

Lions Gate Council Meeting – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Meeting started at 7:36

### **Seneschale Report – Lady Francesca Wallace Drakkar**

There was a meeting held at Sealion War that included representatives from Seagirt and Lionsdale that looked at reducing the number of events in 2011 that the Lions Gate hosts.

1. The Bardic and A&S Defenders will combine into one event , scheduled for h February 26-27<sup>th</sup> 2011. .
2. All martial defenders (archery, rapier, and heavy) will be combined into one defender event scheduled for July 22-24, 2011. This will correspond with Seagirt's SYGC.
3. Tournament of Armies is scheduled for the August Long Weekend.
4. SYGC will happen in its normal time in August, opposite Seagirt's Summer Tourney
5. Baroness Tourney and Banquet will be combined into one event and fall on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. Sealion War (which will be hosted by Seagirt in 2011)

The Curia Meeting held at Sealion failed to attract its intended audience. It was an attempt to provide greater transparency and chance for those people who can't make council to sit in on a council meeting. Unfortunately, the audience was primarily those that made council. This purpose was to report on the current financial situation in the Barony. A summary was provided.

The Cloverdale Fight Practise appears to be doing okay. It costs an average of \$71/practice but has over 20 attendees. Dance practise has also been doing well and bringing in a profit. Rapier attendance dropped off in March to May averaging 8 attendees. Going forward, they will need a minimum of 10 attendees. The Bransle needs 34 attendees to break even and hasn't been doing that. It will be suspended over the summer.

HST will be affecting us for many rentals down the road. It will increase the locker rental by \$15/month. Albion Fairgrounds will be raising rates in 2011 as well as adding HST starting in July. However, it is still below the price of most other sites.

There is plan to move the Lions Gate Website to the Tir Righ server. The idea was initiated during Uilliam's stint as Seneschal with the idea of showing independence from the Kingdom resources should Tir Righ strive to become a Kingdom. The website is being revamped and this will allow us to test out the new website without touching the existing website. In addition, we may be relocating our email lists to this server and increasing moderation to deal with ongoing issues.

### **Watch - Lord Gareth Doiron**

Nothing official to report. Watch still needs four more people.

## **Exchequer – Her Ladyship Anika Steif**

As of June 25, 2010, the bank balance is \$10,217.70

Expenses for the remainder of the year.....\$5,300  
(Note, expenses include paying for January and/or first quarter of 2011)

1. Cloverdale Rodeo  
    Fight practice 3rd and 4th quarters.....\$1428.25
2. Masonic Hall  
    Bransles.....\$716.80  
    Decrease of 3 months \$537.60
3. Public Storage  
    Baronial locker.....\$1404.48
4. Sapperton Hall  
    Rapier and Dance practices 3rd and 4th quarters.\$1750.00  
    Decrease 23 hours \$575.00
5. Misc  
    Sealion Biffies  
    NMS – Defenders & Sealion  
    ToA site rental

Receivables.....\$1087.00

Baronial Banquet hall deposit.....\$200  
Bransle float.....\$100  
May Defenders site deposit.....\$200  
Sealion expenses advance.....\$350  
SYGC site deposit.....\$200  
Previous issue (NSF cheque).....\$37

Notes

Exchequer position due in December.

## **Chamberlain – Her Ladyship Algae McBeign**

Not present and no report filed. In general discussion, it was reported that a request to the rental site to alarm both doors to the storage locker was refused for technical reasons that didn't seem to make sense to most present.

## **Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Lord Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais**

Dia duit Counsel, Ri, and Banri di Tuathe, I send apologies I cannot be here in person, but my officer report is scanty at best.

As neither Bardic officer nor present Bardic defender I would like to discuss for a moment the Bardic Arts in the Barony. If he is present, I would like everyone to look deeply and lovingly at James

Wolfden. If he is not, we'll have to tell him about it later. James was instrumental in the creation of one of the best Bardic fires I have ever seen. The development of Bardic, the soul of the SCA, is on the rise, and I would like us all to bask for a moment in the this, the beginning of a Bardic renaissance in Lions Gate and all Tir Righ.

Finally, if any Warshields are heading up to AT War this weekend, come see me if you have any interest in preserving a Warmonger's life.

### **Stables – Sergeant Dalibor Krivoklatsky**

There were four practises this month with no incidents. There seems to be an undercurrent of “we want the grass back”.

From Cyneric, MIC reports for Defenders and Sealion

Defenders had 9 fighters compete and four marshals. There were no armour failures and major injuries reported.

Sealion had over 60 fights and four field marshals. There was one helmet failure that was repaired and passed. There were no major injuries.

The Baroness added that she found three armour failures that were also repaired and passed but didn't get into the report.

### **Archery – Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr**

We have had some events since last council, namely Sealion War where it initially looked like Seagirt was going to walk off with the warpoint by sheer volume alone. Lions Gaters came to the rescue at the last minute and managed to outnumber the opposition by two shooters.

The warpoint was divided into three parts and Lions Gate took two of them!

