

Lions Gate Baronial Council Minutes

September 26, 2007 at 7:30pm

Chair: Mistress Elizabeth Braidwood

Minutes: Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin (Chronicler)

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby

25 people present

Baron Devin announced our new Seneschal. He first thanked everyone who applied for the job and everyone who submitted comment. Congratulations (and sympathies from EB) to Uilliam! EB is so excited she's practically tap dancing on the table!

Officer Reports

Archery – HL James Wolfden: Lions Gate was well represented at the Tir Righ Archery Championship, fielding 9 of the 12 archers shooting in the competition. David of Tiriane won the competition. We are also well represented in the Kingdom top ten lists with at least one Lions Gate archer in every adult division. Unfortunately, we are not represented in the Children's divisions.

Archery practices are continuing at the Burnaby Archer Range every Monday and Thursday as weather permits. We have had a few rain cancellations. There have been no injuries or other negative incidents to report.

I have talked with Thomas of Appledore about getting some Saunders Mats as Thomas is thinking of doing the same. This may allow us to share shipping costs. He has also pointed out that there is a 25" model that would exactly fit the standard Royal Round target. While I was initially thinking of a larger size, the smaller size may be better for ease of storage and transportation. We still have to find out the shipping costs. Prices from Saunders Website are:

#1625 25" Indian Cord Matt \$81.95

#1630 30" Indian Cord Matt \$91.95

#1636 36" Indian Cord Matt \$107.95

#1650 48" Indian Cord Matt \$137.95

Arts & Sciences – Master John Macandrew (on holiday Down Under):

Past Events - A very quiet month for local events. Shittermoode held Warren War with A&S competitions and there were many A&S classes at September Crown. At our last Bransle / A&S meeting we had a Celtic knotwork class, some hands on spinning practice, dance, games, idiot's delight, inkle weaving, and some spiff art books.

Ongoing - We currently have 42 interested A&S members on the A&S yahoo group. This has sparked some wonderful discussions, photos, and a beginning on the database for classes and instructors. I am currently researching local, Principality, and Kingdom guilds for general information, assistance with A&S demos, and challenges.

Upcoming events - Kingdom Bardic in Aquaterra (Sep 22/23), Banner War in Aquaterra (Sep 28/30), Newcomers workshop in Lions Gate (Sep 29/30) - Thank you to HL Margaret for looking after the A&S for me. Baronial Banquet (Nov 10) - Notices to be posted for a Coiffeur contest and a hair and accessories contest. Baroness' Tourney (Dec 1) - Look for a large display of A&S (to be negotiated with the Autocrat)

See everyone next month.

Bard – HL Azure Mary MacGregor: (not present) No report

Blades – Lord Warrick Drakkar: (Report sent in by Sina di Andreas Valori, Deputy Reporter) Attendance has been holding steady at an average of 10 fighters. We've had a few pieces of gear donated, and are awaiting the arrival of the new steel blades.

With the Newcomers weekend approaching, we're hoping to arrange the next Phoenix Tourney (October 11) for just afterwards, so newcomers can come and see what we do. Hopefully we will be able to put on a bit of a show for them.

Chatelaine – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold: Not present. Average number signed up for Newcomers. She'll be at the Bransle and Newcomers this weekend.

Chamberlain – Sir Sigurd Kerr de Roxburgh: Was wandering in London Drugs and found some plastic folding tables for \$40 each which is a heckuva deal. Our wood tables are dying so he suggests that we should buy a few to replace the heavy old ones. After a bit of discussion, it was decided that 5 would do. Vote to cover the \$200 plus tax for tables was held and passed.

Chiurgeon – Vacant:

Chronicler – Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin: FYI, my new name has been registered with the College of Heraldry. I'm still "Lighthearted" – just not my name anymore. Subscription breakdown, as of September 25, 2007:

Total Subscriptions:	
<u>Paper edition</u>	
Paid	16
Complimentary (Canada)	5
Complimentary (US)	5

	e-Edition		14
			40

Last issue (#309) was mailed August 30. Next edition: Issue #310. Submitting \$40 in subscription fees and \$52.73 in expenses for reimbursement. Things have been quiet lately so nothing else to report (I think).

College of Pages – HL Aelana Cordovera: No report

Dance - Vacant

Demo Coordinator – Vacant: Demo request from Walnut Grove for Thursday February 21st. Also a request received from Langley Fundamental Middle School too. HL Aelana will be stepping up as our Demo Coordinator.

Dragonward – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold: Not here and nothing to report

Exchequer – Aibinn Lockhart otc McBeighn: Not present

Games – HL Uilliam MacAndrew: Stepping down, of course. Will be at the Bransle hunting for a new victim.

Gold Key - Vacant

Librarian – Lady Mariko: Nothing to report.

Lists – HL Algae McBeighn: Not present. Baron Devin mentioned that according to Kingdom, if it's an official Baronial practice of any kind, waivers must be signed.

Pied Piper – Francesca Tiepolo: Not present, report sent in. Pied Piper will be at the Bransle on Friday, Newcomers on the weekend and will be at 12th Night. I would like to resign from being Pied Piper after 12th Night. I have been having difficulties getting assistance for even short term stints at events and am not having fun trying to coerce people to help... and I want to have fun. I will be happy to assist the new Pied Piper with events when needed, of course, as that part is still fun for me. Thank you for allowing me to play in that capacity for the last year and a bit.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Vacant: We have one applicant and since the position was advertised, HL Ealeen de Seez will be granted the office (she's not present). Thanks Ealeen for stepping up. The Lion's Pinion was rejected because it's a "shoulder blade" not a cogwheel. It will be contested and the plan is to re-submit.

Caitrina Lions Blood – there will be more Kingdom heraldry North of the border. YAY! This is good! The first one will be November 11th. Further details to be announced.

