

# Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes November 17, 2021

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## Officers and Deputies

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

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Guests Attending		
	Archos Athelina Grey	Karen Domer
	Viscountess Bernadette Ebhilín Árd	Eileen Dooley
	Greta Grunwald	Katrina Stickland
	Eleanor Odlowe	Ashley White
	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse
	Elspeth Farre	

## **1. Approval of minutes: October 2021**

*Moved: Nereugei; seconded Elvina. No Nays or Abstentions. Minutes passed.*

## **2. Seneschal report**

Greetings friends, and welcome to our final council of the year,

As we look at wrapping up our activities for 2021 and looking forward to a less state-of-emergency 2022, I want to highlight a couple of successes we have had this year.

The SCA's Board of Directors read out their commendations for this year, and the Barony was recognized for the exceptional content we have been putting on through Lion's Dens since Oct 2020. This has been such an amazing coming together of different peoples and talents and skills. A way for us to showcase the wealth of this Barony, and to use it to connect to far-reaching parts of the Known World.

We did a Crown! In Four weeks! Duke Ulfr has a report later on, but this was an incredible undertaking in the amount of time we had, and I will forever be impressed we pulled it off. Similarly, with our assistance Lionsdale was able to hold November Coronet to great success.

We started up practices again this year! After nearly a year and a half, Lions Gate was able to resume having martial practices this summer outdoors. In the fall we moved indoors, and integrated non-martial activities. This has hopefully created some sense of normalcy for many. Although we are still seeing the different elements of COVIDSafe at play, we have not had an exposure to populace members since resuming practices. And we have only had one individual resistant to following protocols.

Next is one of my favourites! We have had a lot of officer change-overs this year. Whenever I see a new face join council, I get a little warm glow inside. We have folks joining us who have been in the society for a very long time, and a very short time, and they are all joining us in

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officer positions for the first time. The seneschal team is also looking at how to adjust the officer roles and responsibilities to better streamline our service to the Barony.

Lastly, before I hand things off, we had another large development in the Kingdom since our last meeting. On October 27<sup>th</sup> the SCA Board of Directors votes unanimously to remove Christian Bane as sovereign of An Tir, and to temporarily remove Emerson Waite from the society and recommend a Society Seneschal investigation. At this time that is the information that has been released. In the last several weeks there have been many conversations in person and online about what this all means. The stance I am taking as a member of the SCA, as a citizen of An Tir, and as an officer of Lions Gate is that the process is being enacted. It is being followed as written and prescribed, and it will result in an outcome. Until that process is complete, the details will not be known to us. As with other TRPs and investigations, unless it directly affects us, it is unlikely we will know all the details.

As someone who has been involved in investigations as a seneschal, I believe that is the right course of action to take. And if in the future I do not feel that way, I will use the mechanisms in the society to drive change, up to and including new procedures.

This is our game, and it is for us to keep it healthy and thriving.

In service,

Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais

Seneschal, Lions Gate

**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!

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## 3. Exchequer report

### 2021 Financial YTD:

Income of \$5,573.7 and expenses of \$8,004.72 shows as a net loss of \$2,431.02.

### Available Funds

As of October 17, 2021, total available funds are \$ 15,467.89 which includes the following Special Funds:

- \$48.76 Archery
- \$147.58 Return-It Express (\$326.78 collected to date)

### Receivables & Other Assets \$1,000.00:

- \$1,000 Baroness' Inspirational Tournament gate float

### Prepaid expenses \$1,538.25:

- \$1,538.25 to Public Storage (December 2021 – April 2022; May 2022 will be free)

### Current Items:

- Budget – same as last year (see section 8: Baronial New Business)
- REMINDER: Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited
  - a. [Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org](mailto:Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org)
  - b. I will be at Baroness' Inspirational Tournament
- Special Fund - Return-It Express
  - To date, Lions Gate has received \$326.78 in direct bottle donations
  - I have chosen the phone number 604-608-1976 as the account code (Barony of Lions Gate started June 8, 1976)
  - Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles
- Looking for a deputy exchequer and chamberlain

