

Council Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2016

Barony of Lions Gate

Seneschal's Report - HL Brigitte die Arrogante

There was a meeting at Baroness' Inspirational Tourney with the various branch seneschals, the Tir Righ Calendar Deputy, and the Tir Righ Seneschal, Porzia concerning branch events. Tir Righ would like every branch to have a weekend for their premiere event and minimize conflict on those dates. As such we may have to make a few changes. Banquet has been held on the first Saturday of October but this sometimes conflicts with Thanksgiving which is the traditional weekend for Golden Swan. We have agreed to hold Banquet next year on October 21st and, in 2018, on October 20th. Down the road, we will move back to the first weekend from the third weekend of October.

We had a request to shift Lion Stage to February 25th. The event steward indicated that the hall is available and this would be done. I have to contact the seneschal of Cold Keep as the date for Lions Gate Championship in May currently conflicts with their premiere event. This wasn't an issue in the past because Cold Keep was part of Avacal but moved to Tir Righ when Avacal became a Kingdom.

One other item that did come up was that they wanted everyone to know that Date Reservation Forms should be sent to the Tir Righ Calendar deputy first and not to the Kingdom Calendar deputy. The Barony has been following this procedure.

Exchequer's Report – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

2016 To Date

- YTD: on income of \$38,830.25 and expenses of \$31,578.71, we have a net gain of \$7,251.54
- Receivables: \$ 50 Thursday practice float (Seamus)
- Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets: both \$0

Events – net gain \$7,138.53

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Lion Stage	486.00	300.00	186.00		
Canterbury Fayre	1,113.00	350.00	763.00		Three expenses no receipt provided, no reimbursement made
Champions	1,217.88	1,287.66	-69.78		Attendance almost half that budgeted (\$2,000 Income)
Sealion War	6,910.00	3,699.51	3,210.40		Note: gate overage of \$135.00
TOA	3,346.42	3357.23	-10.81	Adults: 133 pd, 11 cd Minors: 13 youth, 6 children NMS 59	Cleaning deposit not returned; have been advised there is an invoice for biffy cleaning, but nothing received
The Trials	1,990.08	1,326.72	663.36	Adults: 97 paid, 11 cd Minors: 7 youth, 12 children NMS: 29	
Baronial Banquet	3,370.00	2,314.07	1,055.93	Adults site: 99 pd, 4 cd; feast: 69 pd, 2 cd Minors: 3 youth, 1 child NMS: 61	
Tir Righ Fall Coronet	3,222.50	2,618.76	603.74 452.81 150.94	Adults: 160 pd, 16 cd Minors: 1 youth, 7 children NMS: 30	Barony can retain 25% of the profit if report and cheque are received by Tir Righ on or before December 5th.
Baroness'	3,161.67	2,420.07	741.60	Adults: 199 pd,	Preliminary results

Inspirational Tourney				13 cd Minors: 19 youth, 9 children NMS: 61	
Totals	24,812.55	17,674.02	7,138.53		

Practices: net gain of \$1,730.16

- All practices are fees received and rental paid through October
- All Thing: gain of \$99.18
- Sunday (Archery and Equestrian): gain of \$353.88
- Tuesday (Heavy): gain of \$452.48
- Thursday (Rapier): gain of \$824.62

Budget 2017

- Asked that Lions Gate set a budget meeting in early 2017

Looking for a New Exchequer

- I've received two inquiries from people interested in becoming exchequer; due to other commitments I haven't been able to reply.

Practice Fee Change

- The new Grene Wode contract, not yet signed, includes charging Lions Gate for minors attending practices at that venue. Accordingly, Lions Gate will be charging minors to attend practices, at the same rate we are charged by the site.

Available Funds

- As of 6pm on November 23rd at 5pm, total available funds are \$19,233.16 which includes the following Special Funds
 - Archery \$193.51
 - Baronial Pavilion \$1,463.90
 - Baronial Thrones \$800.00

Past Events

Tir Righ November Coronet

Nov 4 – 6, 2016

Event Steward: HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate

We had 164 paying attendees through gate and 184 in total. I appreciate the Baroness taking over for me when I had to leave. I would recommend that we use the hotel again. And Oak won.

