

Council minutes
June 25, 2008

Seneschal:

On Chirurgeons – in opposition to last month's discussion, we DO NOT need a Chirurgeon; I was mistaken. If we “have to” have one, we'd be required to have one at events. If we do have one, they need to be warranted properly. Some discussion on the Canadian “Good Samaritan” act.

Waterbearers – same sort of deal the the SCA distancing themselves from liability. Will look at adding lines to the Baronial web site regarding safe handling of water, first aid, etc. The office may be gone, but we'll still have waterbearers at events.

From the SCA, webministers will most likely no longer be reporting to Chroniclers, but be an office to themselves.

Watch: not present, no report given.

Explorer: not present, no report given.

Ambassador: not present, no report given.

Exchequer:

Uilliam received a cheque from Kingdom of Ansteora for \$5.63 for someone who volunteered for 2 hours at Estrella War. We still don't know who it was.

There is currently \$1510 in the account.

\$350 raised for war tokens at Sealion was donated to the Tir Righ travel fund.

Re: Clinton. As it's been difficult to get in touch with Amanda, we aren't certain what's happening with the deposit, contract, etc.

The Baronial Chairs are done, Baroness Caitrin will submit the bill. They still need the Baronial device painted on them.

Chamberlain: not present, no report given.

Chronicler: not present, no report given.

Chatelaine: not present, no report given.

Dragonward: Wendy is the new Dragonward, but she's been out of the country for a bit. Will contact her.

Gold Key: was contacted by a gentle who is no longer in the SCA, and wishes to donate all his garb. It and others will be auctioned off at Newcomers' to raise funds to buy fabric so Gold Key can make more tabards.

Sable Loat: no officer

The Order of the Lion's Pinion (the Baronial A&S award) is being appealed at Laurel. We're going to register it even though we may not use it. Since the Order of the Lion's Claw covers so many other people than just “service”, it would be difficult to separate them from others. If we have a separate award for A&S, do we then start creating one for everything else? It was felt the the Lion's Claw covers these under the umbrella of “service to the Barony”.

The title “Sable Loat Pursuivant” technically belongs to the Kingdom, and we're going to try having it transferred to the Barony.

A&S:

Past events:

Jun 7/8 Lionsdale champions: Congratulations to Dr Carus for his A&S victory.

Jun 14/15 Sealion war: A huge thanks to all the entries (Myrrium, Morweena, Iain ap Griffin, Ronan of Lionsdale, Jayson and Edric) and an additional thanks to all the judges who stepped forward to assist: Jodan, Aelana, Algae. And yes, we won.

Upcoming events:

June Bransle - nothing planned as it will be a travel day for A/T War.

July 11/13 - Stranded Mermaid: Bardic Best period-style performance using a Prop

Stranded Mermaid A&S: tribute to a mermaid.

Dance: I am in discussion with a number of dancers with the idea of booking a hall west of the Fraser and rotating instructors. Dance in Langley continues.

Games: nothing to report at this time.

Bard:

Lions Gate Bardic report

Bardic Officer's report... even though OFFICIALLY I'm not yet the officer, seeing as I haven't yet signed the paperwork... :)

The only thing I have been involved in is to judge the Bardic competition at Lionsdale Tourney, and encourage the new Lionsdale champion to facilitate some Bardic STUFF at SeaLion War... There were some Bardics that happened here there and everywhere at Sealion (singing was heard far and wide), in which I participated as well.

There was also some discussion with various peoples regarding a Lions Gate Songbook, revival of other songbooks of old SCA standards which have been forgotten (or were never known especially by younger/newer SCAdians who weren't around "back in the day"... like ME...), and interest in starting/reviving a choral group was also discussed.

Later this summer, I would like to work on planning a monthly Bardic Fire. I don't know if the Bransles are the venue for this, or if it should be a separate venture in a more intimate setting (at least in the beginning perhaps). More discussion with interested parties will happen and "meetings" will be planned in the near future.

