

LIONS GATE COUNCIL AGENDA**DATE: June 17, 2020****Approval of minutes from last meeting - Chair****Seneschal: Caemgen**

Good evening everyone,

Thank you for joining us this evening,

I get to talk about an event here! Kinda! Unofficially! The Virtual Sealion War 2020: A War of Words, aka On-lion, aka the “Warn’t”, aka The War That Never Happened (Because It was Unofficial), was an incredible whirlwind success! Huzzah!

Their Excellencies brewed up a fantastic set of events throughout the weekend, led by Their Excellencies’ Poetry Contest, that had a sudden, strong and surprisingly enthusiastic response! I am so thrilled I got to see so many of you participating (and Crushing it) over the weekend.

Unfortunately, with the Covid pandemic continuing, especially for our cousins to the South, all activities in the Kingdom of An Tir remain suspended. This includes July Coronation which was to be held in Lionsdale. The Kingdom announcement is included here for reference

(<https://www.antir.org/announcements/july-coronation-as-lv/?fbclid=IwAR17dc3tG5alVg2XgeVhiJ9VKRkHiaBH7Y0q3fHcH3CwyYPXOqKjaKrBAfw>).

And as we continue to cope with the effects of Covid, we are also taking far more steps as a society to address other issues of safety, health and humanity. Many of you have probably seen many discussions happening online regarding how to make the Society a better, safer, place. Her Excellency Zahra puts it precisely how I would. I have shared her powerfully clear words below.

“As so many of us struggle with the pain of separation from one another socially, so too do we struggle with the realities of systemic inequality and racism in our society. In the United States and around the world, the recent senseless killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and too many before them have unleashed an avalanche of pent-up emotion.

Our Core Values, which guide us in even these darkest of times, include the following tenets: to “act in accordance with the chivalric virtues of honor and service”, to “value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals”, and to “practice inclusiveness and respect pluralism and diversity”.

If we are to live by our core values then there is only one path forward: we must both fight against systemic injustice and support those that do.

As the unique educational organization that we are, we have the opportunity to leverage our greatest resource: our community.

It is our community that makes us who we are. That is the true value of the Society for Creative Anachronism. We treasure the rich diversity of our community as a reflection of the rich diversity of history and we owe it to ourselves to deepen our understanding of pervasive inequitable treatment so that we can move forward on a journey of healing.

There is a tremendous amount of work to be done. It is time for us to take a hard look at who we are in order to hold ourselves accountable for the actions we take - and the actions we don’t take.

There is also fear. Our current reality is the direct result of generations of discrimination and collective trauma. As we educate ourselves to best support every member of our community, we must acknowledge the fear - and speak regardless. The time for inaction is over.

Every member of the SCA can effect positive change through personal accountability. Educate yourself and those around you on issues of injustice. Speak out against it when you see it, and use any platform that you have to elevate other voices speaking out against it, particularly those voices of marginalized groups. Assist those causes which seek to address discrimination, racial inequity, and all systemic injustice through the resources that you have available to you.

I invite all members of the SCA to continue to think about further ways they can help strengthen our commitment to our Core Values.

My SCA stands against bigotry. My SCA will not be silent, and therefore complicit, in the face of injustice. I will continue to work to make my SCA a haven for all, and a key player for progress in the battle against inequality through education and community.

It is my most ardent hope that you will join me.

Jessica Van Hattem
alias Baroness Zahra Tesfaye
SCA Corporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer"

It needs to be abundantly clear that my SCA is inclusive, respectful, and safe.
My SCA is committed to making efforts towards awareness and reconciliation.

Caemgen,
Seneschal

Reminder, please check your branch email account weekly if not more

- You can access it via a free app on your phone, or outlook.com on your phone or computer.
- Reliably checking your official Officer correspondence is a part of the position.
- Repeated issues with communication will be followed up with, and we will see how to best support struggling officers.

Similarly: Reports are a quick way to show you are active, that there are activities taking place in your area and to let council know of any potential issues or victories!

