

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes

March 25, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

The Seneschale called for any bids for the Tournament of Armies event from the floor. There were no bids from the floor. One bid has been submitted, well in advance of the due date. Therefore, the Financial committee had the opportunity to give it a preliminary review. The bid was awarded to Callen Drakkar.

The Seneschale mentioned that Lions Gate will be adopting the term Event Steward to replace Autocrat. There has been a change towards this nomenclature in the Kingdom and Society.

The Seneschale announced that the Baronial Banquet had been awarded to Caitrina Macandrew.

The Seneschale announced that James Wolfden is the new Chronicler, Malie Rennick is the new Webminster, and Dalibor is the new Master of Stables.

The Seneschale announced that the Financial Committee has come up with a draft financial policy for the Barony. It is being reviewed at the Principality Level and will be posted on the Barony's website when it is approved.

Starting March 29, the Cloverdale practice will cease charging the "spectator fee". There will be a donation box kept at Gate, for anyone wishing to contribute towards the practice. Monies collected 'by donation' are to be reported separately, and turned in monthly, along with the practice fees and waivers. Officers were reminded that quarterly reports are due on April 15th and the Seneschale and the Baron and Baroness should be cc'd.

Officer Reports

The exchequer filed a report. Baronial account as of March 25, 2010 is \$9,042.51 (up \$340). The estimated expenses for the year not including events are approximately \$9000 (this does not include an estimated \$1500 normally paid for NSCA insurance.) There is \$576.37 in outstanding receivables.

The Chamberlain was not at the meeting but the Seneschal reported that Caitrin, Anika, Jaqueline, Edrik, and herself went through the storage locker eliminating unnecessary items and organizing the remaining. The plan is to have all the Baronial equipment tracked and accounted for whether it is in the locker or stored with the appropriate officer. The final result will be a Baronial Asset Inventory which will be available for viewing via the Baronial website. The Chamberlain has been asked to have the complete inventory list completed within 2 months.

The Master of Stables is looking to have a sign out for the Iron Key. Dalibor is also looking at changing the structure of the fight practise with more instruction for the new fighters and designated lessons. There was a discussion about the month end tourney.

Warwick Drakkar reported on behalf of the Master of Blades. No injuries or accidents in this month. Attendance is low and the rapier fighters are looking at ways to improve attendance. Callen and Guillemain have rebooted the LG Rapiers list into a Facebook group as the old list was locked to new members. This will allow more input from the rapier community on what they want at practise. They are also looking at public demonstrations and posting material in public places (i.e. gaming stores, weapons stores, etc) to generate interest. Cut and Thrust practise has become almost non-existent as the main C&T fighter works on Thursday. Tournaments are well attended by the LG Rapier Community with a large group including Warwick, Callen, Lucien, and Nicola attending Daffodil. While a local fighter won, Callen gave him a good run in the finals. Four rapier fighters came to Newcomers to show off what the rapier fighters love. They will also be out in force at the Lionsdale Heraldic Symposium.

A dual report from the outgoing Baronial Archer and the Incoming Baronial Archer was filed. Numbers are down right now with only 4-6 archers showing up at the practise. Outdoor season will begin at the Burnaby Archery Range. Archery Gear was transferred from James Wolfden to Delwyn who is in the process of doing an inventory and seeing if there is any equipment and tools needed.

Lists had nothing to report as she has not been too busy. Baroness Caitrin asked if she was wanting to do lists for the youth gaming contest at May Bardic. List amended her report accordingly with her new busy status.

The Baronial Bard reported that the Bransle has been well attended and there were no issues with the price hike. For May Bardic, Sionann and Caemgen are revising the judging sheets to make the fall in line with the principality judging sheets. The Defender tourney format will include two pieces with one being period and the other being a public performance.

The A&S Officer reported that many Lionsgaters attended the Shittimwoode Ithra to either teach or take classes and are looking at going to the Dragonslaire Ithra as well. Myrrim has come into possession of some ceramic molds that she hopes to be able to use to make some devices. The A&S day following Newcomers was successful. The Kitchen made \$100 and this was donated to the Barony.

The Dance Mistress filed a report. Dance was well attended with 14 students on the first Thursday and 15 students on the third Thursday. The Seneschale attended the first class to explain the increase in the fee to \$5. The classes are a lot of fun and the dancers have been trying to relearn and reinvent some of our old favourites from years gone by. Many newcomers are attending and a few went to the Newcomers event and were able to show off some of their new dance moves. Rhiannon thinks it would be nice to encourage some more of our seasoned

dancers. There have been discussions of putting together a demo dance team for events and demos.

It was also reported at this point that Vivian of Shaftesbury is very sick and back in the hospital. Get Well messages would help lift the spirits of this lady who is an integral part of the Barony. Kenneth of Shaftesbury is holding up but could also use some support.

The Games Mistress sent in a report. There have been no deaths or injuries! Games were played at Newcomers and Uilliam did an Introduction to Games at Newcomers. Another large tote full of games has been received. Mary is working on a revised games inventory which will be a Google doc. There are plans for a game tourney at May Bardic and possibly at Sealion. Mary is working on a games box and the marking of the game boards with Lions Gate and an inventory number.

