

Council Meeting Minutes

Barony of Lions Gate

Minutes taken by: Gareth Doiron

In attendance: Gareth Doiron, Delwyn verch Ynyr, Anika Styfe, Agnes Crestwick, Brianna, Cassandra Wineday, Fiona Isabeau, Kian O'Ruadhri, Joanne Burrows, Briony Seedhouse, Ylas Anasdottir, Duncan of Aberfoyle, Baron Uilliam, Baroness Caitrina, Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais , Margaret Hamilton of Sterlingshire, James Wulfden

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:34pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, moved by Margaret, and passed by acclimation with one dissenting vote.

SENESCHAL'S REPORT - Archos Morweena

All those that attend this meeting and serve as officers and event stewards, I'd like to take a moment to thank you all for your dedication this past year.

Premier Event Meeting

The meeting to discuss the date of our Premier Event was held at Baronesses Inspirational. Thornewoode has asked if we can move May Champions as they would like the first Saturday in May for their Premier event (Sir Eddies). They are willing to be flexible but its the best date for them to get the site. Note the weekend of April 28 is Krackenfjords premier event.

Discussion and decision in new business.

Reporting

Missing key reports this month - stables, blades, scribal, thrown weapons. This is likely due to council being "early" this month and right after an event.

Waivers

There have been changes to the waiver policy - AGAIN

This new method means fewer mailings to the kingdom waiver officer and it moves the expense away from events and on the operating budget of the branch - so fewer but more expensive mailings

From the Kingdom Seneschal:

Event Waivers

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Event stewards or the Head of Gate should submit these to the branch seneschal, who can send them on a **quarterly** basis to the Waiver Secretary. Gate Sheets need to be sent with the waivers, BUT, make sure you or your exchequer makes a clean photocopy or scan of the Gate Sheets before sending them away. Copies of waivers do not need to be retained in the branch, but copies of the Gate Sheets do need to be kept as they are part of your branch's financial records. You can keep scanned copies of the Gate Sheets rather than paper if you prefer, as long as the scanned sheets are legible.

Activity Waivers

These should be collected at the various branch practices by the person in charge of the practice. My suggestion would be that the respective marshals submit those waivers (with the waiver form for each discipline) to the branch seneschal so the waivers can be sent in one quarterly packet to the Waiver Secretary. That way your branch is only reimbursing postage to one person on a quarterly basis.

Background Check Update

The three I submitted in August were not processed - I have resubmitted them and the kingdom officer has acknowledged receipt (Garet, James and Edwin Thorne)

Including family activities in events

Reminder to event teams that all events should have some sort of family/kids related activity. At this time they require two unrelated people to watch over an activity with parents in attendance, or only parental supervision (e.g. craft table). We cannot sponsor "drop off" activities and at this time without an officer with the required background check and we cannot delegate someone to arrange all these activities.

EXCHEQUER'S REPORT – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

Year to date we have a net gain of \$5,700 (and change) in the account. We still have some disbursements and incoming money to process as well. Our net gain from events is \$6,360.00. We also had a gain of \$46.00 in the baronial pavilion fund last month.

A vote was taken to determine if we can prepay the locker fee for the next year, thus saving us one months rent. This was approved by all. This is one of our largest expenses, at roughly \$2,6450/year.

Financial Results

- YTD: on income of \$39362.04 and expenses of \$33636.31, we have a net gain of \$5725.73
- Receivables: \$225
 - \$50 Thursday practice float (to be carried over to 2018)
 - \$175 general supplies (to be solved shortly)
- Prepaid Expenses: \$241.50 for storage locker

Events – net gain \$6360.65

Event	Income	Expenses	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	6510.60	3970.13	2540.47	Adults: 218, plus 9 comped Youth: 16 Child: 24 NMS: 105	Final Report
September Crown	13451.24	8814.93	3876.31 We keep 40% = \$1550.52	Adults: 567, plus 18 comped Youth: 46 Child: 59 NMS: 152	Final Report
The Trials	1320.00	1239.52	75.62	Adults: 65, plus 8 comped Youth: 7 Child: 11 NMS: 13	Final report
Baronial Banquet	\$1795	1247.69	547.31	Adults: 62, plus 9 comped Youth: 4 NMS: 19	Final report
Baroness' Inspirational Tournament	2340.30			Adults: 154, plus 17 comped Youth/Child: 27 NMS: 38	Reporting incomplete

Practices: net gain of \$615.81

Results: all practice site fees paid up to July. Thursday practice site paid to August

- Sunday (Archery/ Equestrian): gain of \$620.75 (August /September/Oct. invoices pending)
- Tuesday (Heavy): gain of \$77.50
- Thursday (Rapier): loss of \$82.44 (September/October income pending)

Projects Still Underway

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

Available Funds

As of October 24th, total available funds are \$22458.85 which includes the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$255.51
- Baronial Pavilion \$3672.90
- Baronial Thrones \$180.00

PAST EVENTS

Event Name VCON Demo

Date

Event Steward: Chatelaine and James Wulfden

The Event was a great success, and much demoing was done.