REMINDER: Officer Reports are requested by Monday evening the week of council. This allows me time to follow up with any absent reports.

Event Teams:

So, there's a new process. I've copied it below, but if you're on an event team and not sure what to do, reach out and we will help you get going.

The new process:

- Event is added to the Calendar. (We CAN NOT have an event on FB before it is added to the Calendar that violates the Society SM Policy.)
- Branch Pages will make the Event page. This can be the Social Media Officer, if the Branch has one, or the Seneschal. (Make sure it is made through the PAGE and not the Discussion Group)
- Name of the Event should be "Event Name - Branch Name"
- I recommend that the full information be on the Calendar. (i.e. the EIF has been submitted with site location and times so that all that information can be correct. The Event pages will allow the Site Address to be a place holder such as "Barony of Blah Blah" but those are often forgotten and people cannot use them for finding the actual site.)
- In the Event Information the following disclaimer should be posted :

"This event is held and managed by (region/branch name), a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and is considered the official presence of this group here. Questions regarding its content should be directed to (event steward's email) or to socialmedia@antir.org. Any discrepancies between the electronic version or any information and the printed version that is available from the originating office will be decided in favor of the printed version."

**Please change the Branch Page to say your branch and the Event Stewards Email to be correct.

- As your pages have the regional Deputy already as an Admin they can be notified to add the Kingdom and/or Principality page.

- The Regional Deputy will add Kingdom SMO or the Kingdom Page as Co-Host. (Some events have allowed the page to be added and KSMO can approve, others require the KSMO added so I can add the Page)
- Branches can also add the Event Steward as Co-Host so they can edit the event as needed.
- Turning off messages to the Event is preferred as messages will not always go to the Branch page.

TO RECAP what the Seneschal or SMO needs to:

1. Make the Event AFTER the event goes on the Calendar
2. Name Event "Event + Branch"
3. Add Disclaimer, Time, and place
4. Make Event Steward Co-Host

2020 Financial YTD:

Income of \$8,343.40 and expenses of \$8,534.41 shows as a net loss of \$191.01.

Available Funds

As of May 18, 2020, total available funds are \$19,309 which includes the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$298.76

Receivables & Other Assets \$1,885.00:

- \$50 rapier practice float for 2020
- \$1,535 Advance for banquet food (balance received – receipts still outstanding)
- \$300 Scottish Cultural Centre site damage deposit for February Investiture

Prepaid expenses \$2,793:

- \$2,513.70 to Public Storage for July 2020 to March 2021 (April 2021 will be free)

Notes:

- I have requested a replacement cheque for the Scottish Cultural Centre site damage deposit as I have misplaced it
 - They wanted to wait another month, so second request has been sent
- Where money will go:
 - Expenses will increase for the locker, but it's pre-paid so will not affect our bank account
 - Monthly bank fees \$3.75

Current Items:**Financial Policy**

- Lions Gate financial policy update is ongoing and will include PayPal and increasing the amount the Financial Committee can approve without council, to cover the cost of emergency insurance, if necessary.
- Pre-draft has been sent to Principality Exchequer

2020 Combat Practices (no changes):

Practice	Type	Sum of Amount
Heavy		
Income		1155.06
Heavy Total		1155.06
Rapier		
Income		820.00
Rental		-258.75
Rapier Total		561.25
Archery		
Income		935.00
Rental		-1404.00
Archery Total		-469.00
Grand Total		1247.31

2020 Events (no changes):

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Canterbury Fayre (cancelled)	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ (425.00)	n/a	Report Complete!
Lions Stage	\$ 431.83	\$ 20.00	\$ 411.83	Total: 50 42 Adults, 1 Youth, 4 Children, 3 Comp 6 NMR	Report Complete!
Tir Righ February Investiture	\$4,762.34	\$2,368.91	\$ 559.61	Total: Adults, Seniors, Students, Youth, Children, Comp NMR	Event \$2,238.43

PAST EVENT REPORTS:

- **Lions Stage** - Complete
- **February Investiture** - Complete

Upcoming EVENTS UPDATES:

- **Events for 2020**

- Canterbury Fayre (Mar 21) - Cancelled
- Sealion War (May 22) – Cancelled
- LG Champs (May 30) – Cancelled

- Lion's War (Aug 1)
- Trials (Aug 14)
- Baronial Banquet (Oct 24)
- Baroness' Turney (Nov 21) - No response from Hartwood

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Customary, FP and budget updates – Their Excellencies

- Awaiting B&B for review/input

Officer Vacancies

Note all greater offices are required to have a deputy so things can continue if the officer needs to step away. Ideally all officers that are stepping down need to advertise their vacancy 3 months in advance, if we get applicants we can “hire” after 30 days and leave 60 days to train/shadow and hand over the role. All jobs are to be posted and interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschal to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

YAC - VACANT

Families - VACANT

TUTR - VACANT

To Review:

Terms Coming due:

Games - June 2020

Chamberlain - July 2020

Chronicler - July 2020

Archery - September 2020

Explorers Program

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Unpacking Events Project

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Reporting - Caemgen
- New Business from the floor

Minutes

- Discussion of who is doing minutes- Steffan/Jaqueline
- Concern about facebook posts being visible to non facebook members.
- Discussion of sealion 2020, war of words, it didn't happen (Secret war) well done all around.
- Now capital of known world, suck it rest of known world
- Documents and policy can be found at kingdom website and page
- Look into alternate/ more inclusive platform for more inclusive online events

Expenses

- Still have funds in bank
- Expenses increasing
- Monthly bank fees

Caemgens War II (2 Caemgen 2 war)

- Possible online war
- COVID still a deterrent
- Need for online bidding
- Possibility of having it online better than facebook
- Lokki Zoom War
- Contact Caemgen to be on event team lionsgate.senschal@tirrigh.org

Future Event

- Possibility of simultaneous lionsgate and lionsdale championships
- Waiting on how stuff shakes out in terms of Events resuming

Awards discrepancy

- need to ask baron and baroness about
- Scribal also needs to know
- Loat in particular needs to be updated and made continuous with new definition
- Need new chronicler

Officer Vacancies

- Youth armoured combat vacant, tutr vacant
- Games in the near future, Garet may have someone in the wings, or not
- Need new chronicler
 - - possible volunteers for minutes

James: Archery

- Has deputy, hoping he takes over
- Put up post for candidates

New business

- Discussing possibility of Baronial only event
 - What happens when things are more normal here but not in the rest of the kingdom
 - Will the kingdom wide ban remain kingdom wide as long as any part of the kingdom can't function
 - Still follow provincial guidelines (50 people)
 - Keep watching BC health regulations and see what happens
 - Continue to assess situation here and across the border
- Fundraising
 - Retuning recyclables using express program
 - Set up bottle drive account, anyone who has infor can designate recyclable donations to account
 - Possibile-transfer still not officially an acceptable way to accept donations based on principality law
 - Return it willing to cut checks with the program provided amount is greater than 50\$ity of everyone being able to contribute because there are recycle centres everywhere
- Thrown weapons office coming due
 - Potential candidate, has been groomed for office
 - Couple of existing deputies willing to help new officer
 - Due end of july
- Online courses
 - In hartwood they managed to pivot their in person TUTR to online classes
 - Possibility of doing similar thing here in lionsgate as new event
 - Look into model to copy or learn from
 - Follow up with hartwood to learn about event team
 - Registration and payment issues

- Possibility of advance payment
- Need planning in advance
- Event fees
 - Money must come from known source
- Concerns about organizing future events, keep free for now
- Instructor cost and event costs would be different thing

Caemgen

- Grim reality of SCA people are being problematic
- Reporting is key to dealing with disrespectful people
- Gathering evidence of inappropriate behaviour is good, a la screenshot etc etc
- it's a big issues, but we need to approach it and continue to try to improve our society

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CORONET REPORT: Baron

No Report

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday - July 15th, 2020 - Online