Huge, huge, huge thanks to Aline for coming out and helping me deliver the range items on the Friday, in addition to James and Margaret for helping to set up as well as run the range on the Saturday, and John, Aline, and James for helping with the clean-up on the Saturday. Also, thank you to John for helping to design one of our competitions. All three were immensely fun and entertaining for everyone.

At Lions Gate Archery Defender, Fiona the Archer is the new archery defender of Lions Gate.

Practises have been cancelled two out of the last three due to weather but attendance does seem to be up over last year as we have new folk coming out to the range on a regular basis.

There will be an archery presence at AT War this coming weekend and I hope to hear the results of that very soon.

## **Blades – Lord Guillemin de Rouen**

One event was held by the Barony of Lions Gate in June: Sealion War. Rapier Activities consisted of three rapier war point scenarios followed by two pick-up scenarios and several dozen pickup fights. I marshalled the scenarios with the help of a nice gentle from Lionsdale. No injuries requiring medical attention were sustained. One fighter became winded by a shot and hold was called but it was not at all serious. There was a dispute on the field but was quickly dissolved after the fighters were asked to sit out a scenario. A report was filed and, in the interests of the parties concerned, I will not discuss details here.

Practises in the month fluctuated, and as a whole did not meet quota. Next month we are reducing to two hours which will continue from then on out, and will need to maintain ten fighters per practise to meet our expenses. We are taking steps to meet that quota, including collaborating with the local Western Martial Arts (WMA) schools (including Academie Duello, Blood and Iron, and Nova Spada revamped) to increase turnout at our Phoenix tournaments and regular practises. I believe that we can offer a more casual and unique environment for substantially less money than the professional schools, and I think that attendees will see that they can have a structured learning environment as well as a casual sparring environment (and, hopefully, some of them will enjoy the SCA for its unique aspects that obviously go well beyond swordplay). We are also looking at advertising aggressively and publicly with flyers and brochures and doing demonstrations wherever possible. This isn't easy at the moment because we're in the height of war and eventing season, but we'll certainly pick up as much as possible during and after the big season.

In addition to the report on file, Guillemin handed practise money to the exchequer in the amount of \$295 which was obtained by the presences of Don Prospere from Academie Duello and by extra donations from the rapier community. The \$295 matches the loss from practise for March to May. It was reported that Sir Griffin is now authorized for Cut and Thrust and Rapier.

## **Lists – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin**

Archery and Heavy Defenders' Tournament, May 27 to 28

Heavy Defenders Tournament – format was round robin with nine entrants in the Lists plus his Highness, Ieuan. The nine entrants were Arminius, Azemar d'Toubuse, Cyneric Bearson, Dana One Eye, Duncan Tweed, Garet Doiron, Johanna vander Velde, Laric Godwin, and Meredudd Kennith. The top four – Arminius, Cyneric, Duncan, and Meredudd – then proceeded to a single elimination tourney where the victor was Arminius.

Sealion War, June 4-6

Newcomers Tournament – Format was two round robins with five entrants in the lists – Aibinn Locard, Lothar Lawson, Patrick Gray, Ruckuz, Wulfstan Hrafnsson. The victor in each of the round robins then went on to fight each other best 2 of 3. This put Aibinn against Lothar with Lothar being victorious.

Looking ahead – Tournament of Armies, July 30-August 2.

## **Chronicler – Archos James Wolfden**

North Wind was late but published. I am pushing the deadline for next North Wind to Monday. I am looking for articles about Sealion for the different war points. A new column for woodworking was suggested by Adam.

### **Library – Her Ladyship Maeda no Kiko Mariko**

Not here. No report filed.

### **Arts and Science – Lady Myrrim de Lancaster**

The war point at Sealion was won by Aelana Cordovera with her mini Gerhard icon. The Book Binder's Guild presented a dozen beautiful handmade books for the Dirty Dozen largesse contest.

Aelana will be teaching Coptic Books and Embroidered Covers at AT War and entering her St. Edmund manuscript for the War Point. She is also preparing to take over the Scribal Office working on charters and scrolls.

The final One Year Bookbinding course, Paper Marbling, will be in mid-July.

A Stitch and Bitch weekend is being planned for the summer with HL Kassandra coming up to teach bobbin lace. Date TBA

### **Bardic – Her Ladyship Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig**

The Bardic Fire at Sealion was well received with Seagirt winning the point by decision of Baroness Caitrin. Rumours are that parts may end up on youtube but none found yet. Lots of participation from unexpected sources like Baron Griffin telling a story.

