

Barony of Lions Gate Council Notes April 28, 2011

Seneschale Report - Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain

- The minutes were posted, but there will be significant corrections due to other minor details being unclear. There is a recommendation that the minutes be sent to the Seneschale et al prior to being posted.
- The greater officer's quarterly reports should perhaps be posted on the web page? General discussion was a negative.
- Our Herald's term ended last summer. We should likely explain this to him, or extend him (with, or without, his input). Watch expires in August, and A&S in November.
- The budget was posted, but there was a glaring error in that the rapier income was not added. This will be fixed up post haste. This means our deficit is 2450 instead of 5k. His Excellency notes we should likely post the incoming (realistically projected) income as well, which means we break even. Once the corrections are made, the budget will be posted again, and approved at the next session.
- A request was made by the Chatelaine to do a bit of fund raising, as her position is revenue negative. A discussion ensued, with several idea's projected (casino night at Bransle, bake sale), or perhaps a slightly greater share of gate.
- Reminder that all gate sheets and waivers must be submitted to the Seneschale as the information needs to be sent to Kingdom. Information on them is also used in budgeting for events.

Watch – Garet Doiron

- Attended Lions Gate Bransle, it went well. No injuries, no deaths. Next event will be Summer Defenders, which is an indoor one day event.
- The Watch position comes to its end of term on 31 August 2011, and has already been extended the once. Any seeking the position of Captain of the Watch should make their intentions known to the Seneschale of Lions Gate before the June Council meeting. It is my intention to stand for another term, unless pressing reason arises to change this.

Exchequer – Asny Ravnsdottir

No formal report at this time. The balance in the account is 14079.02 as of today. Her quarterly report may be slightly late, the Principality Exchequer is aware and approves. Some cheques were distributed today, along with the payment for the Pensioner's hall.

Chamberlain – Edrik

No report, not in attendance.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais

No report, not in attendance. A verbal message came from the Tir Righ College of Heralds, that Tir Righ populace now submit to the Tir Righ College only, NOT AN TIR.

Master of Stables – Dalibor Krivoklatsky

No report, not in attendance. From a view of practice, we appear to be getting new people into armour, with combat archery at the Monday fight practice last. The practice is generally well attended, and pleasing to His Excellencies eyes. The practice coordinator submitted 260.00 in revenue for two practices in April. The Alice McKay building does not support indoor archery for the upcoming month.

Archery – Delwyn verch Ynyr

No report, not in attendance.

Acting Mistress of Blades – Malie Rennick

Attendance has been steady at both the Monday and Thursday practices. We had a guest instructor up from Seattle this month, which was very well attended, and very informative.

Maestro Guidobaldo has also been teaching at practices every other week, much to my delight!

I'll be lining up guest instructors in prep for War season, as I can. Still waiting on someone to step up and take the MoB position, as my due date is creeping closer {July}. Working on some scenarios and a melee practice for Antioch Invitational.

Lists – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

The quarterly report has been submitted. No martial events have taken place. The list shields are being updated, and the old/expired/unclaimed ones have been painted over. 25% will be given to Principality as we have a bit of a surplus. The email address for the Lists was NOT up to date, and has to be fixed by our Webminster. The correct address/information is:

Mistress Caitrin ni Cingeadh (mka Janice Jackson)

Griffcait@shaw.ca

604-466-0654 or 778-988-2543

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Still frantically working on the March minutes and the April North Wind. Hoping to have both done by Thursday. (Minutes are mostly done - it's just easier to put them out together.) While I knew that I wasn't receiving any mail through the Chronicler email address, I didn't know why. Someone sent me a copy of the bounced email, which revealed a typo in the forwarding address. I've passed on the information to Malie.

I still haven't had any time to start digitizing archives, but I got a few more issues. If anyone has any North Wind back issues kicking around - please pass them along.

{Eisenmarche has a huge box in their storage, which may be donated}

Other than that - please start thinking about your May North Wind content contributions and send them to me whenever you can.

“There has been a request for a paper copy of the North Wind, as the current version does not download well (or play well with others). This was decided against. Some discussion was made about posting the North Wind in HTML format (and/or downloadable PDF). His Excellency came up with a few tech suggestions that may work.”

Library – Maeda no Kiko Mariko

No report, not in attendance.

Arts and Science – Myrrim de Lancaster

Scriptorium continues on the 3rd Sunday of the month to prepare scrolls for the upcoming tournament season. Nothing else to report for this month.

In the planning stage:

Summer Defenders

- 1) An ongoing hood making class all day. Participants are requested to bring their own sewing equipment and two (2) metres of light wool or linen fabric. If the hood is to be lined, two (2) more metres of fabric will be needed. Two types of hood will be taught by

Alienor Sanz-argent: the simple pull over, and the button down the front type. Liripipes will be at the makers discretion.

- 2) Pouch/purse making class: Material is provided so that everyone starts on a level playing field. Contestants are requested to bring their own embellishments. Embroidery, appliqué, and beading (or any combination of these are acceptable). Lessons in making purse strings will also be given all day.

