

Barony of Lions Gate Council Agenda – September 15, 2021

Officers and Deputies

Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	Attended
Seneschal	Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey	Attended
Deputy seneschal	Nereügei	Victor Lo	Attended
Exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	Attended
Contingency deputy exchequer			
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain			
Gold Key			
Games	Lokki	Stephen Jones	Attended
Chatelaine	Briana Cassia	Nancy Jean Hedge	
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald			
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitz Hubert	Rob Nicholls	
Deputy chronicler and secretary	Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse	Attended
Scribe	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	Attended
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	
Webminister			
Stables	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	Attended
Stables Contingency Deputy	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	Attended
Equestrian	Briana Cassia	Nancy Jean Hedge	
Lists	Mistress Agneß Scherer	Vanessa Giddings	
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	Attended
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Attended
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe	Ariel Rivera	
Arts & Science deputy	Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	Attended
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Lady Berenika		
TUTR Coordinator			
Acting TUTR coordinator	Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah	Joanne Burrows	attended

Guests Attending			
	Etan MacNessa	Trish Graham	
	Isabella Lucrezia	Mary Larose	
	Caitrin	Janet	
	Sadhbh Bheag	Angela Gallant	
	Seamus Macdonald	James Allan	
	Greta	Katrina	
	Athelina Grey	Karen	
	Viscount Kheron Azov	Richard Bertrand	

1. Approval of minutes: August 2021

August 2021

Action item: Jaqueline to send out to all officers.

Also quick talk about June minutes. Jaqueline has prepared a rough draft of the June Minutes.

Action item: Jaqueline to send out DRAFT June 2021 minutes. Ask officers to review their sections of the minutes, update as necessary, then reply with any changes to Jaqueline for compilation.

2. Seneschal report

Hello again my friends,

We're back here behind our screens, but I was so overjoyed to have gotten the chance to spend time with some of you this last weekend, in person! We'll discuss some of the details of LG Champions later on, but I wanted to thank everyone who attended, who helped keep our Covid protocols in effect, and those who were open and gentle in their responses when we needed to be firm about rules and procedures.

We've taken a couple of opportunities to pause Lion's Den when hosts were unavailable, and we have a good set of episodes coming up to finish our series strong, including a fantastic presentation this coming weekend, One Stake at a Time: Camping comfortably with Mistress Annisa and Master Guillaume.

Lastly, the Baronial Polling. As you know, the registration process took place between Sept 1 and 7, with the polling originally to commence Sept 13. Some technical difficulties at Kingdom pushed the start back a day, but everyone registered should have received a link from Kingdom (to the email address provided during registration) with a link to respond to the polling. At this time, the link does not work, but Kingdom Web is aware and working on it. The end date for polling has been adjusted to match. If you did not register, or are not a paid member of the SCA, you can still write your thoughts to Their Majesties An Tir at crown@antir.org

Lastly lastly, October Crown is going to happen. Lions Gate has been asked to facilitate the event, and with a site identified and secured, planning kicks into high gear. This is another chance for Lions Gate to show why we are the best Barony in the Kingdom, as well as a test to see if Kevin will read anything put in front of him. An Tir has called us to action, and as always Lions Gate will be at the ready!

And with that, I'm going to stop talking now.
Caemgen.

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: Officer Reports are requested by Monday evening the same week as council.

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

3. Exchequer report

2021 Financial YTD:

Income of \$1985.85 and expenses of \$3,171.08 shows as a net loss of \$1,185.23.