The Scribe did not attend but did send in a report. Several charters were painted and given to their Excellencies for upcoming events. Charters were painted and named for Newcomers by several of the Lions Gate scribes during the event with the Charters given out the same day during court. Copies of the wording templates for the Lions Fang and the Baroness' Champions were sent to THL Elspeth Selwode (the Principality Scribe) at her request. Quarterly reports have also been sent to Elspeth.

The Chatelaine filed a report. Flyers were emailed out in regards to inquiries about the Newcomers Event which had 37 newcomers attend. There was a demo on March 24 at the Coquitlam River Elementary School. Sage and Baron Griffin attended the demo for a grade 3&4 class. The student, parents, and teachers loved it. Handouts about different styles of armour and equipment were given out. No incidents to report. There was a discussion about having TUTR classes at other times. Classes are planned for upcoming events and for bransles. A donation to Gold Key was received.

The Chronicler reported that his first priority is to catch up on the housekeeping issues like getting minutes done in a timely fashion and is hoping to get a Northwind out within the next two weeks.

The Webminster reported that the library page is started and the Autocrat Document (soon to be renamed the Event Steward Document) is up there. There is lots of housekeeping still to be done. Malie will also make it a priority to get the minutes posted to the site in a timely fashion.

Regular Business

Newcomers Event – Ceara (and Caemgen) submitted a report to the Seneschale but she forgot to bring it. Report was tabled to next month.

A&S Day – Myrrim reported that students were keen to learn, she had lots of help with all the duties. Many newcomers did take courses. The event made a small amount of money.

Girl Guide Demo – The Baroness reported that 10 people have volunteered but they could use another fighter.

May Bardic – The Baroness reported that Caemgen has his tourney planned, Mary has some games planned, and The Baroness has a children's tourney planned. However, everything is in a lull mode at this point. (May 1, Sunrise Park Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver; Event Steward – Baroness Caitrin)

Heavy and Archery Defender – The Event Steward were not at the meeting to file a report. The Seneschal reported the financial committee reviewed the bid and raised the site fee to \$15. (May 28th-30th, Albion Fairgrounds; Event Steward-Morweena)

Sealion War – Aibinn announced that we have the Aldergrove Bowl as the site and event copy is to come really soon.

Tournament of Armies Bid – Callen reported that the site being planned for use is Island 22 Equestrian Park in Chilliwack that has been used in the past but abandoned because of flooding issues. The floods of a few years back where the Fraser River overflowed its banks have resulted in the dyke being raised higher so the site is now a much drier site. We have not received official word from the city/municipal agencies involved because of the timing of their meetings but the Park Steward is really pushing the case for us and predicts a favourable outcome.

Baron Griffin explained this will be a tournament of small armies using a point system – a dogmeat fighter would be 1 point, a squire/sergeant would be 2 points, a knight would be 3 points, dukes would be 4 points – where each army would have 20 points (or so) to build an army. They could go with 20 dogmeat fighter or 10 sergeants or 5 dukes or any other combination they wanted.

A discussion of site fees commenced. This will be four day event with three camping nights. We don't know how many people will come since it is first year and it is up against Clinton. A \$30 gate fee would need 180 people to breakeven based on the budget submitted while a \$25 gate fee would need 205 people. After much discussion, most people felt that the \$30 rate was the best option.

Warwick emphasized that they want this event to involve everyone and every aspect of the SCA not just the heavy fighters. Dr. Carus had suggested the idea of a war point for psychological warfare and that has resulted in a contest called Terror on the Warfield where small units can attempt to terrorize the other armies using Bardic performance, heraldic displays, or other A&S activities. Myrrim added that she would like to see some classes as that is what draws her out.

The Event Team will be looking for a lot of help. A facebook page will be set up to promote the event.

The Tir Righ Events Deputy, Desiree Chirastella, had a number of items to discuss.

Ghost Ridge was successful and a total of \$3000 was received. This was divided between principality and the Baronies and Shires that participated. We are doing it again this year. We are not limited to a medieval themed display so if anybody has some ideas, bring them up. Desiree is looking for help to run the event this year and to hand it over to someone else since she won't be running it next year. We should see more money this year as one of the non-profit groups that participated last year has dropped out and they will not be replaced.

The Maple Ridge Fair is asking for a small demo this year but next year they would be interested in large demo with them making the theme of the whole fair "Medieval Ages". This could be a good membership drive. Rothgar pointed out that the Aldergrove Fair has also made this request in the past. Both fairs run on the same weekend which in the past conflicted with the Clinton Work Weekend. James suggested that it might be possible to alternate the big demo between the two.

Darlene at the Maple Ridge City Hall is willing to take one named insurance certificate that would cover all SCA groups using any Maple Ridge city owned facility for the entire year. This would include the Albion Fairgrounds and some halls. Currently, this certificate is ordered individually for each event and costs \$50US each time so this could save money depending on the number of events held each year at these facilities.

Desiree also provided a heads up about a possible Ursulmas-style Demo called the Antioch Invitational that would be held November 19-21 out at the Albion Fairgrounds. The Commercial hall could be booked for a sleeping hall. This would be a demo for the public but also a full event with a prize tourney for the members.

For those not going to Sir Eddies, Eisenmarche is holding a Beltaine Picnic at the Harris Road Coop Hall in Pitt Meadows on Saturday, April 24th.

The Baron closed the meeting by thanking all the outgoing and incoming officers.