

Council Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2014
Barony of Lions Gate

Note: The August Council Meeting was moved to September 4 because of volunteer requirements for September Crown.

Seneschal's Report

Waivers are still a big deal. We need to get waivers in. A failure to send in the paperwork can result in a branch having their events taken off the schedule. Waivers need to include the gate sheets.

Family Activities need to have an adult responsible for the youth present. It is not piper or a baby sitting service. Elora asked about the youth program that was proposed a while back but it was not discussed at the Seneschal's meeting at Crown. However, activities are trying to focus the children on service including waterbearing at events.

It is important that contingency deputies are trained to the point that they can take over if need be. To that effect, Brigitte will be taking over more duties starting next month.

Exchequer's Report

The account is \$28,925.55 thanks to September Crown gate. Expenses still have to be paid for SYGC, TOA, and Crown. The Rapier practice bill was sent to the wrong address.

Past events:

Sargeants, Yeomen, Gallants, and Courtiers

July 24-27, 2014

Event Steward: Garet/Wulfstan

Numbers are still being finalized but it looks like the event made around \$15 which means it didn't lose money. There were 79 adults, 6 youth, and 14 children. There was some lost and found.

Tournament of Armies

August 1-4, 2014

The event did well making money but there is some discrepancies with the gate sheets and estimated attendance that need to be looked into to determine the final numbers. The profit should be around \$800- \$1000 for the event.

The event stewards found Don helpful but a bit slow at responding. They would recommend that TOA be held again and that we should look for opportunities for to utilize the format at other wars. They suggested that we might want to look at renegotiating the contract based on the numbers at an event as other sites such as the Aldergrove Bowl or Island 22 start to become less expensive for the larger events. An electronic pre-registration for future events would be welcome.

September Crown

August 29th – September 1, 2014

We had 904 attendees through gate. This included 752 adults, 68 youth, 65 children, and 19 adults whose fees were compensated. There were 132 attendees that pre-registered. The gate income was \$15,351.35. Additional income from recycling bottles was \$148.30.

Feedback on the event was mostly positive with a small number of complaints. Gate ran well

but was understaffed. Thanks to Mistress Elena for running some gate classes. Speaking of classes, there were 20 classes offered under the combined umbrella of Ithra, Thua, and Tutr with 59 students taking part.

Upcoming Events

Baroness Inspirational Tourney

November 15, 2014

Event Steward: Arianna Freemont

Location: Cloverdale Fairgrounds, Alice MacKay and Mary Shannon Buildings

There will be a covered walkway between the two buildings. We are looking at a bar possibly utilizing the new BC liquor laws that allow u-brew to be served.

February Investiture

We have put in a bid for February Investiture. There are two bids being looked at.

Canterbury Fayre is scheduled for March 21. A bid is being prepared.

Champions is scheduled for May 23. No bid in yet.

SYGC is scheduled for July 24-26. No bid in yet.

Baronial Banquet is scheduled for October 3. No bid in yet.

Baroness Inspirational Tournament is scheduled for November 14. No bid in yet.

New Business:

Chamberlain: We need a new way to store our eric bases. They are taking about 12% of the locker. Possibly looking at a way to suspend them.

Bransles – Jaqueline Lefleur reported that she keeps getting asked about when the Bransles are coming back. Anarad has a common room that could be used. There is no cost for the common room but Jaqueline would still like to charge the \$5 fee that was charged before to help offset other Baronial costs. It was agreed that Jaqueline would take it back on a one year trial basis. It will be held on the third Friday of every even month. This will be done in conjunction with the Newcomer's Meeting/Social.

Newcomers Event – Warwick Drakkar expressed that he would like to see the return of the Newcomer's Event that Lions Gate used to hold. There was general agreement and the coronets and seneschal let everyone know it was already being looked into by the Chatelaine.

V-Con Table – James reported that we have a table for the Barony at V-Con and people have volunteered to man the table. We are looking into doing a demo of some sort as well but haven't heard back.

Kingdom Event bids – With September Crown a big success, there is interest in looking at putting in future bids. Lionsdale put in a policy where they would put in a bid on every Principality event. Would we be willing to do the same? There was some concern that we could end up burning out our event stewards if we were too successful in our bidding. However, there was a general interest in putting in more bids. There was some interest in doing another 12th Night. The next open bid is for 2018.

