

Barony of Lions Gate Council Agenda – January 19, 2022

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	
Chatelaine			
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald	Etan MacNessa	Trish Graham	Attended
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitz Hubert	Rob Nicholls	Attended
Deputy chronicler and secretary	Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse	
Scribe	Elvina Effynwoode	Jacqueline Lee	
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	
Webminister			
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Stables Contingency Deputy			
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	Mistress Agnes Cresewyke	Vanessa Giddings	
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Attended
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	Lady Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	Attended
Arts & Science deputy	Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe	Ariel Rivera	Attended
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Lady Berenika		
TUTR Coordinator			
Acting TUTR coordinator	Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah	Joanne Burrows	Attended

Guests:

Sadhbh Bheag/Angela Gallant

Saethryth/Reena Brynja/Briony Seedhouse

Sir Antonio/Toby Chernoff

Einarr Karlson/Steve Finlay

Niall Bacach/Terry Nelson

1. Approval of minutes: November 2021

Moved by Alvina, seconded by Tanikh

2. Seneschal report

This **WILL** be my last monthly report to deliver to the Barony. This agenda was once again ably written by my deputy, and having reviewed it and adjusted some minor details, I am happy to be a part of discussing it tonight.

As this report covers the Dark Month, there is not much locally to include. We had initially resumed in-person activities, and hope to again this calendar year/anno societatis, but with the arrival of a highly contagious variant, and the need to work indoors during winter, we are currently on hold for in-person. As we continue to follow the BC Public Health Orders, the An Tir COVIDSafe protocols, the Tir Righ Communicable Disease Plan, and our local municipal orders, we continue to do everything in our power to keep our populace safe and connected. In the meanwhile, there was a Crown event held recently across the border, and Her Grace Helene and many on this side of the border can take a well deserved rest now. Long live King Sven, Long live queen Rauokinn!

Finally, I remain anticipatory for the transition to the incoming seneschal team: Lord Kitad'un Nere'ugei who is ready to remove "Deputy" from his title, and Sir Antonio Romeo Maria di Francesco da San Gimignano, who is ready to remove *one* "Deputy" from his title. Or will be soon.

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!

3. Exchequer report

2022 Financial YTD:

Income of \$50.00 and expenses of \$286.80 shows as a net loss of \$286.80.

Available Funds

As of January 8, 2022, total available funds are \$ 16,866.07 which includes the following Special Funds:

- \$48.76 Archery
- \$ 207.28 Return-It Express

Receivables & Other Assets \$0.00:

Prepaid expenses \$951.30:

- \$951.30 to Public Storage (February – April 2022; May 2022 will be free)

Year End Report

- Gross Income \$9,222.24
- Total Expenses \$12,422.34
- Net Loss \$\$3,200.10

Current Items:

- Budget – same as last year (see next page)
- REMINDER: Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited
 - a. Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org
- Special Fund - Return-It Express
 - To date, Lions Gate has received \$386.48 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.
 - Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags
- Looking for a deputy exchequer and chamberlain
- We received an application for Exchequer the day of council. More information to follow.

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
Baroness' Inspirational Tournament	\$ 2,292.81	\$ 2,272.07	\$20.74	Total: 134 113 Adults, 2 Youth, 8 Children, 11 Comp 38 NMR	

4. Past event reports

Lions Den (Weekly on Sunday) – Nereugei

We discussed whether or not to continue offering LionsDen episodes. Nereugei pointed out that we would need someone to take the wheel on this, could do one-month section and see? There was no resolution or action point.

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament – Baroness Arianna

It sure was nice to be able to get together with our friends. The Barony has a new Cut and Thrust Champion in Maestro Guidobaldo. Master Kian won the rapier tournament, and Agmundr of Blatha an Oir won the Heavy Tournament and the wonderful prize of a new shield made by Viscount Sir Ulfgar. The event broke even, which was a nice surprise given that restrictions meant that a lot of people could not make it at the last minute.

Pre-12th Night Online Sewing Hangout – Nereugei

Brainchild of Athelina Grey of Seagirt. About a dozen showed up, bringing their unfinished objects with them, and chatted and sewed and sang and recited. It was a nice way to feel connected to the usual zaniness of pre-12th Night prep.

5. Upcoming events

FanExpo Demo (February 19-21, 2022)

Addressed in New Business. CovidSafe policy will only apply to SCA members partaking in the demos.

Langley Fundamental School Demo (February 22, 2022)

Addressed in New Business. CovidSafe policy will only apply to SCA members partaking in the demos.

Canterbury Fayre (March 19, 2022)

This is our traditional event where we confirm an A&S Champion and Games Champion. It's hard to predict what the Covid situation will be in two months time, but there still needs to be an event in place. We are in need of an event steward and team, hopefully by the end of the month. The Date Reservation Form has been registered with Kingdom Calendar.

