

Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2015 (postponed from February 26)
Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report

The Seneschal thanked everyone for coming out since the meeting had to be rescheduled at the last minute. Apologies were given for those that did not get news of the cancellation and came out last week.

Warner Loat has been booked for May Champions. James will get named insurance. Society Seneschal via the Kingdom Seneschal requested banking information from Canadian branches. Most of the information requested was already in the Doomsday Book.

Exchequer's Report

See attached.

The Barony is spending more money than it is taking in. Practices break even and most events make a small profit. Most events made money in 2014 but not enough to cover other expenses like the storage locker. We need to either make more money or spend less or some combination of the two.

Past Events

Tir Righ February Investiture

February 21, 2015

Event Steward: UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrsen

The event had 239 adult fees paid. Of this, only 63 people had to pay NMS. There were 25 adults who's entry fee was comped.

The Principality Rapier Championship was won by our Baronial champion, Lord Kian O'Ruadhri.

The waivers and final report have been sent to the Kingdom. The event made \$3722.55 with \$930.64 going to the Barony.

Langley Fundamental Demo

February 23

The demo went well.

Upcoming Events

Canterbury Fayre

March 21, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna and Marian

Neither event steward was present but Brianna did send some updates via Drengir. There is a planned labyrinth and a pilgrim's walk in addition to everything else planned.

May Champions

May 23, 2015

Event Steward: James Wolfden

There was a discussion of the bid presented by James. It was agreed that site fee would be set at \$10/person with youth and children free.

Ladner May Days

May 24, 2015

Demo Steward: Jaclyn McEwen

The steward was not present.

Baronial Trials

July 24-26, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna, Jayson

Official event bid is needed. (Event stewards for the Trials have historically been the successful candidates from the previous Trials.)

2015 Summer Camping Event

The decision was made to go with the August 7-9 long weekend. However, when the Date Reservation Form was submitted, it was discovered that Warren War had moved to that date. Further investigation will be done.

Baronial Banquet

October 3, 2015

A last minute bid was presented at Council giving two bids to this event. Both bids utilized Murrayville Hall. The first bid was from Eithne and had been previously submitted to the Baronial Financial Committee in January. The new bid was submitted by Baroness Padraigin who pointed out that we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the first event in Lions Gate and that was the focus of her bid. The two bids were discussed with regards to expectations of attendance. The Financial Committee would make the decision hopefully by the end of the weekend.

Baroness Inspirational Tournament

November 14, 2015

This event still needs an event steward.

New Business

Baronial Pavilion Fund

Eithne has prepared a presentation for raising funds for this expense. Dame Elena requested that we postpone discussion until she can run it by Kingdom and Society Exchequers to determine what is allowed and not allowed by Society rules and regulations.

Celtic Festival

Njall asked if we are participating in Celtic Festival. We have not been asked to participate at this point.

TUTR Session

Mona, a new member to our Barony but who has been involved with THUA in Avacal, requested to do a TUTR session. It was suggested that she talk to Baroness Margaret, one of Lions Gate TUTR deans. Baroness Margaret did meet with her at Investiture.

Mona has suggested running a TUTR session during the day at Baronial Banquet.

Dame Elena expressed a desire that TUTR not just break even but generate some money for the branch.

The Baron asked whether all activities in Lions Gate including those held in member homes with no overhead costs should have some level of drop-in fee. The overall consensus was NO.

Baroness Caitrina stated that Mistress Ceara will be moving back to Lions Gate

Website Traffic

Webminister Lord Drengr brought up the subject of traffic for our website. We are currently ranked for only 8 key words and while he is not proposing any key words at this time, we need to look at how we market ourselves. Various things were discussed including having a blog, getting on Google Plus, and doing more feeds. The Baron also pointed out that we have to investigate what we are allowed to do.

The Barony will look into hosting a special meeting to look into our financial situation to determine a path forward.

Coronet Report

The Baron expressed that he hoped to see a good turnout for Canterbury Fayre. There are currently three challengers for the Bardic belt and one for the A&S belt. Dame Elena was taken to task for forgetting to wear her Champion's belt at an event. The Baron and Baroness will be at Daffodil, a fun event, with some plans afoot.

Next Council – March 26 which is also Dame Elena's birthday.

Officer Reports

Webminister – Lord Drengr Randviðrson

This last month has been a very busy month for Lady Eithne and myself. We are currently planning how we can better release information through the Baronial Website as well as social channels. We are also launching the new Baronial Library and adding a news feed to the website this weekend.

We have received many events for which are updating daily.

- Calendar has been updated with the latest events.
- Launching the new Baronial Library system.
- Adding a news feed to the website so everyone can receive updates to better track events and updates.

Chamberlain – His Lordship Gareth Doiron

Materials removed: Sixteen erics, and the bin of eric flags.

Banner bin

Gold Key

Gate Equipment

Items returned: Gate Equipment

Gold Key*

Remaining items are in the hands of Duke Ulf, to be returned to the locker in the next week.

