

Seneschale Report - Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain

There did not appear to be a great deal of public discussion about the email sent regarding email groups/yahoo groups/lists. There were some private comments sent to Ceara with some questions, in regards to the status of official/unofficial, and how/who would be administering the lists. The “Official” Lions Gate webpage and lists are the webpage we know and love, and the list (with its sub-list, the announce list). All other lists and groups will be unofficial at this time, which should be following the guidelines as stated by Ceara (just to keep them organized). Should there be any issues with web organizations being denied (appropriately or not), then the appeal can go upwards as needed. Full details and guidelines (and expanded version) will be posted by Ceara.

International member rates will be going up to \$56.00 annually, however, you can get an Associate membership for \$30.00 (but sans Cryer). It may be possible that an Associate membership will be sufficient for officer status. Dr. Carus commented that a rebellion is in order. This was shot down by His Excellency. The BOD is working on an electronic version of the Cryer to save costs.

The Kingdom of An Tir laws have changed – any branch holding an event on lands not in their possession must obtain written permission before holding the event. As well, 10% of the profits of the event must be provided to the branch that physically contains the event. This adversely affects the Barony for obvious reasons, as we have no camping sites in our branch area. Much discussion followed towards balancing the location of the event with the extra surcharge imposed. Lionsdale will be contacted regarding being nice about this, with perhaps a treaty. This law had NOTHING to do with Lionsdale – it was other branches to the South of us.

There was another law that changed, about the Minister of Children, that does not apply to us – North of the border.

Watch – Gareth Doiron

Attended Summer Defenders, it went well. No injuries, no deaths. Next event will be Sealion War, which I will be camping at, but as it is Seagirt’s event, I will not be actively “on duty”.

Can we move the July council date because of TOA? Done! It has been bumped up one week.

Exchequer – Asny Ravnsdottir

The current balance is 14692.14, with some funds incoming tonight that have yet to be tabulated. The quarterly report was submitted. No issues to report at this time. The fight practice gate sheets and waivers allow us to forecast for future events. The budget has been submitted, and our

bottom line has improved by \$1600.00, but is still in the negative. In good news, the \$100.00 for baronial coinage has been reduced to \$0, as His Excellency was able to negotiate in return for making a bow for the coiner. With a loss still on the books, His Excellency cannot approve the budget, and it has been tabled for the financial committee for review.

Chamberlain – Edrik

Verbal report, as he was not in attendance. One of the three doors is left with an alarm on it at the locker, yet another one has gone “missing”. We will be investigating why it went missing, and what we can do about other options. We need to develop a lost and found policy, as our lost and found is getting a bit out of hand. Perhaps a yearly purge or biannual with an auction? Perhaps bringing them to the Bransle for review.

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

No report, not in attendance. His term has been retroactively extended from last August until the coming August. At this time, we would like to post the position of Baronial Herald, to start in August. Please contact the Seneschale with your application before the June Council meeting.

Master of Stables – Dalibor Krivoklatsky

Not in attendance. Report: Practices are regular, no incidents to report. There has been much activity with combat archery, with several folks armoured up. Sealion looks good. Sir Griffin was MIC for Summer Defenders, with no incidents to report. Antioch – one minor injury (Garet), due to sticking his thumb out from under his legal gauntlet (Garet has since remedied the issue to prevent it occurring again). Any word on budget requests? – Yes, the \$280.00 has been put in the budget for a new helm and a large plastic box to carry everything in.

Archery – Delwyn verch Ynyr

No report, not in attendance. A verbal 2nd hand report says that there are still some regular attendees at the field, which has been effected badly by weather and lack of memberships. The indoor practice in Cloverdale is being monitored by the site owner for “extra” holes in the arena boards – we were responsible for two in the last year, which is not too bad. His Excellency has spoken, and Olympic archery gear is being forbidden from the practice, in accordance with Kingdom Law.

Acting Mistress of Blades – Malie Rennick

Missed two practices this month due to personal stuff. Attendance is still steady, though low the

Thursday before Crown. No incidents to report. Two rapier tourneys were run at Antioch 1.5 with good success. Melee practice did not happen due to inclement weather. Warwick and or Callen may be dragged kicking and screaming into taking on the role of Actual Master of Blades.

Lists – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

The Lists have been tabled due to confusion. Defenders went fine, and nothing was reported amiss. Lists now rests until BB, unless called upon for TOA.

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

No report, not in attendance. Second hand, the North Wind is published, as were the minutes. Preparation for the pre-war North Wind continues...the cover page (once approved by Ming) meets with much approval.

Library – Maeda no Kiko Mariko

No report, not in attendance.

Arts and Science – Myrrim de Lancaster

In the planning stage: Sealion (from Dr. Carus) will have a war point competition

Bardic – Sionann in Ui Fhlaitbheartaig

Is now gainfully employed, and holds a FoodSafe ticket. She is much pleased. No Bardic to report.

Bransle – Jacqueline

The drink serving at the fight practice made a grand total of \$6.00 profit. This means it was not really cost efficient, so will not be renewed next year. The April Bransle made \$88.00 – well done Jacqueline!

