

## Barony of Lions Gate Council Agenda – July 21, 2021

### Officers and deputies

- Baroness Arianna Freemont (Dawn Malin) – Baronial coronet attended
- Baron Cyneric Bearson (Darren Cocking) – Baronial coronet attended

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- Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais (Kevin Garvey) – seneschal attended
- Nereügei (Victor Lo) – deputy seneschal attended
- Dame Morweena (Marion Drakos) – social media
- **Family activities coordinator - vacant**

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- Archos Anika Styfe (Christi Frank) – exchequer attended
- **Contingency deputy - vacant**
- Fergus of Glamis (Lee Tomkulak) – chamberlain

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- Steffan Drakkar (Max Buchner) – herald -

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- Brynja Kortsdottir (Briony Seedhouse) – stables attended
- Decimus Aurelius (Daniel Kline) - Stables Contingency Deputy
- Gunnar the Wanderer (Simon Thomsen) – archery attended
- Briana Cassia (Nancy Jean Hedge) – equestrian
- Mistress Agnes Cresewyke (Vanessa Giddings) – lists
- **Rapier - vacant**
- Koga of the Wolfpack (Billy Wong) – thrown weapons attended
- **Youth Armoured Combat - vacant**

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- Baron Miles Fitz Hubert (Rob Nicholls) – chronicler
- Jaqueline Lefleur (Kirsten Masse) - deputy chronicler and secretary attended
- Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe (Ariel Rivera) – A&S
- Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff (Tina Johnston) – A&S deputy
- **Bardic Arts - vacant**
- Lady Berenika ( ) – dance
- **TUTR Coordinator – vacant**
- Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah (Joanne Burrows) – acting TUTR coordinator attended

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- Briana Cassia (Nancy Jean Hedge) – chatelaine
- Decimus Aurelius (Daniel Kline) – deputy chatelaine
- **Gold Key - vacant**
- Elvina Effynewoode (Jacqueline Lee) – scribe attended

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- **Webminister – vacant**

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### Guests

- Sadhbh Bheag (Angela Gallant)
  - Lokki (Stephen Jones)
  - James Irvine (Jay Irvein)
  - Russel O'Donnell
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### Approval of minutes: June 2021

Motion to approve: tabled to August 2021 due to file corruption. We shall rebuild it!

## 1. Seneschal report

Hello my friends,

Another busy month in the Barony of Lions Gate. We've had several in-person fight practices now and are moving towards the conclusion of our long-running Lions' Den series every Sunday night. We have plans in place for our first full in-person event, Lions Gate Champions, to be held September 11, 2021 at the ancestral Warner Loat Park, and are beginning to plan for Baroness' Inspirational Tourney on November 20th.

As we discuss coming back together to see each other face to face, there can be an understandable amount of anxiety and concern about how we will continue to keep each other safe as we have for the last year and a half. We currently have a *Principality Return to Play* plan that abides by BC mandates and covers martial activities. The coming *Communicable Disease* plan will describe steps for having in-person non-martial activities like council, A&S gatherings and other non-sports.

The Barony is committed to ensuring that all of the recommended policies are followed, and that populace members will be able to attend activities and events at their one comfort level. However, with that commitment comes an expectation that populace members will become knowledgeable about these policies and will be actively engaged in following them. Many of our peers have done just that, and Fight Practice has been a welcome return to the days of old. Sort of.

- Caemgen

### Reminders about offices

**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.

**Reminder:** 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 same week as council.*

*This allows me time to follow up with any absent reports.*

## 2. Exchequer report

### 2021 Financial YTD:

Income of \$285.85 and expenses of \$2,216.30 shows as a net loss of \$1,968.80.

