

Lions Gate Baronial Council Minutes

January 23, 2008 at 7:00pm

Chair: HL Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gillie Aindrias (Seneschal)

Minutes: Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin (Chronicler)

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby

26 people present

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HL Uilliam:

- There was a Seneschal meeting at 12th Night and few important items were brought up. Any adult doing supervisory activities with children in the US have to have a security check completed. The SCA will pay for these checks. At the moment, Canadians don't need to do the same....yet. Activities/people it affects is boffer marshals, pied piper, that sort of thing. So any Canadians going south can't volunteer for these activities or hold those related offices. Takes effect on Feb 10th. This doesn't apply to activities where adults are directly involved and youths are included because there are many more adults present and the youth aren't left alone with the adult running the activities.
- Constables or "non-stables". There are no more constables. They are completely gone. However, there will be a new "public safety officer" who is a deputy of the seneschal. We are not to use any terms that are associated with law enforcement. We're likely going to use something like "Captain of the Watch". The final ruling will be likely come down in March. These guys are not supposed to do anything except monitor and report. They are not supposed to intervene but get the person in charge of the event (Autocrat) or Seneschal unless it's an emergency. That's it.
- Demos - Grade 2/3 at Annievale Elementary as soon as possible, daytime. More information soon. Langley Fundamental Middle School, Tues Feb 12 feast 6-7 pm, volunteers invited to the feast. Demos run from 7 – 9pm with gifts for volunteers (usually). Walnut Grove has requested Wed. Feb 20th and Ceara is managing this one. Grade 8 in Burnaby North for 500 students with 6 stations for fighters, archery, A&S, music, costume etc. over noon hour, possible roast pig for lunch, on Tuesday April 15.

A really big demo request for Science World during Spring Break was discussed. Uilliam called today but couldn't get a hold of anyone as of yet. Even if there isn't any money involved, it's very high profile. It would last a couple of days and it's going to be the Science behind the Middle Ages or something like that. Spring break is March 15 to the 26th. Caitrina will be heading this up.

Exchequer –Anika:

- Balance is \$14,000 but a lot of that money is going to be transferred out for 12th Night expenses, etc. If we get the paperwork gets handled in time, we'll have likely made around \$1,500.

Chronicler – Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin:

- Subscriptions are generally down even though there is a solid small base of subscribers and costs are exceeding income by about \$50 per year. After a bit of discussion, it was suggested that we raise the subscription fee to \$22 to cover the costs. After all, it hasn't been raised in years.
- The website has been moved to the Kingdom server and we're working on completely updating the site. A lot of the stuff on the site doesn't work because the content was provided but not the code. Not a big deal as things are being rebuilt but it does serve as an inconvenience while we wait for the new stuff to be built. Will work on getting the event page up and running as soon as possible. Also working on officer email relays. So if you emailed seneschal@lionsgate.antir.sca.org it would be relayed to the Seneschal, for example. Questions or suggestions can be directed to either Ceara or Rothgar.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – HL Aline (formerly Ealeen) de Seez:

1. Past events

- Bransle - December 28, 2007 - We had a "limited" consulting table as it was only myself available to offer my assistance.
- 12th Night - Although it was a Kingdom Level event, I made sure that there were voice heralds standing ready. In addition to the usual group we had one new herald offer his help, Ernst. Lions Gate also assisted (I in my small way) at the consulting table, which was a huge success.

2. Upcoming

- A&S-February 9th and 10th

Stables (Marshall) – Sgt. Cyneric Bearson:

- Fight practices are going really well and the archery is running and doing well too. There will be a fight practice at A&S.
- Rapier - We've begun the year with a bang with our first practise of the year attended by close to 30 fighters. Of course, this was just before 12th Night, but it was still record attendance. In total, January will have 3 practises; January 10th, 17th & 31st.

Lions Gate hosted the Kingdom event 12th Night and the Queen's Rapier Champion tournament in mid January. Over 50 rapier fighters were in attendance, with a good showing of LG fighters. The final battle was fought between our Master of Blades and LG Rapier Defender, Lord Warwick Drakkar, and Don Diarmuid de la Rosas, also of Lions Gate. Everyone was impressed by the skill & chivalry these two displayed, and Don Diarmuid was victorious with two wins out of three. Lord Warwick had the particular distinction of being the only fighter to advance to the finals with no losses.

This last practise witnessed a minor injury and a particularly hard hit. One gentleman had his sword hand finger pinched by his opponents blade when the blade became entrapped in the hilt. Ibuprofen and ice were administered and the next day the fighter reported that everything was fine. One lady received a particularly hard hit which moved her mask into her nose. The mask will be checked for fit next practice. The fighter delivering the hard hit was appropriately mortified.

