

# Council Meeting Minutes

## Barony of Lions Gate

Minutes taken by: Bashira bint al-Rakkasah

In attendance:

Marion Drakos	Morweena
Angela Gallant	Sibhaidh of Lough Neagh
Briony Seedhouse	Brynja Kortsdottir
Christi Frank	Anika Styfe
Crystal McKay	No Name Yet
Darren Cocking	Cyneric Bearson
Dave Graham	Duncan of Aberfoyle
David Sharpe	Garet Doiron
Dawn Malin	Arianna Freemont
Deborah McKay	N/A
Doug Loney	Nikolai Androv
Elaine McMillan	Elena de Maisnilwarin
Faith Frewing	Bashira bint al-Rakkasah
Fred (Matt) Biggs	Matthew McCalla
Jacqueline Lee	Elvina Effynewoode
Jay Irvine	James Irvein
Jim Welch	James Wolfden
Joanne Loney	Cassandra Wineday
Kevin Garvey	Caemgen mac Garbith
Marg Galbraith-Hamilton	Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire
Tina Johnston	Millicent of Eaglescliff
Vanessa Giddings	Agnes Cresewyke

Motion made to accept last council meeting minutes (November 2018). Seconded and approved.

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### SENESCHAL'S REPORT - Archos Morweena

Reporting.

Seneschal change-overs at Kingdom and Tir Righ levels.

New Kingdom web page. Need to make an account if you are an event steward. There is a how-to document available on the website.

Officer turn over and emails.

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Practice sites and contracts for 2019 - note that practices are required to be listed on our web page or in our official group - it must be more than an offshoot group to be official as an L3 event (and covered by insurance

JIBC has asked for a new thing on named insured certificate; wants verbiage changed re cancellation policy (wants 30-day). Marion to follow up with insurer. May have to change if there are issues.

Archery—no contract yet for 2019. Want to add a cancellation clause that gives the stable a minimum payment.

Morweena to review calendar for 2019 and 2020 with their excellencies.

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

### **2018 Financial Final:**

- Income of \$28,590.86 and expenses of \$26,735.65, shows as a net gain of \$1,855.21

### **Events**

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Canterbury Fayre	1908.00	1276.47	631.53	Adults: 108 paid, 8 comp Youth/Child: 18 NMR: 11	Final data
Tir Righ Heraldic & Scribal Symposium	2284.02	1144.39	1114.63 * portion for LG = \$278.66	Adults: 88 Youth/Child: NMR: 5	Final data
Lions Gate Champions	1004.60	355.12	649.48	Adults: 89 Youth/Child: 9 NMR: 21	Final data
Sealion War	4081.47	3180.66	900.81	Adults: 203 Youth/Child: 25 NMR: 59	Final data
Tournament of Armies	3431.30	3481.79	(50.49)	Adults: 100 weekend Adults: 45 day Youth/Child: 27 11 comp NMR: 53	Final data
The Trials	1392.00	1213.93	178.07	Adults: 68 Total: 81 Youth/Child: 5 8 comp NMR: 5	Final data

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Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Baronial Banquet	2197	875	1322	Adults: 79 Total: 101 Youth/Child: 12 10 comp NMR: 32	Final data
Baroness' Inspiration Tourney	4260.55	2365	1895.55	Adults: 258 Total: 298 Youth/Child: 29 11 comp NMR: 52	Incomplete data

- ♦ Receivables & Other Assets \$110.00:
  - \$50 rapier practice float
  - \$60 to Marion Drakos for Baroness' Tourney insurance
- ♦ Prepaid expenses \$2275.10:
  - \$1000 to Cloverdale Rodeo for February Investiture site pre-payment
  - \$1000 to Cloverdale Rodeo for Canterbury Fayre 2019 site pre-payment
  - \$275.10 @Public storage for Jan 2019 rental, with Feb 2019 being the free month.
- ♦ **Available Funds:** As of January 14, 2019, total available funds were \$17,365.28 which include the following Special Funds:
  - Archery \$298.76
  - Baronial Thrones \$180.00
- ♦ Practices: currently
  - Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice income received to date = \$7386.60
  - Sunday/Monday/Thursday practice site cost to date = \$7846.00

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## PAST EVENTS

None

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## FUTURE EVENTS

Note - ideally a person that is primary Event Steward should only have one event "cooking" or open, and only take on new events after the old one is "closed"

### **Feb Investiture - Feb 16, 2019**

Site- Cloverdale

Event Steward – Morweena

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K&Q will be there. Have rapier MIC; other details falling into place. Gatekeeper requests float of \$900. Moved, seconded and approved.