### 2021 Events:

Event	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	Attendance	Remarks
Lions Gate Champions	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 736.41	\$ 663.59	Total: 171 139 Adults, 6 Youth, 17 Children, 9 Comp 60 NMR	Report complete
Crown	\$ 2,962.33	\$ 2,792.00	\$162.33 \$200.33 in total for event	Total: 109 94 Adults, 1 Youth, 0 Children, 14 Comp 2 NMR	Report complete

## **4. Past event reports**

### **October Crown - UlfR**

This event was organized with 4 weeks lead time, leading to a very hectic schedule with regards to ensuring items like insurance and contracts were in place in time. This led to some frantic back and forth with both SCA HQ and the Scouts head office to sort out insurance details.

There was also a lot of details to work out with regards to ensuring we could safely hold the event while meeting both SCA and local health guidelines with regards to COVID-19.

The event itself went off largely without problem. The tournament happened as planned, and heirs were invested. Don't try to run Crown on 4 weeks notice during a global pandemic.

### **Coronet - Jaqueline**

Coronet was hosted by Lionsdale, but we loaned them our archery and thrown weapons equipment. There were some complications with the loan, as there was some misunderstanding about details like who would transport the loaned gear.

We need some clearer protocols on how to loan gear to other branches and how to make that process as smooth as possible.

Lions Gate was asked to host Archery and Thrown Weapons, not just lend equipment. This meant we were to:

Set up the ranges. Run the ranges. Create and run any fun tournaments, if desired. And pack up the ranges. And Ensure delivery of the equipment. We had a plan and a back up plan for both archery and thrown weapons.

Confusion did occur over the sanitizing supplies and PPE, which Lions Gate was asked for, then just before the event, the supplies were declined.

## **5. Upcoming events**

### **Lions Den** (Weekly on Sunday) – Nereugei

On hiatus as we retool the format. It was noted that the BoD read out a commendation for Lions Den at the Quarterly meeting in October, and that one of the driving forces behind Lions Den, Duchess Caoimhe, was recognized as a Raven of Tir Righ in part for her tireless efforts in education and advocacy.

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

The event is scheduled to go ahead this coming Saturday despite some serious weather impacting travel plans for anyone outside the Barony of Lions Gate.

### **Pre-12th Night Online Sewing Hangout**

Archos Athelina Grey of Seagirt would like to run an online salon prior to (maybe Wed or Thur before) 12th Night for the last-minute garb and general finishing of UFOs (unfinished objects). She has approached Nereugei to host the event. Should be fun!

Jazzy, A&S officer and the event steward of 12<sup>th</sup> Night discussed and idea with Archos Athelina Grey: A&S competition UFO garb challenge! Get your UFO projects done between now and 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Just before the event, we'll hold an online hangout to show-off what people accomplished, with a little bardic. Tentatively 6 pm – 9 pm for one evening.

*Action item: Archos Athellina Grey will do a write up.*

### **Please Note: All in-person activities in Kingdom are subject to the CovidSafe policy**

On Sep 27, 2021, Society and Kingdom introduced the CovidSafe policy for all in-person events. This requires verification of either government issued proof of full vaccination or a negative test result from a licensed medical provider. Details are on the kingdom website: <https://antir.org/>.

Covid symptom screening and contact information logging is still in effect for all in-person events in Tir Righ as per the Return to Play document. However, portions of the guidelines have changed. For instance, effective November 1, 2021 the Kingdom has decided to lift the food policy restrictions. There are exceptions, and those are listed on the kingdom website.

There are also still Provincial Health Orders in place that require masking for indoor events. Lions Gate has been excellent in this regard, and it is clear that the health of our community is a priority for our Barony. The Barony of Lions Gate page and forum on Facebook will be the quickest way to get your updates on this fluid situation.

