

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Barony of Lions Gate

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Minutes taken by: Bashira Bint al-Rakkasah

In Attendance:

Briony Seedhouse	Brynja Kortsdottir
Darren Cocking	Baron Cyneric Bearson
Dawn Malin	Baroness Arianna Freemont
Doug Loney	Nikolai Androv
Elaine McMillan	Elena de Maisnilwarin
Faith Frewing	Bashira bint al-Rakkasah
Jacqueline Lee	Elvina Effynewoode
Jim Welch	James Wolfden
Joanne Loney	Cassandra Wineday
Kathleen Moore	Berenica of Albion
Kevin Garvey	Caemgen mac Garbith
Marg Galbraith-Hamilton	Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire
Marion Drakos	Morweena
Max Buchner	Steffan Drakkar
Nancy Hedge	Briana Cassia
Stephen Jones	Lokki
Tamala Arm	Isabeau Fiona the Archer

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting – chair**

- Last month's minutes to be accepted with noted errata (three names corrected in the minutes to Sadhbh, Thorey and Gunnar). Moved, seconded and approved.

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#### **SENESCHAL'S REPORT - HL Caemgen mac Garbith**

We've had a busy start to the year, with a wonderful Lions Stage by Sadhbh's team, and a successful February Investiture well done by the Dames, who will take us into our next event as well, Canterbury. April will have lots of opportunities for travel and then another busy May for Lions Gate with Sealion and Champions on the horizon.

Thank you to everyone who has made such efforts to get the Barony off to a great start.

As always, I'm going to stick in a little note about officer reporting.

#### **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!

**Even AFTER deadline this month, the following officers had not reported:**

- Webminister (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Games (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Chamberlain (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Blades
- Dance

**This list is important to keep for two reasons:**

- The officer corps. need to know I read these reports, and I need this information. It's in my best interests to make sure I provide support and guidance to getting reports in, so tell me if there's a challenge for reporting.
- A little bit of shame never hurts ;-)

**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

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## EXCHEQUER'S REPORT – Isabeau Fiona the Archer for Archos Anika Styfe (March 2019-2021)

**From Anika:** I send regrets that I am unable to attend council, yet again, tonight. (I have been shipped off to Prince Rupert for the week.) I have prepped as much as possible, and Tamala will be great!

### 2020 FINANCIAL YTD:

Income of \$2,111 and expenses of \$3,362.69 shows as a net loss of \$1,251.69.

Note: expecting some Investiture moneys to come in tonight.

### AVAILABLE FUNDS

As of February 16, 2020, total available funds are \$18,797.02 which includes the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$298.76

### RECEIVABLES & OTHER ASSETS \$3,650.00:

- \$100 Pine Ridge Co-op
- \$50 rapier practice float for 2020
- \$2000 Advance for banquet food
- \$1000 February Investiture float
- \$300 Scottish Cultural Centre site damage deposit for February Investiture

**PREPAID EXPENSES \$400:**

- \$400 to West Langley Hall for Canterbury Faire site pre-payment
- \$0 to Public Storage for February 2020 (March is free)

**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**

Practice	Type	Sum of Amount
<b>Heavy</b>		
	Income	485.00
<b>Heavy Total</b>		<b>485.00</b>
<b>Rapier</b>		
	Income	420.00
	Rental	-199.69
<b>Rapier Total</b>		<b>220.31</b>
<b>Archery</b>		
	Income	535.00
<b>Archery Total</b>		<b>535.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1240.31</b>

**2020 Events:**

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
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				Total: Adults, Seniors, Students, Youth, Children, Comp NMR	Event Report incoming

**PAST EVENTS**

- None

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### LIONS STAGE

- Final Report coming when event team can attend.

### FEBRUARY INVESTITURE

- Final Report coming
- Budget \$2,415, Expenses \$2,368; revenue \$4,555 attendance 214 w/ 15 comped, 7 sr. discount, 2 students. 16 under 18 31 NMR received
- Profit \$2,186.09 (w/ estimated gain on US exchange). Under budget on everything except misc. expenses.
- Excellent feedback. Site worked well despite a few issues. Caretaker onsite was a real bonus. Site staff was nice to work with. Will follow up to see whether there was any lost and found. The parking was better than anticipated. Should add this site as our list of go-to places for 150person plus range. heavy carpet under the stage might facilitate indoor fighting. Rapier was great and youth rapier. Lots of positive feedback on children's corner. 1-day schedule is difficult—hard to find real estate for 200+ people event in Lions Gate. 2-day is better. Some issues contacting Tir Righ officers, which is a problem.
- Nice to see dance going, though it was moved earlier in the day. People had fun and it adds to the ambience. Gate worked smoothly and effectively.