\$100.00 was issued for the liquor permit for the October tavern Bransle. Bransles are booked for the rest of this year, and next year's dates are being planned. It may be moved to the 2nd Friday of the month to avoid newcomers evening, or perhaps the odd Saturday eve. We may also be having a joint Bransle with Lionsdale, one of the events. More information to follow once discussions continue.

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

No report, no in attendance.

Games – Mary Ostler

No report, not in attendance.

Chatelaine – Sage Mcleod

We have had many inquiries regarding up-coming events and how to begin with the SCA. A woman contacted us, looking for an SCA group near her home in Ontario. This was a treat to find out and chat with her about the groups out there, and being able to contact some old friends from the North. She was persuaded to push her flight home by one day so that she might attend Sealion War.

Demo review:

Antioch 1.5 was a great event. We had a number of people show up and were interested in coming out to more fight practices and future events.

Chatelaine deputy Shelia took point and did really well in welcoming newcomers and giving out information.

Chatelaine deputy Brenna showed a gentleman how to do finger braiding, and talked to him at length about the SCA.

Summer Defenders was great.

Chatelaine deputy Ysabell took point and did a great job. Only a couple of newcomers came out...but several managed to avoid Chatelaine, due to being “family”.

Newcomers Information Sessions (NIS)

We had a great May session with 5 (five) newcomers.

It was nice, because they were interested in a wide variety of stuff within the society. Looking forward to the next session on June 3rd.

There has been one request for a demo in Langley, at a school, but no information has been forwarded yet.

Scribe – Aelena Cordovera

The scribes have continued to meet on the third Sunday of each month.

This month they will be meeting on the 5th Sunday, due to Antioch being the day before the third.

We provided charters for the Baroness' Inspirations and Lion's Fangs for the retiring Baronial Defenders. For many of the scribes, it was the first scrolls they painted or the first charters they designed. Next meeting we will be looking at laying flat gold leaf and preparing to design Lions Claw Charters, and the next round of Inspirations and Lions Fangs.

Webminister – Malie Rennick

Nothing to Report, other than random updates happening to the site as required.

Arts and Sciences will be in touch with the Webminister about posting extra information onto the website (learning stuffs).

Baron's Report

WAR! Sealion is coming really soon – everybody please show up if you can! We do “sorta” conflict with Lionsdale, but as Sealion is 3+hrs away, no official conflict. Car and driver is reduced rate that weekend - \$40.00 for car and driver, plus \$10.00 per passenger (it's a seat sale of sort). This is for every weekend in June.

Other Business:

Past Events

Summer Defenders – Anika's Report – For fear of being rained out for the third year in a row, Summer Defenders was held indoors at the big red showbarn on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. There was plenty of dry room for Heavy fighting, rapier and archery. We had A&S tables, children's tables, hanging out tables, a couple of merchants, and non-related on-site competitions. We even had the Baronial pavilion up – who would have thought the dirt area in the arena was 6 feet deep!

We had an unconventional gate fee of \$13.00 that inadvertently represented much for our Baron and Baroness, but it did bring in about 80 adult players and 15 of their children. There was hope for a few more people; nonetheless, this event did net about \$46.00.

I have heard of some events “just falling into place” but I didn't truly believe it until this event just fell into place. The Defenders looked after their tournaments, the merchants invited themselves in advance (that was fantastic), and everyone was so helpful without being asked.

In discussion of the event, it was brought up that we could have an overnight event at this site (indoor camping!). The dirt is “dust free”, and for dirt, appears much cleaner than other similar

sites. Shannon Hall on site has kitchen support as well...if perhaps a bit limited, or perhaps has a catering contract.

Antioch – No report, due to illness of the Event Steward.

Upcoming events:

TOA – planning continues, with nothing to report. Site is officially open 10am Friday to 4pm Monday...but Thursday evening is available for site setup.

Ghost Ridge planning is continuing. It 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. No further news, as Desiree is ill, and had to depart.

Baroness's Birthday has NOT YET been bid on. Hint Hint. Blank Event budget sheets and Gate summery sheets are on the webpage for downloading.

Sergeants will likely be at the same park as last year, with Laric and Bernie as Event Stewards.

Other discussion

Morweena will be participating in the "Warrior Dash" in Whistler in August. She is looking for assistance – if we can get 25 volunteers that show up, they will pay us \$1000.00. This will be on August 6, 2011 – right between Sergeants and TOA. We get a t-shirt too! It has also been pitched to Principality, but they have not jumped on it yet. More details will follow, with perhaps a poll on line to determine if we can get the 25 folks to show.

An email was received from a member of the populace – the Lions Gate banner should be reworked, as its heraldic achievement should not be on it (unless we fudge our dates to the mid 1700's). We are now looking for a volunteer TEAM to rework the banner, and perhaps come up with pricing if needed. The banner was made by Her Excellency (in years gone by), along with goodly assistance from others.

Azure will be attending Lionsdale Champions, and running a day merchant booth for food (poisoning testing), and testing the waters for this activity.

Tablaro for Life is still going on June 17-18th, from 2130-2130, 24hr relay – still shooting for \$5000.00.

Dr. Carus began to talk revolution again, but Tir Righ is not ready to be a Kingdom yet. North Island (Hartwood) is still organizing, and at least a year away. Ramsgard is not ready for unknown reasons. Lionsdale is aiming to petition for July Coronation, but is not quite ready.