### **Lions Stage Feb 23**

Site- BCMEA Training Centre

Event Steward - James I

Garet requests \$400 for Gate. Moved, seconded and approved.

**LFS Demo:** Monday February 25.

Please contact Briana if you are interested

We are transferring the usual Monday night fight practice to the LFS School, and encourage heavy and rapier fighters to attend, and to wear their best kit. In addition I am reaching out to specific gentles to host the other three as-yet undecided discussion rooms.

Briana has 4 departments (rapier, heavy, equestrian, sciences and archery) covered. Wants fibre arts, scribal arts or something less stabby-stabby.

**Canterbury Fayre March 23** (Cloverdale is booked for us - Shannon Hall)

Site- Cloverdale

Event Steward - Cassandra

Note site has exclusive catering clause and access is 8 am onwards - earlier access time is potentially billable at \$100 per hour

Looking for merchants; team looking for someone to take care of the bar (Faith to talk to Briana and Kevin).

### **Lions Gate Champions June 1**

Duncan and James W have a tentative bid - waiting site confirmation (price)

Sent request to Burnaby for single day Duncan working on Marshals; likely having finals at the end; hoping to be onsite an extra hour or so. Is it possible to do a combat archery champion? Has to be passed by the City of Burnaby. Possible to run it on the archery range, though if not, may have to be at another event. To be discussed later.

### **Not Tournament of Armies Aug 2-5 -**

Kevin and Garet are working on something

Large melee for heavy and rapier. Steward wants a blanket prize tourney for every discipline. Torchlight tourney Friday. Garet to determine whether to have showers and if so, contact Guenter now, not later. Kevin to submit bid for next month. Preliminary contact with the site has been made.

### **Trials Sept 13-15 - this date is reserved for 2019 but I have concerns Needs Bid and event team!**

One team is prepping a bid (Malie); doesn't want that date, but is looking at others. To coordinate with their excellencies and seneschal.

**Banquet Oct 19  
Needs Bid**

To look at alternative dates. Potential to roll this together with Baroness' Inspiration Tourney. Would require coordination with contracted catering (may have to "lease" the space from them)

**Baronesses Tourney Nov 16** (Cloverdale site secured for 2019)  
**Needs Bid**

**Tir Righ and Antir Bids**

**Aug Investiture – Gareth**

Co-rental of site with September Crown – Morweena to follow up (to be announced at Feb. Investiture).

**September Crown**

Bid September Crown (Aug. 30 to Sep. 2) has been accepted. Some adjustments made to site to improve access and increase camping. Sounds like with have both the site and Camp Coyote. Horses will not be staying on site—ship in and out. No parking will be allowed anywhere near the septic field. Gareth will update An Tir webpage soon. Gate classes will be run over the summer so that there are people trained prior to gate.

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**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**Customary, FP and budget updates - Morweena**

Budget is due no later than Feb Council  
Financial Policy requires yearly review  
Customary in final stage for review by B&B (Sorry I was sidetracked over the holidays)

**Officer Vacancies**

**Note all greater offices are required to have a deputy so things can continue if the officer needs to step away**

Ideally all officers that are stepping down need to advertise their vacancy 3 months in advance, if we get applicants we can "hire" after 30 days and leave 60 days to train/shadow and hand over the role.

All jobs are to be posted and interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschale to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

Three offices are posted for March; one blades applicant; one scribal applicant; A&S no applicant yet. Canterbury Faire is the training ground.

**YAC - VACANT**

**Families - Interm officer**

**Web** - term is up Jan 2019 - no applicants; have requested that she post it, she is willing to train

**Blades** -vacancy posted, close date Jan 31

**Scribe** - vacancy post, close date Jan 1

**A&S** - posted, close date Jan 31

**Exchequer** March 2019- Exchequer is being taken over by Anika Styfe.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### **Demos, conflict zones and events, oh my - Morweena + more**

Include request from Chataline about banners

would very much like Lions Gate to have a banner/table swagging for demo tables. Is this commissionable from Council? Need someone to volunteer table swagging for Barony demos.

Asked to run demo in Abbotsford. Need to ask Lionsdale's permission. Asked Principality Seneschal, who says it's a Level 3 event (meeting or practice), which shall not be held against crown or premier events unless there's permission from branch holding event. Suggestion is to team up with Lionsdale. If we want to work on the demo and event together as a team and there'll be \$2k honorarium, then remuneration needs to be split based on staff hours (shire vs. barony). Alternatively, could have Briana and Dawn as a non-SCA event. Also, other demo against Lionsdale premier event to be coordinated with them.

