in Anika's spilt beer (kidding, sorta).
- No dance minister and we really need one. Lots of ideas tossed around.
- Discussion over re-vamping/rejuvenating the bransles. Possibly add themes – sergantry, service, specific classes – in addition to the dancing and socializing.
- Kevin passed the games he had to the gamesmaster (which is...). Algae has some too.

### Chatelaine – Genevieve

- Wants to step down but waiting until Vivian has stepped down at Principality.
- No Pied Piper report however we know she's been doing great work.

Gold Key – Uilliam fired Caitrina. We really need someone to do it – perfect for someone new. Easy now because it's just tabards. Do we have any smaller/shorter sizes for smaller people? Some belts are needed for the tabards (service project).

Dragonward – Been working on developing a forum specifically for ride finders and ride providers. Have purchased dragonward.ca. Basically ready to launch it so keep an eye out for the announcement. The forum was the idea as she is not available during the nights (working).

### Scribe – Miles (not here)

- Able to complete a few charters. Aelana, deputy, has been working with a group of scribes (those learning). Going to try and get a few more done (originals) for banquet. Suggested using the library upstairs at the Bransle in the future.

## **Events and Stuff**

### Investiture – Elena

Everything went really well. A few receipts are outstanding but it's estimated that the event made over \$2K – the Barony will get around \$500. Final figures will be provided as soon as they are done. All the money has been passed over to Anika. We've got 30

days to send a cheque to Principality. There was a rapier issue (marshalling) but it fortunately wasn't major. The media showed up somewhat unexpectedly and they were escorted through the event briefly. There was a photo on the front page on the Maple Ridge Times. Thank you Elena!

#### Tir Righ University – Elena

Talked about doing a session in March however the recent change in Tir Righ law means that the April Coronet weekend is now free. Let's do a joint session with Eisenmarche instead. They will Autocrat, Elena will Dean. Uilliam would check his calendar but it's covered in beer too. He will email Lenora.

#### Celtic Fest Demo – Uilliam/Kevin

Kevin had a chat with the fellow who is organizing the Celtic Fest. Apparently there was a slight misunderstanding over what we do as the contract that was sent was rather amusing, to say the least. Even so, the exposure would be really, really good. Uilliam spoke the gentleman and sorted a number of things out. Negotiations and edjumucation is underway. Generally it sounds pretty cool. All agreed we'll do it. Steve will have to be cancelled to accommodate.

#### Baroness' Tourney - Ceara

The Barony made about \$1200 and the event, after an interesting beginning, went pretty smoothly. The space was really nice to use however when we got there, it was filthy.

#### Clinton Biffies – Chang

One of the items that came about from the Clinton Committee was raising the site fee so that it could be used for building materials at the site. Chang has come up with a new standardized biffie designs that will be cheaper and easier to build and a more efficient use of space. The doors are so large that they are disability accessible. Plan to include hooks and shelves. An estimate to build a 4-holer is about \$1,500 but it should last a really long time (25 years). The structure will belong to the Barony and the owners are just allowing us to put it there. The legal and financial issues need to be looked at more in depth before making a decision.

Call for ideas for Clinton 30 year in the North Wind to be done by Ceara.

#### Newcomers/A&S Combo event

John is going to run the competition part and Morweena is going to organize the classes. Lots of really neat ideas to revitalize the event are being worked on.

#### Demos – Baroness Caitrin

*The Super Demo* - An invention of Raknar in the very preliminary stages. Wants to do 3 major demos around BC to try to bring in new members. Ideas are welcome. An event that is specifically a demo that is publicly promoted.

*Boy Scouts* are looking for a demo the weekend of Twelfth Night (Jan 9-11) at the Camp Maclean Demo. They are doing a Robin Hood theme. Larger than past demos.

Baronial Banquet – Algae

Ticket sales are very, very low. Only 42 tickets sold and 11 on reserve. Break even is 70 and we can sell up to 150. Been shopping carefully to hit the sales for certain items. Perhaps it may be worth considering another date to do this event – spring?