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.

6. Officer Vacancies

Lionsgate has a large officer corps, and also has many vacant offices. The Seneschalate proposed looking into the possibility of reorganizing the officers, and have received some suggestions from the populace. We are currently discussing some of the possibilities and will report back to council.

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, working with Jacqueline to find a successor, as she is moving out of the Barony for work. Nereugei pointed out that staffing classes is relatively easy, but organizing the classes is a necessary and complex job.
- Chamberlain – term ended July 2021
- Dance – term ended Nov 2021 – Contact?
- Scribe – Brynja Kortsdottir mka Briony Seedhouse to succeed April 2022?

Nereugei pointed out that we need a chamberlain. Caemgen pointed out that the chamberlain need not transport items; merely live near the locker, and be available to give people access to pick up and drop off items. The search for the person to take on these duties continues.

There was some discussion of the Dance officer. Apparently there are three people who are interested in sharing the duties. Arianna said she would reach out to Delgrade to clarify what is happening with that office.

New and Extending Officers

The following applicants introduced themselves, were reviewed by Their Excellencies, the seneschalate and supervising officers, found acceptable, and instilled in their offices.

- Webminister – Leo mka Russell Morgan. Leo will not do Zoom meetings, but is otherwise excellent for the job.
- Chatelaine – Saethryth de Apeleia mka Reena Shihara Muljiani
- Seneschal – Nereugei mka Victor Lo
- Deputy Seneschal – Baron Sir Antonio Romeo Maria di Francesco da San Gimignano mka Anton Chernoff

Officer applicants

- Deputy Exchequer – Sorcha mka Melissa Martensen

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

CovidSafe Policy - Nereugei

CovidSafe verification has been in place since Sep 28. We will continue to follow this Kingdom policy when in-person events and practices can resume.

Bi-weekly Novus Classes – Tanikh

Awaiting an updated schedule for upcoming classes. Several previous classes have been cancelled and need to be rescheduled. Novus I classes to restart in March 2022, possibly in person if allowed.

Tanikh would like to do the potential *Costume* class in-person with Duchess Gwyneth Gower in May. She will check back with us in March to clarify.

Arts & Sciences at Fight Practice – Millicent

It was agreed that an A&S night at practice is desirable. No specifics were decided, but Millicent seems interested in following up.

Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary School Demo

February 22, 2022 (Tuesday) has been proposed as the possible date for this annual demo. Still unsure as to the possibility of involvement due to Covid. School will let us know last week of January what their plans are and we can have one final chat during Feb council. All participants from the SCA will have to go through CovidSafe procedure before starting demo.

The school will decide whether they are going ahead on this one week after council, so we will discuss in February.

Zoom renewal - Caemgen

There was no decision on whether to renew Zoom. Principality has asked us to hold off as they may get a corporate account. It was agreed that if they don't, we should renew; it's important for the Barony to have access to a professional account. No action was decided, as we await the pleasure of Principality.

Request of the Officers – Nereugei

It's a good time to connect with your Principality superior. What are their expectations of your role? What do they want to see in reports? Do they have ideas they would like to implement at a branch level Principality-wide?

8. Baronial Business – New

Old Archery Net - Gunnar

We agreed to offer the old archery netting to Lionsdale. Nereugei will reach out to Lionsdale's seneschal to make the offer.

Where's the Customary? – Nereugei

The Customary is the list of rules by which the barony works (Kingdoms and Principalities have laws; Baronies have Customaries). The search for this document continues.

FanExpo 2022 – February 19-21

The Barony has secured a 10' x 20' space at FanExpo. We will have passes that will allow us to swap people in throughout the day. Caemgen and Saethryn will take lead on finding things to fill the space with. They will reach out to Briana to see what she has to offer, and to the fighting community.

We'll get passes to attend, but likely will not have time to peruse the expo.

This is a great opportunity for recruitment.

Fight Practice and Insurance – Nereugei

Principality has decided that practice is good to go with restrictions, so we will resume practice.

Event Schedule 2022

Date Reservation Forms have been registered with Kingdom Calendar for the following events and dates:

Canterbury Fayre	March 19
LG Champions	May 14, 2022
Sealion War	June 3-5, 2022
Lion's War	July 29-August 1, 2022
Baronial Trials	Aug 19-21
Baronesses Tourney	November 19, 2022
Baronial Banquet	December 10, 2022

There is an acute need for event stewards. The barony has a contingent of members who have been event stewards who can help guide, but there will always be a need for new event stewards to learn the ropes.

9. Coronet report

The baron reiterated the need for Event Stewards and officers.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; February 16th, 2022 at 7:30 pm PDT.

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by January 18, 2022

Chronicler - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

Like most offices, the Chronicler has been fairly dormant over Covid, as most of the world has moved online. However, while I since having taken over this office, I am interested in revitalizing the local newsletter.

