

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 26, 2015**

### **Barony of Lions Gate**

The Baron reported that there had been complaints about interruptions during the last council meeting. He asked that everyone please allow others to finish speaking.

### **Seneschal's Report**

No issues and nothing to report.

### **Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin**

2015

- Available Funds: \$6,341.29
- Income Statement: on income of \$8,602.95 and expenses of \$10,727.10 we have a YTD net loss of \$2,124.15
  - This includes the transfer of \$1,840.23 to Fjordland
  - Receivables: \$121 from one individual for NSF cheques
  - Other Assets
    - \$600 from Murrayville Hall for Baronial Banquet site deposit
- Practices
  - All-Thing: reports expected tonight
  - Bransles: reports expected tonight
  - Heavy: loss of \$896.42 to date; note we've paid for March practices but I won't pick up the fees until next week.
  - Rapier:
    - loss of \$180.63 to date; note we'd paid for March practices but I won't pick up the fees until next week
    - Rapier was asked to use the same sign-in form heavy uses
- Events
  - Canterbury Fayre estimated profit \$614.27; the postage expenses will be added once the waivers are mailed. Estimated < \$10.

### **Miscellaneous**

- The Baronial Event Bid document is almost done.

The exchequer also brought up the issue of the fundraising for a replacement for a Baronial Pavilion. She sent the fundraising proposal to the Kingdom exchequer and as expected, pretty much anything to do with online fundraising involving paypal and similar is not allowed.

There was also a concern about the Bransle monies not being turned over in the appropriate time frame to the exchequer.

In discussion with the Cloverdale Fairgrounds, it was discovered that somebody had booked the Cloverdale Fairgrounds for the Canterbury Fayre weekend and they had been expecting us. They are not upset but they did want us to know that they lost potential revenue from not renting it.

## **Past Events**

### **Canterbury Fayre**

March 21, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna and Marian

It happened and was a good event. The final report is still being worked on but the estimated profit is \$614. There were 101 people that signed in at gate which is higher than the estimated break-even number. Biffy costs were much higher than expected as two regular biffies were ordered but then it was realized that a handicap biffy was required. Other costs were reduced as it was decided not to go with any site tokens and the merchants donated prizes eliminating the need to buy them. There was a gate shortage but it may just be a comped entrance fee that was incorrectly reported as having paid.

The event stewards learned a lot including “don't get sick just before the event you are running”. Yes, they would use the site again for the event.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **May Champions**

May 23, 2015

Event Steward: James Wolfden

Insurance has been ordered and just got the notification from corporate that it is being sent out. Event copy is up on the Kingdom website. Facebook page will be set up shortly. Key information will be maintained on the Kingdom website page.

A request was made to see if picnic lunch fundraiser could be held at this event. There is a requirement from the city that all food vendors obtain a permit from the Fraser Health Authority. James will check whether this would fall under that umbrella since the food is being sold/auctioned. Brigitte commented that having worked as a health safety inspector, if you ask they will tell you what is required but often work with a don't ask, don't tell in regards to bakes sales and similar fundraisers.

### **Ladner May Days**

May 24, 2015

Demo Steward: Jaclyn McEwen

The steward was not present.

### **Allthings**

April 18, 2015

May 24, 2015

There was a general discussion on who distributes the waivers. The Allthing will follow the standard protocol for waivers. Yes, the May Allthing conflicts with the Ladner May Demo but was originally booked before.

Brianna brought up that Allthings can also be used a Baronial Work Party to repair or make things for the Barony.

### **Baronial Trials**

July 24-26, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna, Jayson

A proper full bid is in the works. There are seven people going for the trials with candidates for all categories – Courtier, Sargeant, Yeoman, and Gallant – being tested.

## **New Business**

### **Bardic Event**

Wulfstan discussed the idea for a Bardic Event tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2016 which would allow a series of bardic recitals with feedback provided but without any actual judging or competition. The target market are the less experienced bards wanting to explore their bardic skills but not quite ready to enter competitions. Wulfstan has suggested the Salvation Army Church in White Rock for the event because it is free that weekend and because Wulfstan can get a discounted rate as his father is the pastor there.

There was a general discussion about the event with many suggestions. The Seneschal polled the audience as to whether people felt it should be pursued further or rather they felt the idea was horrid.

Let the minutes reflect that Dame Elena raised her hand before the Seneschal asked whether they thought it was a horrid idea. The exchequer just wanted to raise the issue that single purpose events often have difficulties drawing people out to the event.

The consensus was that Wulfstan should pursue the idea and present a formal proposal bid.

### **2015 Summer Camping Event**

We will look at other dates. The June AllThing is scheduled for the June 27<sup>th</sup> but could be changed to an actual full on event.

### **Baronial Banquet**

October 3, 2015

The Financial Council awarded the bid to Eithne. Her original bid had just been for a banquet but there had been some interest in having TUTOR sessions during the day and Eithne indicated that she would be willing to consider this. There was some discussion whether this was viable for a Banquet. The Banquet had been combined with Canterbury Fayre for the last three years which featured TUTOR sessions and the decision was made this year to split them apart and to put the Banquet on its own like it had been in previous years. The decision will be upheld and there will be no TUTOR session at this Banquet.

### **Baroness Inspirational Tournament**

November 14, 2015

This event still needs an event steward.

### **Paper copies of Officer Reports**

It was decided that it was no longer necessary for the Seneschal to bring printed copies of the officer reports to council as the officer reports are included in the minutes posted to the Baronial website.

### **Demo Package**

Niall wanted the Barony to look into making up trifold table displays to promote the Barony at demos like the Ladner May Days. James will look into making some up if people provide him with photos to use. Elena will be able to donate some old displays for repurposing.