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## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### EVENTS FOR 2020

#### Canterbury Fayre (Mar 21) - Contract signed, insurance ordered

- West Langley Hall. Will get float next month but needs a cheque for the balance of the amount due (due March 4). No entrants so far. Need to get championship entrants. Due date is end of February. (A&S and Bardic). Can't do site layout until team knows requirements.
- Looking at workshops rather than formal TUTR.

#### Sealion War (May 22) – Cassandra. Revised bid expected

- Had site walkthrough; is a working cattle farm, but looks usable. Will need to get biffies and only one hose on site. Cassandra and Caemgen to discuss numbers etc. Will send in EIF to get on calendar.
- Request for Caemgen to post on FB forum when an event's been awarded.

#### LG Champions (May 30) – Warner Loat Park. City contract coming

- Booked in for date. Burnaby paperwork will take time.

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### Lion's War (Aug 1)

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- Some work done on coordinating the use of an old site (TBD). Also looking at alternate sites. No price point required but has to charge NMR and has to be a profit. Also dealing with 25-year Quad War and 40-year Clinton War anniversary.
- Tabled until next month.

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### Trials (Aug 14)

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- No bid for Trials yet, but Briana and Malys are looking for sites.

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### Baronial Banquet (Oct 24) - site needed

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- Date locked in. Two teams have been going to Briana for guidance and one team has contacted Caemgen and a bid is pending.
- Customary states that if multiple bids are received and approved by the financial team, the B&B can decide which to choose.

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### Baroness' Tourney (Nov 21) - Site/date needed

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- Cloverdale Fairgrounds is booked the weekend of Nov. 21. Can continue with Nov. 21 date, but no site. Possible site for the 28<sup>th</sup>; Caemgen will contact Hartwood to coordinate dates.
- If anyone knows a site we could use, let Caemgen. Briana has a line on a potential site.

### **CUSTOMARY, FP AND BUDGET UPDATES – THEIR EXCELLENCIES**

- Awaiting B&B for review/input
- Baroness to send back reviewed document.

### **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

Others will be coming due this summer.

Master of Stables requires a Deputy, as term is coming up.

All major officers must be warranted and have a deputy.

## **EXPLORERS PROGRAM**

Update from Caemgen:

- Program is working. People are finding sites and we are using some new ones and some old ones. Thank you to everyone who's found a site, suggested a site, or used a site.

## **UNPACKING EVENTS PROJECT**

Update from Caemgen

- First event unpack was done for Investiture and it went well. Report addressed site, activities and team.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EVENT BIDS NEEDED - 2ND HALF OF 2020**

#### **NEW WESTMINSTER PARADE:**

"Hail fair Damsels and Squires,

The Shire of New Westminster requests your presence in the 2020 New Westminster International Parade. As we do understand you're a non-profit society, we could barter a reasonable amount of coin of the realm.

As the "Prince of Parades" I will be your humble point of contact.

Please see below my contact information. Thx.

A short yah or nay would be kindly received."

Alan Wardle, 604-525-8081

Alan.wardle@telus.net

Hyack President 2016"

Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as Sea Lion War. However, perhaps there may be people who want to attend—it's not a formal demo, so it wouldn't be a conflict. Briana suggests that we need to think about this before jumping to a "no" on these.

Caemgen – we can't have a formal presence at two events at once for numerous reasons.

Elena – going but not having a strong enough presence could also damage our reputation.

Decision made not to have a formal presence at the Hyack Festival to prevent conflict.

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

#### **Briana**

Kudoz made a cold contact to Chatelaine. They are an interface platform between people with disabilities and those without disabled. Audrey of Kudoz is looking for an hour once a month to bring one individual to our practices to see what we're doing. This is an opportunity for cross community building, very good press, and Kudoz has an excellent reputation. Briana would like permission from council and perhaps find someone to coordinate these. – Caemgen: yes, please.

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### **Briana**

Equestrian Officer's formal request to B&B and council that we consider an equestrian championship at Trials. This looks like it will be a very busy year for equestrian. Several baronies have strong equestrian presence and Briana would like to create a destination equestrian competition.

Baroness: The particular location can be a challenge.

Briana puts it to the B&B and Council. All of the baronies mentioned have equestrian championships.

