

## **Baronial Council Notes January 2009**

### **Officer Reports**

#### Seneschal – Uilliam

- Start time for Council discussed. 7:30pm it is.
- Waterbearers will not be an official office so basically the status quo. Nothing truly changes, nothing will be regulated.

#### Demos – Aelana

All kinds of requests.

- LFMS Feb 3 6pm (Ceara)
- Scott Creek Middle School (Feb 6 at 12:30). Needs heavy fighters. Around 160 kids. (Caitrina)
- Walnut Grove Demo Feb 19 6pm (Ceara)
- Teck School in Vancouver around lunch time. No date set but it will be Feb. (Aelana)
- Celtic Demo March 15-ish (Caemgen/Uilliam)
- Beaver Demo in Delta. April 27 for an hour. Something active like fighting.

Some schools just want fighters so Aelana has been handing them over to the Academic Duello and they seem quite happy to do them.

#### Watch - (ask Uilliam who he is again)

Nothing to report.

#### Exchequer – Anika

- Is at the Canucks game (lucky bum).
- Balance is \$16,600. Estimated expenses for the year around \$7,000. A few things to vote on for tonight are funds for practices (~\$3,000/yr), the storage locker (\$2,635/yr) and Masonic Hall rental for the Bransle (\$2,016/yr). All votes passed.
- Some candle holders are still missing (look like brushed steel, dual taper holders). Suggested they may have made their way to Eisenmarche. The Baronial wall hangings have been found ... YAY!
- We have a new Chamberlain team – Algae and Edrik. Out of fairness since they are warranted positions, should we post the jobs? We felt no, especially given the amount of vacancies for officers. Discussion on whether or not to relocate the locker for convenience tabled till when these folks are actually here.
- The Barony lost about \$100 at Baronial Banquet but it was money well spent for such a good time.
- Aelana requested to be reimbursed \$30 to cover the cancellations/costs for the New Year's Scribal Retreat. Approved. Also asked about paper for scribal activities. Referred to speak with Miles.

### Sable Loat – Caemgen

Nothing to report.

### Stables – Cyneric

The bugger sent his report from Mexico. He just got nominated for another job. Ha ha. Things have been going well.

### Archery – James

Practices are going well. The special practice had 18 at the last one and the next one is in March. Attendance on the regular Monday practice is increasing. No major injuries to report except for a little boo-boo on James' hand (Margaret says it was nothing).

### Blades – Francesca (Deputy)

Always have a good turn out for the practice, averaging 17 to 20 people each week. No injuries or incidents. Had our first melee practice last week just for fun.

### Lists – Algae

Trying to step down but no one has volunteered to take it on yet.

### Chronicler - Ceara

- While my last fishing expedition to get someone new to come on board to take on Chronicler didn't catch any big fish, I caught a minnow! I have a new Publications Deputy - Beitris ingen Giolla Mhuire. She's from Maple Ridge, has extensive experience in publications professionally so I fully expect that a North Wind makeover is coming soon! Kind of exciting. She'll be handling the construction of the newsletter and I'll be feeding her content and, of course, serving as editor. Good thing too because I've got an A&S project to complete!
- Updates to the web are still being done by Rothgar however I need to speak with him as I'm concerned that he might not be able to shoulder the site any more. Last time I heard from him, it took two weeks to get an answer to a question. He's having some life difficulties and trying to focus on those. Which he should. Just want to make sure he knows that he has an 'out' if he needs one. No one needs to experience undue stress. At the very least, if he does want to stay on, I'll be asking for the "keys" to the site so that if minor changes need to be done and he isn't able, they can be done by me or someone else.
- Krenn has taken the liberty to remove the offending issue of the NW. The link is still there but the document isn't.
- Have the digital filings with the National Library of Canada properly set up now and have uploaded the back issues.
- Contact the National Library of Canada to see if we can get a copy of our archive for our archive.

### A&S – John

A&S

January was a very quiet month for A&S with few events. However, I am glad to say the Bransle was very busy with dance, a 3 student kumihimo class, HL Vivienne cutting

garb, and quite a number of looms in attendance either doing cardweaving or getting set up.