### Available Funds

As of July 18, 2021, total available funds are \$ 16,045.48 which includes the following Special Funds:

- \$48.76 Archery
- \$107.03 Return-It Express (transferred balance of \$32.22 Zoom expense to general funds)

### Receivables & Other Assets \$0.00:

- 0.00

### Prepaid expenses \$2,768.85:

- \$2,768.85 to Public Storage (August 2021 – April 2022; May 2022 will be free)

### Notes:

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

### Current Items:

- Special Fund - Return-It Express
  - To date, Lions Gate has received \$247.88 in direct bottle donations (!)
  - I have chosen the phone number 604-608-1976 as the account code (Lions Gate started June 8, 1976)
  - Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles
- Financial Policy
  - I have neglected to study the review from the Principality Exchequer, so need to make some adjustments before bringing to council. Life happened, still on pause.
- Looking for a deputy exchequer

### 3. Events Summary 2021

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks

#### Past event reports

None to report.

#### Upcoming events

##### **Lions Den** – Caemgen

While there may be irregular special issues, the weekly presentations will end in October.

##### **Lions Gate Champions** (Sept 11) – Jaqueline

One day event. 8 am – 8 pm (requested). Warner Loat park in Burnaby.

Five championships: heavy, rapier, cut and thrust, archery and thrown weapons.

Contract will be coming in a few weeks; Burnaby parks is very busy right now.

Communication with officers and current champions started. Team being built. To follow *Return to Play* requirements, we will be flagging the site to separate SCA activity areas from the publicly accessible centre of the park, including the public washrooms. Officers and those who will be marshals in charge must have attended the *Return to Play* plan or the *Communicable Disease* plan training prior to the event, whichever is in effect at the time of the event.

*Action item: Jaqueline to provide Crier copy and event package by the end of the month.*

*Action item: Anika to send the 2019 Champions event package to Jaqueline and the new event package.*

##### **Baroness' Inspirational Tournament** (Nov 20)

No contract for an event yet. We need an event team!

#### Events 2021

The Kingdom reopening is being unpacked and at this time there are no official events or practices being held. Please review the Covid-19 Announcement and the FAQ for more information. All current policies are posted on the An Tir Kingdom website: <https://antir.org/>

## Return to Play

This document is available on the Tir Righ website under Earl Marshal under *Forms and Resources* column. This is currently our only policy for in-person activities. Principality Earl Marshal is currently revising this document, which is martial activity specific, to a more general *Communicable Disease Plan* that describes steps for non-martial activities.

<http://www.tirrigh.org/marshal.php>

## 4. Officer Vacancies

**Note that 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.

Interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschal to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

### Vacancies

- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat - needed once we return to in-person events
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements - needed now  
(Kingdom has said authorizations do not allow online interaction with youth. But we can create youth content.) Background checks must be renewed every two years.
- TUTR – The University of Tir Righ – needed now – Tanikh is willing to do the job and train when an officer is found.
- Blades – term completed and no reply to extension query
- Webminister – term completed and no reply to extension query

James willing to stay on until the web technical issues are solved. Willing to stay on as deputy once an offer steps up to provide continuity training. Principality web minister and Jaqueline covering until we have a new webminister.

### Upcoming vacancies

- Herald – (Sable Loat) position will be vacated end of **August 2021**.
- Stables - term ends Oct. 2021
- Chatelaine - term ends **June 2021**
- Chamberlain – term ends **July 2021**

## New and Extending Officers

- Seneschal – term ends soon

Caemgen will stay on until we return to regular activities, for up to one year.

*Motion: to approve the current seneschal Caemgen to continue and be extended as Seneschal until we return to regular activities, up to a maximum of one year.*

- Baroness **Arianna** Freemont (Dawn Malin) – Baronial coronet - YES
- Baron **Cyneric** Bearson (Darren Cocking) – Baronial coronet – YES
  - **Nereūgei** (Victor Lo) – deputy seneschal - YES
- Archos **Anika** Styfe (Christi Frank) – exchequer - YES
- **Brynja** Kortsdottir (Briony Seedhouse) – stables – YES
- **Gunnar** the Wanderer (Simon Thomsen) – archery - YES
- **Koga** of the Wolfpack (Billy Wong) – thrown weapons - YES
  - **Jaqueline** Lefleur (Kirsten Masse) - deputy chronicler and secretary - YES
- **Elvina** Effynewoode (Jacqueline Lee) – scribe – YES

## 5. Baronial Business

### Continuing Business

#### Baronial Website – Caemgen

5 bullet points to be completed still (where are my bullet points?!)