Uilliam - Kingdom Heralds are looking to have a Heraldic roadshow coming to our area. They are working on it. Are we interested in it? Of course! Usually all the Kingdom Scribes come up for that as well. Kingdom Heralds will also be coming to 12th Night and accepting registrations there on the spot. As of November 1st, heraldic submission will be \$12 US and Cad.

Scribe – HL Miles Fitz Hubert: Still updating the Scroll/Charter outstanding lists for the current Baron & Baroness. However, H.D. I still need an update on Lions Gate website for the new defenders & Baronesses Champions.

Trial copies of various charters have been supplied to the Baron for distribution to any one offering to paint them. I have several charter templates completed and several in final stages of completion. The copies done commercially are working out and are holding the paint.

I will be attending the Bransle on Sept. 21st as Baronial Scribe (will be painting charters). I have also been in touch with the Newcomers Autocrat and will have the scrolls/charters ready for that event. I will be on the site Sat afternoon & plan to attend the potluck.

Trying to get a drop-in scribal day together. Will likely be held at Algae's place in Surrey on a Saturday. October 13-14.

Sheriff – Lord Jon Bjarnason: Not present. Baron Devin mentioned that the whole Constabulary is going to go away at Kingdom level. Will likely be tucked under the Seneschal's office as something like "Safety Patrol". More information will be forthcoming.

Stables – Sgt Cyneric Bearson: (not present, report sent in) Not much to report. Practices are running smoothly with the practice tournaments held at the end of the month. Thane Ulfgar won this month.

Waterbearer – Vacant

Events

Newcomers – Kate: Things are going well. Up to 36 new people and lots of enthusiastic people are participating.

Baronial Banquet: Anika and Morweena are doing it. Hard a hard time finding something that was available. The place they found was small (84 people for dinner) but it will work. As for cooks, there is Kenzie, Banjo and another individual and each will do a remove each. The theme is...and the event will be done in a slightly different format than usual. It's at Centennial Lodge at Queen's Park in New West. Lots of parking and there's even a fireplace inside. A budget for the event was submitted. Hall will allow us to be there till 2am (event will end at 1am). \$22.50 for the tickets and there would be no off-board. \$15 for the tavern tickets. Need a cheque for \$804 to pay for the hall by October 11th. Vote held and request granted.

EB commented let's not do this anymore! No more leaving event bids, etc to the last second!!! The calendar is set up for the coming year so let's get some Autocrats!

Baroness' Tourney – Prince Ulf & Sir Sigurd: Same site as last year (Cloverdale) and same time (Dec 1). Pretty much same arrangements with the site as last year. A deposit cheque of \$300 is needed by October 15th. Vote held and request granted. \$1266 for cheque to pay for the tourney hall rental. Vote held and motion passed. Up to \$300 to cover the additional insurance for the event. Vote held and motion passed.

12th Night - Bernie: Elena has a request related to 12th Night. After Newcomers, she'd like to get the clipboards so that she can get them all cleaned up and painted. Co-autocrat Lady Aine spoke... met at fight practice 2 weeks ago where jobs were delegated. Still need help to fill certain jobs – set-up/take down, hospitality and really needed badly. Scheduling is happening. Another meeting coming up on Friday night at the Bransle.

Ulf suggested we petition the Crown to allow us to get a cut of the proceeds for 12th Night because we are getting screwed out of the profit from that. We need the money and essentially we should get it. So let's petition!

Elena brought up the work going on to get the NMS reduced to \$3. This will be voted on at the October BOD meeting.

Grand Ithra - Elena: Date has been moved march 8-9, 2008. Hope to have finalized by next Council meeting. Still looking for leads on a hall. Min of 6 rooms. If there's a big room for the revel. Schools are ideal. Contact Elena if you can make a suggestion.

Bransle – Fina: For the August Bransle there was 42 people came which is higher than July. No incidents to report otherwise. Discussion held regarding the float.

May Bardic – James: James is an early bird. He has a site. Based on survey results, the location is at Sunrise Park Hall (1950 Windermere in Vancouver). Best part is that it's dirt cheap at \$250 and has a park attached to it. Going with the picnic idea, back to the old tradition for the event. Parking will be on the street. Vote to cover the \$150 for the deposit held and passed.

New Business

Ulf – We should have a functioning University of Tir Righ. Should be announced at Investiture. Contact Ulf if you want to be involved.

Have some stuff from LG pied piper that he has had for some time. He brought it with him.

Baronial Coronet Business – Baron Harold Devin of Waltham

Constitution – Reminded our new Seneschal about the document on the shelf.

Newcomers – Revel at the Masonic Hall. Let's make an effort to go.

Last 4-5 years, a lot of stuff happened and we lost a lot of people for various reasons. Going over the list of things they were supposed to do. Still have stuff to do. We'll be

stepping down at 12th Night. We'll be accepting nominations in the same fashion that Gerhard and Amanda did in the past. Written, not emailed, nominations will be accepted. Include an SCA resume, etc. starting this weekend. At Banquet, we'll finish accepting applications. Polling will be done at Baroness'. You have to be a member for this and a resident or Officer of Lions Gate. Decision will be made by the King and Queen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Calendar

Sept 14-16 – Tir Righ Fall Coronet, Shire of Appledore

Sept 18-20 – Sir Edward Memorial Tournament, Shire of Shittimwoode

Sept 21-23 – An Tir Bardic Championship, Barony of Aquaterra

Sept 21-23 – Odin's Playground, Shire of Lionsdale

Sept 26 – Council

Sept 28 – Bransle

Sept 29-30 – Newcomers Workshop

Oct 5-6 – Golden Swan, Shire of Appledore

Oct 24 – Council

Oct 26 - Bransle