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## **6. Officer Vacancies**

Lionsgate has a large officer corps, and also has many vacant offices. The Seneschalate thinks that the solution is to roll some of these positions together to create a smaller number of offices covering the same duties. We think that it is possible to do this without creating any undue burden on any of our volunteers.

We would like Council's permission to investigate, and to present a proposal for new officer duties at the next council. Please feel free to email us if you have feedback.

**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)
- TUTR – The University of Tir Righ – Tanikh interim/Trainer – Jaqueline speaking with a candidate; resume and letter of interest coming soon. Note that for TUTR, the Governor is required to warrant the position. Note also that the Governor fully supports and has been encouraging this candidate.
- Webminister – **Urgently needed** – Jaqueline speaking with potential candidate
- Chatelaine - term ended **June 2021 – willing to continue until replacement found**
- Chamberlain – term ended **July 2021 – willing to continue until replacement found**
- Dance – **Nov 2021**

*Action item: all officers to create a description for their position with maybe 300 words of key responsibilities. Please email the seneschals at [Lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org](mailto:Lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org).*

Consider re-envisioning the officer role as a coordinator with a team that supports them.

### **New and Extending Officers**

Applications for incoming officers to be reviewed by Their Excellencies, the seneschalate and supervising officers. TUTR officers must also be warranted by the University of Tir Righ Governor.

## 7. Baronial Business - Continuing

### **CovidSafe Policy - Nereugei**

CovidSafe verification has been in place since Sep 28. As noted in the Master of Stables report, CovidSafe screening is getting more streamlined every week, with a regular rotating group of volunteers at the table.

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

Next class, scheduled for November 18th “Introduction to Rattan Fighting”, has been cancelled due to weather impacting the instructor. December 2nd is the next scheduled class on Steel Combat (Rapier, Cut & Thrust). The schedule is posted through until February 2022. Novus I classes to restart in March 2022, possibly in person if allowed.

Unsure if there has been any update on the potential *Costume* class in-person with Duchess Gwyneth Gower late February or early March 2022. Appears covid restrictions might be relaxed enough to allow this to happen. It is a series of classes that run all day for two weekends. Hands on. Note: If this to be TUTOR event, please include the TUTOR Governor in the planning.

### **Arts & Sciences at Fight Practice – Millicent**

Should there be A&S Fees for Practice? Need clarification about whether people coming to fight practice for an officially advertised A&S activity would be expected to pay \$5 like fighters do. Seems reasonable, but don't want to create an expectation for people to pay when they come for activities that don't usually include that expectation.

*Action item: Millicent to discuss further with the Seneschals.*

We pay \$75 per week to Westwinds, which is 15 paid participants.

### **Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary School Demo – Sadhbh Bheag**

February 22, 2022 has been bandied about as a possible date for this annual demo. Tabled until January council.

## **8. Baronial Business - New**

### **Pre-12th Night Online Sewing Hangout**

Athelina Gray of Seagirt would like to run an online salon prior to 12th Night for the last minute garb and general finishing of UFOs (unfinished objects). She has approached Nereugei to host the event. Should be fun!

### **Zoom renewal - Caemgen**

As of right now, the feeling is that the Zoom account should be renewed. Is this actually the case? Should hold a vote tonight so that we will have it renewed. \$180 Cdn for the year. The cost for Closed Captioning is \$250 US/year. Auto-generated CC support may come to zoom.

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*Motion: Caemgen: To renew the zoom account using the ReturnIt funds to pay for a new year, topped up as needed by baronial funds. Bernadette seconded.  
No nays. Abstention: Nereugei and Caemgen. Motion passes.*

**Budget 2022** – all the same as 2021

<b>Barony of Lions Gate - 2022 Budget Requests</b>			
<b>Office</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Baron/Baroness	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$ 75
Baron/Baroness	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$ 25
Baron/Baroness	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$ 50
Exchequer	postage (reports)	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental	\$ 40
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$ 75
Seneschal	postage to mail waivers	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental	\$ 100
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$ 50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$ 50
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$ 25
Marshal (Archery)	archery supplies	General Supplies	\$ 200
Marshal (Equestrian)	equestrian supplies	General Supplies	\$ 100
Marshal (Rapier)	rapier supplies	General Supplies	\$ 200
Marshal (Stables)	stable supplies	General Supplies	\$ 100
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$ 125
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$ 100
Scribe	scribal supplies	General Supplies	\$ 200
TUTR	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$ 50
<b>Total Requests</b>			<b>\$ 1,565</b>