-all officers should have access to website

--calendar may or may not be working?

-Jacomina, Jacqueline and Her Excellency are working on getting the website updated.

James emailed officers that do have an account. Officers please email James when you have successfully logged in and changed your passwords. Officers tonight who have attempted to log in to Baronial web site, did it work? There might be spam bots causing a problem. Wrong passwords messages received.

#### Lions Gate Baronial polling – Caemgen

Baron Cyneric and Baroness Arianna, of the Barony of Lions Gate, announce their intention to hold a confidence poll. We will use the new online polling system.

Members will be able to register for online polling between September 1st-7th, 2021, and polling will run from September 13th-20th. Only paid SCA members residing within the Barony are able to participate in online polling. If paid members are unable to access the online polling system, they may be able to request an Absentee Polling form from the Baronial Seneschal.

Any populace members not holding an active membership are welcome to write to the Crown with their thoughts regarding the polling

*Action item: James will add this information to the Baronial web site.*

### **Weekly or Bi-weekly Novus Classes – Tanikh**

Sir Antonio has volunteered to do the SCA Terms class.

Need instructors for: Archery, games, dance, light combat, rapier.

Jacomina starting Novus II course set with *Costume* on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Dates are posted on Facebook.

Tanikh is talking with Grace Gwyneth do another *Intro to Costuming* workshop in person in the spring 2022. Proposal coming. We will need to find a site. Large open space with large tables and lots of outlets.

### **Archery Site - Arianna/Gunnar**

Interested in renewing contract with Taisce Stables. A number of issues were brought up and most of those have been rectified. We have not found an equivalent alternative. Should missile practice should return to the original site? No further objections noted.

### **Email accounts - Caemgen**

Open access to the officer accounts.

### **New Business**

**September Crown 2022** – Duke Ulfr and team (Izzy and Elena) asked for barony's permission to set bid in the same site based on 2019 bid. Arianna is in favour. No concerns.

### **Purchase request for the Baronial Website - Lancer James**

1. Web backup system \$70 fee and \$42 per year thereafter in USD pre-tax. Recommended by Kingdom.

2. Calendar app for easier updates.

- Free plug in currently being used.
- \$35 USD add on that will import events from FB and from An Tir calendar. If event at source is updated, it will update on Baronial page.
- \$70 USD Pro version gives additional features. Allows zoom link additions. Click to join for zoom meetings for online events.

Hard data sent to Exchequer for feedback before a decision will be made.

This would be an initial officer expense for the Web backup, then an ongoing fee as a line item for the office.

*Action item: Caemgen will forward to the financial committee for discussion.*

**Is there any chance on having a war or Sergeants in August or September? – Arianna**

*Action item: Caemgen to check if there are any weekends available in late August or September.*

**Fight practice money drop to exchequer – Brynja**

Brynja will communicate with Anika about how to do the drop.

**Coronet report**

Fight practice going amazingly well. Attendance is going well. We have new people! Jaqueline is Head of Retinue for Their Excellencies. Looking forward to Lions Gate Champions.

Everyone stay safe!

**Next Council meeting**

Online via zoom; August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 pm PDT.

## Officer reports appendix

### Officer reports as received by DATE

- Chronicler - - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023  
Nothing new to report . My thanks to Jacqueline, again for all she does.  
Miles
- Chamberlain - Fergus July 2018-July 2021  
No Report
- Chatelaine -Briana nic h'Eusaidh Jun 2018-Jun 2021  
No Report
- Sable Loat Pursuivant- Steffan Drakkar Aug 2019 - Aug 2021  
No Report
- Minister of Stables - Brynia Oct 2018- Oct 2021  
No Report
- Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022  
No archery at the moment so nothing to report
- **Blades - VACANT**
- Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2022  
Still working on photographing the lists shields.  
Looking forward to doing lists for champions if and when we have it.
- Thrown Weapons - Koga of the Wolfpack Aug 2020- Aug 2022  
No Report
- Equestrian - Briana nic h'Eusaidh Feb 2017- Feb 2020 – TRANSITIONING  
No Report
- **Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT**
- Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff/Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe  
TRANSITIONING  
-The June Wednesday A&S social was held on June 23, 2021. Attendance: ~6  
-The July Thursday A&S social was held on July 8, 2021. Attendance: ~6  
-I am planning to hold a July Wednesday A&S social on July 28, 2021, since we have regular participants who are expecting it.  
-Since we have lower attendance, and some in-person practices have resumed, I am only planning to have one A&S social in August, on Wednesday, August 25, 2021

-Going forward, I think we should have A&S socials once a month on a Wednesday (currently the 4<sup>th</sup>Wednesday, but we can be flexible).

