

Lions Gate Council – November 24, 2011

Seneschale Report - Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain

- Canterbury Fayre moved date to March 31st 2010, will include A&S and Bardic Defenders, may combine Banquet
- Dec. 2011 bransle cancelled
- Gate: Crack-down on people coming through and not paying. Ceara has caught people twice, asked them to pay, they still left without paying. Every dollar is critical. We need to control our gate access a lot better – multiple entrances especially a problem.

Ylas: How about using tokens?

Ceara: They cost too much.

Ylas: How about a hand stamp? I had that at one of the gates at Baroness'

Wendy: We need a better Watch presence, to monitor who has the stamp and who needs to go back to gate, pay, and get the stamp.

- Calendar committee – August Long Weekend, principality was looking it. If they take it, it could bankrupt Lions Gate, literally. It's our only money maker. We will support the principality no matter what, but we needed to make our position clear. We don't think Coronet is good for that weekend.
- Message from Caitrina and Uilliam: they are working on putting together a new Canton centered around Squamish. Requesting our acceptance and support. Granted!

Watch – Garet Doiron

Nothing to report.

Exchequer – Asny Ravnsdottir

No report.

Chamberlain – Edrik

Two requests for baronial stuff, one for an end of Dec. private wedding, the other is for Amanda's Birthday. Both have been granted already

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Don Callen Drakkar

No report.

Master of Stables – Griffin

All is well. Practices continue though attendance has been a little low. Baroness's tourney went well with an adequate turnout. Had trouble scraping up marshals but managed to find four. One minor injury, a cut to the forehead, and a broken helm chin strap.

Practice Co-ordinator:

Attendance is low, and we're losing money. Two or three people for rapier each practice. Surrey is requiring named insurance, which would add \$50 every time. Looking at options.

Archery – Delwyn verch Ynyr (Jacquiline covering)

Injuries

No injuries to report.

Archery at Events

Baroness' Tourney - November 5th

Baron James Wolfdon organized a fun light crossbow shoot. About a quarter of the populace took part. It was great fun and some of the scores were very good. Baron James announced the winners in both the adult and youth division at court in the evening.

Also at evening court, I announced the results of the archery season. 21 Lions Gate archers and arbalists earned a total of 21 medals in the An Tir top ten for Royal Rounds and York rounds. These places will be confirmed at the end of November. We announced the success of Archos Aline de Seez at reaching Grand Master Bowman, and we presented the award for the person most improved in crossbow-called - the Golden Bolt - to Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury. The most improved archer awards will likely be announced at Canterbury Faire, the next Lions Gate event. The IKAC medallions and Royal Round and York tokens may arrive in time to award as well.

November flat field 3D shoot - November 13th.

A mundane flat field 3D shoot run by the Burnaby Archery Club was held at Burnaby Butts on November 13th. I ran half the concession stand and did the registration for the event, along with Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury, who stopped by to help part-way through the day. This volunteer service to the Burnaby Archer's Club is one way to give back to the organization that manages such a great outdoor range. HL William Arwemakere, who is the Field Director for the Club, was also present helping with set up and tear down.

Archery practices

The Inter-kingdom Archery Competition planned for the last week of November (the end of the

IKAC season is the end of November,) will not take place due to very poor weather forecast for Saturday and a modern sporting competition know as the "Grey Cup" on Sunday.

The search for an indoor practice range continues. I spoke with Devon Boorman at Academie Duello (Don Prospare) again this week, but a plan for the Sunday evening practice has not been finalized yet. I was asked if we (SCA) would consider coaching, so that may become an added element to the practice. I extended the Barony's willingness to lend the archery netting short term, for some kind of consideration for the wear and tear on the nets. Devon agreed, and suggested that the temporary net "rental" could help offset the cost of the practice to the SCA archers that participate. This is expected to be an open practice, with non-SCA archers taking part, with the hope it will be financially viable for the Academie. Academie Duello is in downtown Vancouver, right on Hastings street near Seymour. Paid parking is plentiful and transit is accessible from almost anywhere. The sky train and seabus terminus stations are only three blocks away.

I spoke this evening with Ron Boorman of Boorman's Archery about the private range below the store. I asked whether Ron would consider renting out the space to the SCA at a time on the weekend that would not take away from any existing practice dates. Ron was amenable to the idea, and suggested Saturday afternoons, probably 15:00 – 17:00. We discussed prices, and Ron agreed that if 6 to 7 archers paid \$5 per person, we could have the space for an hour or two. A staff member from the store would have to be present so that the store's insurance would cover the practice. The 15 yard range can easily be run using SCA guidelines in the An Tir Book of Target, and if the practices are announced as SCA practices, then the SCA insurance might also cover them. I'll follow up with the Seneschale. Ron promised to prepare paperwork in a week or two, which I can then bring to council for further discussion. Boorman's Archery is in New Westminster, has free parking near-by, is easily accessible by transit, and is fairly close to the sky train line.

Officer Delwyn has been AWOL for a while now; her term is due to expire shortly and will be posted. Jacqueline expected to apply.

Acting Mistress of Blades – Malie Rennick

Still need a new Mistress/Master of Blades. We also need someone responsible to run the practice, which would help if we had a contract. A document of scheduled practices is being prepared, and will come into effect in January. We can do pre-dated cheques.

Mistress/Master of Blades still open

Lists – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

No report.

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Minutes from last month are about to go out. Sorry for the delay last month; I will try and do better. North Wind for Nov. not yet started, as I'm still missing some critical content before I can go to print. So - if you're holding out – you can still get stuff in! Last ditch deadline – this Sun., Nov. 26 at high noon!

