

## **Council Notes for January 2010**

**Exchequer Report - Anika:** Balance is \$6,845.62. We need to be very careful with our money and work on getting budgets in place. Space rentals are very high these days.

**Chamberlain - Edrik for Algae:** Need lists of items that are currently in the possession of each of the Baronial Officers so that they can be accounted for. Inventory of the locker needs to be done. Everything needs to be cleaned and clearly labelled as property of Lions Gate. Date to be decided once the weather gets better.

**Herald - Caemgen:** Not present, no report.

**Stables - Cyneric:** Report sent in. Monday practice is going well. 17 fighters in the last Monday tourney. Sir Savorik was the victor. No reported injuries or armour failures. No Baronial fighting events since last report. Francesca has booked the Stetson Bowl for outdoor practice at Cloverdale starting May 31 st. Bigger and safer than being adjacent to the construction. There will be two weeks without a Monday practice due to May Crown and the Cloverdale Rodeo. If it rains, we'll be permitted to use the show barn if it isn't already in use.

**Blades - Nelson:** No injuries or accidents to report at practices. Attendance has been quite good at practice and we've adapted a new format. First hour is structured lessons and training and the remainder of the time is free sparring and individual instruction. Feedback has been very positive thus far. Cut and Thrust is every third practice and in a bit of a lull right now.

**Lists - Elena:** Nothing to report

**Chronicler - Beitris:** Not here. Ceara taking notes on her behalf.

**A&S - Myrrim:** Highly recommend taking in the Scribal Retreat if you have the chance. An exhausting but fabulous event. Bookbinding workshops are continuing under the UTR. A&S Defender is coming up and Aelana, our current Defender, has the competition well in hand. Myrrim put in a bid for an A&S event on Sunday, March 21" following Newcomers. It will be a day dedicated to workshops (shoemaking is one) and classes sponsored by UTR.

**Bransle Coordinator - Sionnan** has agreed to take on this role.

**Bard - Sionnan:** Nothing to report. No injuries!

**Dance - Edrik for Rhiannon:** Good turn out at practice. Going back to working on the core 20 dances to focus on getting better at doing a few dances (instead of knowing how to do a lot but not well).

**Games - Mary:** Inventory of games was passed on to Edrik for the Chamberlain.

**Chatelaine - Sage:** Sage has agreed to take on the job while Vivian gets better. No one seems to know where our Gold Key guy is. Warrick mentioned that Lionsdale has a lot of Gold Key items to get rid of if we want them.

**Demos - All:** Langley Fundamental Middle School demo run by Ceara on Feb. 2. Griffin is heading up the Beaver demo in Surrey on Feb. 17". Sara's (Caitrin's daughter) Girl Guide Demo will be on March 20". Two more Beaver demos requested in August. One at Camp Maclean on August 10" and the other in North Vancouver on Aug. 24". There is also a demo request from Paramount Pictures for the opening of the norse-themed animated movie "How to tame your dragon" in March. Date unknown. Griffin will be the point of contact.

**Scribe - Miles:** Things are going well.

**Webminister - Rothgar:** Lots of work is being done on the website. Forms library to be up and running soon. Rothgar will be re-applying for his position once posted since his term is up.

**Seneschale - Francesca:** Officer vacancies for Stables and Archer have been posted. Please apply by next Council. Webminister to be posted very soon. Officers please cc both the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschale on your quarterly reports. Financial Committee meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be discussing the financial policy and cost recovery since we are hurting.

### **Event Business**

**Clinton** - Francesca explained that when she took over as Seneschal we really wanted to try and secure the site asap to avoid the problems of years past. Unfortunately, after multiple attempts to have a conversation with the site owners about this, the decision to not pursue the issue was made. This decision was not made lightly or alone. Copies of the letters and phone logs were presented to anyone who wished to see them. Even though it was an unfortunate situation, those in attendance at Council (20+) supported the decision. It was also suggested that Lions Gate hold an event on that weekend so that we don't lose the date. Discussion tabled for now.

**Baronial Banquet 2009** - Jacqueline has got everything sorted out and final reports have been submitted.

**A&S Defenders and Day of Dance - Ceara:** Event planning is going well. Gate float of \$300 requested.

**Newcomers – Ceara/Caemgen:** Nothing to report.

**Workshop Day Bid** submitted by Myrrin (March 21<sup>st</sup> piggyback on Newcomers)

**Sealion War** - bid was submitted by Aibinn.

**May Bardic** - Caitrin will submit a bid next Council.

**Baronial Banquet**- Site is already secured. A third bid will be submitted by Jacqueline. Bids now closed off.

### **Other Business**

Elena has a bunch of old North Winds to pass on to Beitris (Chronicler). Francesca took them on her behalf.

Eric Committee discussion tabled till February due to time constraints.

### **Baronial Coronet Business**

Griffin is working on Sealion War points and agreement with Ming was made on the A&S Points. To be announced shortly. Went to a meeting at 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Other Baronies are doing a lot of fundraising and contributing funds for each reign. While we don't have the funds to do this right now, it was suggested that the Barony could contribute largess instead. Largess from the Kingdom of An Tir is coveted throughout the Knowne World. Our Artisans are the best! Toys for Tots is also a big thing in the US. Since we don't have an equivalent and because it would be more useful. we will step up by doing food drives instead.

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