

# Council Meeting Minutes

## Barony of Lions Gate

Minutes taken by: James Irvein

In attendance: Morweena, Duncan, Ceara, James Irvein, Laric, Sibhaidh, Ragnbald, Garet, Uilliam, Ergferth, Agnes, Isabeau Fiona, Angharad, Anika, Kirsten, Caemgen

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### SENESCHAL'S REPORT - Archos Morweena

Had a long post council to do list this month - lots of shuffling of papers

- Q2 sent in
- submitted three back ground check requests
- insurance requests for Crown and Trials
- Warrant info sent for Exchequer, chamberlain - waiting for form for deputy exchequer
- Warrant extension for YAC and Archery sent
- Event bids were finalized and awarded for Banquet and Baronesses Tourney

Officer reporting this month was very good - a couple came in last night/this morning and that was an issue as I did not have time to deal with them today. - please try and respect the deadline as I really do not have time the day of council.

Injury report from TOA was given to me this afternoon.

DRF for the remainder of 2018 have been submitted. We can have three level 1 events

The requested event dates are:

Lions Stage	Feb 24
Canterbury Fayre	Mar 24
Lions Gate Champions	May 5
Sealion War	May 25 - 27
Tournament of Armies	Aug 3 - 6 (Level 1)
The Trials	Sept 14 - 16
Baronial Banquet	Oct 20
Baroness's Inspirational Tournament	Nov 17 (Level 1)

2019 will be sent shortly - the Tir Righ calendar officer had to step down and their deputy is in place with assistance from the seneschal, so I do not want to overwhelm them.

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As soon as the dates are confirmed with kingdom I will look into booking Cloverdale for Baronesses 2018, unless there are better ideas.

#### Dates for 2019

Lions Stage	Feb 23
Canterbury Fayre	Mar 30
Champions	May 11 - HE had noted that Fjordland had booked the first weekend but I do not see this on the kingdom calendar - May 4 does appear available at this time

TOA	Aug 2 -5 (Level 1)
Trials	Sept 13-15
Banquet	Oct 19
Baroness's	Nov 16 *

I still want to get to the customary - its on the horizon, was reading some minutes from 2007 where the new seneschal (Mark!) was asked to look into this by the then Baron Devin - we've been poking at this for a while now...

There are things in our financial policy and current customs that are in conflict with the society financial policy - so these documents need to move up the priority list now that we have events settled for 2017 and our main offices filled.

Website - can all officers please review "their" area of the website - look for stale forms or documents, is the contact data upto date, are things on the calendar... please submit corrections via email to the webminister

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## EXCHEQUER'S REPORT – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

### Financial Results

- YTD: on income of \$17456.34 and expenses of \$11475.99, we have a net gain of \$5980.35. Keeping in mind that TOA expenses are still pending.
- Receivables: \$1425
  - \$50 Thursday practice float (Kian)
  - \$175 general supplies (Caitrina)

- \$1000 September Crown site deposit
- \$200 Named insurance advance TOA & September Crown
- Prepaid Expenses: \$1207.50 storage locker

**Events – net gain \$1646.73 (not including TOA)**

Event	Income	Expense s	Gain/ Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Lion Stage	413.00	320.90	92.10	Adults: 38 paid, 6 comped Youth: 1 Child: 5 NMS: 6	Final Report
Canterbury Faire	2345.00	1562.00	783.00	Adults: 101 day, 5 night 10 comped Youth: 7 Child: 9 NMS: 29	Final Report
Lions Gate Champions	1141.45	369.82	771.63	Adults: 103, plus 10 comped Youth/Child: 8 NMS: 22	Final Report
Tournament of Armies	6488.50	?		Adults: 218, plus 9 comped Youth: 16 Child: 24 NMS: 105	Reporting incomplete

**Practices: net gain of \$811.72**

Results: all practice site fees paid up to July except for Sunday’s site.

- Sunday (Archery/ Equestrian): gain of \$553.35 (May, June & July site invoices still pending)
- Tuesday (Heavy): loss of \$197.00 (July income has not been submitted)
- Thursday (Rapier): gain of \$455.37

**Projects Still Underway**

- Financial Policy update
- Revamp the event bid form – similar to Kingdom and Principality, make it less onerous

## **Available Funds**

As of August 29th, total available funds are \$20788.97 which includes the following Special Funds