*Motion: Nereugei: To approve the budget as presented. Seconded by: Caemgen  
No Nays Abstentions: Nereugei and Anika. Motion approved.*

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## **9. Coronet report**

Greetings, Lions Gate. We want to add our thoughts and prayers to all affected by the nasty weather in the last few days. Arianna and I are very thankful that we made it home safely from a wonderful visit with my parents in Krakensfjord. There was stress, fear and some tears on our drive home but we were successful in our travels. We know that others are not having a good time and please let us know if we can help out in any way.

We had a Crown tournament, as Caemgen mentioned, and we wish to thank Ulf and his team on a successful event (although I think he should work heavily on ensuring the weather is better next time.) We are so happy for their royal excellencies Sven and Rouikinn and are excited to see them invested.

We attended Coronet. It was super fun. So many faces we missed. I want to personally congratulate Steinn on eliminating me from the tournament. Oh, and I guess on winning ... sure. In all seriousness, I think the two of them will represent Tir Righ admirably.

This Saturday we are hosting Baroness' Tournament. It is important that this happens and people have a chance to come together. It gives all of us as a community to support and care for each other. We are continuing the prize for the unbelted tournament on top of the regular style prize tourney with a donation from Viscount Ulfgar in the form of a shield. Those that know his work will realize what a tremendous prize this is. I have had knights trying to figure out how they could enter this tourney just to win the shield. They can't, but its kinda funny and they were saying it tongue in cheek. So in closing, we want everyone to stay safe. Covid is not gone, we just have water and mud to deal with on top of it. Virtually hug your friends. Stay in touch. If you can make this Saturday, hug us. Hug others if you are ok with that. Elbow bump if you aren't. This is another chance to reconnect and support each other.

With love,

Baroness Arianna and Baron Cyneric

## **c10. Next Council meeting**

Online via zoom; January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 pm PST.

## **11. Officer reports appendix**

Officer reports as received by Nov 16, 2021

### **Chronicler - - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023**

Nothing new to report other than this report is using Office 365

### **Chamberlain - VACANT- TERM DUE**

No Report

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

No Report

### **Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant- Etan MacNessa Oct 2021-Oct 2023**

New name and device registration in the Barony:

Dagný í Fyrði. Name and device. Argent, on a bend raguly breessed between two aspen leaves bendwise sinister vert a panther passant argent spotted of diverse tinctures incensed proper. and Einarr Karlsson. Name. Nice Icelandic name from the Viking Age through the mid-14th century!

There has been one submission from Lion Gate since September. There have been three registrations from Lions Gate since September.

Lions Gate also supplied voice heralds for both Crown and Coronet.

For Coronet:compiled by Elspeth Farr

Silver Yale Herald, Anthony, who did a bang up job of herding the cats during his tenure as head of the Tir Righ college. Alana de Herst, our principality chronicler and Silver Sparkes Pursuivant, receiving deputy to Red Flame Herald. Edwina de Herst, our new Silver Yale Herald. Malys Makneil, the Blue Inkhorn Pursuivant, notifications deputy to Red Flame Herald. Sadhbh Bheag, the leading voice on the field for the coronet tournament.

Dagny new to the field heraldry and did an amazing job of it. We look forward to bringing her into the college officially. Anne of Greystoke was also assisting. Former former Silver Yale, Gareth D'oiron andalso the former former former Silver Yale, Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov, who worked the processional.

Finally Elspeth Farre, the Red Flame Herald of Tir Righ, the Submissions Herald.