Available Funds

As of September 12, 2021, total available funds are \$ 17,098.35 which includes the following Special

Funds:

- \$48.76 Archery
- \$107.03 Return-It Express
- \$286.23 collected to date

Receivables & Other Assets \$0.00:

- \$0.00

Prepaid expenses \$2,461.20:

- \$2,153.55 to Public Storage (October 2021 – April 2022; May 2022 will be free)

Current Items:

- REMINDER: Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited
 - Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org
- 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
 - Please remember to use clear or translucent bags for cans/bottles
- Financial Policy
 - Still on pause. Hopefully next month.
- Looking for a deputy exchequer and chamberlain

2021 Events:

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Lions Gate	\$ 1400.00	\$ 736.41	\$ 663.59	Total: 170	
Champions				139 Adults, 6 Youth, 13 Children, 12 Comp 60 NMR	

4. Past event reports

Lions Gate Champions

There is some poetry that our first Baronial event coming out of the pandemic was held at Warner Loat Park. The event was a resounding success, with 170 people through gate, resulting in an estimated \$650 net profit to the Barony's coffers. The wonderful site tokens were a huge hit with the populace, thanks to Lady Elvina. We put our covid protocols and screening measures to the test and were able to identify areas we will strengthen. Only two items in lost and found! And as Jaqueline notes, Sir Gerhard was present with the rain throughout the day.

There were a couple of items of concern. There was a discrepancy between the numbers at gate and the numbers for contact tracing (9 short). Lists will be crosschecked, and contact information filled in and retained as required by the Communicable Disease Plan.

One child was left with friends and an adult at the site; the parents went home. No medical authorization form completed by the parents. Parents were contacted by phone.

And...one photographer crashed the event (twice!)

Otherwise, it was a joyous day to be with friends.

Four new champions have been tapped to serve the Barony:

Master James Wolfden is our Thrown Weapons Champion, our exchequer Archos Anika is our Archery Champion, Davin is our Rapier Champion, and new father (and King of Practice) Sir Bryn is our Heavy Champion.

5. Upcoming events

Lions Den (Weekly on Sunday) – Caemgen

Continuing (mostly) with scheduled sessions until October. It is obvious since Duchess Caoimhe has stepped back from organizing Lions Den to see how much work she was putting in to keep it flowing smoothly. Kudos to her for helping get the ball rolling again as we try to finish scheduled programming on a high note.

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament (Nov 20)

- Site contract signed.
- Insurance to be ordered.
- Event team needed – especially a designated covid coordinator with their own Plague Doctor team for tasks like helping armour inspections stay sanitized, and Screen tables.
- Baroness is working on building a team and will add names. Starting a Messenger page to keep everyone updated. Need a Plan.
- Cut & Thrust championship will be moved to this event.
- We will continue to monitor PHO

Site at Cloverdale Fairgrounds, at Alice McKay and Shannon Hall. Our Baroness is doing much work, but we need a team and some deputies. Will need to follow the Communicable Disease plan for indoor spaces

October Crown (Oct 8-10)

Duke Ulfr has submitted a draft proposal to hold October Crown at Camp McLean October 8-10, 2021. Attendance will be limited to the fighters vying for the Crown, their consorts, and event staff. Planning and executing a Kingdom level event is always complicated, not to mention one on short notice. This is a chance for Lions Gate to once again shine as we are called on to support the Kingdom. Details are still in the works for many aspects of the one-day event, but rest assured there will be opportunities to serve. The event will adhere to the most recent *Communicable Disease Plan* draft that has been submitted to Kingdom for approval. Tir Righ Earl Marshal will be the Screening team lead.

No official activities 10 days before crown.

Events 2021

The Kingdom reopening is continuing. 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>

6. 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 (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- TUTOR – The University of Tir Righ – Tanikh interim/Trainer – Jaqueline may have someone
- Webminister – **Urgently needed Jaqueline may have someone**
- Chatelaine – term ended **June 2021 – willing to continue until replacement found**
- Chamberlain – term ended **July 2021**

Upcoming vacancies

- Stables – term ends Oct. 2021, deputy in place willing to take over

New and Extending Officers

Applications for incoming officers to be reviewed by Their Excellencies, the seneschalate and supervising officers.

- Blades – Confirmation of Lady Jacomina van Vossenbrouck CONFIRMED
- Games – Confirmation of Lord Lokki CONFIRMED
- Herald – (Sable Loat) – One application, Lady Etan McNessa, to be communicated with, confirmed at a later date

Lady Etan request becoming an acting officer; willing to take on the job. If someone in the Heraldry community is interested in applying for the office, they may be more suitable.

