

Attending

Anika Styfe (Christi Frank) - exchequer

Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais (Kevin Garvey) - seneschal

Lokki/ (Stephen Jones) – deputy seneschal

Jaqueline Lefleur (Kirsten Masse) - interim chronicler

James Wolfden (James Welch) – archery

Gunnar the Wanderer (Simon Thomsen) – archery

Joanne Burrows Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah - guest

Jay Irvine – (James Irvein) - webminister

Sadhbh Bheag (Angela Gallant) – Red Flame herald

Koga – (Bill Wong) – thrown weapons

Steffan Drakkar (Max Buchner) – Sable Loat herald

Garet (Dave) – games

Stacey Auld (Sigrún in fróða) – guest

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Chair

July 2020 DRAFT minutes approved.

Seneschal report: Caemgen

Good evening friends,

Thank you for joining us again online. We do have some official pieces of business to cover later on, and I'd like to welcome some new faces to Council. Firstly, at the end of July the Board of Directors resolved to suspend all in-person activities until the end of January 2021. This means that all official activities for the remainder of the calendar year are cancelled. I know this is hard to hear, but as stated from our uppermost councils down to the conversations I am having with individual members of the populace, it's clear that we as a community must do everything we can to both keep our fellows safe, and to do our part in preventing the spread in the mundane community. This is not the year any of us were anticipating, trust me, but we are going to focus on keeping the lights on until we can meet again.

To that, for those who may have missed it, there was an An Tir Royal Court this last week. A copy of the court has been posted on the An Tir webpage linking to the Kingdom Youtube channel. I want to echo Their Majesties and thank you all for your efforts, online, in person, and in your hearts.

Please continue to keep the Dream alive, but on hold.

Caemgen, Seneschal

REMINDERS AND NOTES:

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!

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

Exchequer report

2020 Financial YTD:

Income of \$8,543.40 and expenses of \$8,541.91 shows as a net gain of \$1.49. The increase in income came from the LMFSS demo funds being deposited.

Available Funds

As of August 16, 2020, total available funds are \$19,801.50 which includes the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$298.76

Receivables & Other Assets \$1,585.00:

- \$50 rapier practice float for 2020
- \$1,535 Advance for banquet food (balance received – receipts still outstanding)

Prepaid expenses \$1,955.10:

- \$1,955.10 to Public Storage for September 2020 to March 2021 (April 2021 will be free)

Notes:

- Where money will go during the pandemic:
 - Expenses will increase for the locker, but it is pre-paid so will not affect our bank account
 - Monthly bank fees \$3.75

Current Items:

1. Return-It Express - I have set up the Barony of Lions Gate with as per Jaqueline's suggestion. Instructions have been posted in the Facebook Groups.
 - I have chosen the phone number 604-608-1976 as the account code (Lions Gate started June 8, 1976)
2. I have also received a very good suggestion as to what to do with these funds. I would like to set up a Special Fund to donate to branches in need as our account is very healthyFinancial Policy. See new business.
 - 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.
 - Draft has been sent to the Finance Committee
3. Looking for a deputy exchequer
4. 2nd quarter report just needs sign off

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:

- **Events for 2020**
 - Canterbury Fayre (Mar 21) - Cancelled
 - Sealion War (May 22) – Cancelled
 - LG Champs (May 30) – Cancelled
 - Lion’s War (Aug 1) - Cancelled
 - Trials (Aug 14) - Cancelled
 - Baronial Banquet (Oct 24) - cancelled
 - Baroness’ Tourney (Nov 21) - cancelled

Reminder: there are no official events or practices of any kind. All events are cancelled for the Kingdom of An Tir. Any gathering of friends or household is not to be done on SCA pages or social media pages. Any such gatherings are individual decisions and are not to be connected to the SCA in any way.

Dates for 2021 are being discussed.

Continued business

Customary, FP and budget updates – Their Excellencies

- Awaiting B&B for review/input
- Financial Policy Update!!

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.

Vacancies:

- YAC
- YAFA
- TUTR

Coming due/posting soon:

- Chronicler

Filled but with paperwork outstanding:

- Archery
- Thrown Weapons
- Chamberlain
- Games – Garet or Lokki will take over
- Chatelaine – interim chronicler

Explorers Program

- Explorers are exploring

Unpacking Events Project

- On hold

Online events

- Update on online events
- Must post virtual events in time for them to be posted in Kingdom Calendar. Contact the Seneschal if you have a proposal. In-person events must hold off until dates are set for 2021.

New business

- **New Officers! Whooo!**

Koga (Billy Wong) is taking over the Thrown Weapons office. Has been involved in thrown weapons for four years! Seneschal will be in touch about paperwork.

Gunnar the Wanderer (Simon Thomsen) is taking over the Archery office. He has been involved in SCA archery for around for seven years. Seneschal will be in touch about change of officer paperwork.

- **Return-It Fund (Encorp)**
 - **Policies**
 - **Duplicating efforts**
 - **Balancing needs**

I would think the Special Fund should be approved by council, but we can start collecting donations now. Perhaps we could use this fund to help our neighbour branches? What are the fundraising restrictions? Anika to investigate.

Check BC Gaming laws and SCA laws. Check to see if we will be duplicating efforts of Principality or Kingdom.

How do we balance the needs of branches? Perhaps transfer

Could we investigate gifting of memberships? Maybe not. Individuals can gift memberships but not branches.

- **Archery equipment storage**

Master James: Practice site owner is concerned about the equipment being in storage as they are not checking it. Possible damage. Items are now moved to Master James home. Outdoor items are under the deck. Other items are stored indoors. Are there other locations available for storage? Koga is willing to store the TW items.

We should replace the archery netting once we need it again.

- **Webminister**

Caemgen: We need updates on the webpage. Cancellation info. Past minutes. Officer updates.

James: Please use the webminister email to send James updates. On homepage, Event and Practices shows cancellation until Jan 2021. Last news is about March cancellations. Update officers list. Need the most recent council minutes. Files can be sent to James via FTP and will be uploaded automatically.

TUTR officer could be active if they are good with computers. Tanikh is willing to help with organizing, but not doing the computer work.

Coronet report

Baron Cyneric.

We love you all.

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Baroness Arianna and Baron Cyneric.

[Next Council meeting](#)

Online via Microsoft Teams; September 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm PDT.