Caemgen: Thinks Trials is a good event to consider for this, but will he have enough participants? Could this start as a competition first and then championship?

Briana anticipates about 8 competing and there are pros and cons to doing this right away versus waiting.

Tabled for their Excellencies to talk to parties involved.

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### **Steffan**

Rapier steel key request. Council did pre-approve an amount for replacement after theft; however, there is a budget of \$200. Steffan has \$800 he can work with; to submit receipts. If making replacements or part of replacements, he should submit a bid for it.

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### **Caemgen**

Interested parties for barony newsletter. Please spread the word that we need interested parties to run the quarterly barony newsletter. Requirements are basic, but a newsletter is a requirement to maintain barony status.

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## **CORONET REPORT – Baron Sir Cyneric Beresone**

Had two events this month. Lions Stage was a small intimate setting and a whole lot of fun. Numbers were good. Tir Righ Investiture was a smash success. No events before next council but have a demo at the Langley fundamental school. Maybe we'll get another Kian out of it. We are proud of the barony and the tremendous amount of work you do for use. You make us look great.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

The THIRD Wednesday - March 18, 2020

Pine Ridge Community Room - 8763 Ash Grove Cres

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## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Chronicler - Bashira bint al Rakkasah**

**July 2018-July 2020**

January minutes were posted to the FB forum and sent to the webminister for posting on the LG website. They have not been posted to said website. I have errata to make and the minutes to repost but haven't had time to do so. I'll provide information on the errata at Wednesday's meeting, as I will not have time between now and then to update the minutes.



**Chamberlain - Fergus**

**July 2018-July 2020**

No report.

**Chatelaine -Briana nic h'Eusaidh**

**Jun 2018-June 2020**

**COMMS:** Have had several new folk introduced at both Lion Stage and Investiture. It sounds like folks have been taking care of these new players, and that is really great! Good Chatelaining, you guys! If you do bring a new person, please do feel free to bring them by to meet me: I am happy to meet and help your friends get settled in and introduce them around!

We have a new contact from a representative from Kudoz, an experience platform connecting people with and without disabilities to splendid things to do, together. Locals host one-hour experiences, anything from podcasting to learning Korean. Youth and adults with cognitive disabilities search the platform and book experiences to try for free. Audrey reached out to see if we can co-ordinate an experience to offer on their platform. I would like Council's permission to pursue this opportunity.

**ARMBANDS/IDENTIFIERS:** I am talking to a person with the requisite skills about how we can make these happen... update at Council!

**GOLD KEY:** I have shunted a few folks over to Her Excellency who have offered sewing skills and or fabric and or time, in order to get the Gold Key moving along.

**CHATELAINE'S SHELF:** Still working on this project. I would love the assistance of one of our talented librarian folk to help me figure this project out.

**HOSPITALITY POINT:** Definitely finding the Hospitality Station a working idea: we do need to give some thought to placement, depending on the sites. Since our next event is Canterbury Faire, and I will not be here, I will be helping the deputy Chatelaines co-ordinate with the event team about the placement and maintenance of the table, Gold Key/Newcomer's area.

**EVENTS:** I have a volunteer step up to help work with new folks at Canterbury Faire. Our next event after that is Sea Lion War and I will be running the kitchen for my household, so co-ordinating Newcomer things from there. I have plans and am hammering those out with the event team.

**DEMOS:** Sadhbh is co-ordinating with Craig Bressett and Ken Boulter on the demos over the next two weeks. There have been no new requests.

**NOVUS** classes are great, and I would really like to see them offered at more practices and at events... Also, can we get publishable material for the website/Chatelaine's Shelf

**Sable Loat Pursuivant- Steffan Drakkar Aug 2019 - Aug 2021**

Greetings, as follows is the February 2020 Sable Loat heraldry report.

**Events:**

- Lions stage was held, and it was by all accounts a good time
- The barony also hosted the Investiture of Tir Righs new prince and princess, the Graceful Vikingr and the mighty Lishinia

**Awards:**

- At Lions Stage, awards were given out as follows
  - Lady Millicent Eaglescliff was granted admittance to the order of the Silver Lance

- At Investiture
  - Sine Gunnsdottir was made a Keystone of Lions Gate

**Volunteers:**

- The most magnificent seneschal Caemgen volunteered to serve as herald when the Sable Loat was absent from Lions Stage, he did so on the spot and without warning, and as such is to be commended for service to the barony
- Lokki filled in as Baronial herald at Investiture while Sable Loat was Lining up for admission to the lists

**Notes:**

- The Sable Loat goofed and not only failed to appear at Lions Stage, but he also forgot to contact a substitute herald, Luckily Caemgen was there to save the day.