- Archery \$255.51
- Baronial Pavilion \$2966.90
- Baronial Thrones \$180.00

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## PAST EVENTS

### **Tournament of Armies**

**August 4-7, 2017**

**Event Steward: Mistress Ceara**

Made about 2500 - 218 paid adults, 267 total people through gate

2 injuries reported

4 groups bought into the buy-a-biffy program

Event report attached

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### **September Crown**

**September 1-3, 2017**

**Event Steward: Duke Ulfr Blodfotur Fallgrson**

Revised budget has been approved, costs changed due to moving the site to Canada (e.g. biffy cost doubled)

We do need a 50% deposit on the biffies by Sept 1

\$1000 float advanced

### **Lions Gate Trials**

**September 15-17, 2017**

**Event Steward: Laird James Irvein**

Trials & 4 tourneys will happen

\$300 float advanced

**Baronial Banquet**

**October 21, 2017**

**Event Steward: HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate**

Site contract has been signed

**Baroness Inspirational Tournament**

**November 18, 2017**

**Event Steward: HL Caemgen**

Crier copy has been submitted

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CONTINUED BUSINESS

**Pavilion - Baron Uilliam**

We were going to get a pavilion that was like seagirts, but there's been more problems with it collapsing so we need to look at other options.

**TUTR & Families**

No applicants to date - how can we encourage to get these openings filed?

TOA had 16 youth and 24 children with 227 adults -

Baroness in 2016 had 214 adults and 19 youth and 9 children

18 and under are a large portion of our attendance , we should be looking at increased activities for youth.

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NEW BUSINESS

**Thrown Weapons**

New officer - Duncan

there was a \$75 expense request for repair and replacements. We need new stands now, and may need handles etc replaced as practices start up.

Permission to run thrown weapons at Odins with our equipment - granted

Permission to begin weekly practices Sunday at the Archery Sunday Practices - Practice coordinator (Delwyn) is on board. - granted

## **YAC**

will be buying rattan with previously approved funds - up to \$75  
will put out a request for bids for 2-3 youth shields

## **VCon Demo**

We will be looking into this. VCon may have changed the format of some things

## **Tuesday Practices**

Looking at a couple new sites for January, will wait to see new contract to see if costs go up.

## **Archery**

Seneschale will double check that Saturday practice dates in sept/oct are covered for insurance.

Archery equipment - we have some new equipment from Jaqueline laFleur - agreed to hand it over to Duncan immediately after the meeting.

## **Officers**

Please check the website to make sure any info related to your office is up to date

## **Crown**

Our erics are smaller than the standard crown/champions tourney eric sizes; We will make do but should maybe get more flagging before doing another crown/coronet event.

## **Equipment Request**

Request to borrow baronial tablecloths and banquet equipment by Garet for a private event - permission granted contingent on agreement by event steward for Banquet & written agreement to be responsible for damages/losses

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## CORONET REPORT

Super excited for crown.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Location: VanCity

## OFFICER REPORTS

### **Chamberlain – Russell Cam-beul**

If I am unable to make it to the meeting this week there is a many part question that I would like to put to you in regards to the new and old Baronial pavilion.

- When will the new one be ready.
- What are the plans for the older, more seasoned pavilion.
- How much room will be needed to accommodate the new pavilion.

### Events

Tournament of Armies, August 4-6th. Items sent out and returned, with the exception of the clipboards which went directly to Dame Elena for Crown.

Crown, Sept 1-4th. Dame Elena has received gear for gate.

### Lost and Found

A large quantity of items handed to lost and found recently, 26 items. Posts have been made to event Facebook pages and the Facebook pages of Lions Gate and Seagirt with only 4 items claimed. Any suggestions on how to increase bandwidth would be appreciated.

### **Chatelaine – Ragnvald of Hartwood**

Only hing to report this month is that A science fiction faire may be a good place for us to put on a demo. i will try and make it out to the meeting on Wednesday to discuss it in more detail when i will hopefully have more details by then.

### **Chronicler – Laird James Irvein**

July minutes are posted. I notice neither the North Wind for March nor June have been uploaded to the website.

### **Arts & Science – Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff**

No report.

### **Bardic - Her Ladyship Briana nic h'Eusaidh**

No report



**Dance - Adelia Dancia of Reedsdale**

No dance practices over summer.

**Games - Master Nikolai Andreiov**

No report.

**Minister of Stables – His Lordship Brynmor Raven**

This month Lions Gate practice has run smoothly with a medium number of participants.

We also had the ToA war with no injury reported to MoS.

I have not received any reports at all for the ToA tourney. I will find out who ran it and follow up as to why that is.

Addendum - there was one injury on the fighting field and reported

**Archery – Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr**

Reminder:

Several months ago I submitted a request to extend our practices out to include every Saturday during the month of October to allow for additional time for those working towards improving their averages before season's end (and to make up for any lost practices during the summer months).