### **Minister of Stables - Decimus Oct 2021- Oct 2023**

This month was my first month as Master of Stables. It was also our first full month at Westwinds Church. Practices are happening regularly, although the practice tonight (Nov 15) was cancelled due to the storms and flooding. There have been no injuries at the practice and no confirmed Covid cases. The Covid Screening is becoming smoother each week and I have had regular support from volunteers. The Baroness has the attendance records for the month so

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I can't give exact numbers today but the practice has been well attended by fighters (Rapier, C&T, and Heavy) and by folks doing A&S and event planning.

## **Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022**

We have had good attendance at archery practice in the month of October we had 64 people attend practice over the 5 weeks.

I have just received today the invoices from Crystal for September and October and they will be sent to the exchequer shortly.

We have 7 archers attaining a new tassel after the last, very long, season. I will have all the tassel ready for Baroness's. Although I will probably need help pronouncing names.

## **Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023**

The November branch rapier report is short: we have no dedicated rapier practice yet, but attendance at the Monday practices has been good. Last week had an especially high number of people attend (12), with most people practicing Cut & Thrust outside while a small group practiced both rapier and C&T inside. Spirits are high for the upcoming tournaments this Saturday.

## **Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2022**

I am preparing for Baroness' round of tourneys this coming weekend. I am printing up some of the forms and I notice that the Round Robin form link on lions gate's webpage is a broken link. The kingdom and principality libraries don't have a Round Robin form on them anymore either. I will photocopy from my old forms.

*Action item: Dame Agnes to send a copy of the round robin form to Caemgen so he can correct it. Jacomina will upload to the website.*

I didn't get a lists report from Crown and I wasn't part of the team that ran it so I can't speak for our last event. Apologies if I was supposed to harass someone for a report.

I will also be having a space at lists this weekend for folks to paint their list shields if they want to get that done there, or to take a list of folks heraldry that want to make one for the Baronial List box.

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

### September report

- touched up equipment and planned for Lions Gate Champions 2021
- actual event went very smoothly despite running new protocols for first time
- Master James Wolfden emerged new Thrown Weapons Champion of Lions Gate
- paid Crystal (of Taisce Stables) for hay order, her printer is on the fritz, waiting for receipt to claim expense

### October report

- Equipment being overhauled in preparation for Tir Righ November Coronet

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- Jameson Wheeler was victorious over Master James Wolfden in prize tournament. The prize was a full marshaling kit, which was donated by Jameson Wheeler to Lionsdale to help support their nascent Thrown Weapons community.
- Paid for previous hay bail purchase, waiting for receipt so I can claim reimbursement, also ordered next round of hay as we are already down 2 bails and process takes a while
- Two new knife targets created for November Coronet by Madame Jaqueline Lefleur and donated to the Barony.

## **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 October A&S Social was held on October 27, 2021. Attendance: ~5

-I am planning to continue monthly online A&S socials on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month as long as the Barony still has a Zoom subscription.

-The November Online A&S Social will be held on November 24, 2021.

-I have attended fight practice twice for A&S activities. There seems to be enough space for us to be able to advertise A&S activities to people who don't know about them yet. I need clarification on whether people coming for an officially advertised A&S activity would be expected to pay \$5 like fighters do.

## **Dance- Berenica Nov 2019 - Nov 2021**

No Report

## **Games – Lokki Sep 2021-Sep 2023**

No Report

## **Scribe - Elvina Feb 2019- Feb 2022**

Scribal work is continuing with a number of scribes using the "take out" option to work on charters at home.

## **Social Media - Morweena**

Lions Gate Forum has been changed to private searchable due to changes made by FB regarding public groups

After repeated requests up the chain, Kingdom advised this was the best course of action to prevent barred people from having access to the group

I recommend that all "unofficial" groups like Fight Practice, Archery and Rapier do the same

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The Tir Righ Social media officers is starting a "campaign" for Tir Righ social media content, more info to follow

**Webminister - VACANT**

**Family activities - VACANT**

**The University of Tir Righ - VACANT**