**Minister of Stables - Brynia**

**Oct 2018- Oct 2020**

Really good turnout to practice so far this year, averaging 8 fighters, both heavy and rapier.

We have lots of new fighters and the loaner kit is getting used every week. With new fighters comes the desire for people to make their own kit, so if anyone is willing to do a workshop on legs/knees, elbows, gorgets or have patterns they're willing to pass on that would be greatly appreciated. If anyone has old helms they're looking to sell we have people looking.

Reminder that the Monday Feb 24th practice won't be happening at the church, we instead encourage all fighters to help out at the Langley Fundamental School Demo.

My term as Master of Stables is up at the end of October. Decimus has indicated interest in becoming my deputy, we are still discussing all the requirements, but yay for possible deputy :)

**Archery James Wolfden**

**Sept 2018-Sept 2020**

Archery Practices are continuing to happen most Sundays and scores are being submitted. As the practice is combined with target archery, combat archery, and thrown weapons attendance can vary depending on all what is happening. Our lowest attendance was during the Ursalmas weekend which also had Duncan, Jaqueline, and myself unable to attend because of health issues. Other than that we have been getting out around 8 archers many who also do thrown weapons. Numbers are similar to last year at this time. The last few practices have not included combat archery.

While I had hoped to start the Thursday night practice this month, my own health and work issues will push this off to March.

I facilitated the archery portion of a Novus TUTOR session on Introduction to Archery and Thrown Weapons. Jaqueline did the Thrown Weapons portion.

My term is scheduled to end in September. Gunnar the Wanderer has been my drop dead deputy and I have been grooming him for the role should he decide to take it over and that is acceptable to the Barony. He is currently a junior TAM but I hope to have him with his Senior TAM before September. I have taken on target archery marshal in charge for some upcoming Baronial events but with the understanding that I will be using these to work with our juniors as part of their promotion to Senior TAMs.

At Investiture, Athelina Grey has become the new Principality Archer and she has asked me to be her contingency deputy which I accepted.

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**Blades - Davin**

**Feb 2019-Feb 2021**

No report.

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**Lists - Agnes Cresewyke**

**Nov 2018-2020**

I have not had much activity in my capacity as Lists officer this last month. I did assist with Lists at Ursulmas. I had 19 fighters in my field and everyone was very helpful.

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**Thrown Weapons: Duncan of Aberfoyle**

**Aug 2017- Aug 2020**

With me being out of commission for a few months my deputy HL Jaqueline has been a wonder for me and kept TW rolling while i try to get back on track.

She has also spent great effort creating a new style of spear target for us and hopefully it will work well and last for a while.

No events with TW and the turnout has been smaller with the crappy weather but will pick up again soon.

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**Equestrian - Briana nic h'Eusaidh**

**Feb 2017- Feb 2020**

Nothing new to report. Still waiting on promotion responses

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**Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff**

**April 2017- April 2019 -**

- The Lions Gate Bardic and A&S Championships have been announced, with an entry deadline of February 28, 2020. No entries so far.
- The February Cooks' Meeting was held on February 5, 2020. Attendance: ~8
- Tanikh will be away for a few months, so the cooks' meetings need a new location. I understand that the regular attendees have a potential location for this time, and that they will let me know so that I can publicize that information.
- The January A&S & Bardic Soiree was held on January 29, 2020. Attendance: 5 (including a new person)
- The February A&S & Bardic Soiree is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

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**Dance – Berenica of Albion**

No report.

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**Games Gareth**

**June 2018- June 2020**

No report.

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**Scribe - Elvina**

**Feb 2019 - Feb 2021**

Scribal night was held January 27. One scribe was painting and three scribes worked on charter designs.

Scribal activities also took place at Lions Stage, with five of the populace trying their hands at charter painting. Three of them took charters away with them to complete, of which some have already been returned.

Due to the demo on February 24th, there will be no scribal night in February.

**Webminister- James Irvine**

**March 2019-March 2021**

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No report.

**Family Activities**

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**TUTR - Tanikh bint Farida**

**Nov 2017-Nov 2019**

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No report.



NEW BUSINESS - Month: Feb. 19, 2020

Kudoz cold contact to Chalelaine - Briana  
Equestrian Championships formal request - Briana

Rapier steel key request - Steffen → =

Interested Parties for Newsletter  
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