Demo at not-TOA—potential to split by staff hours by branch person says they are from—i.e. that would allow remuneration to shires etc. who have only one or two folks from their area.

Briana to reach out to someone from the Agri-Fair for details, then Morweena to discuss with Anya. Briana has offered to run demo.

### **Gold Key Chatelaine/Baroness**

Her Excellency is keen to see purpose-made newcomer's clothing embellished with Lions Gate's populace badge and other identifying markers to supplement this balance between helping new folks feel welcome and a part of things and continuing to mark them as new to our game.

Intent is for simple garb in a variety of sizes (fabric is whatever is cheap) with inkle-woven belt, so if garb is not returned, it's not a huge deal. Her excellency will keep her eyes open for suitable bolts of fabric, to bring forward potential budgets.

## **New Business from the Floor**

### **September Crown Event – Gareth**

(See FUTURE EVENTS - Tir Righ and Antir Bids)

### **Informal Scribal Session - Elvina**

Ciana has organized January 28 fight practice informal scribal session. Hope is to have monthly.

### **Transportation and Billeting – Briana Cassia**

Tradition of billeting has fallen by the wayside, but there are many benefits. With social media, there are possibilities to arrange billeting. Step up and offer billeting and transportation to/from ferries for our barony's events. Making it cheaper for people to attend benefits everyone. No need for a billeting coordinator office, but event stewards may want to consider coordinating this a little more efficiently (i.e. having an event team person responsible). Event teams to consider having a coordinator on their teams.

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## **CORONET REPORT – Baron Sir Cyneric Beresone**

Went to 12th night, representing Lions Gate. Were told that the new K&Q wouldn't be travelling a lot; however, they'll be at Investiture. Summer they won't be travelling much. Their excellencies will be attending Ursulmas upon the B&B of Aquaterra's request. After that, Investiture.

Would like to have local wordsmiths create invitations inviting royals and B&Bs from other areas to come visit our events. Courtiers will be in touch with their Excellencies.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

Date: February 20, 2019

Location: VanCity Meeting Room

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## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Chronicler - Bashira bint al Rakkasah      July 2018-July 2020**

The January issue of the North Wind is in the works and will be released before the end of the month. Nothing else to report.

### **Chamberlain - Fergus      July 2018-July 2020**

I would like to request a yearly budget of 100 dollars for the misc. locker expenses.

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Otherwise there is nothing to report at this time.

**Chatelaine -Briana nic h'Eusaidh      Jun 2018-June 2020**

I have been contacted by several new folks in the last two months, some of whom have made it to at least one Newcomer's Night or local practice, so that is going very well!

Newcomer's Nights: January's Night will be Jan 31, still awaiting word on whether it will be at my house or at the Surrey Public Library venue. Please email to confirm. Topic will be different types of events and how a newer player can get involved. I want to remind folks that these are social occasions to hang out and chat and socialize and are not limited to Newcomers and their sponsors/mentors at all. It is a low-pressure environment for new folk to meet and interact with more experienced members of our group, so please feel free to attend!

I am still awaiting a reply to my request for room usage from Surrey Public Library.

The Baronial Scribe is hosting a Scribal work table at the Monday Night Fight Practice, which is a great opportunity for newcomers to learn more about the Scribal Arts or to try their hand at it! We hope to do this at least monthly.

**Events**

There have been no events since last report.

I am reaching out to various event teams about the need for a Hospitality area and the desired placement of such. I hope we can use this area as a low-pressure hang-out spot and a good place to connect Gold Key and other such resources with those who need them. I ask that all event teams consider this option moving forward, and please to consult with me about what spaces work and would be most desirable.

There was some discussion at various venues of the need for a billeting coordinator to help out-of-town visitors attend our events for less cost and reap the additional community advantages of more personal interactions. This does not fall under my purview, but I strongly feel it will benefit the Barony, so perhaps should be brought up for discussion?

**Resources**

Key Quest sheet: Had a lovely long discussion with the Baron and Baroness on what they'd like to see on the sheets: will be finalising that project and getting the pages formatted in time for February Coronet/Lions Stage to be counted as events on the items.

Flyers: I will be drafting up some flyers for the public libraries and other community centres, once I have dates and details for next season's Newcomer Nights and Newcomer-focused practices.



