

Barony of Lions Gate Council Notes

February 25, 2010

Officer Reports

*Seneschale – Francesca:

- NMS and SCA memberships going up by \$2 effective July 1st
- Decisions on Webminister and Chronicler positions coming shortly. Chronicler is urgently needed as Beiris had some unexpected issues in life that forced her to step down. (Hopefully all will be okay with her). A new Chronicler will be appointed before the next Council meeting so if you are interested, let Francesca know asap.

Watch – Garet/Wendy:

- Helped at Estrella War
- Handed in inventory of items in his possession related to the office.
- New baldrics are needed for the Watch.

*Exchequer – Anika:

- Balance as of Feb 24th is \$8,671.64. Funds from Garlic Feast yet to be deposited.
- Estimated expenses for the remainder of the year, not including events are approximately \$12,300.
- Outstanding receivables of \$376.37
- Exchequer, Seneschale and Deputy Seneschale met this past Saturday to review the books. Our expenses have generally stayed the same however our income has dropped dramatically. All practices and bransles need to be self-sustaining. Cost of all practices and bransles will go up to \$5 and then it will be reviewed in 3 months to see if that helps cover the costs.

Chamberlain – Edrik for Algae:

- Still need lists of assets from Officers.
- Locker inventory day set for Saturday March 13th at 10am. Edrik showed everyone the decals that will be used to identify our property.

*Herald – Caemgen: Things are going well however his voice deputy now has a bigger job (Uilliam = Principality Seneschal). He will still help but...

*Stables – Cyneric:

- Report sent in. No injuries or armor failures. Did a couple of demos this month and had one fighter hurt his knee – an old injury that he has had happen before. Thank you to everyone for a great run!
- Dalibor has been appointed to be our new Master of Stables.

Cloverdale Practice Coordinator – Algae: Elena asked about offering pre-paid discounts for fighters in the form of a punch card system for a quarter. It will be considered by the Financial Committee.

Archery – James: Practice continues and no injuries. This is James' last report as Arcarius Delwyn has been appointed to the Baronial Archer position. Lady Jaqueline will be her deputy.

Blades – Nelson: Not here, no report (out of country) Warwick reported that practice attendance has been low lately at around 6 people. Need to increase advertising. There was also an equipment failure related to a specific type of dagger.

Lists – Elena: Have helped with rapier lists at Principality. Nothing going on in the Barony lately so she's a little bored.

*Chronicler – vacant: As mentioned earlier, Beitris had to suddenly step down. Francesca posted the job to the lists on February 18th, and to date, two applicants have submitted their applications. There may be two more applicants, as of this meeting. The position will be filled before next Council.

Library – Mariko: Not here, no report.

*A&S – Myrrim:

- In measuring Mason's Hall for the upcoming TUTR day, they discovered a very small and musty storage room that apparently we are allowed to use. Access depends on hall access/use so it would only be good for the bransles (pop). There are also some storage lockers on site that are apparently ours as well but no one knows where the keys are. We'll have to cut off the locks to see what's inside at the next bransle.
- Classes and workshop planning is well underway. UTR classes to be announced shortly. Shoe workshop is full and has a wait list. Circlet workshop has space.
- Issues were raised about the last two Defenders setting parameters for the competition that relied on links to your persona. Folks were reminded that it's up to the current Defender to decide what the competition format is.

Bard & Bransle Coordinator – Sionann: May bardic is happening. Yay! No injuries to report. Yay! A reminder that the bransles are now on the 2nd Friday of the month and cost \$5.

Dance – Rhiannon: Practices are going very well now after a slow start. There were 17 dancers at the last practice. Requested that someone come to talk about Newcomers as there are a lot of newbies there. Ceara will go.

Games – Mary: No injuries ☺. Games were played at A&S/Day of Dance. Working on an outdoor games box including written rules for an elimination tourney. Will be worked on for May Bardic. Games war point for Sealion War was suggested.

*Chatelaine – Sage: There were a couple of newcomers at our last event. She also went to a few demos. Handed out flyers made by Ceara and Caemgen at the Langley demo. Genevieve mentioned that she still had lots of stuff she could pass on to the new Chatelaine. Dr. Carus asked about income from demos.