Action item: Caemgen will talk with Lady Etan before October council.

Officer Voting

- Voting for position of Blades, Lady Jacomina van Vossenbrouck (*B in table*)
- Voting for office of Games, Lord Lokki (*G in table.*)

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	B	G
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	Y	Y
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	Y	Y
Seneschal	Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey	Y	Y
Deputy seneschal	Nereügei	Victor Lo	A	A
Exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	Y	Y
Scribe	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	Y	Y
Stables	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	Y	Y
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	Y	Y
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	A	Y
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Y	Y
Arts & Science deputy	Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	Y	Y
Acting TUTOR coordinator	Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah	Joanne Burrows	Y	Y

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Baronial Website – Caemgen

Updates continuing. Dame Margaret sent a series of updates from LG Champs court. There may be more updates required; the Baroness has identified inaccurate information regarding Loats and Dragons.

Elivina researched going back to the beginning. At heros tourney, a story came associating with loats and dragon.

Action item: Elvina proposed writing up a history of loats and dragons

Jaqueline has updated a number of pages on the website. Today added the four new Lions Gate Champions champions.

Lions Gate Baronial polling – Caemgen

Registration for online polling closed September 7th, 2021. Polling is set to run online from September 13th - 20th, but has been extended to September 21st, 2021 due to technical issues. The populace will need to be notified of the extension, as well as a procedure to copy and paste the online poll link from their email into a browser window in order to access the poll.

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: Notification of the polling extension needs to be posted for the populace

Bi-weekly Novus Classes – Tanikh

First two classes, on persona development and camping, have taken place, been recorded, and uploaded to the Baronial YouTube channel. Next class scheduled for September 16th, “Introduction to SCA History and Terminology” with Sir Antonia. Both courses have had 7 students. Video has had 30 views on YouTube. Course reminder is posted 1 week ahead and the day before the class.

The schedule is posted through until February 2022. Novus I classes to restart in March 2022, possibly in person if allowed.

Potential *Costume* class in-person with Duchess Gwyneth Gower late February or early March 2022. Depending on finding suitable facilities and COVID restrictions. Seneschal requested details by November council. If this to be TUTOR event, please include the TUTOR Governor, Jaqueline Lefleur in the planning.

Archery Site - Gunnar

Contract has been signed with Taisce Stables and two practices have been held already.

Same structure and pay scale as previous contracts, \$4 per head per event, over 14 months. Practice times are Sunday Noon – 6 pm; Thursday 5 pm – 10 pm (No earlier!) If Combat Archery wants to start practices, the 4 pm to 6 pm time slot is available. Second weekly practice on Thursday evenings will begin in Spring 2022 and run over the summer. Better cleaning of arena prior to event has been promised and we should be keeping track. Archery, combat archery and thrown weapons practices included. Fee is \$5 per member attending. Return to Play screening has been successfully trialed and put to use. We will need to start checking for vaccination status beginning Sunday, September 19th as this is an indoor space.

Officer Email Access - Caemgen

Mistress Morweena – There is a password reset on the An Tir Resources web site. If you don't get a response, email the Kingdom webminister and request a password reset. People can also contact the Tir Righ Webminister at webminister@tirrigh.org.

Purchase request for the Baronial Website - Exchequer/Financial

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: Place this item on hold until we have a Webminister officer.

Heavy Practice

Westwinds Church is willing to permit practices. They want to know what plan we have for Covid screening. Practice must be on Monday evenings. Might begin first Monday in October.

8. Baronial Business - New

Reports of continued poor online behaviour from Don Giacomazzi.

The seneschal office has received several complaints from the populace regarding recent remarks by Don Giacomazzi. The common theme among those complaints is that we should not be giving Don a platform for his complaints through the Barony of Lions Gate forum on Facebook. The Deputy Seneschal has already given Don a fair and final warning regarding his conduct on the forum, but the complaints outline how Don's behaviour has been very negative for a long time, and that he should be removed forthwith.