The LG practice now boasts 3 complete steel rapiers for the steel key. 2 more are still in pieces awaiting a solution to the secure storage issue. Lord Warwick currently is transporting them to and from the practice until we can procure a steel locker.

Arts & Sciences – Master John Macandrew:

1. Past events

- December Bransle: John Macandrew taught Kumihimo and brought a small library of wood working books for browsing.
- 12th Night: First I would like to congratulate Fiona the Archer and her amazing decorating team for their spectacular work on banners and decorations for the hall. There were many nights of painting, cutting, sewing, ironing, planning that went into not only making the hall spectacular but were themselves individual works of art. Some of the artists working on this project: Fiona, Vivianne, Amy, Leweke, Ylas, Colleen, Ealeen, John, Kim, Karen, Theodore, Aspasia (and her mother), Soleil. I am sure I am missing others and managed to mangle the names here. Second, the event held an Apprentices meeting, guild displays, and a Twelfth Night charter painting contest.
- Annual Wynter Retreat (Scribal Syposium) - From Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 three scribes from Lion's Gate (Aelana Cordovera, Alienor Sanz-argent, and Myrrim de Lancaster attended the Annual Wynter Retreat (Scribal Syposium). During the event Aelana Cordovera taught: Making a Limp Parchment book*, Icon painting with tempura*
- Dance – Brion asked if we have paid the Langley United Church for the practice yet.
- Bard - Our Bard, Zulu, we think has moved down to the states. His father passed away suddenly so he immediately went down to Texas. No one has heard from him since. Going to try to contact him and find out what is happening.

2. Upcoming Events:

- January Bransle - we will be offering a class in one of the side rooms. Notice to be posted to the lists.
- Feb 8,9 - Day of Dance/ A&S
- March 1,2 - Kingdom A&S
- March 8, 9 - Lions Gate Ithra

Chatelaine – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold:

- Not a lot to report since I've been out of town for the last month. 6 newbies on the contact list right now.

Events – Past and Present

12th Night – Bernadette:

- Please email me about your experiences at 12th Night, one good and one bad. The list will be provided to other autocrats in order to learn and for the post-event debriefing.
- There were 781 in attendance at the event (636 adults, 10 youth, 41 children, 25 comps). We didn't do too bad in terms of attendance. \$6,294 in profit and \$4,720 goes to Kingdom and the \$1,500 goes Lions Gate. However, we had additional expenses not budgeted for, that amount will be less (around \$800).

- Overall the event seemed to run smoothly including Court. No major incidents. Have an autocrat and two co-autocrats was definitely a huge bonus for this size of an event and better for everyone involved. When a problem came up, there were 3 people to contact to help instead of just one. An amazing team put this event on and I'm very, very fortunate and grateful.
- What do we really need to "plug? Ask Uilliam. Apparently everyone really liked the venue. We had the whole hotel booked. And despite the warnings for how many people we told them were coming, they were understaffed. Both the hotel manager and catering manager was really happy with us as we were so pleasant and would love to work with us again. However, we're unsure if we'd go there again. Depends on a lot of factors.

Days of Dance and A&S - John:

- It's a two day event on Feb 9-10th. One hour classes of dance, arts and sciences alternating through the day. There will be a fight practice in the parking lot. The original price for the hall is \$650. It was negotiated down to about \$550 since we are long time users of the site (Masonic Hall). There will be a big common room. Didn't want to do full classes since we have an Ithra coming up a month after the event. Looking at doing the potluck in the evening. A&S Defenders will also be held at the event and this was announced on the list. A small description of what they want to do for the defenders to John by the end of the month. Defenders will take place between 1 and 5pm on Saturday.
- Our Days of Dance is in direct conflict with Aquaterra's Days of Dance. We usually draw upon dancers from there and vice versa. Perhaps next year we should try not to conflict with them.

Grand Ithra:

- There are many conflicts and we aren't sure if they can be resolved. Apparently we can't call it a Grand Ithra despite what the handbook for Ithra said. There were some miscommunications between the chancellor and the registrar and the registrar (Elena) was fired. Uilliam had a read through all the communications and couldn't figure out the problem either.
- Discussion was held and the issue is somewhat sensitive. Motion was made to cancel the event. Vote held and motion passed (unanimous). Lions Gate Grand Ithra is cancelled until further notice.