- Dance- Berenica Nov 2019 - Nov 2021

No Report

- Games - Gareth June 2018- June 2021

No Report

- Scribe - Elvina Feb 2019- Feb 2021

Still fairly quiet on the scribal front though some design projects are under way. Starting to review what is involved in the process for *Return to Play* for the scribal arts.

- Webminister - VACANT
- Family activities - VACANT
- The University of Tir Righ - VACANT

**SCA Social Media Policy summary for non-officers**

CAVEAT: this is my interpretation of the new policy of the points I deemed most important to the general populace. Please read the entire policy for completeness: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Society-Social-Media-Policy-April-2021.pdf>

**Policy applies to:**

- all people posting on/through OFFICIAL SCA Inc. social media channels, such as official groups and pages
- People who use their SCA name, nickname, or claim any connection with the SCA on their profile, even if they post in UNOFFICIAL groups or on their PERSONAL PROFILE (where relevant, see headings below)

If you are SCA Royalty, including territorial Barons and Baronesses, or a Peer, you are considered to have a high profile SCA role, and you are asked to “exercise particular care because of your leadership roles, and the real, or apparent, influence you may be perceived to have.

**OFFICIAL and UNOFFICIAL channels, and your PERSONAL PROFILE (if SCA related, see above)**

Participants must not make comments on social media that are damaging to the integrity or reputation of the Society. Providing reasonable criticism is fine.

No person using a profile connected to the SCA may publish content on Social media that is:

- Bullying, abusive, harassment, or hate speech,
- Endangering or threatening the safety or well-being of others.

**Everyone taking part in an OFFICIAL SCA social media channel shall:  
(Taking part means posting, commenting on posts, etc)**

- behave with courtesy, honor, chivalry, and respect, even when there are differences of opinion,
- comply with SCA policy and modern law,
- observe channel rules
- avoid personal attacks and limit their comments to the issues under discussion,
- clearly state that their views are personal and not the views of SCA Inc. when that is the case
- ensure that the information they provide is informed and factually accurate, when commenting about SCA Inc.,
- be responsible in their choice of material to post via official SCA social media channels and be patient with others who post material on these channels as well.

**No person may publish content on OFFICIAL SCA social media channels that is:**

- Content that could be interpreted as participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign
- Content that involves modern religion or modern religious subjects,
- Content that spreads false or misleading information, including content which is meant to disparage, intimidate, or negatively impact the reputation of an individual, branch, event, or other group,
- Bullying, abusive, harassment, hate speech, profanity, or sexually explicit,
- Breaking or encouraging the breaking of modern law or SCA policies and rules,
- Engaging in the “doxing” of other members of, or participants in, SCA,
- Endangering or threatening the safety or well-being of others,
- Intentionally disruptive or provocative for the purpose of causing group dissent, i.e. trolling,
- Content that involves fundraising for individuals rather than official SCA branches whether personal or in a society context,
- Deemed by SCA administrators or social media officers to be inappropriate for the channel according to any guidelines set for participation in that particular channel,
- Knowingly publish links to any internet locations that break any of these rules.

**People posting content on OFFICIAL channels must ensure that it either:**

- Has an open license, is out of copyright, or permission has been given (i.e., public domain, creative commons license, intellectual property release). Where permission has not been obtained, written permission should be obtained through an online form or email, or
- Voluntarily distributed by a creator who owns the copyright to the work or has permission to share. (Creators should ensure that all permissions, attributions, and relevant linking occurs prior to distributing their content),
- Consistent with Fair Use (USA) or Fair Dealing (Canada) principles. This is determined by your location when you post, not by where you got the material from!

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