The Barony of Lions Gate form is an official Facebook site. The social media policy has been violated on a repeated basis.

Action Item: Don Giacomazzi will be removed from the Facebook Barony of Lions Gate forum.

Scribal Practice

Scribal pop-up painting practice on Oct 2., outside, under pop-ups at Their Excellencies yard. Consider changing the date if it is required that we accommodate the Crown 10-day window of activity restriction.

Baroness' Tourney Team

Need to identify team leads, especially covid coordinator.

November Coronet

The Shire of Lionsdale will be hosting November Coronet, and it was in our communities' interest that we had Duchess Dalla (happy birthday!) join the Baron and Baroness while we discussed the lessons to be learned from Lions Gate Champions, especially regarding the Communicable Disease Plan's implementation. While not our direct responsibility, there will be many opportunities for the populace to help with the running of Coronet. It may also make sense to use some of Lions Gate's equipment, such as thrown weapons gear, or event and list field flagging. If there is interest, please enquire.

Action Item: Jaqueline to get a list of equipment requested for Thrown Weapons. Bring list to October council for an asset vote.

Action Item: Gunnar to discuss whether there is a need for an archery MIC. Lions Gate has Jr. Marshals that are seeking events to qualify for Sr. Target Archery Marshal authorization.

October Crown Financial authorization

Due to the short timelines involved with planning and implementing October Crown, I ask that Council authorize the exchequer to work with the event steward UlfR to authorize funds for site rental (~\$1700), gate float (\$500), and insurance (~\$225). These costs may be fluid and may not

be the only costs involved with the event, but the Kingdom has promised to “fully back” the event.

This is a financial decision and therefore requires you to be an active SCA member to vote.

Caemgen: Motion to approve a cheque for \$1700, bulk for site rental for Camp McLean.

Seconded: Tanikh

Motion passes with 2 abstentions.

Caemgen: Motion to approve a cheque for \$500 gate float.

Seconded: Elvina.

Motion passes with 2 abstentions.

Caemgen: Motion to approve the financial committee has access to a contingency fund for up to \$1,000.00.

Seconded: Sadhbh Bheag

Motion passes with 1 abstention.

Emergency funds are available at \$300 per item, but each one must be approved separately by the Financial committee.

Crown event information

Cabins will be used, but with less occupancy. Assignment will be based on need and be mostly reserved for those from out of town. There will be RV space and room for camping.

We will be checking vaccination status because part of the site is indoors. Members of the populous from the US must have vaccination status checked as part of crossing the border.

Step up will be at 12th Night. There will be no champion tourneys held at this Crown.

It is yet to be decided whether a 10-day restriction for official SCA activities for those planning to attend Crown, prior to Crown weekend, will be required.

If you wish to be on the event team, please contact Mistress Isabella Lucrezia. Facebook Mary Larose or email lucrezia@shaw.ca and Chris.grant@hall.net.

9. Coronet report

Greetings all.

What a wonderful event. So many faces we missed and so many new faces. Our event team did a marvelous job, and we thank them immeasurably. We look forward to a year with our new champions and know you will do a great job. And the spear of the Baron of Lions Gate will make more appearances.

As you have heard we are hosting a limited Crown. The Barony will be busy in the next three weeks to pull this together. I am confident in our people that we will do a great job.

As for Baroness' we will be talking to all our officers shortly now that planning for Champions is over. As Nergui mentioned we need all our people, both experienced and new to lend their hands so no one person is overly taxed.

Thank you all for the continuing hard work everyone.

Baron Cyneric and Baroness Arianna

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; October 20th, 2021 at 7:30 pm PDT.

We have zoom until the end of the year, so we will keep using until November council.