*Scribe – Miles: Report sent in. Several scrolls were given out at A&S/Day of Dance. There were also many charters given out for painting.

*Webminister – Rothgar: Updated the calendar script so that old events will automatically move off the upcoming list of events shown on the home page. Working on a library for Autocrats.

Past Events

A&S/Day of Dance – Ceara: We had a really good turn out and made some money too. Full report of all details was sent to the B&B, Seneschal and Exchequer.

Newcomers – Caemgen & Ceara: Class schedule is complete. Have been focussing primarily on the day portion of the event. Site fee for the demo portion of the day will be by donation. For the tavern in the evening, there will be a set site fee.

May Bardic and Day of Games – Caitrin: Added “Day of Games” component, much like dance was added to A&S Defender. Format for competition will be same as last year with 2 pieces in a period or period style. Games tourneys will be run during the day for both adults and children. Day food will be available however for dinner, it’s bring your own. There will be a prize for best presentation of a meal. Site is damp and candles are permitted. It’s at the Sunrise Hall – same place as last year.

Heavy & Archery Defenders – Morweena: It will be at the Albion Fairgrounds. Contract is a bit weird as there is a base fee and a per head fee. Classes are being added that are heavy and archery related. There will be a Bardic-SYGC track. Days of the tourney hasn’t been decided yet. There will be combat archery so archers can shoot the heavies. UTR will be present. An extra fee for those who camp was suggested but most felt that would not be a good idea.

Upcoming Events

Bids need for Baroness’ Birthday Tourney by July please.

Other Business

Ghost Ridge – Elena: The results are finally in and the Barony received a cheque for \$528.99 based on our participation. Ghost Ridge will be done again this year, led by Principality again.

NSCA – Elena: The SCA has now incorporated in BC so that will impact whether or not we need the NSCA in the future. A lengthy email was sent from the NSCA President to the NSCA Board of Directors, Kingdom Seneschal, Principality Seneschal and all the seneschals of the current NSCA-recognized branches (10 in total). The future of the NSCA will be discussed at the upcoming AGM on March 28th. If the NSCA is dissolved, there could be a possible refund of last year’s insurance to each branch.

Lionsdale “stuff” – Tomas: Lionsdale is doing a demo at the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) campus in Chilliwack on Sunday May 2nd from noon to 4pm. On April 10th,

Lionsdale is hosting the Tir Righ Heraldic Symposium in Mission. Details to be announced soon.

Baronial Coronet Business

There was a meeting of Noble Estates at Investiture. Financial situation of the Barony was discussed. The fight practice in Cloverdale is the only practice of its sort in the Lower Mainland with attendance from all local branches – even Shittermwoode. Discussed the possibility of debt/profit-sharing. Idea tabled as a “Plan B” – to be reviewed in 3 months when the financial picture of the practices is reviewed again. Savaric offered to help out and suggested that maybe there could be an armour repair corner/workshop set up at practice to help boost attendance.

Lionsdale has taken our date for Sealion War in 2011 and 2012. Principality bumped them from their usual date for their Champions event.

Lions Gate hosts a lot of events in a year (10) and we need to start holding less but bigger events, possibly combining with other branches. This could be better for planning in the region over all anyways.

The Baronial Coronet would like Lions Gate to put in a bid for February Investiture. If you are interested, please let Council know.

Most of the branches in the US do “Toys for Tots” and incorporate it into every event. The branches are quite competitive in the fundraising. We, as a Barony, should be doing fundraising as well however it is felt that doing collections for the food bank would be much better. Let’s start doing food drives at all our events from now on. Collections could be done at Gate. Cairtin has volunteered to take the food in after each event. Azure suggested that we do food fights where groups compete to see how much food they can bring. Or maybe it could be a war point for Sealion War?

We will be carrying on with our plans for the Tournament of Armies (TOA) on August long weekend. TOA is a small unit war event. Different types of fighters are worth different points. Smaller skirmishes similar to tournaments to determine the winner. Should be a camping event at a site in the Lower Mainland with space for war scenarios. If you are interested in being Autocrat, bids must be submitted no later than next Council in order to get the event copy into The Crier on time.

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