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**Demo Kit:** I would very much like Lions Gate to have a banner/table swagging for demo tables. Is this commissionable from Council?

**Gold Key:** I met with the Baroness to discuss some changes to Gold Key as the tabards are not being utilised, and we have better results from dressing new folks in donated garb. Her Excellency is keen to see purpose-made newcomer's clothing embellished with Lions Gate's populace badge and other identifying markers to supplement this balance between helping new folks feel welcome and a part of things and continuing to mark them as new to our game.

### Demos

**LFS Demo:** Date is Monday February 25. We are transferring the usual Monday night fight practice to the LFS School, and encourage heavy and rapier fighters to attend, and to wear their best kit. In addition, I am reaching out to specific gentles to host the other three as-yet undecided discussion rooms.

**BC Highland Games:** I have not heard back from the co-ordinator on this demo, so this remains a possible for us. I will update once I have heard back from him.

**Brookwood School Demo:** The teacher has been in touch with Caemgen, I will work with him moving forward to figure out what style of demo they are wanting.

### Projects

Connected with my Principality upline once this month, to get the text items of the Orca, Seagirt's newcomer award.

Newcomer's Focused Practices: Still discussing with the various practice co-ordinators as to scheduling their Newcomer's focused dates/plans.

Key Quest booklets: I am reaching out to selected artisans about binding of the Key Quest into small booklets: hope to be able to provide them with the files to print the pages, so remote makers can be involved. Have second drafted the items for inclusion, finals will be reviewed by the Baron and Baroness.

Demo Kit Items: I am still working on the USB key of images and videos to plug and play on laptops or other AV media mechanisms at demos. I welcome any and all pictures of various activities and projects (especially of cool encampments and larger projects!) Please pick the ones that are dynamic and interesting with a minimum of explanation and send via email to me.

Newcomer's Guide: I will continue working on this in hopes to have it done by our first events in February.

Gold Key: The Baroness is taking point on the making of the items under discussion. Work parties will likely happen at Monday Night practice and possibly at her home. Please seek her out to offer your help!

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**Sable Loat Pursuivant- Laric Godwin Jun 2017- June 2019**

So, there were no events in the month of December, so nothing to report on that front. There have been no new requests for assistance for submissions recently either.

End of report.

**Minister of Stables - Brynia Oct 2018- Oct 2020**

Hoping everyone had a great holiday. Heavy practice is seeing a nice turnout of people as fighters are training for Ursalmas.

No injuries reported.

There will be no heavy practice on Monday Feb 25th to encourage fighters to help at demo at Lang-ley Fundamental School that night - 6pm to 9pm(?).

We're looking at having our now quarterly fight practice tournament in February, date still to be determined.

Have discussed dates for the new contract at WestWinds church for heavy practice, Seneschal should hopefully be hearing from Michelle soon.

We're looking at all Mondays except for:

- Feb 25 - Demo
- May 20th - Victoria Day/people driving home from May Crown
- May 27th - Sept 23rd - practice to be held at Cyneric and Arianna's to offset costs (moved to Tuesdays during those weeks?)

I won't be at practice for Feb 11 and 18th as I'll be recovering from gall bladder surgery, Baroness Arianna has graciously agreed to be in charge of the sign in book/money those nights.

**Archery - James Wolfden Sept 2018-Sept 2020**

Archery Practices are ongoing with cancellations over the Christmas holiday and the 12th Night weekend. We would like to continue the combined archery/thrown weapon practice at Taisce Stables. It is my understanding that the current contract does not have an explicit date when the contract expires but that it was intended to be reviewed every year. Both the Seneschal and I have been in contact with Taisce Stables to let them know our intention.

I contacted Boorman's Archery about the used netting they had on sale. It had been sold a few days earlier to a school that is setting up archery practices. I will continue to investigate other alternatives before making a decision, as there is no longer a rush.

I contacted the exchequer about if there was any amount still available in the 2018 archery budget to purchase target faces required for practices. Unfortunately, it is not an easy thing for the exchequer to determine. When I was at Boorman's I purchased a role

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of 30 faces at a cost of \$45.36 including taxes. I would estimate that we could easily go through 100 faces in a year. I will include \$150 for target faces in the 2019 budget. I have included the receipt in case there is any budget available.

Jaqueline Lefleur and myself recently procured some foam that we used for making archery butts and gave it to Lionsdale for their plan to hold archery practices. As well, this should remove their need to bother equipment from us. I will get a full inventory of our loaner gear shortly, but we may have an excess of loaner equipment then can be reasonably transported or is needed and we might want to look at transferring this to another branch like Lionsdale that may need it more than we do. Some of this includes children's bows unopened in their original packaging.