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by September 15th, 2021

Chronicler - - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

No Report

Chamberlain - VACANT- TERM DUE

No Report

Chatelaine -Briana nic h'Eusaidh Jun 2018-Jun 2021 - TERM DUE

No Report

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant- VACANT

Minister of Stables - Brynia Oct 2018- Oct 2021

Fight Practice continues to be well attended. We have Heavy Fighters, rapier/cut & thrust fighters, combat archers and thrown weapons happening almost every week and I enjoy seeing all the new faces showing up to practice.

Just a quick reminder that attendees are required to wear masks if they are not currently fighting and are within 6ft or 2 meters of each other.

On Saturday we had an event! With tournaments! 14 Heavy fighters braved the less than dry conditions to compete for Heavy Champion. Finalists were the defending champion Sir Magnus Ulfgarsson and Sir Bryn FitzSavaric, with victory going to Sir Bryn. Congrats :)

We have received the draft of the Communicable diseases plan, no foreseeable changes to how we currently run practice. Some changes may be required once we move to an indoor space.

In October I will be passing the Office of Minister of Stables/Branch Marshal to Decimus Aurelius. I will be staying on as deputy for a few months for moral support.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during my term in office, hugs to you all.

Sgt Brynja Kortsdottir

Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022

No Report

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk

I've been given the admin briefcase by Davin.

We had 9 rapier combatants at Lions Gate Champions, finals between Cailean McQuarrie and Davin Adair, with Davin victorious. No injuries to report and a fun tournament was had by all.

We're very much looking forward to indoor practices since there is not really enough daylight left to practice in the back yard (regardless of the lights, for which thanks! Rapier tips are just very small and quick so hard to see).

In service,
Jacomina

Lists - Dame Agneß May 2019 - May 2022

Lions Gate Champions happened!

We had 10 folks in the rapier lists. The format was round robin. The semi finals were fought Davin Adair against Alessandra Giancomo, and Cailean McQuarrie against Magdalena Kress. Davin and Cailean moved forwards to the finals with Davin Adair being the victor and our newest Rapier Champion.

We had 14 folks in the heavy lists. We did two fields in a round robin format. The semi finals were fought Sir Bryn against Beorn Bjolfsson and Sir William of the Battered Helm against Sir Magnus. Sir Bryn and Sir Magnus advanced to the finals with Sir Bryn being the victor and our newest heavy champion!

To the best of my knowledge we had 15 folks in the archery championship with Archos Anika being the victor and our newest archery champion.

I apologize for not having a report from the lists for Thrown Weapons.

[We had 13 compete for the Thrown Weapons Championship, with a final field of four: Jameson Wheeler, Lokki and Adalwolf Helwing and Master James Wolfden with the eventual victor (after a tie for first, followed by a final-final!) Master James Wolfden.]

If further info is required please contact me. I will be out of the office for a week.

I look forward to serving at Baroness'

Yours in service
Agneß Scherer ~ Lions Gate Lists

Thrown Weapons - Koga of the Wolfpack Aug 2020- Aug 2022

Report for August:

- attended return to play training in anticipation for re-opening
- moved thrown weapons gear from storage with James Wolfden back to Taisce stable
- reached out to Crystal @ Taisce stable to inquire about hay bales

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 August A&S Social was held on August 25, 2021. Attendance: Just me this time.

-The September A&S Social will be held on September 22, 2021.

Dance- Berenica Nov 2019 - Nov 2021

No Report

Games - VACANT

Scribe - Elvina Feb 2019- Feb 2021

Increased activity on the scribal side this month. There was ensuring their Excellencies had the required Charters for the Champions event (one small communication hitch but otherwise completed).

There was also the scribal drop-in area at Champions. This went well with 15 folk who dropped in to take part in scribal activities at the event. Also, there were others who wandered by just to see what scribal involved and ask questions. Several members of the scribal community picked up charters to take home to work on and there are new charter designs in development.

Follow-up emails have been sent to those gentles who gave me contact info at the event. There were a number of new folk I hope to encourage to continue with the scribal arts.

In Service

Elvina

Webminister - VACANT

Family activities - VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - VACANT