

Council Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report

Seneschal's Quarterly report will be done by the end of the month.

April was a quiet month. Only activities were practices.

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

1QTR report results

- On income of \$8,602.05 and expenses of \$11,119.65, we had a 1QTR loss of \$2,516.70
- This includes transferring \$1,840.23 to Fjordland

YTD results

- On income to date of \$9,531.64 and expenses of \$11,787.86, we have a YTD loss of \$2,256.22
- Assets
 - o Receivables: \$121 from one individual for NSF cheques, \$50 for the rapier practice float
 - o Other Assets: Murrayville Hall \$600 for Baronial Banquet site deposit

Practices

- All-Thing: net loss of \$13.75 due to US exchange on equestrian insurance certificate
- Bransles: net income of \$45.75; reporting is up-to-date
- Heavy: net loss of \$873.42; April practices are paid, fees should be picked up May 5th
- Rapier: net loss of \$35.63 (\$324.82 including insurance certificate + late fee); April practices are paid, fees should be picked up May 7th

Events

- Canterbury Fayre revised financial results due to site fee refund for heavy champion
 - o On revised income of \$1,498.00 and expenses of \$898.73, the event had a net income of \$599.27.

Storage Locker

Our storage locker is our largest overhead, at \$228.90/month. While we have been paying month-to-month, if we pay 6 months in advance, we get 50% off month 7. Pay 12 months in advance and month 13 is free. I propose that the Barony adopt one of these options, as a means to reducing some of our expenses.

- Benefit: lower expenses
- Risks: if we should move to a different locker within the same facility, the credit on file will be transferred but we would lose the reduced price benefit for month 7 or 12. If we should vacate, then the credit on file is refunded, excepting the month in which we vacate.

Total cost for seven months: \$1,487.85. Total cost for thirteen months: \$2,746.80

Miscellaneous

Draft of revised Baronial Event Bid document for review/comment by the Financial Committee.

I will be reviewing the Baronial Financial Policy and submitting suggested changes to the Financial Committee.

Available Funds

As of 5pm today \$6,196.09.

The council made the decision to pay for the locker six months which gets us a discount on the seventh month. This will also give us time to decide what we are doing with the locker. I found some things in the old files so I will be sending some old waivers using donated postage.

Past Events

All Things Practice

There were 37 people in attendance at the last practice. All the paperwork has been completed but Brianna wanted clarification on what format the marshal reports should be in. She was the MIC and knew her equestrian requirements but not what was expected from the heavy, rapier, and archery side of things. It was advised for her to check with the Master of Stables.

Upcoming Events

May Champions

May 23, 2015

Event Steward: James Wolfden

The City of Burnaby deflected the question about the picnic lunch fundraiser asking us to contact the Fraser Healthboard. As such, it was felt that this would be better to do at an event like The Trials that is held on private land.

A float of \$400 was requested for the event. Our estimate is for paid attendance of 70 and if our facebook numbers hold up, we should make this. Last years attendance had just over a hundred but that included comps and youth.

I just need to get the final information for the tournaments and then establish a schedule.

Ladner May Days

May 24, 2015

Demo Steward: Jaclyn McEwen

The steward was not present.

Allthings

May 24, 2015

The next All Thing is scheduled for May 24th, the same day as the Ladner May Days.

Equestrian and some activities that can't be done at the demo will still be happening but all fighters are encouraged to take their practice to the demo.

There will be two All Things in June on the first and last weekends. Vaulting and learning how to fall off a horse safely will be covered at the first one.

Baronial Trials

July 24-26, 2015

Event Stewards: Brianna, Jayson

Event is coming along. Need to follow-up with testers.

Warren War

Discussion about whether the Barony is actually involved with this. It doesn't look like either Lions Gate or Aquaterra will be involved.

General Discussion

The question came up whether Warren War might work similar to Sealion War with it alternating every other year with another war. James pointed out that Warren War, while it has traditionally been a war between Lions Gate and Aquaterra, is really Shittimwoode's event and it is really what they want to do with it.

Dame Elena pointed out that hosting a Principality Event is a good way to make money.

Profit from events are required to cover the Barony's overhead costs with the most significant cost being the storage locker rental. It was discussed whether it is better to have lots of little events that make a small profit or a few larger events that make larger profits.

Robert discussed that when he polled merchants, most merchants were willing to pay a merchant fee on top of their event fee. Elena felt that we are incurring costs for having space for merchants so a merchant fee would be justified. Marian pointed out that we also incur costs to have an archery range or equestrian area, but there is a separate archer's or equestrian fee. Baron Uilliam pointed out that some larger merchants won't go to events that don't have merchant fees.

James stated he remembers when Baroness Tourney had a large number of merchants and would love to see that happen again. He also related that at V-Con, vendors are very important and are charged a vendor fee. However, lately the vendor room has been located in a "free" area of the convention where the public can visit without paying for a full membership. Something like this might be possible at Baroness Tourney which happens close to Christmas if it was done similar to a demo like Ursalmas. The merchants pay for their table space but we try to attract the general public out so the merchants can sell to a larger audience.

The Baroness pointed out we need an event steward for Baroness Tourney if someone wanted to try to put this together.

New Business

Baronial Archer Tenure

Lady Therese reported that her term as Baronial Archer is up in November and she will be stepping away from the role. She wanted to know how and when she should be advertising. Now and through the Lionsgate email list and whatever other methods she wants. James will post in the North Wind.

There was a general discussion about some broken links on the website and some officer email addresses that are not going through properly.

Coronet Report

Our Baroness is now authorized for Combat Archery. She has had lots of fun playing with Orcas. At the AllThings, a six year old girl came up to the Baroness and showed her a pouch she was making from one of the stick weaving kits that Brigitte had made.

Next Council – May 28

Officer Reports

Arts and Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

Nothing to report

Archery Report – Lady Thérèse de Merc

My two-year term will expire in November. I will not be renewing my position as Baronial Archer. If anyone has candidates they know, please tell me so I can be ready to pass on the info I have. I don't know how I'm supposed to advertise the position becoming open, if I could please request advice from someone? Thank you.

Apparently the archery officer email on the website wasn't working. I sent a request to the-webmaster on the site link some weeks ago and haven't heard anything back.

Practices

Jaqueline Lefleur has been working with the Burnaby Butts group. The outdoor practices are resuming on Thursday evenings; please contact her for further details.

Events

I am not aware of any local events with archery in the past month.