May Bardic Defenders - James:

- James presented a proposed, not-set-in-stone budget. It's an estimate.
- The theme is kind of a May Market Day. Set up the hall with market stalls. Wanted a site token a little different than the usual. The Heraldic Baseball cards were a good idea so we might go with something along that line. Give a pack of 3 out as a token.
- Concession like pop, lemonade, coffee, tea will be available by donation. Maybe some fruits and veggies.
- The Sunrise Park Hall in Vancouver (1950 Windermere St) is the site and it's dirt cheap. It's small (holds 120) but is next to a big park so there's ample space. Hall rental is \$350 for the day. Total is \$635 in the budget. Site fee will be \$10 for adults and expecting 70 adults, we should make a profit of \$95.
- A general question about decorations was asked. Why do we have such a big expense for that, especially after all the stuff that was made for 12th Night. Some stuff, like greenery, are

consumable and some items do need to be replaced over time due to wear and tear. It takes money to make really nice decorations and they are worthwhile.

- Bernadette suggested that it's a very good idea to put a 10% buffer in your budget so that if you go over, you don't have to ask for money. It's already there.
- Discussion was held about the family cap being 2 adults and 2 children. Most families are of four so it's not really a cost savings to have the family cap. Perhaps we could revisit the family cap policy at some time.
- Event copy was read.

Old & New Business

- Relay for Life – Cyneric: On June 7th (first Saturday) and this is the fourth year. We have 5 members and we need 8 and no more than 12. The park is undergoing renovations. They really like us now and want us back which is a switch from earlier years. There are no costs to the Barony for this. Would like to see more involvement from the Barony and turn this more into a demo-like event. Would like to see some A&S stuff. We had the trebuchet firing soccer balls out into the field and the kids just loved that. We might need some donations of wood for a little stage for the magic show. We need people who can talk to people, get donations. Our goal is \$5K. Anyone who wants to join, contact Cyneric.
- Clinton Committee – Kenzie: I realize I've thrown myself into the hornet's nest for volunteering to do this. Clinton War is an event that is near and dear to our hearts. Any large event really does require a lot of time and effort to make it successful. With Council's approval, I'm going to create a Steering Committee for Clinton to discuss how we can improve Clinton in all its aspects. Friday Feb 1st will be the first meeting in the common room where he lives. Detailed directions and information will be emailed to the list or you may call him at 604.874-7457. Has created a Yahoo group as well which will focus on this and not clog up the Lions Gate list.
- Farspeaker was brought up. We need a new one. One that includes Eisenmarche and Lionsdale would be nice. Two volunteers have come forward to take on the task: Azure and Elena. It was also suggested that this be financially backed by the Barony and be more involved (instead of it being private). It was agreed that Azure would be given the opportunity given that there are certain parameters that are adhered to: It's a Baronial project, no advertising, include the 3 branches, etc. We also would like to make sure there is a cross-reference section for mundane and SCA names. Uilliam will talk to her tomorrow.
- Heavy and Archery Defenders is on April 26th. We have to have an EIF into the Crier in 4 days. Cyneric has volunteered to be Autocrat and do something in 4 days. Good luck Cyneric and thanks!
- Sealion War is coming up and we are the hosts this year. Arianna is thinking of putting in a bid.
- Two new positions that are deputies of the Seneschal. Baronial Explorer – there one and only job is to find sites for the Barony and find out the costs, etc. HL Vivien of Shaftsbury has volunteered for the job. The other position is Baronial Ambassador. This person would attend Eisenmarche and Lionsdale Council meetings. It can be one or two people.

- Location of the Council meeting was discussed. The idea has come up about moving the meeting. No location was suggested. Restaurants, common rooms, Uilliam's basement was suggested. This site, the Church, costs us \$40 a month. We're paid up till March so we can think about it until then.
- Pre-approval votes for paying the Cloverdale Rodeo (\$400) and Masonic Hall (\$160) fees for the practices and Bransles was held. Vote passed.
- James asked if we could put in an order for archery butts in February. These are the same butts that were talked about before in Council. They are \$90 US plus shipping and taxes. They will be shipped to a friend in the US so that we can pick them up from there. The ones we have need to be replaced as they are looking pretty shoddy. Three are requested to a maximum of \$500 inclusive. If the amount goes above that, James won't order them. The biggest problem we don't know the shipping cost until they are ordered. Vote held motion passed.

Baronial Coronet Business – Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin

- Griffin thanked everyone who was involved in 12th Night. Bernadette's team did an excellent job and we were very happy with how things worked out. We had a good time and thanks so much for your hard work.
- Griffin would like to create a new award, much like the Mortar and Pestle, and it would be for Bardic Performance. For the most interesting and memorable performance that we witnessed throughout the year. I'm ironing out the details. A question regarding how dance could fit into the picture. It will be thought upon.
- Would like to create a Baronial coin or token for giving out to visitors and for an informal recognition for whatever we feel it's deserved for.
- Discussion over making a new pair of Baronial thrones or at least one to match/compliment the one that we have.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm