

Barony of Lions Gate

Council Minutes – November 18, 2020

Attending

- Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais (Kevin Garvey) – seneschal
- Lokki (Stephen Jones) – deputy seneschal
- Archos Anika Styfe (Christi Frank) – exchequer
- Gunnar the Wanderer (Simon Thomsen) - archery
- Beatriz (Joana Dornellas) – guest
- Viscount Kheron Azov (Richard Bertrand) – Kingdom marshal youth combat
- Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff (Tina Johnston) – A&S
- Baroness Arianna Freemont (Dawn Malin) – Baronial coronet
- Mestre Garet Doiron (David Sharpe) – games
- Steffan Drakkar (Max Buchner)– herald
- Brynja Kortsdottir (Briony Seedhouse) - stables
- Koga of the Wolfpack (Billy Wong) – thrown weapons
- Baron Miles Fitz Hubert (Rob Nicholls) – chronicler
- Briana Cassia (Nancy Jean Hedge) - equestrian
- Arcos Athelina - guest
- Greta Grunwald - guest
- Lord Nereügei (Victor Lo) - guest
- Sir Antonio (Toby Chernoff) - guest
- Jaqueline Lefleur (Kirsten Masse) - interim chronicler - minutes

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Chair

Motion to approve minutes for October 2020 Briony/seconded Anika

Seneschal report

This is the final council of the year. A number of things have been going on around and about the Kingdom:

- Successful Collegium event
- ‘Smolder’ fundraiser – calendar project
- Growing Tir Righ into a Kingdom – discussions restarted
- Two sessions of the ‘Lions Den’ held already. These are an unofficial online series organized by Her Grace Duchess Caohime with facilitation by Mestr Garet and Baroness Arianna. More in New Business.

This month’s council will be our last for 2020 as we do not hold a December meeting. Folks will still be hard at work keeping the Barony running, so reach out to us on social media or via the officer email accounts, in the form: lionsgate.job@tirrigh.org, e.g. lionsgate.stables@tirrigh.org.

If you know someone who might be interested in an officer or deputy position, reach out to us about that, too. Or just to keep in touch!

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 \$9,949.66 shows as a net loss of \$1,406.26.

Available Funds \$19,790.25

As of November 18, 2020, total available funds are \$19,790.25 which includes the following Special Funds:

- Archery \$298.76 (will likely be used soon)
- Return-It Express account (deposit requested) \$70.38

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 \$1,117.20

- \$1,117.20 to Public Storage for December 2020 to March 2021 (April 2021 will be free). Next expense will not be until May 2021.

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 - 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.)
 - Three donations to date totalling \$70.38 – deposit requested Nov 15.
 - As we cannot show favouritism donating to other shires/baronies, we discussed donating to the SCA corporate (who is showing a shortage due to lack of membership renewals.)
2. Financial Policy
 - Draft of the policy has been forwarded to the Financial Committee and Principality Exchequer – awaiting feedback.
 - Includes PayPal policy and increasing the amount the Financial Committee can approve without council (to cover the cost of emergency insurance, for example.)
3. Looking for a deputy exchequer
 - Kevin may have one lined up, still to discuss.
4. Budget requests sent out for the new year

Action item: Anika, please check on permissibility of having signing authorities in the same household for seneschal and 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**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.

If you do choose to gather, please be clear it is unofficial and please, be mindful and take care.

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 – Youth Armoured Combat - will be needed once we return to in-person events
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements - needed now
- TUTR – needed now – HL Tanikh considering

New Officers:

- Chronicler – Baron Miles Fitz Hubert to be confirmed, then potentially to be split between Baron Miles (North Wind) and Madame Jaqueline Lefleur (council minute taker) upon her confirmation.

Officer consent polling for Baron Miles Fitz Hubert in the office of Chronicler

“For the purposes of demonstrating support, you could have that portion of your meeting minutes included with the form. The minutes stating which officers present on the call expressly indicated support”.

Officer consent polling:

Archery – yes; A&S – yes; B&B – yes; Equestrian – yes; Exchequer – yes; Herald – yes; Marshal – yes; Thrown Weapons – yes; Seneschal – yes.

Action item: Baron Miles will have a conversation with Madame Jaqueline to confirm her role as deputy.

Continuing business

Explorers Program

- No further information

Unpacking Events Project

- On hold

Online events

- Update on online events – Lions Den. See New Business.

Archery netting

- Gunnar - One quote of \$520 but it is for a net about twice the size needed. Contacted Lionsdale to see if they needed netting, but they are fine. Have asked Boorman Archery and a couple other retailers.

New business**Tent rental**

Seagirt forwarded a query from a film company in Vancouver looking for tents. We usually put it out to private individuals and request payment for their usage. A 20' x 40' canvas tent needed for a church revival set. Contact the seneschal if you have one. The old Baronial pavilion was suggested, but there are no walls and there would be no way to guarantee the Baronial arms (on the tent roof) wouldn't be visible.

Lions Den

Two sessions held so far. A series is being set up for the next year. How can we best support this and make it official? We have two volunteers with zoom accounts. Mestr Gareth has a third. What is the consensus of opinion about making Lions Den an official, online activity for the barony?

Mestre Gareth – Lions Den was originally pitched as a social evening with occasional speakers and it has morphed into a speaker evening with a bit of social. First one had 17 attendees; second one had 23 attendees.

Mestr Gareth would like to create it as an official event so it could be advertised outside the Barony and also be placed on the Kingdom calendar. Supported by Her Excellency the Baroness.

Current responsibilities for Lions Den:

- Duchess Caohime is arranging for speakers
- Mestr Gareth is facilitating the actual online event on zoom
- Baroness Arianna is posting adverts about the event on Facebook

All we need to do is get it added to the Kingdom calendar for it to be recognized. This would allow other official business to take place online: court could be added; the new customary could be read out. *If you are interested in running an online event, contact Seneshal Caemgen.*

Process to make it official: it has to be publicised on the Kingdom calendar. A formal bid to the Kingdom Calendar is not required. It is considered a practice level event.

Action item: Caemgen to confirm the process for official online events: when it will be, what it will be, and accessibility information and a lead person. Information on online event processes can be found at: (Need An Tir calendar web page with details.)

We need a volunteer for Social Media officer deputy. If you know someone who is good at Facebook then have them contact the seneschal.

Action item: Mestr Gareth will talk to people to seek a social media officer and someone to assist with zoom facilitation.

Could Lions Den classes be granted TUTR credit? Madame Jaqueline, TUTR Governorn, would be happy to have a conversation about TUTR credit when the Lions Den events becomes official.

Coronet report

Nothing to report.

Next Council meeting: First meeting of 2021.

Online via Microsoft Teams; January 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm PST.