February however will be much busier.

7-8 A&S Defenders, Dance, and Newcomers

14-15 Shittenwoode Ithra with some really great classes.

21 Lionsdale Indoor tourney with Largess as their A&S contest theme.

Additionally in the off weeks (yea right) we are looking at some workshops. They are in the planning stage so more a quarterly projection right now.

Flintknapping, hatmaking, nalbinding, leatherworking, and knife making. Discussions between myself and instructors are ongoing. (Note: HL Margaret Hamilton of Sterlingshire is as usual a wonderful help gathering up instructors).

*Bardic Sionann:* I participated in a meeting at 12th Night about creating a Bardic Guild, have started a list of bards in the GVRD and in the rest of Tir Righ (and some from outside Tir Righ as well) as a talent pool for events, demos and just so I (and future Bardic officers and champions) so I can have some idea of who is out there doing what. (Currently there are 52 names on my list... I KNOW there are MANY MANY more who have not contacted me as yet however.)

*Dance:* No officer, however it was good to see the dancing at the Bransle.

#### Chatelaine

Has been away of late but Uilliam is very proud of the Barony in doing the job and welcoming our newcomers. Things are going well. A couple of new people at fight practices.

#### Gold Key

We have an applicant for the job – William. His first event was at newcomers last year. Only concern is that he has no vehicle and lives in West Van near Stanley Park. Discussion had to figure it out and it's been worked out. Utilize a duffle bag instead of a bin making it easier to take on the bus.

#### Scribe – Miles (Uilliam has the email)

Continuing to work with the LG scribes. Another successful drop-in session ran in January. Looking for paper options. About 40 newcomers scrolls have been prepped for the upcoming event.

#### Clinton Biffes – Chang

So what are we going to do? It's all about proximity to the water bodies. We need the ones at the end of the world and montegarde done now. All the others are adequate for now. Approval granted to go ahead with a full design and cost. Chang will also go ahead and talk to Maelan and see if it's okay.

### Clinton Report – Ceara

All the ideas that were voiced were included in a document and the highlights read at Council. Lots of interesting ideas were mentioned and discussed. Discussion was also held on how the request for ideas was responded to by Baroness Jodan.

Bids for Clinton are desperately requested. Please.

### Adam

Adam would like to set up a 50/50 table at future Baronial events. Any items sold, 50% would go to the Barony and the other 50% would go to the artisan who tabled the item. Adam, or Holly House, would administer the table on a voluntary basis. The only thing requested is that for the table, the merchant fee be waived. Cool idea but this needs to be checked into further with the Exchequer. Adam will formalize it and propose to the next council.

### Celtic Fest Parade

We've been offered a spot in the parade. Discussed at the past Bransle and Genevieve and Rhiannon are going to start organizing this. Eisenmarche has done a similar thing for another parade in the past. We need a banner for the parade and a few ideas are being checked into.

### Eric Ropes

Edrik was going to look at the inventory in the locker but the Baroness is itching to sew. Fiona has some stuff that was thrown together for 12<sup>th</sup> Night but they aren't that sturdy and could last for a couple of years, at most.

### Gold Key Contributions

Belts have been made inexpensively and durably. Fiona has some fabric to donate for making tabards.

### A&S/Newcomers/Days of Dance – Morweena

She needs money. \$150 requested to cover food and misc. Approved. Need to set times for Court – one on Saturday night to invest the list for defenders – and the closing Court on Sunday. Format is taking a big change. Mistress Elizabeth Braidwood will be holding a 3 hour class instead (to be confirmed). After the intro, they can choose between the other intro classes or the regular classes (dance & A&S). There is going to be a heavy and rapier tournaments – flashy style – so that the newcomers are completely sucked in. Bwhahahahaha. The fighters will select a newcomer for an inspiration for the day. Going to be a traditional potluck dinner and the Barony will be supplying a lamb to roast by Shariff. Gate float of \$500 is requested. Approved.

### Baron Griffin

SYGC is not on the calendar.

Miles has offered to Autocrat Heavy Defenders.