Chamberlain – VACANT

Chatelaine – VACANT

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

Nothing to report

Minister of Stables - Decimus Oct 2021- Oct 2023

The Lions Gate practices in December were really well attended by Steel fighters, armoured fighters, and a growing Arts and Sciences contingent. There have been no recorded injuries at practice. Again, I can't give exact attendance numbers as the binder ended up with the Baroness, as a result of me missing the final practice we held before Christmas break.

Unfortunately, with rising Covid numbers practices were put on hold by the Tir Righ Principality Marshall until January 18th, when the risk would be reassessed.

Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022

Not much happening as we are shut down. We still have the issue of what to do with the old archery net. There was talk about donating it to another branch who do not have a net or selling it. Something to think about.

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Up until the most recent COVID related shut down we have held rapier and cut & thrust practices at the weekly Monday fight practices and they have been well attended with a steady number of new and old participants, practicing both inside and outside. I hope we will see similar numbers in the New Year. I've started informally polling to see whether it's worthwhile to try and renew our contract with the JIBC. Just before the last shutdown we were close to the number of people that would be required to break even, so I'm hopeful that this will happen sometime in 2022.

At Baroness Inspiration tourney we had a rapier tourney, Gerhard's Riposte, and the cut & thrust championship. Our wonderful List mistress has written a report on the rapier tourney and cut & thrust championship, to which I have nothing to add. Gerhard's Riposte saw 4 new fighters, and fun was had by all. The eventual honour and prize went to Giuliana da Castiglione. (The prize kit bag is still stuck up north, so will be transferred at a later date)

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2022

At Baroness' Inspiration Tourney we had Lists activity!

I had a bunch of helpers! Sergeant Galath ab Edwin, his son Pierce, Lady Crisle Verch Daffyd, and Courtier Eleanor Odlowe all helped with lists. Sgt Galath also helped with heralding the heavy tourney and sorting out folks for the prizes. We also had the lists shields there for display and to encourage folks to paint their own or be added to my list of folks that need lists shields. I had brought supplies and print outs of our fighter's heraldry and some folks did a bit of helpful painting.

Heavy! We had 17 unbelted in two fields. We had the assistance of 7 knights fighting as well. The top 4 fighters from both fields were paired up. Agmundr vs T'ien-p'u. Beorn vs Decimus. Kormac vs Wulfwyn. Ragnvald vs Neregui. Agmundr went on to the next round and matched with Neregui. Wulfwyn went on to the next round against Beorn. The finals were fought between Agmundr and Beorn for the best 2 of three. The winning finalist is Agmundr Glumsson from Blatha an Oir.

Rapier! We had 11 fighters in one field. The semi-finals saw Kian up against Davin, and Godfrey up against Jacomina. With the finals fought between Kian and Godfrey. The winning finalist is Kian o' Ruadhri.

Cut & Thrust! We had 7 fighters compete in 2 separate rounds. First round was fought single handed sword and offhand of choice, and the second round was fought with two handed weapons. Finals were fought between Guidobaldo d'Aquila and Davin Adair for the best 2 of 3. The winning finalist and now Lions Gate's Cut & Thrust Champion is Guidobaldo d'Aquila.

Future project for me is possibly to starting bringing the lists shields to fight practice and have folks help paint heraldry on them to round out our active fighter shields.

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

Equestrian - VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Millecent of Eaglescliff/Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe TRANSITIONING

-The November Online A&S Social was held on November 24, 2021. Attendance: ~5 (I don't remember, that's my best guess for attendance)

-We generally don't have an A&S Social in December, and we didn't this year.

-The next online A&S Social will be held on January 26, 2022, via Zoom.

-Once fight practice is allowed to return in person, I propose that we have a monthly official in-person A&S night at fight practice, and make sure new people know that the A&S table is always there.

- I suggest that we pick a specific regular week (1st, 2nd...) that doesn't conflict with other monthly activities like scribal night
- We are planning to hold the Lions Gate Bardic, Arts&Sciences, and Games Championships at Canterbury Faire at the end of March.
 - We will plan it and keep an eye on public health orders and SCA policy to see if in-person events are allowed at that time, and we will cancel if necessary.
 - The plan is to put out a call for entries at the end of January. The usual 2 entries, one scored with An Tir A&S score sheets, one populace choice (bean voting or similar).

Dance- Berenica Nov 2019 - Nov 2021

Games – Lokki Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Scribe - Elvina Feb 2019- Feb 2022 – Brynja Kortsdottir to succeed?

Very quiet for this period.

Social Media - Morweena

Webminister - VACANT

Family activities - VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - VACANT

Budget 2022 – Approved November 17, 2021

Barony of Lions Gate - 2022 Budget Requests			
Office	Item	Category	Amount
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
Total Requests			\$ 1,565