Baron Uilliam discussed the fanciful idea proposed early on for Antioch where a costumes and a photo booth were suggested where we let people dress up and then take their pictures and email them with information about the Barony.

## **Dance**

Garet mentioned that if we don't get more people out to dance, we may lose our free site. to investigate what we are allowed to do.

## **Gold Key**

The Gold Key has been found – and more. The Baron reminded that we don't want more. We just want the tabards. Anything else will be sold or given to newcomers. We don't want to go back to having 20 bins of donated garb for the half dozen people that may show up needing gold key.

## **Coronet Report**

We had an amazing time at Canterbury Fayre. Thank you for allowing us to geek out. It was too bad that the Baroness of Seagirt got sick as there were some shenanigans planned. Thanks to Hlif, the Baroness' shield maiden, for stepping in.

Next Council – April 23

Officer Reports

**Chamberlain – His Lordship Gareth Doiron**

Wait, didn't I just do one of these?

Locker Equipment returned/added:

None

Locker Equipment removed:

To Jacqueline Lafleur:

- 2 large archery netting stands

- 1 large bundle of netting

- 2 crossbows

- 1 box arrows, wooden (dozen), target archery, for the purpose of.

- 2 good quality bows

- 5 fiberglass children's bows

- 4 used paper targets

- Various broken butt stands, likely enough to make three

- 2 children's bows, non-baronial property

To Brianna:

- Unknown equipment withdrawn via Seneschalle

- 1 large pot

- All eric flagging

- 16 eric poles

- 16 eric bases

- 2 gate boxes

To Niall:

- 2 tote, gold key (see his separate report)

- 1 tote, gold key repair

In my car:

- mixed gold key to be added to Niall's total/repared/junked as needed (from Caimohe)

Material removed, non-baronial:

- 1 large pavilion base, and walls

To be removed, non-baronial:

- 1 large pavilion

- 1 tote, ropes/pegs

- 28 pavilion poles

At that point, we may be clear enough to move around in there to sort out those eric bases onto a stand.

Finally remembered to replace the light bulb in there. The new one is LED, and shiny. If (no, WHEN) we ever leave the locker, I want it back :)

### **Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe**

To begin, I'm very pleased to announce that, despite numerous last-minute changes and obstacles, our A&S and Bardic championships took place at Canterbury Fayre last weekend with no casualties. We saw five A&S entrants and four Bardic entrants, and the quality of the entries was outstanding! Though the final scores were very close, in the end Archos Morweena was victorious as A&S Champion, and HL Brynja Kortsdottir was victorious as Bardic Champion. I look forward to witnessing their times as Champions, and Ciana and I are already at work to see how we can improve for next year.

A number of TUTR classes were held at Canterbury Fayre as well, but I have to admit that I can't recall what most of them were since I spent much of the day running around like a chicken with my head cut off. My thanks to Baroness Margaret for her hard work.

Our monthly A&S Nights continue, with a number of faithful regulars attending every month. We have been seeing a slight increase in numbers, and I'm glad that A&S nights remain fairly popular.

### **Dance Report – Her Ladyship Rhiannon ap Gwynedd of Clan McBeighn**

Dance was resumed in February at our donated space in Surrey. It got off to a slow start but we were able to review basic dance and had on average 6 to 8 attendees. As the Langley school demo fell on one of our scheduled evenings we opted to attend this and cancelled the class for that evening.

March has not seen our usual dancers attend and we have been limited to only 3 or 4 coming out. I am hoping with the better weather ahead we can encourage more to come and dance.

The hall that has been donated for our use is the common room of BC Housing. It was arranged for us by HL Etterick the silent, who is passionately involved with this even though he cannot dance because of health reasons.

I have been keeping a log of who attends and the dances that we have practiced. My dream is to get enough dancers proficient that we can do performance and demo shows again.

Our next practice is scheduled for March 30th

I have also noticed that the Baronial website has not been updated. It would be nice to have the address and my contact info on the website.

So that people who are not on facebook know how to find us.

### **Archery Report – Lady Thérèse de Merc**

Practices

Quoted from Jaqueline Lefleur, 22 March 2015

"The Lions Gate Archery Days begins today, at the Grene Wode Allthing \$5 to get in the door. (less if you were at last night's Canterbury Faire.) 1 pm to 2 pm is dedicated to new or newish to archery youth and children. 2 pm to 3 pm is dedicated to adult new archers. I will have my children's bows and arrows with me, as well as all the baronial loaner gear."

## Events

Quoted from Jaqueline Lefleur

" Congratulations to Baroness Wulfwyn for winning the Bountiful Bunny shoot (and much chocolate!), to Simon Thomsen of Lions Gate and Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury for winning the Spring Seasonal Society Archery Challenge in Hand bow and Crossbow, respectively, and to Simon Thomsen for winning the Feral Hare shoot on 'horse back' in a closely matched challenge with Baroness Wulfwyn. Simon was awarded the carefully taxidermied mini-hare as a trophy.

### Feral Hare shoot

Six ends, six arrows at a single hare target at 20 yards, shot from in the saddle. If you miss with an arrow, it is considered lost in the underbrush. Between these two archers only three arrows were missed over six ends and the final score was only one point apart. Great shooting and a joy to watch.

Many archers attended and hope to see more at the Grene Wode Althing's "Days of Archery" over the next six months.

My thanks to Archos Ken Dolphin Kenneth of Shaftesbury and Baroness Carole Fraser Wulfwyn for coaching the over a dozen children we had wanting to try archery."