Also, partly as a suggestion from HE Margaret, I'm cracking down on submitting reports to me after Council. If you have something you want to type up for me, please get it to me tonight by midnight. Minutes will be out no later than the end of this week.

Deadline for next North Wind will be Feb. 19th, which is the preceding Sun. from our Feb. Council on Feb. 23.

Dr. Carus made the suggestion that I look through people's online photo accounts, and simply ask them specific permission for the photos I want to use. The problem with that is that I still want the originals.

Library – Ylas

No report, as I haven't had a chance to contact and arrange transfer of library from Mariko.

Arts and Science – Myrrim de Lancaster

Need new A&S minister. It was suggested that Tamson might be willing, but that she should work as Myrrim's deputy for six months.

Baroness' Tourney A&S Results:

- Cassandra was the winner of "A Horse in any Medium" contest, with her lovely pencil sketch. Second place awarded to Ylas for her linen and leather stuffed child's toy, and Cerridwen's beautiful Bayeux Tapestry embroidery came in at third place. Honourable mention goes out to Dr. Carus for his, "Pacing Horse Lantern", an early Zoetrope. The entry was a little late, but was awarded a special prize for its wonderful concept. A new

and improved version can be viewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF2qCQnB1vI&feature=share>

Armourers and Metal Worker's Guild

- A selection of metal objects and armor were exhibited
- Master Wilhelm and Chang consulted on armor making and fitting.

Planned:

- Leather workshop day – possible at Canturbury Fayre
- Leather “jack” tankard
- Belts and other (possibly pouches)
- Possibly turn shoes

- Metal workshop
- Pewter
- Annular brooches

Couple of positions open for the scribal retreat, waiting to see if there's any interest.

Ylas belongs to an ancient coin club as she collects Roman coins. They did a thing on Roman armour and weapons. She learned about it too late to share, but will post about future upcoming opportunities.

Bardic – HL Azure Mary Macgregor

No report.

Bransle – Jaqueline

Dec. Bransle is cancelled.

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

We have finally resumed dance practice after a three-month hiatus. Our dancers decided that a break would be wise for the summer months due to many involved in other activities. We were supposed to resume our practice in October but due to scheduling difficulties, we were bumped from the original evenings.

We finally resumed dance practice on November 14th and we had four eager students who came out. As this is a free site, with parking on the street and sky train just across the way, I am hoping we can encourage more to join us.

As we have changed our fight practice to a Tuesday evening, maybe we can encourage some of the fighters to come and strut their stuff. Or our officers? The hall is roomy and bright and would be a great place for some socialization – I'm thinking newcomers.

Dance will be on the 2nd and 4th Monday for now. Our next practice will be on November 28th, with our final practice for this year being on December 12th.

We will resume in the New Year on January 9th 2012 - wait that is my birthday - what a great birthday present! Come out and help me celebrate!

Note for Malie: The practice information should be updated on the website as well.

Games – Mary Ostler

Vacant. The position needs to be advertised.

Chatelaine – Sage Mcleod

Scout demo Nov. 30th – Sage had to step away from co-ordinating it, Ceara is officially in charge now, but does not have time to work on this. Garet nominally in charge of drumming up interest.

Scribe – Aelena Cordovera

Due to Aelena being sick, the scriptorium was duly cancelled and rebooked for the third Sunday in January. I heard from several scribes who are working on charters.

Webminister – Malie Rennick

Working on re-vamp of the website. Sections need to be updated.

Past Events

Baroness's Tourney - final report
Nov.5th 2011
Mistress Caitrin ni Cingeadh - Event Steward

We had 100 adults, 7 youths, and 8 children. 7 of the adults were comps.

21 of the adults paid NMS
Total \$ brought in is \$1549
Total \$ counted at the end of the event is \$1949

- \$400 of that is float
- \$105 NMS to be paid.
Total income after deducting float and NMS is \$1444

\$ 1,444.00 income
- 1,787.30 rental fee

- 343.30

Although attendance was lower than hoped for, the event went off well with no major or even medium hitches.

All prizes, water, craft supplies and consumables were donated, making the site fee the only expense. The event could not have run any cheaper.

There were many positive comments regarding the event.

About 50 people stayed for the pot-luck, which is around half of the full attendance.

Tournament Winners:

Heavy - HL Olen Medvedevich
Chivalry - HL Arkill McMillan
Boar Spear -Sergeant Cyneric Bearson
Rapier - Don Godfrey von Ravensburg
Gerhard's Riposte - Chrislye
Chivalry- Lord Cian
A&S - HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate

Crossbow Shoot:

Adult: Master Nikolai Andreiov

Youth: Roman

Best Pot-Luck entry: Lady Cianna

PS Ceara: I used the report form from the LG website but the numbers did not show up the same as Asny's records. I'll still bring it to council though.

Upcoming events:

Need bid for Canturbury Fayre, Sergeants', et al.

Other Business:

- Working on revision to financial policy. Archery defender also should be comped.
- Working on new budget
- Next meeting date changed to Dec. 15th, looking at options for a more social engagement with light baronial business.

- Myrram is considering putting in a bid for Canturbury Fayre, in a fairly inexpensive hall in Tsawassen. The catch would be either having to start late on Saturday (12:30pm) or doing it on Sunday. Will flesh it out and put in a bid.
- Dec. bransle is cancelled. Right now there's are no further bransle scheduled, but dates will be hashed out between Jacqueline, B&B and Ceara.

Baron's Report

No report.

Other discussion