Council Meeting Minutes July 24, 2014 Barony of Lions Gate

Note: Council Meeting was held at Starbucks this month as a family emergency came up that made our normal venue unavailable.

Seneschal's Report

Family Activities are being changed to make them more family inclusive. As well, Kingdom is doing an experiment where all Kingdom events will not charge for minor children.

Waivers have been handed in. It will become part of the event steward's job to ensure waivers, gate sheets, and NMS submission cover letters are done at the time of the event rather than having the exchequer and senseschal figure things out.

When a change of officers are done, the new officer will keep the change of officer form. It is their warrant of office. They are also responsible for ensuring their higher officer at the Principality or Kingdom level receive a copy of the warrant. This has been done by the Seneschal in the past.

Exchequer's Report

Fjordland exechequer is stepping down.

There was a discussion on the biffies for SYGC/TOA.

We have two pre-regs for Crown.

There was a question on practice money and how to make sure it gets to the exchequer in a timely fashion.

Past events:

Squamish Demo

July 11th and August 8th, 2014

Downtown Squamish

Initial demo went well. We made two important contacts. One is somebody who used to play and is likely to come back. The other one owns a large flat space that may be available for events. He has held some medieval themed parties on it already.

City wants us to have a larger involvement in the next one on August 8th.

Future Events

Sargeants, Yeomen, Gallants, and Courtiers

July 24-27, 2014

Event Steward: Garet/Wulfstan

We have biffies. We have dancing. We have testers. We have candidates. We are hoping to get 60-70 people out to break even.

Tournament of Armies

August 1-4, 2014

The schedule has been published with a few items missing or incorrect. Braziers need to be only 18 inches off the ground not 18 feet.

September Crown

August 29th – September 1, 2014

Presentation at Curia went well. Event Steward is still looking for volunteers to help in set-up, tear down, and parking.

2015 Events

We have put in a bid for February Investiture. There are two bids being looked at.

Canterbury Fayre is scheduled for March 21. A bid is being prepared.

Champions is scheduled for May 23. No bid in yet.

SYGC is scheduled for July 24-26. No bid in yet.

Baronial Banquet is scheduled for October 3. No bid in yet.

Baroness Inspirational Tournament is scheduled for November 14. No bid in yet.

New Business:

Burnaby Archery Range – Her Ladyship Jaqueline Lafleur

After several months of negotiation, the Burnaby Archery Range is willing to provide a dedicated time allotment for the Lions Gate practice and will allow the Lions Gate archers to shoot at non-standard distances provided Lions Gate supplies their own butts. The foam for the butts has been donated but frames to hold the foam need to be built. It was requested that \$30 be provided to get wood for the archery frames. These butts will be stored at the Burnaby Archery Range.

Eithne presented Baron Uilliam with a scroll to petition to test for Courtier at next years SYGC. The scroll was based on the page of Saint Mark from the Book of Kells.

Coronet Business

We had a great time at July Coronation. At one point, while sitting with Principality Archery Champion William Sutherland, he hunched down low and suggested that they pretend he was not there. However, that did not fool the Baron and Baroness of Wyewood who approached with stuffed rabbit skewered by an arrow with William's fletching colours. A dinner is planned at September Crown there is a possibility of war between Wyewood and Lions Gate. We are aware that it may not be feasible as it was often hard to get a significant army to venture to Shittimwoode for Warren War.

Next council – September 4, 2014.

Officer Reports

Exchequer's Report – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

The bank balance, as of today, is: \$9263.16, keeping in mind that \$1942.63 of that is in the Fjordland Fund.

The cheques for regular bills have been written as follows:

- Public Storage = \$219.45 (August rental)
- I have not yet received an invoice from the Justice Institute for June practices.

I have received an invoice from The Grene Wode for Sealion site fees. The cheque will be hand delivered to Don this weekend at SYG&C

I was forwarded a quote from Pit Stop Portables for SYG and TOA, with a request for payment. E-mail requests for an invoice have gone out to the event steward and one to Pit Stop.

Up to yesterday I had received only two pre-registrations for September Crown. I received a new one yesterday and one today, so I expect the "rush" has begun. After this weekend I will send out a confirmation e-mail to each of them with a "heads up" that I will be depositing their cheques. Previous to this week I only had one \$15 cheque in the file.

The Incipient Shire of Fjordland, for whom we are a sponsor, has had their Exchequer step down. A replacement has been identified, and I have sent out a request for contact information for him.

Arts and Science - Lady Eleanor Odlowe

Lions Gate now has a monthly Baronial Arts and Sciences Night! Master Iain Guthrie and HL Katelijne van der Ast have generously offered to let it be held in their home in New Westminster, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on July 28, August 25, and September 22. Dates from October onward have yet to be decided (scheduling is dependent on event conflict and work schedules), but we're aiming to have them sorted out soon. If Facebook response is any indication our first night should be a success, and if attendance stays steady I may look into incorporating classes or workshops.

Tournament of Armies:

Doctor Carus is running the Arts and Sciences scenarios at ToA, consisting of an opening court processional, competitive exhibition with the theme "End of Days In Any Medium", and siege competition with a theme to be announced on Friday. In addition, Aelana Cordovera has organized University of Tir Righ classes for Sunday.

September Crown:

Unfortunately, plans to host an arts and sciences event at Crown have fallen through. Fortunately, this frees me up to coordinate largesse to gift to Their Majesties! I'll be taking advantage of our arts and sciences nights to reach out to our artisans and collect contributions.

Baronial Scribe's Report – Lady Marie de Cheriseye la foret

Several scribes have been working on original scrolls. Charters for painting for the new king and queen of An Tir have been requested but not yet received. No scriptorium took place in July.

Webminister's Report - Lady Solveig of Whitby

Site is working fine have completed a few small changes and requests from Populace.

Stables Report - His Lordship Miles FitzHubert

The Tuesday night Heavy fighting has been well attended and continues to be a at Sgt Cyneric's home. My thanks as well as the fighters who participate to him and his Lady.

Archery Report - Lady Thérèse de Merc

Kenneth of Shaftesbury is running most outdoor practices at Burnaby Butts, usually held Monday and Thursday evenings between 5 pm and sunset. No events in Lions Gate in July as of this report.

Thrown/Live Weapons Report - Lady Elora of Spain

Nothing to report

Sable Loat Pursuivant Report – His Lordship Garet Doiron

Some Heraldry (voice) happened at the events I attended this month, and the planning has begun for the KWHS for 2016. No new devices this month though. A new Sable Loat will be invested on Saturday, come heck or high water. Or high mead.

Chamberlain's Report – His Lordship Garet Doiron

Nothing to report actually - I have been a bad Chamberlain, and done naught this month at all. Next month: Eric Stands!

Chronicler's Report - Baron James the Just

June minutes and July North Wind posted to website.

NO OTHER OFFICER REPORTS RECEIVED.