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

November 19, 2016

Event Steward: Arianna Freemont

The event steward sent a report. Event made money but not as much as last year. Attendance down this year. The Baron noted that The Prince of the Summits was very impressed and would be recommending it to his fighters.

Future Events

Lion Stage Event Bid

Date changed to February 25th.

2017 scheduled events - Bids In Progress for

April 1, 2017 Canterbury Fayre
May 13, 2017 Lions Gate Champions Tournament

Bids Still Needed for

Aug 4-7, 2017 Tournament of Armies
Oct 7, 2017 Baronial Banquet
Nov 18, 2017 Baroness' Inspirational Tournament.

Continued Business

Officer applications for:

Baronial Chronicler – it was pointed out that this is a major officer role and something we require to have to be a Barony. James Irvein stepped up to take the role.

Lists – Cassandra stepped forward to take on this role.

Exchequer – We still need someone to take on this role.

YAC – We should accept the single bid received for shields at \$58/shield for two shields.

New Business

Equestrian Report Discussion – It was put forward that the Equestrian community has grown to the point that we should be looking at either an Equestrian Champion or some equivalent to that. There are more people doing Equestrian than doing Youth Armoured Combat. We are looking at developing something similar to the Lions Gate Company of Archers with a Lions Gate Company of Riders. His Excellency expressed that he is very much in favour of a Company of Riders but will have to consider the Championship concept as having more champions does have an economic effect on event revenues as Champions are comped at Lions Gate events.

Canterbury Fayre – Brianna put in a bid for Canterbury Fayre to be held at the Grene Wode on April 1st. In addition to the Bardic and A&S Championship, there will be a feast done by the Lions Gate Black Kettle Guild. The bid was approved.

Crown Bid – Gareth is looking into sites for possible Crown bid down the road. He investigated the costs of renting Campbell Valley. It would cost around \$20,000 making it unaffordable. The Aldergrove Bowl is not suitable. Gareth will continue to look for sites and will look Scouting sites as he has heard that they have changed their alcohol policy.

Coronet Report

The Baron passed on Her Excellency's apology for not making council tonight as she is suffering from a migraine. We have some marvellous new thrones and will be looking to have the Baronial devices painted on them. We also had a blast at Baroness Inspirational Tourney.

I received a letter from the King concerning the issue on Facebook with an individual who was threatening to report anybody using their SCA name. We can not enflame this anymore. This is being handled at higher levels. Let them handle it.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday January 25th, 2016...location: La Fontana Cafe at 3701 Hastings St #101, Burnaby

Officer Reports

Archery – Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr

Practices:

Sunday Practices: Ongoing on the Sundays from about 11am - 3pm with the winter daylight hours. Attendance is currently sitting around 12 people per practice. Youth activities are also ongoing and growing. Last practice of 2016 is on the 18th of December, then we on a short break until the new year. Practices will resume in January as scheduled.

Thursday Practices: Location: Burnaby Range (Burnaby Lake). Thursday evening practices have ended for the winter months and will pick back up in the spring for those who purchase or renew the Burnaby Archery memberships.

AllThings: December AllThing: Final one of the year with changes in format upcoming for 2017. There will be archery at this practice.

Workshops: Possible arrow construction, bow tuning workshops. Winter marshal review.

Equipment: During the winter months we will be doing a review of equipment, taking inventory and repairing loaner gear such as arrows.

Butt repair is ongoing with a new York frame and additional standard frames either being repaired, or replaced (donated materials). We will need new butt frames for the spring/summer 2017 season along with more foam.

Fundraising: Additional funds have been raised towards the purchase of a metal detector, pricing for a unit is currently underway with the goal of purchase being before the end of 2016.

The community has made a formal request to adjust our fundraising goal of new archery netting to a more pressing need of purchasing a metal detector for locating lost arrows at practice locations and events where grassy fields make finding arrows difficult, costly (to the archer) and time consuming for all. Additional funds have been raised and donated for this purpose and will be ongoing until the item is purchased. Any residual funds will then go towards netting.

Events:

No upcoming events.

