

## Barony of Lions Gate Council Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2010

Meeting started at 7:30 PM

### Senechale's Report

Francesca reported that the Sapperton Hall has increased its rate to \$25/hour starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. In response, Rapier will reduce their practise time from 3 hours to 2 hours. Dance will also be looked at but Francesca has not had a chance to discuss it with Rhiannon.

Francesca reported on discussions about the Masonic Hall Development proposal. Nothing has been submitted to New Westminster city hall but Francesca talked with the treasurer at the Masonic Hall. The group hope to develop two properties, the hall at 508 Agnes Street that we normally rent, and a site on Carnarvon Street. We have been assured that the first development is for the Carnarvon Street site and it will include a new Masonic Hall. The Agnes Street site will be looked at further down the road. We are well liked and good renters. The Masons intend to have the new hall on Carnarvon Street available for rental before any construction work begins at the 508 Agnes Street site. They will keep us informed of their progress when, and if, it affects us.

Ceara has developed a new set of waivers/roster sheets that are going to be used at practises. Kingdom has asked that original waivers and copies of gate rosters for all martial practises, be submitted to them on a monthly basis.

Francesca reported that more sites are requesting to be named "additional insured" on our insurance. This cost is \$50USD but also takes time to get the certificate. Event Stewards need to find out whether the site needs a named certificate or not. If one is needed, the Seneschale needs to know as early as possible as it may take up to 2 months to get the certificate. There was a brief discussion of whether blanket name certificates could be generated. Multiple dates are permitted provided each date is specified.

Financial Policy is almost done. Draft #6 has been completed and will be posted on the website shortly to get feedback from the populace. Elena, as the Principality Exchequer, stated that Principality wanted to get some form of policy in place by April 30<sup>th</sup> and they would be satisfied with adopting an abbreviated financial policy consisting of just the first two paragraphs. This would allow Lions Gate to amend the policy later. A motion to adopt the abbreviated financial policy was passed. (Moved by Elena, Seconded by James Crape)

Francesca reported that she had not seen all the quarterly reports that were supposed to have been sent on April 15<sup>th</sup> and cc'd to both the Seneschale and the Baron&Baroness.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Watch - Lord Gareth Doiron: No injuries. No deaths. The watch has been consulting with the event steward of Tournament of Armies. The Watch needs more bodies!

Exchequer - Her Ladyship Anika Steif: The bank balance as of April 21 is \$6181.79 with anticipated expenses to the end of the year of \$9074.35. Anika's tenure is up in December and because of the nature of this office, we should be looking for a replacement by July.

Chamberlain - Her Ladyship Algae McBeign: No report

Herald - Lord Caemgen mac Garbith: Sable Loat reports no injuries, a handful of clients, and wicked turn-out at the recent Tir Righ Heraldic Symposium. Bardic Defender has only \*ONE\* full entrant for the upcoming competition and one single entry. If you know a Bard, kick their butt and get them to enter.

Minister of Stables - Sergeant Dalibor Krivoklatsky: No report but the Baron reported that practises are well attended. In addition, steps will be made to make the alternative Wednesday practise an official SCA practise. This may require official approval from the school that we are using. Sergeant Kerry needs to contact Francesca.

Archery - HL Delwyn verch Ynyr: Not much to report. There were only two indoor practises before the Easter break and work timing ended the last two indoor practises. We are officially outdoors as of the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> and will be working in tandem with the Eisenmarche group to run practises twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. As the season progresses we will also be holding additional practises on the weekends to accommodate for things such as York Rounds. I now have in my possession the Baronial crossbow, though it is in need of some upkeep. Still waiting on the jig to be handed over, but I am aware of who currently is in possession of it. Classes are being arranged and the season is looking to gear up very soon. There is a Lions Gate Archers yahoo group and that will be used to get some chats going about what people want to do.

Rapier - Lord Guillemin de Rouen: Practises currently have about six people on average but they are trying to get higher attendance. They are currently doing more high intensity practises and were doing wind sprints today. There is no cut and thrust happening currently.

Lists - Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin: All is quiet on the Lists fronts.

Chronicler – HL James Wolfden: Minutes for January, February, and March are posted. April North Wind is out. Deadline for next issue is April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Baroness wants the cover of the June Issue to feature the new erics. James wants photo covers for most issues.

Librarian - HL Maeda no Kiko Mariko: Nothing to report. An inventory list of all the books will be made up and published. Mariko and James will work out a policy for accepting donations.

Minister of Arts & Sciences - Lady Myrrim de Lancaster: Not present. No report but Elena reported that, finally, an injury occurred at the bookbinding workshop. Leah of Surrey had a mishap with a wood chisel while making a gothic book requiring not one but TWO Bandages! The Barony will investigate whether A&S needs to implement a marshallate system or that all chisels must now have APDs attached.

Bardic Arts - HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig: May Bardic is coming soon. Plans seem to be going well. Kevin and I have been working on revising the judging forms etc. for this Bardic and subsequent years hopefully to make them a little easier on judges and contestants alike and so they are in keeping with Principality and Kingdom level, which this should be a stepping stone toward... Thus far I only know of one or 2 single entries for this year, but I'm sure there will be more entries coming as the date approaches... I've also been asked about Bardic for SeaLion War but need to discuss further what is wanted/needed for that...

Dance - HL Rhiannon ap Gwynedd of Clan McBeighn: Rhiannon was not able to attend council as her daughter is in the hospital but filed a report. Attendance is down a little due to the Easter Long Weekend. We had eight dancers and brought in a total of \$40. We are trying to encourage more dancers to come out to the Bransle. I have asked Delgrade to call dances at the Bransle because I will be out of town. April 15<sup>th</sup> class was run by HL Delgrade because Rhiannon was ill. No report on turnout.

