

Barony of Lions Gate Council Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2010

Seneschale Report

Financial Policy

A revised Financial Policy (Lucky #7) taking into account the recommendations will be posted on the Barony's website. Ceara talked about the comments received about the Financial Policy previously posted. She created two comment resolutions tables, one for comments coming from higher up (principality and kingdom) and one for comments coming from the populace.

Most comments were favourable. One comment was discussed. Yusef brought up that in the past, the barony ran demos that generated revenue to subsidize some costs. There are people that cannot afford high event fees and while many people do what they can to help them out in other ways like ridesharing and food, low fees help. Events are there to learn and share and it would be sad to go to a pay to participate model. Ceara's response was that this was not something that could be addressed in a financial policy.

Reminder: NMS changes to \$5 as of July 1st. SCA memberships will increase by \$2.

In respect to the current financial situation, the second quarter will be ending next month. The Financial committee analyze the measures taken and determine whether additional measures are needed.

The Baronial Asset List is almost completed. Algae is just waiting to hear from a few people.

The Baronial Scribe is stepping down. The vacancy has been posted. The talented Aelana Cordovera has applied. Anyone else interested in applying should do so by June 17th. The successful applicant will be announced at the June 24th Council Meeting.

Warren War has people willing to run the war but need an autocrat/event steward. If interested, contact Meresigha.

Demos – A lengthy discussion on demos took place. An ad-hoc committee had previously formed and discussed ideas. One was to move away from individual demos and towards a small number of major demos. The idea of having a demo event combined with a camping event was discussed allowing controlled tour guides. The Baron was concerned about having events as demos. Some felt it would make them feel like animals in the zoo. There is a need for more structure on how we do demos and what we need from people wanting demo – sufficient time, do we ask for fees or

suggested donations. This would be available on the website with the hope that it would minimize the number of demo where they are asking us to be actors. The Baron was also concerned whether charging for demos made us look like a troupe for hire. The Antioch Demo planned for November was brought up as a possible model. Ceara suggested Sage draft a policy for demo and bring it to council. The Baroness suggested a demo brainstorming meeting.

Watch – Garet reported that the Watch consisted of himself and his lady and they would be busy at Defenders, Sealion War, and Tournament of Armies. Help is always appreciated.

Exchequer – As of May 27, 2010, the bank balance is \$7,270.95

Expenses for the remainder of the year \$9074.35

(Note, expenses include paying for January and/or first quarter of 2011)

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| 1. Cloverdale Rodeo: Fight practice 2nd to 4th quarters | \$2,500.00 |
| 2. Masonic Hall: Bransles | \$1176.00 |
| 3. Public Storage Baronial locker..... | \$1536.15 |
| 4. Sapperton Hall: Rapier and Dance practices | \$3325.00 |

Receivables..... approx \$740.00

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| 1. Baronial Banquet hall deposit..... | \$200 |
| 2. Bransle float..... | \$100 |
| 3. May Bardic site deposit | \$200 |
| 4. May Defenders site deposit | \$200 |
| 5. Previous issue (NSF cheque)..... | \$37.00 |

Notes

Exchequer position due in December. Would like to post 6-month notice and any interested parties.

All should be well with the Chamberlain membership.

Chamberlain – working on Baronial Asset List

Herald – nothing to report but herald has been stirring up trouble with Seagirt and Avacal over upcoming wars

Stable – No report

Archery – Practise has moved outside is going strong. Averaging 5-6 attendee when weather permits.

Blades – Attendance at fight practise remains low. I had hoped that with the approach of Sealion War, and with the holding of a Phoenix Tournament three weeks ago, that numbers would begin to pick up. Though it hasn't happened as yet, it remains my hope that the upcoming war season (AT War in late June and An Tir/West and TOA to follow) will get some of our more stubborn members out to play. We will be holding a public melee practise next week at a location to be determined and are always considering demos and the like to improve our public perception and visibility. As for events, I don't think anyone from Lions Gate made it to Crown or Penguin Crusade, unfortunately, but expect to see us all out at Coronet. A few people fought cut and thrust last week and will likely do so again in the coming weeks as C&T activities are planned at Coronet and AT War. Malie complete an inventory of the rapier assets (yay Malie!) and any further inquiries on that front can be directed either to myself or Malie.

List – Nothing to report. Will be running lists at defender and TOA which should be rather unique.

Chronicler – Minutes are being posted in a timely fashion and the North Wind is being published. Request for pictures and articles.

Librarian – No report.

A&S – Events: May Bardic was a great success. The game board and game token making workshop attracted many artists both newcomers and old hands. A nice array of boards was produced with perhaps the most unique belonging to Dr. Carus, who painstakingly carved a board out of an apple pie. The wood for the boards was donated by Home Depot and by my neighbour who is a contractor. Two \$10 gift certificates for Home Depot were donated by myself, and I'm pleased to say that one of them was won by a newcomer. Thanks to Mary for lending her judicious eyes in choosing the winners.

Book Binding Class – Under the able leadership of HL Aelena Cordovera, the group has been working on Gothic books for the last two sessions. These books are by far the most complicated of all of the ones we have done since they require a sewing board. The group has decided to get together to provide 12 books for largesse.

Huzzah for Aelana – As many of you already know, Aelana is a very talented artisan who has given unstintingly of her knowledge to help educate other artists from within our fair Barony. She is going to be interviewed by a newspaper regarding her many artistic pursuits. She also plans to travel to Greece later on this year to further her knowledge of scribal and bookbinding work.

UTR – The University of Tir Righ will be holding a variety of classes including arrow and bow making at the Archery and Heavy Defenders Tournament.