***New/Update: For the additional practices held during the month of October, scores submitted on those 2 days have been removed from the Kingdom Scores website due to an error in communication and posting. The practices are still recognized as official from a Baronial standpoint and any ranks or achievements made during these times have and will still be recognized from a Baronial level.

Going forward, I have already spoken with the Grene Wode site owner, management, and Seneschal to arrange and schedule October practices a year in advance. This will be presented in front of November's council for final approval so that we are covered from both an insurance perspective and calendar perspective going forward.

2017 Budget: Will be submitted for November council and will include repair of loaner gear, target faces, general equipment maintenance.

Chamberlain – Her Ladyship Jaqueline Lefleur

Annual budget request

\$20 for laundry detergent, bleach, scrunges and Magic erasers. Repair supplies estimated at \$50 per year.

Events

Oct 1 Baronial Banquet – Slovenian Hall: The lack of hot water resulted in the kitchen and serving items being stored for a number of weeks. All have been collected, cleaned and the bins disinfected and repacked with fresh packing material. Eleven bins of goods were reduced to seven. All cardboard boxes have been eliminated other than those used for the carafes. I will provide receipts for replacement cleaning supplies at next council.

Nov 4 Tir Righ November Coronet – Delta Town and Country Inn: All items returned.

Nov 23 Baroness' Inspirational Tournament – Shannon Hall: All items still outstanding. The locker was accessed directly by the event stewards with the key Sarg John has. I have requested a list of the items taken out.

Events – outstanding items

AT War: Radios. Returned. All were tested by Gareth and work fine. Suggest a quick How To be written up and taped in the radio box to prevent panic in the future.

Baronial Banquet: 8 carafes still outstanding. Event steward is looking for them.

Inventory

More reorganization done. Erics sorted and stacked sideways, saving space. Note we have two sizes of bases: ones 2"x3" and ones 2"x4". The latter take up much more space. The original, water-sealed bases are in excellent condition. The newer ones, assembled with nails, are starting to show signs of wear.

Locker Access process

I'd like to write up a policy for accessing the locker so information reaches the Chamberlain's office.

Maintenance

All baronial b/w tabards cleaned.

Locker Inventory day – December 10th at 10 am to 4 pm

Baroness offered to send inventory files and forms. Baron and Baroness, Briana, Garet and myself attending so far.

Maintenance day – December 3rd at the AllThing

The eric poles and bases and flagging, parti-coloured banners, portcullis and lion banners and some décor items all need a little care.

Supplies purchased so far include sisal for the eric stands, hemp line for the flagging. I will ask Mistress Caitrin for the eric rope repair kit. Cedar still needs to be purchased for the replacement eric poles. Fir needs to be purchased for the eric base carriers.

Equestrian – Her Ladyship Cassandra Wineday

Since November of last year when we started the challenge courses and having equestrian at events the following riders would be eligible to be in the Company of Riders of Lions Gate

3 or more challenge courses or
IKEqC practices with scores

Rider	Average	Rank
James I.	2.8	1
Cheryl	3.3	2
Garet	4	3
Briana	5	4
Jenn	5.3	5
Anneka	5.5	6
Cassandra	5.6	7
Rayne	8	8

We also have 25 other riders who have not qualified scores but have ridden at an event or practice. Since this number is so high I formally request that we consider an Equestrian Champion competition for the Barony of Lions Gate. Failing that, some kind of annual event to acknowledge the work that these riders have put in.

Minister of Stables – His Lordship Miles Fitzhubert

no report.

Arts & Science – Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe

A&S nights continue, with steady attendance. I'm hoping that next month's class will be Intro to Research. HL Morweena organized an A&S display at Baroness's Inspirational Tournament, which saw excellent turnout! Our artisans very much appreciated the chance to show off and get feedback. That's all for this month..

Chronicler – Baron James Wolfden

October Minutes submitted for review.

My tenure is pretty much up unless we hold a December council meeting. I will try to get one more issue of the North Wind out. A recap of the events for the year and any Christmas messages that Their Excellencies wish to submit.

So

BARONIAL CHRONICLER WANTED!

Position starts in January.