Events:

Past: ToA: Well attended, approximately 25 shooters overall. No incidents

Upcoming:

Crown: I've been asking to bring our netting for additional coverage, along with some of our buts (3 is what I have space for), and target faces. (Target faces will be replaced if used).

Trials.

One workshop (Flemish twist bow string) planned for early September. This workshop is being offered by Bill Boorman (From Boorman's archery) with a possible second (arrow construction) later in the month depending on teacher(s) (that's me) availability.

Sunday Practices: Ongoing and well attended. Averaging between 15-20 ppl

**Equestrian - Her Ladyship Briana nic h'Eusaidh**

No report.

**Minister of Blades - Master Kian O'Rhudri**

Marshalled Branch Events for Rapier:

Tournament of Armies

Participants: 11

MIC: Kian O'Ruadhri

No injuries or issues to report

He is reviewing the branch loaner masks and may want to reduce to 6 by selling some to new fighters and donating some to a branch in need (Hartwood). Before doing this he will look over the condition of our masks and discuss with Exchequer

**Minister of Lists - Her Ladyship Cassandra Wineday of Newingate**

No report.

**Thrown Weapons - Archos Elora**

Current inventory consists of 3 throwing axes, 2 spare handles, 6 throwing knives (2 with sheaths were donated by HL Tewel Gover of Tir Bannog, & 2 were donated by Sergeant Miles), 1 spear (donated by HL Tewel Gover of Tir Bannog), 3 hard target stands, 3 hard target rounds. I request the reinstatement of the \$75 budget per year for the office as the stands are in need of repair due to their extensive use, and multiple handles have been broken over the years.

At this time I would like to thank the Baron and Baroness, and Council for all their support over these past years when I asked to form a Thrown Weapons office and have run gleefully with it. At this time I would like to request the posting of applications to hand over the mantle to another.

Tournament of Armies

Thrown Weapons - 2 senior and 3 junior marshals worked together to teach and run the thrown weapons range. There was one stand that was damaged (appropriate photo taken of the Tanist to memorialize his victory) but there were no injuries.

Combat archery - 1 armour failure during a scenario, but otherwise no injuries or incidences to report.

Upcoming - September Crown

Requesting to borrow the Baronial thrown weapons equipment.

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### **Youth Armoured Combat - Lady Sibhaidh**

No practices or tournaments this month.

Was just informed that the Locker has a bin with things in it labelled for YAC. I will be attempting to coordinate to acquire said bin to condense what I have received as donations to Minor Key and decide what is good, what is not and create a FULL inventory of current Minor Key for the Chatelaine. I had been set on requesting a purchasing budget for a bin/bag for Minor Key, however, I will now wait to see what we already have. As I understand it, Sir Kheron has ordered some Youth Rattan and we may, as a Barony purchase what we like of it with the approved \$50 funds.

There is to be a Youth Champion Tourney at Trials.

I have put the announcement out that I am looking for a replacement to head YAC in our Barony. While I intend to stay active as a Sr. Marshal, it would be good to get the rest of the Barony and fighters involved, especially our Sergeantry, present and past.

I would like to request a new bid for 2-3 shields for our Minor Key. 20", 22" and 24" wide rounds matching the YAC rule requirements. Understanding of those requirements (closed foam padding and such) is a requirement.

### **Sable Loat - Caemgen mac Garbith**

The Barony held the event Tournament of Armies during the weekend of August 4-7, a few things happened there. A class for Heraldic Submissions was given by Baroness Caitrina Inghean Aindriasa. My predecessor, Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais, officially stepped down and I had water splashed over me. Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais heralded the event's opening court and started the closing court, I completed the final court business. Various individuals assisted with Towne Crier during the 3 days.

No submissions were brought to my attention

I will continue to attempt to learn OSCAR over the next month.

### **Scribe – Her Ladyship Ciana di'Libri**

Scroll for the next event is in progress. Some inspiration charters have been handed out. Testing continues on paper, if anyone has any paper for testing please let me know. New charter designs are being worked on and if anyone would like to help with charter designs please contact me. We are working on a scribal handbook specific to Lions Gate that can be used in conjunction with the An Tir Scribes handbook. Eventing got too busy for a Scribal night for August but we are planning one for September.

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**Webminister - Lady Jakemina Arwemakere**

August minutes uploaded.

Lots of spam requests hitting LG FB group.

**Family Activities Coordinator - Vacant**

This office has been posted as the current officer does not have sufficient time to dedicate to it.