I have also been involved as Co-Autocrat in the planning of Kingdom Bardic which LG is hosting in September.

HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaitbheartaig

Stables: not present, no report given.

Archery:

I am in sunny Rochester, NY and will not be able to make council tonight.

Archery is going fine with practises happening on every Thursday at the Burnaby Archery Range. I hope to have a combat archery practise set up soon at the outdoor Fighter practise.

There was good turn-out of archers for the Sealion War. Spreading the scenarios out over the Saturday and Sunday allowed for some people to shoot one day even if they couldn't make the next day. Lions Gate took the archery point winning two out of the three scenarios.

In Service,
James

Blades:

New Business

“Constitution”

Do we need one? No. What do we need or want? John MacAndrew has been tasked to find the answer to this question. Ongoing talks.

2 year terms for officers? What do we do about officers who don't show up consistently and don't report? This shouldn't be personal, but there is a need for regulation and procedures to be written down. Some discussion on contingency officers.

Kingdom Bardic – Aine

Sept 27-28 2008

There is a tentative schedule for University of Tir Righ session during the competition, with 5 tracks. The Barony is not running the competition, but just hosting and providing space. Merchants for the event will be invited to take part, but subject to a juried basis because there is only room for 6 merchants. Bardic-styled merchants will be given priority.

Event will be held at Douglas College in New Westminster as well as the Masons' Hall.

Bransle the Friday night prior will still go ahead, as it can be used as an informal meet-and-greet for anyone coming in from out of town, as well as practice for bardic performers who need to compete at the tavern the following night. Decorating could be done at the Bransle as well.

Sealion War recap

There was some damage done to the site gardens by some children. In future, the autocrat needs to be in more contact with the site owners to define off-limit areas. Something all autocrats should do.

Some discussion on contacting the site owners to see if there's something the Barony could do for them, service-wise.

There was some confusion with merchants regarding donations. The Baroness had not requested this, but merchants on site were asked to do so in her name, and the results were given to the Baroness as largess. Previously, the Baroness had said that any merchants who donate to largess will not also be charged a merchant fee, and so was relieved to hear that none was charged for this event.

There was some communication breakdown between Lions Gate and Seagirt, but council was unsure as how this could have been prevented.

In all, the event went very well, and the Baron and Baroness were pleased.

Webminister – Baroness Caitrin

Concern was raised about the ability to contact Rothgar and the lack of updates done on the website. Uilliam will talk to Rothgar about keeping things up to date.

Cloverdale site – Algea

The Cloverdale Arena is advertising our fight practices on their website, and it looks like one of their standard practice, like dance. Algea was asked to contact them to have it removed, and perhaps replaced with “private event” or “hall booked”.

The site is booked for the November date of Baroness' Tournament, but they've still reserved the December date. They will contact us if the date opens.

There was a discussion on reserving a hall for both Baroness' and Baronial Banquet. Whether we have an autocrat in place or not, we should look for and book an appropriate hall now. Members of Council divided the Lower Mainland up, and will look at halls available in their area.

Pagentry – Edrik

Now that we have some money, we should put some of it into making things prettier. Better banners, eric ropes, etc. It was discussed that we HAD made new eric ropes with pennants for 12th Night, so where are they? In order to start this, we need to take stock of what we have in the locker. Council realized that the Chamberlain Sir Sigurd may be significantly busy these days, so Uilliam will contact him to see if perhaps he's willing to have someone else step in for now. Edrik and Algea offered, as they live very close to the locker.

No further business, Council was closed.

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However, as we were leaving, Viscountess Amanda arrived, after having trouble with the bus system and an incorrect phone number for Uilliam. Still present were the Baron and Baroness, Baronial Exchequer and the Seneschal, among others.

The contract for Clinton was presented and reviewed. Some minor changes were suggested, and Amanda will bring it to the site owners for review. She will be at Bransle to finalize this and receive the cheques for site deposit and event expenses.

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