The Baronial Chronicler is the chief record keeper and historian for the Barony, and is ultimately responsible for all official publications within the Barony. Basically, this boils down to recording the minutes and putting out the Baronial Newsletter, "The North Wind", on at least a quarterly basis. The Chronicler also oversees the seldom used lionsgate email list. The office of the Chronicler also maintains the Baronial Library but there is a deputy for that.

Youth Armoured Combat – Lady Sibhaidh

We have had one Practice and one Tourney. Both have had 2 Dragon (teen) attendees. HL Gareth has been making a point of coming out to help mentor and teach.

Phaelen (Phaelen Wheeler), Page to HL Gareth, is now our First Youth Combat Champion, having taken the Oath of Fealty to Their Excellencies. He has received an excellently tooled belt/baldric (should be a belt but he's too skinny to wear it appropriately! LOL). He has been promised a weapon to also wear while in his Role.

Tenaya, Phaelen's most worthy opponent, has also been coming out to participate and learn. She is using loaned gear from Marissa. She now owns her own helm, gorget, shield and sword. Tenaya is a student at the Langley Fundamental school??? She joined after our last demo there. I look forward to this demo again as it will be fun to watch Tenaya and Phaelen demo Youth Combat in front of her classmates..I am told they are looking forward to this. Tenaya, being a teen, has been invited by Her Excellency Wulfwyn to join in the Tuesday night fight practices for further training and practice.

We do have a small group of Lions and Griffins coming out sporadically. Mundane family logistics can limit their participation, however, when they do show, they are enthusiastic, hard working and would LOVE to be in full armour like their Dragon role models so they too can actually fight each other instead of merely working on drills. We also have interest spiking from Lionsdale as far away as Chilliwack. These families need help in armouring, attending our practices and I would LOVE to see some Jr. Marshals starting up in that area. There is definitely a strong interest.

This brings up the question of why we don't just work in with the Heavy Fight practices. While the Tuesday nights are workable for our Dragons, this remains unworkable for the younger Youths as getting home from practice at 10p on a school night is not an option. This also is counterproductive in that parents must attend the YAC practice as helpers/extra eyes and that would pull Heavy Fighter parents away from their own practice. Even if we started earlier, the said younger Youths would still need to be taken home to bed earlier and their Fighter parents would completely miss their own practice and training. This is the main reason YAC has not been incorporated into Fight practices before and one of the reasons YAC has not been fully supported in the past.

It's not that no one wants to do it. It's that after a day on the field, parents can be quite tired and going direct from their own armour to help their Youths can be a bit daunting energy/time wise. Youths are not as self-sufficient in this, yet. This is where Mentoring/Page relationships can help a lot. A tag team of adults to help make things happen. :D

The reason I can send Phaelen to practices and events is because I've done the paperwork to give HL Gareth the permissions and coverages to take my place. I can also Marshal, and HL Gareth stands in my stead as per the ABYAC (parent can not also be Marshalling at the time). These are logistics that are not as well known to parents and participants (mentors/teachers/those who would like to see more).

I am happily awaiting more bids on the armouring pieces. I have been

told there are more coming..

Scribe – Mistress Agnes Creswyke

no report

Chatelaine – Ragnvald Argolieason

This month we had Tir Righ Coronet and Baroness inseparable. The gold key was at both and new people were using it and I had no clue either was going to be happening. I am feeling a bit of lack of communication. But I was in contact with Lady Ecgferp who is new to our barony and who attended Baroness and she sat gate for us to. I had a nice talk with her and I think she will fit in fine. We had Raquela who attended the feast at the end of September return to us at Baroness instantly and take a class. I will be helping her make some garb for her son hopefully some time this or next month. That's all I have for this month.

Sable Loat - Caemgen mac Garbith

Heraldry has occurred within the Barony, primarily Court heraldry at Baroness' this past weekend.

Two interested parties inquired about Court Heraldry, and plans are set to trial run them at the next Baronial event, Lions Stage.

One Device ready for submission.

No Injuries

Webminister – Lady Jakemina Arwemakere

Nothing to report, except that I'm trying to get my Facebook account back and that I hope no-one else was targeted