**TUTR - Vacant**

To date there have been no applications.

## A Brief Event Debrief

### Tournament of Armies: The Scourge of MacAndrew • August 4-6, 2017

*Mistress Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain*

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The following report represents information collected from the event team through a post-event debrief.

#### Event Team List

<b>Role</b>	<b>Amazing Volunteers</b>
Event Stewards	Mistress Ceara Baron Uilliam
Gate Coordinator	Mistress Ceara
Tournament Banker	Mistress Caitrin
MIC - Heavy Combat	Sir Griffin
MIC – Rapier	Master Kian
MIC - Archery	HL Delwyn & Lady Angharad
MIC – Equestrian	HL Briana
MIC - Combat Archery	Don Archos Warwick
MIC - Thrown Weapons	HL Vladimir
Water Point Coordinator	Jakemina De Klunzige & Decimus Praetorianus
Event Teamster	Master Gareth and HL Russell
Merchant Coordinator	Baroness Caitrina
TUTR Coordinator	HL Taliesin Ap Hafgan
Event Herald / Town Crier	HL Cáemgen
Parking/RV Coordinator	Vargus De Carrick

#### Accidents and Injuries

There was one incident on the warfield (to be reported by MIC Sir Griffin). Viscountess Lishinia hurt her knee and had to go to the hospital.

One incident of a badly injured ankle where Lady Angharad also went to the hospital. Lady Angharad rolled her ankle while walking over the unlevel ground. Her ankle has been injured before and is weak as a result. She returned to the site later in the day.

#### Biffie Program

The Buy-A-Biffie program had 4 groups participate and all 4 groups were very happy with the program and would do it again. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding with the biffie vendor (Valley Tank), a small cost was borne by the Barony for the pumping of the private units during the event. The invoicing

from the vendor was a mess so the guesstimate for what it cost the Barony for the private units was about \$44 per unit (total \$176).

### Merchant Fees

The Event Team charged an optional merchant fee. When we first published that no merchant fee would be charged, some vendors contacted the Merchant Coordinator to complain. If they weren't charged a fee to sell their wares, they couldn't claim the expenses to get to the event as a business expense. As such, we made the merchant fee optional and offered receipts if needed. One vendor opted to pay the fee but didn't request a receipt. A total of 12 merchants attended the event.

### Site Logistics

The site was too large and if this location is used in the future, a different layout would be considered. A possible configuration would be to encourage camping in the wooded areas and move the warfield to where camping was held. Other ideas tossed around included having a war wagon for moving armor between the warfield and camp areas since the distance is large.

## **Event components**

### Thrown weapons

After the event started, this was changed to having a time limit and set amount of coins to be earned in that time. This worked really well. Was a set amount per throwing scenario then a percentage was awarded to the warlord. This carried over into Archery and Equestrian too.

### Equestrian

- Do more progresses heralded in advance
- Mounted town crier next time would be excellent
- No one signed up for Honey Pot (too dang hot)
- Give kids a chance to ride or pet ponies (Age 6 and over)
- The Get 'em Young challenge was VERY popular.
- Perhaps a YAFA class to do grooming next time
- Old hand, new rider also quite popular
- It was hard to track coins without physical coins
- Forage to Feed was very tough logistically but the most fun to watch. It was a true challenge of skill.

- Next time – need 2 people to run equestrian component. One person not enough.
- Need better and bigger signage (no touchy the ponies please). Will be getting banners made.
- Next time use the warm arena more maybe.

### A&S

Participation in the challenges was very, very good!

### Bardic

Coin challenge was okay but not great. Maybe give people 3 coins to give out and do 3 facilitated rounds of bardic.

Really want to do a Bardic Squadron again instead. One group performance with a time limit of 5 minutes. Do Saturday night. If one army is eliminated before then, auction off the squadron before performance. An army could then potentially have 2 squadrons competing to get the Bardic Boon then. Exciting!

### Boons

- Equestrian was good.
- Archery was good but needs to be awarded sooner next time. Also, couldn't figure out who had it since Archery MIC got hurt (Lady Anghard).
- Rapier Boon – didn't work at all. Didn't work with only 4 armies. Need to completely redesign.

### Random notes:

- Service coins were underutilized at gate. Hardly any volunteers to assist.
- Time limits on presentations by armies in court.
- Consider auctioning off armies that are eliminated in the tournament rounds instead of doing absorption. Makes the coin more important!
- YAC tourney didn't go due to failed armor inspections.
- In future, no coin for retinue. Didn't work and screwed up where service was truly needed (eg. at gate)
- Try to avoid running rapier and heavy at the same time