Gunnar the Wanderer, Simon Thomsen, arcuarius to Archos Delwyn, has agreed to become my contingency deputy. Currently, Gunnar does not have either his junior or senior TAM, but we will work on that.

There are a number of TAM recommendations that were submitted before I stepped up that appear to have gone into limbo. I tracked down one for Roesia and ended up resubmitting it. The resubmission went through in a week. That is faster than normal but it is a reminder that it shouldn't take months for recommendations to show up in the lists authorization database.

**Blades - Master Kian      Feb 2017-Feb 2019**

No report

**Lists - Agnes Cresewyke Nov 2018-2020**

My first report is rather thin. I still haven't received the email information from the last officer. And I had no idea about quarterly reports being due. I did talk to her this last weekend and I asked if she could give the lists box to the baron and baroness or bring it to council as then I could have someone pick it up or I could get it. I do want to get in contact with the rapier folks and reach out to them to see if they would like more assistance from lists and I am hoping to be able to do the tourney lists that happen at the heavy practice.

**Thrown Weapons: Duncan of Aberfoyle      Aug 2017- Aug 2019**

The 2019 season is underway and we have started to post scores, it's been hit or miss over the holiday season with people away with family but things are slowly picking up.

We have built an atlatl target and have 2 atlatls and darts which may be used for now. we will at some point acquire one as loaner gear for Lions Gate. Our hard targets still have not been refaced but we plan to do this at the earliest opportunity.

Our new junior marshals have been chipping in and lending a hand and getting practical experience on the range, especially Roesia Du Bois and Jaqueline Lafluer. thanks to both of them.

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Looking forward to great things in 2019.

**Equestrian - Briana nic h'Eusaidh Feb 2017- Feb 2019**

Currently in discussion with two different practice venues. Not planning a Practice till April, so we have some time to hammer out the best arrangement.

Individual riders are invited to participate in Academie Duello's mounted combat playdays for a minimal cost, and in Borderline Eq Martial Gaming Society's practices, so there are opportunities for riders out there, even in the damp/cold season.

Lions Gate has a Rider's Group on FB, please join if you are interested in what is going on where and when.

My Principality upline and I will be getting together this weekend to go over the year's calendar to see how we can help support the continued growth of Equestrian in Lions Gate and Tir Righ.

No practices or events currently on the calendar, but we are discussing with various event teams as they are announced.

**YAC - VACANT**

**Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff April 2017- April 2019**

- The January Black Kettle cooks' meeting was held on January 2, 2019. Attendance: ~4
- The January Arts & Sciences Social will be held on January 29, 2019.
- I am still aiming for the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday for A&S practices, but this was the only day this month that had a room available.
- I am planning to have a fleece washing workshop taught by Celeste de la Montagne on Saturday, February 2, 2019.
- This will hopefully be publicized before council.
- If there is interest, this could become a series on wool prep, spinning, dying, etc.
- The Baronial A&S and Bardic Championships will be held at Canterbury Fair on March 23.
- The championships will have the same format as the past 2 years, with one scored entry and one populace choice entry
- The details of the championships will hopefully be announced before council.

**Dance- Lisa Boormon -**

Has had to step down -

**Games Garet June 2018- June 2020**

No report

**Scribe - Ciana dei Libri Feb 2017- Feb 2019**

No report

**Webminister - Lady Jake mina Jan 2016, extended to Jan 2019**

- Updated vacant officer positions
- updated baron and baroness on index page and nobility page.
- uploaded November minutes
- working on updating dead links and lists of various champions and award recipients before I hand off this position to the next person

Needed: photos of our Baron and Baroness (like the one they submitted for their candidacy, that one is great! (But has his excellency with a red belt so I didn't want to use it)

Also needed: Baronial retinue information

**Family Activities - intern officer covered by deputy seneschal**

No report

**TUTR - Tanikh bint Farida Nov 2017-Nov 2019**

I will be working so unfortunately will not be at Council tomorrow night, but have the following to report:

I have lined up 3 classes for Investiture so far, potentially 4 just waiting to hear back

The Costume Workshop first weekend is set to go this coming weekend with 7 students registered (weekend 2 will be Feb 9/10)

I would like to solicit for a deputy (or more than 1) who can begin training to potentially take over the office when my term is up (still a while yet but these things sneak up and it is never too early!)