### **Chatelaine – Lady Sage Mcleod**

Inquiries: had a few emails from people interested becoming newcomers and upcoming events

Demo Review:

- no upcoming demonstrations
- Flur Canada – a non SCA demo – has been cancelled as they changed the theme of their event.
- I'm currently working on a webpage (text) about demos as well as a general over (still in working progress)
- I will be emailing the Principality and Kingdom chatelaines to ask them more detailed questions regarding demos and chatelaine duties.
- I have been doing a lot of re-reading the handbooks and other laws for the SCA that a Chatelaine should read (research)

SCA Events

Sealion War

- We had 2 chatelaines including myself at the event
- The other chatelaine did an amazing job talking with a group of people that spent a lot of time watching the fighters
- I was able to show around a group of newcomers that will be joining Lionsdale around the event and was happy that this was there second event with us, first being newcomers event in March
- Handed out flyers with Newcomers Info on them courtesy of Ceara

- No incidents to report

Bransle

- brought little Sage to the Bransle
- Ylas brought a newcomer and two showed up afterwards. I spoke briefly with the first lady but I was leaving when the other two arrived so I was unable to speak with them. I did hear from Ylas that they were well taken care of.
- No Incidents to report

**Scribe – His Lordship Miles FitzHubert**

I will not be in attendance at council this evening. I have passed to their Excellencies three more Baroness' champion charters and one Sergeant scroll. I have gathered all the scribal office charters, pens & paper, etc for hand over to my successor with the exception of the many book that came from Baron Gerhard which are now in the locker in two boxes. (Sorry, no list of contents at this time.)

As the possible new Baronial scribe will not be at council this evening, I will defer the passings of the trappings of this office until next council or a time that is convenient to the new Baronial Scribe. I will be available to that scribe until the end of December 2010 as a drop dead back up. After that who knows.

I would like you to take note that although I am a humble servant of this Barony and their Excellencies, I want to pass on to the council the following count of scrolls & Charter produced while I was in office and were created, painted & illuminated by the people of Lions Gate, from December 2006 until now:

Under Baron Devin and Baroness Aurora

- Order of the Lions Claw.....31
- Baroness' Champion.....57
- Order of the Lions Fang.....19

Under Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin

- Order of the Lions Claw.....5
- Baroness' Champion.....21
- Order of the Lions Fang.....14
- Knott Yett.....6
- and a quantity of original scrolls done by myself during this time

That's 153 scrolls created under Miles' tenure in the office.

HL Aelana Cordovera will be taking over the office.

**Webminister – Lady Malie Rennick**

I've contacted the Kingdom Web team and currently have a contact there who should allow email forwarding to happen in a more timely manner. Shelving the gmail idea for now although I think it's still something we should consider as it won't affect the end users at all and will make the back end logistics easier as well as giving the Barony a complete archive of all correspondence for each officer.

Graphics are now being created for the new site, and I have something up for review within a week. I've commandeered Dom Alvaro to help write Newcomers Information and am waiting for our dear (busy) Chronicler to help with the History of the Barony. Once a review has taken place, I'll be able to figure out what else is needed, information-wise.

Chang asked for specifics on what issues were causing the Barony to consider rebooting the email lists. Big discussion occurs. No specifics were given. General agreement that personal attacks are out of line. Many people are upset at the general tone on the list and are unsubscribing.

### **Heavy and Archery Defenders' Tournament – Her Ladyship Anika Steif**

A refund was received from the Albion Fairgrounds because there were less people camping than originally planned. Although all the numbers have not been crunched, the event looks like it made a profit of \$235. The Event Stewards are looking forward to running it again!

Sealion War – Lady Aibinn Lockart

The event steward was not present. The report has not been finalized. Attendance would appear to be 210 including comps. There were some last minute issues with the biffy suppliers so Cyneric has the invoice.

AT War – Dame Elena

Dame Elena asked if the archery netting from Lions Gate would be going up to the site. It was raised that the issue was not so much with the netting but with the 10 foot tall support poles for the netting. In addition, the event was hoping to use it to provide safe viewing spot for the combat archery portion but the netting is unsuitable for that because it is opaque.

SYGC – Her Ladyship Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhàin

A cheque for the biffies is required.

### **Baroness' Tournament – Lady Myrrim de Lancaster**

Lady Myrrim submitted a bid to the Financial Committee. The hall will be the Maritime Labour Hall which has a base cost of \$1000. A deposit is needed immediately.

A motion for \$500 to secure the hall was voted on and passed with on abstention just for the hell of it.

All events for the rest of the year have sites.

### **Branding Iron – Lord Adam Fairamay**

Lord Adam reported on his research into finding out the costs of a small branding iron for marking wooden property owned by the Barony. The best price he has found is \$65 US for a hobby unit. Decision is deferred as the financial committee needs to determine current state of the financial situation.

### **Tournament of Armies – Doctor Carus**

Doctor Carus mentioned that a site visit was done recently and the site is huge with many opportunities. Dame Elena mentioned that she is still looking for classes on the theme of war.

### **Baronial Coronet – Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin**

The Baron and Baroness announced their decision not to run for a second term. Nominations for next Baron and Baroness need to be sent to the Seneschale by August 10<sup>th</sup>.. The polling will be done at the Bransle on October 8<sup>th</sup> with the step down/ step up at Baroness Tournament on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Doctor Carus moved for a round of applause for the work the Baron and Baroness have done.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 PM