Event Name Baronesses Inspirational Tourney

Date

Event Steward: Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais and Russ

This is a preliminary report only. We had an event, It was amazing! We have three concerns which must be noted:

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- 1) All members, even those comped, MUST show a blue card or sign a waiver when checking in at gate. This is SCA Corpora. Their Majesties and Highnesses had no issue with this.
- 2) We need to ensure that there is room for wee to middling children to run about and blow off steam.
- 3) All children must be supervised by by parental units. NOT abandoned at gate. Especially at gate in East Vancouver, which it would be easy to wander out of.
- 4) The co-event stewards deserve a medal for their amazing service.

FUTURE EVENTS

Event Name Canterbury Faire

Date March 24, 2018

Event Steward: Baron James and Master Keon

The event will be held at Shannon Hall in Cloverdale. This is intended to be the premier A&S event for the Barony. The goal is to have a medieval marketplace theme, with many small stations. The event team is seeking judges. There is no real room on site for martial activities on site. A special occasion license will be drawn for an evening pub.

Event Name: Sealion War

Date: May 17-19/2018

Event Steward: TBD

The event is not yet awarded because the bidder failed to submit more details. He is chastised.

Event Name: Baronesses Tourney

Date: November 2018

Event Steward: Maminka the Bohemian & Theodora van Zeeland.

This event has been awarded.

Bids are required for TOA, Champions, Trials (site is reserved) and Banquet.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

The Financial Committee is continuing to work on the Customary and the Financial Policy. This needs to be completed ASAP!

There is no update on the Baronial Pavilion, His Excellency would like to find someone able to research this, with options, and locate bids/prices, ideally by January.

Archos Delwyn would like to update that a new archery site has been located, and Taisce Stables is proving excellent. The contract is being reviewed, and should be signed shortly. The web-page will be updated shortly.

We have several officer vacancies (Families/YAFA, Lists, Games and YAC (martial). Bardic and Librarian are under review currently.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a new meeting location for next meeting. The common room is larger, has washrooms, and more parking.

LFMS is coming along, and details will be posted in the new year.

Dame Arianna has applied (remotely) to be the deputy chatelaine and Gold Key. This was met with resounding approval.

Justice Institute has renewed us as a practice site for next year,

Master Keon is searching for a new practice site, and has one possible close to the existing practice site. Practice might have to move to Wednesdays to support this.

Cáemgen attended Collegium, and will be sharing all the news and positive things he learned (and his receipts).

The Barony has approved a bid for the Tir Righ Heraldic, Scribal, and Swords Symposium, by Cáemgen. This is being submitted to the Principality now.

Due to conflicts with Fjordland and Thornwode, our Champions event will have to move to the first weekend of June next year. The possibility of a camping event was raised, and is encouraged by the financial committee.

Lions Stage, regretfully, has been cancelled. A plan has been started to try again in 2019.

CORONET REPORT

Baronesses was funz! Their Excellencies remind the populace that they will not be the Baron and Baroness in two years, so begin planning now!

NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Location: TBD

We are looking into Safeway Common Room, Clarke Road and Como Lake, but it is not yet booked.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chronicler - Laird James Irvein

No report

Chamberlain - Russel of Danscombe

Events- Baronial Banquet. Gear and serving dishes returned.

- Baronesses Inspirational. Gear taken and gear returned.

Lost and Found- To be auctioned off at Canterbury Faire

- A request will be sent out to past event stewards to arrange to hand in all lost from events with the hopes of posting on various FB pages lost items for recovery.

Inventory- Last event of the season is done, time to do an proper year end inventory. I will work on the Baronial assets in storage and will need an accounting of all Baronial assets from the respective officers. Emails will be coming.

Chatelaine - Ragnvaldr of Hartwood

Hello again. This month a few more contacts and communication about possible demos. Sadly I have been switched to graveyard shift hopefully for short term so I likely won't make council this month. I also have a wonderful lady who wants to take on the post as deputy chataline. But all next month I guess

Sable Loat Pursuivant- Laric Godwin

The Barony held it annual Baroness' Tournament this last Saturday (November 18, 2017). I voiced the morning court with only a couple flubs. We had all three levels court occur during the evening, Wulfstan presided over Barionial section, Gareth took over the Royal court, and Wulfwin dominated the oration for Principality court.

No other occurrences have occurred to my knowledge.

Minister of Stables

No report

Archery - Archos Delwyn

From a practice perspective, we have little to report as practices over the past 3 weeks have been cancelled to accommodate for events and allow those running the practices to have a bit of a break during the start of the new session. Last season wrap-up: Overall there is a total of 4 new tassles to be handed out at Baroness' or future events

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where these individuals are in attendance. Recipients of archery recognition at Baroness' Inspiration:

Cyneric for achieving rank of Archer

Thorey for achieving rank of Archer

Thorey for Most Improve Lady

Also, included in this report is a rough draft of the proposed contract from Taisce Stables for review and revisions as needed.