Gamesmistress - HL Mary Ostler: Games were played at the Tir Righ Heraldic Symposium. Mary has renamed May Bardic to May Gamer though she realizes she has no authority to do so but figures she will do go ahead on force of conviction.

Chatelaine - Lady Sage McLeod of Canna: Nothing to report.

A demo request for 15 minutes at the half-time of a roller derby in Abbotsford was brought up. The demo will be passed onto Lionsdale as it is in their lands.

Baronial Scribe - His Lordship Miles FitzHubert: No report

Baronial Webminister - Lady Malie Rennick: Changes are slowly being uploaded to the website. Work is progressing on a new site layout. The contact info for council has been

updated as of April 20<sup>th</sup> and should reflect the current makeup of council. No deaths. A question came up from the floor about officer email addresses and could they be done in a way that allowed the officer to just pass on the email account (and password) to next account. Action Item for Malie and James to investigate. A second issue came up concerning the Newcomers Yahoo Group and that it is sending out erroneous information about the Bransles. Action Item for James to track down list moderator. Doctor Carus requested that the various unofficial mailing lists, yahoo groups, and other social media groups for various interests in the Barony be posted on the website.

## EVENTS

Newcomers – Event Steward Ceara: Newcomers went very, very well. We had an amazing turnout of new people coming to check us out. During the day, we had 37 newbies sign in at gate and participate in the orientation classes. We had an additional 4 sign in for the evening portion so a total of 41 Newcomers!! That's without the students from Walnut Grove showing up. The teachers did come however and gave us a donation of \$20. Just for interest's sake, the Newcomers almost outnumbered us! We had 51 adults and 2 children sign in as SCA at Gate. Wow!!! Thank goodness we had lots of willing and able scribal folks around – I've never painted so fast in my life!

For those who couldn't attend, you really did miss out on a wonderful event. We had a few merchants selling stuff along with a very successful silent auction that was pulled together at the last minute by Myrrim. The Buy a Life Tourney didn't pan out but still a very good day.

The event made \$145 despite lower than expected attendance as the site rental was also less than projected.

A massive thanks goes out to everyone who made it a great success! Caemgen and I will be looking for feedback on the format as it was a little different (again). Please drop us a line and share your thoughts if you have any.

Spring TUTOR – Event Steward Myrrim: Myrrim wasn't there but Elena reported that a discount on the site rental because of an error in booking should result in anticipated revenue of around \$300. However, this may have to be split with the UTR.

May Bardic OR May Gamers – Event Steward Baroness Caitrin: We only have one contestant to date so it may be more Gamer than Bardic. Everything going smoothly with only glitch being that the Baroness has been unable to contact the person doing day food.

Archery and Heavy Defenders – Event Steward Morweena: Anika moved that they comp the site fee for an instructor coming up from the states that has recently lost his job. Motion passed with Doctor Carus abstaining.

Sealion War – Event Steward Aibinn: Aibinn not here but key thing is that the site is secured and planning is on-going.

Tournament of Armies – Event Steward Callen: Callen showed off some brochures that will be used to promote the event. Planning is proceeding and things are going well. A lot more things have been planned than have been announced so far. A rolling thunder method is being used to reveal event details to build excitement and not to overwhelm people too early. Autocrat team is forming nicely and they are looking for few spots to fill. These include merchant co-ordinator, point herald, lists, and a warranted youth marshal. UTR has been contacted with the request that all classes themed around WAR.

A question was raised about whether there would be a Service point. Much discussion occurred.

SYGC – Event Steward Ceara: No bid just yet but Ceara is looking to book Allco Park in Maple Ridge. The site is beautiful, inexpensive, away from civilisation including modern plumbing. Okay, they have one washroom and portapotties will have to be rented.

Baroness Tourney – No Event Steward yet: Myrrim is intending to put a bid in but nothing official has been submitted. Big issue is finding a site.

Banquet – Event Steward Caitrina Macandrew: Nothing new to report. Menu planning is ongoing.

## NEW BUSINESS

UFV Director's Festival Demo: Message from Tomas of Lionsdale inviting everyone to come to the annual UFV Directors Festival Demo.

This year the Demo will be on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> (the day after May Bardic), and will include Rapier, Armoured Combat, Dance, and Arts and Sciences. Come, relax, enjoy the day with your friends, help teach the populace about what it is we do, and why we love it.

The demo starts at Noon, though all are invited to come a bit earlier to help set up.

This tends to be a fairly relaxed demo, and is often seen as a chance to get some extra fighting practice in, or just to get to see your friends.

The demo is at the UFV Theatre Campus, which is at 45635 Yale Road, Chilliwack.

NCSA Dissolution: Elena reported that the NSCA wanted to be able to hand over the monies to the various chapters of the NSCA but there were some delays with the paperwork so the cheques will be coming in the mail. Lions Gate share will be around \$4000.

Hall Rentals: Chang raised the idea of moving practises outside during the summer to save money on hall rentals. Francesca pointed out that we do this at Cloverdale where we will rent the Stetson Bowl at a significant cheaper rate than the indoor location. However, we do face the possibility on some sites that if vacate our spot for a few months, we lose the site to someone else.

The Baron mentioned that Lionsdale is working toward becoming a Barony. The principality needs more Baronies so this is a good thing. James Wolfden will be representing Lions Gate on the Lionsdale Baronial Inquiry Committee.