Lost and found from Investiture will be posted this weekend. There are several items of note, and we are going to have a very good auction this year if nothing is claimed.

The Gold Key, on being deployed, was found to be the secondary container only, and contained only one piece of usable garb. After discussion with the deputy chatelaine, the donated principality gold-key that was to be eventually disposed of was sorted through, and we began the process of building up a small gold-key again. The main gold-key, mostly the tabards, was found to have been left behind at the Mariners Hall at the last event at that location. Messages have been left with that site to see if it has been spotted, but at this point, we should likely count it as lost.

A discussion will take place offline with the Financial Committee and Chatelaine to determine a course of action moving forwards.

I have developed a cunning plan to assist in storing the eric bases. I will need to implement this plan in the next month or two.

There are four plastic folding tables at the Grenowode, left from Crown. Don has been advised those are LG property, but I have no idea where they came from (and lack the space to stow them at this time anyway). If anyone can shed some light on this, it would be appreciated.

Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

Nothing to report this month

Archery Report – Lady Thérèse de Merc

During the winter months, most practices seem to be occurring on an individual basis. The All Things gatherings in Aldergrove have started up again, and are hoping to include archery. Contact Jaqueline Le Fleur for more info. Investiture was unable to have archery, but was heard to be a wonderful event anyway.

Exchequer's Report – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

2014 Results

- Income Statement: net loss of \$1,675.70 for 2014 however, that includes Fjordland's events
 - Net of Fjordland, we lost \$3,218.84.
 - If it weren't for September Crown's profit sharing, we would have lost \$5,182.75
 - Practices
 - heavy practice almost paid for itself, being short only
 - rapier practice paid for itself, being over.
 - Neither of the above includes the cost of named insurance, if any
 - Events - overall, our events had a net income of \$2,737.41.
 - Canterbury Fayre profit of \$18.09
 - Heavy & Archery Defenders profit of \$72.42
 - Sealion War profit of \$183.21
 - SYGC Trials loss of \$28.13
 - Tournament of Armies profit of \$450.58
 - September Crown retained profit of \$2,000.49
 - Baroness Tournament profit of \$40.75
 - Bransles - no financial reports received

2015

- Available Funds: \$5,870.72
 - Income Statement: on income of \$6,664.95 and expenses of \$8,746.54 we have a YTD net loss of \$2,081.59
 - This includes the transfer of \$1,840.23 to Fjordland
 - Receivables: \$121 from one individual for NSF cheques
 - Other Assets
 - \$500 from Maritime Labour Hall for February Investiture site deposit
 - \$600 from Murrayville Hal] for Baronial Banquet site deposit
 - Practices
 - I will be visiting both heavy and rapier practices in the first week of each month in order to pick up their monies, sign-in sheets and waivers.
 - Rapier practice will be asked to adopt the heavy practice sign-in form.
 - I emailed JIBC to question our 2014 invoices; my analysis shows we received but did not pay for June 2014.
 - JIBe's Raed indicated they show three unpaid invoices - none of which is the June invoice. He emailed it to John (7); I advised him that a" invoice issues should go directly to the treasurer.
 - Events
 - o Tir Righ February Investiture retained profit of \$930.64
- Miscellaneous
- I am revamping the Baronial Event Bid document.

Income Statement For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Income

Fundraising		
Non-Medieval Activities Internal	\$	0.00
Non-Medieval Activities External		0.00
Direct Contributions/Donations		52.00
Activity Related		

Income from Demos and Activity Fees		1,483.74
Adjusted Gross Event Income		5,129.21
Funds Transferred In From SCA Account		
Within Kingdom		0.00
Outside Kingdom		0.00
Interest Earned		0.00
Inventory Income		
Gross	\$	0.00
Cost		0.00
Net Inventory Sales Income		0.00
Other Sales Income		0.00
Adjusted Gross Newsletter Income		0.00
Advertising Income		
Gross	\$	0.00
Cost		0.00
Net Advertising Income		0.00
Other Income		0.00
Total Gross Income	\$	6,664.95

Expenses

Advertising (non-SCA)	\$	0.00
Bad Debts		0.00
Bank Service Charges		205.42
Depreciation		0.00
Equipment Rental & Maintenance		0.00
Fees & Honoraria		0.00
Food		0.00
General Supplies		
O&A General Supplies	\$	0.00
ER General Supplies		0.00
Total General Supplies		0.00
Insurance (Non-SCA)		0.00
Occupancy & Site Charges		
O&A Occupancy & Site Charges	\$	219.45
ER Occupancy & Site Charges		2850.34
Total Occupancy & Site Charges		3,069.79
Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		0.00
Printing & Publications		0.00
Released Equipment		0.00
Telephone		0.00
Travel		0.00
Subtotal Expenses	\$	3,275.21
Other Expenses		0.00
Donations to Other 501 (c)(3) Organizations		829.19
Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account		
Within Kingdom		4,642.14
Outside Kingdom		0.00
Total Expenses	\$	8,746.54
Net Income	\$	-2,081.59