Due to the change in season and declining weather, I am also looking to ask if we can begin a transition of our practices to the new venue or what our options would be for allowing for official practices there while the contract is being finalized and approved. Taisce is open to this transition, they would only need a timeline as to when we'd begin moving over.

Blades - Master Kian O'Rhaurdhi

No report

Lists -

These are the two tournaments at Baroness's that were kept track of by lists. Heavy winner was Brynmor, Rapier winner was Sigurd.

There was also a tournament at Tuesday fright Practice that was won by Tyrfingr.

Thrown Weapons

No report

Equestrian - Briana nic h'Eusaidh

There was minimal attendance at the official practices this month, (not surprising, with the awful weather) so they were downgraded to just riding days.

We did have a pub lunch meeting to discuss plans for next year's equestrian calendar, going over monthly practice dates at Taisce Stables on Delta, and the event schedule for next year, including which Kingdom and Principality events we could haul to or attend as support staff. I will be bringing hat list to Council, for your consideration. (I apologise for not having it attached to this email, but I am on my phone, and am still hampered by limited access to a desktop computer.)

In reference to Taisce, as soon as the contract has been cleared, I will be arranging transport of the Baronial Eequipment and we are eager to start our monthly practices

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there. With those monthly dates, we will very likely be shipping horses over the day before, and I will be available for private or small group lessons, (and once the weather improves, even trail rides may be possible) on Saturdays from Taisce. Taisce's resident coach specialises in driving, and we are working towards driving warrants for her and I, so we can include chariot archery and other driven activities at our practices in the future.

A few of the Equestrians are planning to attend the next Eq Practices in Aquaterra and Midhaven, in an effort to network their Eq communities with our up and coming junior marshals and help the rest of the Kingdom gain a sense of our growth and activity. In addition, I will be in attendance at Twelfth Night's Equestrian meeting, and will advocate for a better communicated Practice Calendar, so we can continue to cross-fertilise with other branch's equestrian communities.

I am researching a waterproof banner of the required Eq Waiver notice, similar to the one the Madrone Eq Guild uses, to be professionally printed by a banner company. This should be included in my budget for necessary equipment.

In all it has been an excellent year, and I look forward to another of growth and broadening of our community in the next year, especially with the encouragement of Their Excellencies, and the continued support of the Council for our community.

YAC- Bantiarna Sadhbh bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaig

We have a new Baronial Youth Combat Champion! Young Zander, the son of Duke Havordh and Duchess Mary Grace. Our past Champion, Lord Phaelen, was inducted into the Order of the Lion's Fang upon the completion of his term as Champion. Our competitors each fought four Knights once and then each other, best out of 5. While Lord Phaelen did win 3 bouts, he conceded the Champion to Zander as a most worthy opponent! I agree with Her Excellency in that I hope to see this format again in the future.

On the last Saturday of October, a handful of families met at Courtier Wulfstan's home to discuss Youth activities, including YAC. Many

topics and ideas were brought up and one of the more enjoyed thoughts was to have Family days. This would be where families with Youth Activity aged children would get together. Some YAC practice/mentoring could be done, some armouring/garbing could be done, some Yafa things could be done, and the families would get a chance to connect better and the Youths could enjoy friends and activities all together in a more casual setting. Potlucking and the like would definitely be a common theme.

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To that end, I am encouraging all families to consider hosting a family gathering with an open invite to other families and Youth interested Gentles (YAFA mentors/marshals). As we are quite aware, Lion and Griffin aged Youths (or Div. 1 and 2, in YAFA) are too young and need too much supervision to attend Heavy Fight practice, Rapier practice, etc. as they run late in the evening on school nights. This was a good compromise to allow for the fact that younger Youths are also less able to focus for longer periods of instruction, etc.

Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff

~The November Black Kettle cooks' meeting was held on November 8, 2017.

Attendance: 7

~The A&S Social was held on November 15, 2017. Attendance: 7

Bardic

some discussion last month on removing this position - tabled to customary update

Dance - Adelia Danica

Dance practice

Oct 23 - 7 people

Oct 30 - 5 - people

Nov 6 - 7 people

Nov 13 - cancelled

Games

Office posted

Scribe

No report

Webminister - Lady Jakemina

Webminister report November 2017:

- Small changes to website made: officer names, upcoming events, etc

- Minutes and North Winds are up to date

- Baronesses's inspirations updated (waiting on full name for Lord Neguri, have inquired)

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- Need to update champions: Youth and A&S. (Please send me the names at earliest convenience)
- Order of the Lion's Fang needs to be updated, is a couple years out of date. (advance notice that I may need to ask for names if I can't find them/deduce them from old emails)
- Order of the Lion's Claw also needs to be updated
- I will check which others need updating too.

Family Activities

No current officer

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WE had an applicant but the deputy Seneschal forgot to get her paperwork done