

Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015
Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report

Fourth Quarter report will be done tomorrow. We need to pay the deposit for Warner Loat rental.

Seneschal explained that the issue with the insurance for the Rapier Practice was because she was sick in December and forgot to renew the insurance. She admits she did screw up and is doing her best to fix it getting the short notice insurance. As a side note, we have found that the old insurance form has been replaced by a new insurance and event stewards need to be aware of this.

Date Reservation Forms have put in for events in 2015. Event Information Forms will now go to Brigitte, the deputy Seneschal, not Cassandra.

Exchequer's Report

The Baron wanted it pointed out that Lions Gate was spelled wrong

We have \$8540.42 in the bank but \$1840.23 belongs to Fjordland. They have a bank account now but we are waiting for them to get all their ducks in a row to transfer the money to them.

It was announced that Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin would be taking over as the new Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Baron Uilliam thanked Fiona for her work.

Past Events

There were no past events hosted by Lions Gate between Baroness Inspirational Tournament and now but everybody that made the trip to 12th Night had a wonderful time.

Upcoming Events

Tir Righ February Investiture

February 21, 2014

Event Steward: UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrsen

Currently still at Maritime Hall but they will be checking to see if the the fire will affect our rental. The event steward has a back-up hall.

**** NOTICE: EVENT WAS MOVED TO SHANNON HALL IN SURREY BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO THE FIRE! *****

Langley Fundamental Demo

February 23

This is the 15th year for this demo. We are looking for six stations including fighting.

Canterbury Fayre – There were two bids presented.

Bid 1: Brianna and Marian presented a bid utilizing the Grene Wode location on March 21.

There is already an Allthings practice scheduled for the 22nd to make this more of a weekend event. The event coordinators would work on billets for people coming from afar. In addition to space available for the A&S activities, there would also be space for archery and fighting either outdoors if the weather is good or in covered areas if the weather is not good. Site fee would be \$15 per person.

Bid 2: Jaqueline and Garet presented a bid utilizing the Sullivan Hall in Surrey on March 28.

This was the same facility used last year for the event. Lots of space for A&S activities with room outside for fighting. Site fee would be \$15 per person.

The Baron stated that he loved the fact that we got two bids and would have to make a decision.

Dame Elena, the current A&S Champion talked about the format for the A&S Championship at Canterbury Fayre. We will be adopting the same model as the Principality and Kingdom does. The championship will now be organized by the A&S Minister with consultation from the champion. It will be a standard competition so you don't have to worry about things changing from one year to another.

May Champions – The contract with Warner Loat is being mailed. James will put in an event bid. He asked the Baron and Baroness whether they wanted this to be level 1 event (with NMS) or a level 2 event (without NMS). Initial preference was that it should be a level 2 event.

Baronial Sargeantry Trials

July 24-26, 2015

Brianna is having some difficulties getting the other new Sargeant involved.

There was discussion about a possible name change as this was now Sargeants (under the Baroness) and Courtiers (under the Baron). One possible name might be to just shorten it to The Trials.

2015 Camping Event

With the August long weekend going to the Principality, there was a suggestion that we might want to look at a camping event during the summer camping season.

James suggested that it might make more sense to build the Sargeantry Trials into a larger event.

Cassandra would like to see a small Barony level event.

Jaqueline would like to see a public demo that might drive membership.

More discussion needed.

Baronial Banquet needs an event steward. It was suggested to look back at Murrayville Hall.

Baroness Inspirational Tournament needs an event steward.

New Business

Demo Requests

We have a request to participate in the Ladner Days Demo on Sunday, May 24th. This would include participating in the Parade.

Donatello reported a neighbor in having us do a demo at the Canada Day activities in Langley.

Baronial Pavilion Fund

Eithne is looking at some fund raising activities including some on-line crowd funding. These could include email blasts and the potential of sponsorship. Eithne stated that all efforts will be done in accordance with professional standards for fund raising for non-profit groups.

Social Media Deputy to the Webminister

Eithne volunteered to be the Social Media Deputy. The Baron thought she already had that

role.

Known World Heraldic Symposium

Eithne and Gareth feel that the bid will be for 2018. We need to have some selling point as to the location. Still planning some videos. The Baron stated he is eager and hopeful.

Regalia

The Baroness reported that we have no regalia for Yeoman and Gallants. Many Yeomen do not wear the Baronial Bracer. There has been some discussion with many favouring the idea of belt favours instead. We have a quote for machine embroidery that would run \$11 per favour. Hand embroidery could also be done but we may not have enough time before Sargeants.

It was moved to budget \$250 for this endeavor.

Stale Cheques

Replacement cheques were needed to replace two cheques that had become stale dated.

Bransles

First bransle was successful and raised \$45. Second one nobody showed. Plan is to do them first Friday in the month.

Coronet Report

The Baron talked about how great it was to see the Lions Gate History represented at 12th Night including our Sable Loat and Lionsgator. They had a great time at the Noble Estate with lots of talk about the role of the Sargeantry. And, yes, we are still having a blast.

The Baroness talked about the Largess Competition at Canterbury Fayre. There will be two competitions. The first is for adults to create largess. The second is a competition open to artisans aged 10 to 15 years old. In both cases, there will be populace choice and the Baroness' choice.

The Baron and Baroness reminded everyone that we need award recommendations.

Next Council – February 26.

Officer Reports

Exchequer's Report – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

The bank balance, as of today, is : \$8540.42, keeping in mind that \$1840.23 of that is in the Fjordland Fund.

The cheques for regular bills have been written as follows:

- Public Storage = \$219.45 (February rental)
- The Justice Institute has been sent \$118.13 for Dec 2014 rapier practices
- No bill for Cloverdale has been received recently

Regarding the Incipient Shire of Fjordland, for whom we were a sponsor, we have been informed that they have set up an account. Their exchequer will contact us to release the funds we have in trust.

NMS from Baroness' Inspirational Tournament has been sent to Kingdom.

The office of the Exchequer of Lionsgate will be released from my hands this month. A new Exchequer will take over for Lions Gate. Thank you to everyone for your assistance and cooperation.

Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

To begin with, exciting news! This month's Baronial Arts and Sciences night saw twelve people show up to work on projects – hopefully attendance will stay high, or at least high-ish.

Additionally, the dates for future Arts and Sciences nights have been set. They are:

- February 16
- March 16
- April 13
- May 11

All at the usual time (7pm to 10pm) and the usual place (Master Iain Guthrie and HL Katelijne van der Ast's home).

Due to Canterbury Fayre being shifted to March 28th and a previously made commitment on my part, I will not be able to attend the Arts and Sciences/Bardic Championships. I'll be doing as much as I can to help prepare for the event, though, so while I'm disappointed, I'm not too worried.

Archery Report – Lady Thérèse de Merc

During the winter months, most practices seem to be occurring on an individual basis. No group practices have been reported to the Baronial Archery officer; the Principality officer may have more info. There have been no events.