Dance – We have had many who regularly attend dance practice...some were seasoned dancers and some newcomers. This past month our attendance has dropped quite considerably. The people that seem to have stopped coming are the families and the students. I am now wondering if it is because we raised our fees. We were averaging 12 to 14 dancers each class. Now we are averaging 6. If our attendance does not improve will we cancel dance? Or find a place to dance for free... The park is usually open until 9:00 pm. I am going to put this on the lists for discussion as I am curious as to why a well attended class, filled with enthusiastic dancers, would suddenly become an empty hall. The other option is to cancel dance for the summer as that seems to be when our dancers have other things like camping, tournaments, and wars to occupy their time. Total income for May is \$75.

Bard – May 1st, Lions Gate held their annual May Bardic event at which the next Bardic Champion of Lions Gate was chosen (and there were some games or something going on as well...) There were 3 overall entrants and 2 single entrants, and all of the entrants were excellent and worthy. There were 4 judges (Caemgen (the outgoing LG Champion), Wulfstan (the current Principality Champion), Mistress Ismenia (the current Kingdom Champion) and myself, and one student judge, Tristan (I can't remember his SCA name... :) After several great presentations and performances, including one from the Kingdom Champ, and an impromptu performance from the out-going LG Champion, Caemgen, which culminated in a marriage proposal to his Lady (she said Yes), the winner was declared to be HL James Wolfden... HUZZAH!!!
Congrats to all the entrants on a job well done!!!

The forms for LG's Bardic are still being revamped to bring them in line with both Principality and Kingdom standards.

Also, much as he did with Avacal on behalf of Tir Righ, Lord Caemgen again used his great skill as a Ollamh (Irish Bard) on Lions Gate's behalf, pleading with Seagirt to reconsider the folly of their ways regarding the upcoming SeaLion War. Hopefully in light of his impassioned pleas for the women, children and elders of our rivals, Seagirt will take these words to heart and come to their senses.

If there are any entrants for SYGC in August who require assistance with their Bardic presentation, please email me and I'll be happy to help anyway I'm able.

Games – Games Tourney at May Gamers was a good success. We showed those silly bards what the event was really about. I have been asked to make a “Bransle Game Kit” as I seem to be chronically unable to make it out on Fridays. No games tourney but Pall Mall and Boules will be at Sealion and Heavy Defenders. Distance future – games will

be at TOA but the way life is smacking around this poor marshal, it will most likely be unorganised and Dwyle Flunking has been postponed indefinitely.

Chatelaine – We have had many inquiries regarding demos and upcoming events. A research class taught by A&S Defender, Tomas, was well attended by both Lions Gate and Lionsdale members who learned much about how to research and document A&S competition. Fluor, an engineering corporation that is interested in a demo, came out to the Bransle to talk more about what we do and see for themselves. They had a great time. Great turn out at the Bransle.

Scribe – Baronial champion charters are being painted by the Baronial scribes at large. The Order of the Lions Fang Charters have been painted for Heavy and Archery.

Webminister – Malie is plugging away at the revamp of the website and learning php. She has looked into going to gmail accounts for all officers as opposed to just redirecting the officer emails to new officer's personal email addresses. The latter can take up to 3 months going through the kingdom procedure. There was much discussion on the pros and cons. The matter was tabled for now.

May Bardic – May Bardic made \$365 profit from the gate fees. The kitchen donated their profit to bring the amount up to \$403.25. Caitrin pointed out that May Bardic is a great event to learn autocratting an event.

Archery and Heavy Defender – Two motions were passed to provide \$80 for miscellaneous expenses and \$400 for a float. Council was told not to worry about rain.

Sealion – The Event Steward was not in attendance but a request for funds was sent to Council via Baron Griffin.. Two motions were passed to provide \$350 for miscellaneous expenses(which included money for water-bearing supplies) and \$700 for a float. Everything is coming along fine.

Tournament of Armies – Pre-registration is up and running. It is cheaper to pre-reg than to pay at the gate. The Army Registration forms will be up tomorrow (which means they are up now). Callen is looking to talk to a few people still including pied piper, herald, water bearer, list (discussion is ongoing), chatelaine, and the brewers guild.

It was emphasized that we need to let people know that the site has been improved over years past and flooding is no longer an issue. You can drive up to your campsite.

Sealion War – A motion to pay the ferry fee for the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt was approved.

SYGC – The site is booked. The hold-up was getting approval for archery which has now been granted.

Baroness Tourney – Things are in flux. A great hall was found but the flooring was not suitable for heavy fighting.

Tir Righ A&S – If somebody wants to come forth and organize this event, Desiree would be willing to help.

Eric Update – The new eric flagging and stands were on display. It looks great and phase 2 is in progress. It will require additional funds. This was tabled to the financial committee.

Adam Fairamay approached the idea of the barony purchasing an electric brand design which could be used to mark all wooden objects the Barony owns. Adam asked if we would like him to research the cost of acquiring the electric brand. The Seneschale said he could look into what the costs would be, for future reference. Tabled for now.

Adam Fairamay then presented a new presentation case for the Mortar and Pestle award to allow it to sit more prominently on the mantle. There were much oohs and ahhs.

Coronet Business – The Baroness read a letter that will be sent to Roland Stanke, the Mayor of Clinton. The letter informed the Mayor that the SCA would no longer be participating in the Clinton War and thanked him and the Village of Clinton for all they have done to make the last 30 years so memorable. The letter did state that the site owners would continue to hold a medieval themed event during that weekend but numbers might be down.