Bardic – Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig

No formal report, Some singing has taken place. There will be a stitch and bitch this weekend.

Bransle – Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig

Nothing to report, not in attendance.

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

January and February started off really great with averaging 12 or more students per class. We were able to go over a lot of the basic and popular dances. We even worked out and danced Argeers, this is not for the faint of heart.

We changed our format a little with the first class of the month being a free dance night – we would dance our favourites, and try a new dance. The second class of the month was more structured. It was an education and dance night. We would research a time period and would choose eight dances. Before each of these dances were taught, we would explain the history behind them, how they related to that time period and the story, song, or myth that would have accompanied them. Then we would learn the dance. Each student received a hand-out with all the information including the dance steps. It was fun, and we were able to discuss style and answer questions regarding steps and more.

In March, all classes had to be cancelled due to serious health issues with the instructor, which is a great pity, as the practice was starting to attract people from Lionsdale. {Council as a whole interjects, and sends their best wishes for a full recovery}. We are hoping that May will bring better health and great dancing.

Games – Mary Ostler

No report, not in attendance.

Chatelaine – Sage Mcleod

- The fliers are done and printed out for Antioch
- NCS (new comers sessions) are going well. We had two new people show up last session and one will be coming to Summer Defenders. Everyone appears eager.
- We had our second Chatelaine Deputies meeting and are getting ready for the summer/fall rush of newcomers

Scribe – Aelena Cordovera

Happy Birthday to Aelena! We sang her “Happy Birthday”. There was a request from Scribe not to create new Yahoo groups without checking with her first, as she (and several others) have no access to Yahoo. Since January, 10 charters have been painted for Miles, 8 for Defenders, and 10 more for pending Ithra charters. The quality is high, and all are to be congratulated. The next set will be SYG in preparation for that event.

Webminister – Malie Rennick

Nothing to Report

Past Events: Nil

Upcoming events:

Summer Defenders - Anika

Next weekend is Summer Defenders, there will be no NMS, with just a set gate fee. It is a level three event, and not in the Crier (beyond a calendar mention). Our two big ones are TOA and Baroness's, which will have full event copy, and will have NMS. There will be a chess tourney on site, that somehow missed the event copy posted. The gate float will be \$300.00, and the gate charge is \$13.00 (their Excellencies lucky number). Expenses should be under \$50.00, mostly waterbearing supplies. Archery Defender Fiona needs to report in with their plans. There will not be a formal food merchant on site at this point, although having the concession stand open will be investigated, but the Chatelaine may sell some baked goods. His Excellency will present a story time for kids, and Her Excellency will be having a tea with ladies. Her Excellency will be asked to judge the pouch contest.

Tournament of Armies – Callen

An update for Callen has come in. There are some exciting changes in store for A&S. An event team has come together. The site cost is \$600.00 (less than last year).

Antioch and Ghost Ridge – Desiree

Desiree was on site to discuss – it is on May 14, 2011. We have one barn, but maybe (depending on weather) outside fighting can be done. Small tables, bring small items to stitch and bitch. Some advertising was done in local papers. Gate is \$5.00 for the SCA, \$10.00 for the public. There will be no charge for under 18's. Next year will be 2.0, with two full barns, all the bells and whistles, which the District has supported. Still needs a heavy MIC (senior marshal). Warwick may assist. A junior marshal would be needed too (hint hint for Wendy). The city provided a grant, so the event is in the black without the gate receipts already.

Ghost Ridge planning is starting. Will be a Thursday-Sunday event over two weeks. Desiree is looking for an event backup steward who can take it over next year perhaps.

Other Business:

- See Chronicler for discussion about the North Wind.
- There was some discussion about creating Yahoo groups, and the way they can shut people out of the discussions. This was in relation to the older scribal lists (and the new combat archery list). His Excellency noted that none of these lists are formal, even with the word Lions Gate in them, and nothing can be formally decided for or about the Barony in same. People should be free to use the best means to communicate, but should not be exclusive. The Seneschale suggested that the concept be posted to the LG lists for discussion. HL Sage noted how useful lists are to her work. Chang made some pointed comments in regards to social media in general, and in favour of using email lists based on the kingdom servers. Dr. Carus suggests that the discussion be announced on the LG Announce list, so people can re-subscribe for the discussion. He also suggested the groups be listed on the Baronial webpage, so people know they exist. The discussion was tabled at that point, to continue on the lists.

- HL Azure is planning on the 24hr Tablero Relay for Life again, and will be advertising on the lists. They plan on raising \$5000.00 as a goal for this year. This is not an official LG or SCA event, but they have raised over \$7000.00 in the last three years.

Baronial Coronet Business

- His Excellency has made an invitation to attend Summer Defenders – come out and have fun. He notes that the more people that attend, the lower the prices are for everyone! He is also seeking those who are worthy of award – so please, suggest those deserving to him (or Her Excellency, of course).
- A request was made to the Baron to perhaps have some extra replacement Lions Claws etc for sale, as several folks have misplaced theirs over the years. His Excellency will look into this.

Minutes taken by Garet Doiron on behalf of our absent, world-travelling Chronicler, Wendy