Family Cap and Youth Fee – There was a general discussion about the current family cap and

whether we should adopt the Kingdom/Principality experiment. There was no clear consensus and the discussion was tabled until the October meeting.

The September 25 meeting will be a financial committee meeting held at the Exchequer's home in Port Coquitlam. The next Baronial Council meeting will be October 23.

Imaginerius Fantasticus – Eithne was not sure what was happening yet with this.

Equestrian – Brianna reported that she is two weeks from finalizing her marshaling and Lions Gate will have two equestrian marshals. Brianna listed a number of sites where equestrian is possible including the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

Lionsdale was hosting the All-Things practice but they canceled it. However, Don did purchase the insurance and it was good for Sept 20 and Oct 18 if Lions Gate wanted to do an All Things Practice. Otherwise, a Lions Gate practice at the Grene Wode could start up again in the new year.

Coronet Business

We wanted to say Thanks for Crown. We received lots of praise from lots of Barons and Baronesses and Princes and Princesses.

Next council – October 23, 2014.

Financial Committee Meeting – September 25, 2014

Officer Reports

Exchequer's Report – Her Ladyship Isabeau Fiona the Archer

The bank balance, as of today, is : \$28925.55, keeping in mind that \$1992.63 of that is in the Fjordland Fund.

The cheques for regular bills have been written as follows:

- Public Storage = \$219.45 (September rental)
- I have not yet received an invoice from the Justice Institute for June or July practices. I need to find time to call them in business hours.
- Bills for printing & fabric for construction of the remaining eric flags have been paid (\$927.36).

Outstanding bills to be paid:

- Site fee for September Crown
- Biffy rental for September Crown, and other event costs for September Crown
- June and July Rapier practice site fees (when I get an invoice!)

September Crown gate income and float have been deposited to the Baronial account. Six pre-registrants sent too much money on their cheques, due to the changes to the youth gate fee, so they were issued refund cheques. One was picked up at gate, one was made a donation, and the other four will be mailed out.

The Incipient Shire of Fjordland, for whom we are a sponsor, is now a recognized Shire in the SCA. I have spoken with the Principality Exchequer and the Seneschal of Fjordland, and we are working towards relinquishing Exchequer responsibility for managing their finances.

I request we open discussion on the subject of doing away with the family cap for events.

I have moved to working five days a week from part-time, and have temporarily taken over another management position at work. If you have any requests for me, please contact me well ahead of time, if possible.

Arts and Science – Lady Eleanor Odlowe

There is little to report this month. Baronial Arts and Sciences Night on August 25 had fairly low attendance (although that was expected, what with it being sandwiched between Investiture and Crown), but everyone there got something accomplished. The next A&S night will be September 22, and I'll be discussing further dates with Katelijne soon.

Baronial Scribe's Report – Lady Marie de Cheriseye la foret

Here is my report for the august council meeting (now early September).

I regret I will not be able to attend this council meeting.

No scriptorium was held in August but charters received from Kingdom were distributed to our dedicated scribes for painting. This is my last report as Baronial Scribe as my term of office ends 31st August.

Archery Report - Lady Thérèse de Merc

Kenneth of Shaftesbury is running most outdoor practices at Burnaby Butts, usually held Monday and Thursday evenings between 5 pm and sunset.

No events in Lions Gate in August as of this report. However, at the end of August, after this report has already been submitted, Lions Gate is hosting the An Tir September Crown! There will be details in the September report.

I have been authorized as a Junior Target Archery Marshall. Thank you to James and Kenneth for all their training.

Thrown/Live Weapons/Combat Archery Report - Lady Elora of Spain

Combat archery - Lions Gate archers competed in the war scenarios at Tournament of Armies and the tournament at September Crown with Mistress Caitrin defeating all opponents. No incidences or injuries to report.

Live thrown weapons - A tournament was held at Tournament of Armies with many participating, including several for the first time. An open range was at September Crown. No incidences or injuries to report.

My 2 year commitment to the position of missile combat deputy to the Master of Stables comes up at the end of this month.

Chronicler's Report – Baron James the Just

July Minutes Posted. August North Wind e-published. Quarterly report sent to Tir Righ Chronicler. September North Wind in progress.

It might be an idea to have some paper copies of September North Wind made available for V-Con fan table.

NO OTHER OFFICER REPORTS RECEIVED.