

Barony of Lions Gate Council Agenda – August 17, 2022

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended	Vote for Archery Officer	Extension Koga as Thrown Weapons
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	X	Y	Y
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	X	Y	Y
Seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	X	A	A
Deputy seneschal	Sir Antonio di Francesco	Anton Chernoff			
Exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X	Y	Y
Deputy exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank			
Family activities coordinator					
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirdhealbhaigh	Angela Gallant	X	Y	Y
Gold Key					
Games	Lokki inn helgi	Stephen Jones			
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	X	Y	Y
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	X	Y	Y
Herald	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X	Y	Y
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitzhubert	Rob Nicholls			
A&S Deputy	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X	Y	Y
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse			
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos			
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwngyll	James Humphrey			
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	X	Y	Y
Stables Contingency Deputy					
Archery	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	X	Y	
Equestrian					
Lists	Mistress Agnes Scherer (Cresewyke)	Vanessa Giddings	X	Y	Y
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	X	Y	Y
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	X	Y	Y
Youth Armoured Combat					
Arts & Science	Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe	Ariel Rivera			
Bardic Arts					
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey			
TUTR Coordinator	Marie bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	X	Y	Y

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee
Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Sara e Rosa mka Pinkie	Kimberlyn Weston
Angharad verche Cenydd	Amy Dolphin
Einarr Karlsson	Steve Finlay
Niall An Bacach	Terry
Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse

1. Approval of minutes: July 2022

Motion to approve July 2022 minutes moved by Sadhbh and seconded by Etan, no nays, one abstention, motion carried. No changes to July 2022 minutes requested.

2. Seneschal report

From the outside looking in, we seem a bit... odd. We dress up in medieval clothes, and not even of one particular time period. We're a huge mash-up of different cultures and times, and we follow diverse rabbit holes of our own. Some of us are deep into textiles and costume, others in the scribal arts, and yet more in various martial arts. What we are is a community, and that has been at the forefront as the summer draws on.

We showed up and displayed what we do best to the community at Antioch at Albion. Music, scribal, textiles, dance, and swordplay were all on display for everyone to see. We had a wonderful day in the park, where the whole point was to just hang out and be together. That was followed up with not one, but two days at the pool at our welcoming and inclusive Baron and Baroness'.

As autumn draws closer and we find ourselves going to events like August Investiture and September Crown, let's continue to keep community at the forefront of our endeavours in the SCA. We will always end up going down our own individual rabbit holes, but we will always come back to our strength, a diverse and inclusive community.

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Reminder: Please check your branch email account weekly if not more frequently.

- 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 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 \$11,372.35 and expenses of \$7,390.08 shows as a net profit of \$3,982.27

Available Funds

As of Aug 15, 2022, total available funds are \$17,234.65

Receivables & Other Assets \$0.00

Prepaid expenses \$3,718.64:

- Prepaid Public Storage locker @\$344.40 per month to get June 2023 free
- Also pre-paid \$619.04 for Albion fairgrounds site for Trials as part of Sealion contract. Other assets are \$800.00 outstanding gate float for Trials.

Current Items:

- August 14th inventory of storage locker was a great success! So many thanks to our Chamberlain, Chatelaine, and Einarr and Caemgen for able assistance and baronial history. I will have pictures and inventory list to report by next council meeting, and it would be great to have a list of anything else that should be in the locker but isn't as well as assistance identifying some unknown items from the photos. A box of library handout materials is on its way to Antonio for scanning.
- Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited
Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org or to submit expenses associated with your budgeted amount for 2022 for your office.
- Return-It Express Donations
 - For the first eight months of 2022, Lions Gate has received \$248.85 in direct bottle donations, and \$590.18 in total since donations started. We have had 5,999 containers returned to date!
 - The account phone number code is **604-608-1976**
 - Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles. Do not make them heavy (spread out the glass bottles over multiple bags if necessary)
 - Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags

4. Past event reports

Antioch at Albion

Two busy days of demos during the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Country Fair. The Chatelaine reported that the event went well though she was unable to attend.

Lions Picnic / Lions Pool Party

A wonderful day in the park by the river, followed the next day with a pool party at Their Excellencies! Caemgen reported that the park at Lions Park was an excellent venue, though very hot for garb. Folks did foam thrown weapons, archery maintenance, rapier practice, and lots of socializing. Approximately 60 people in total drifted through during the course of the day. He suggests that the Barony continue with these sorts of unstructured not-events for a venue for folks to be together. Thank you to their Excellencies for opening their home again to us all!

Online Class: Understanding the An Tir OP

This was a chance to log on and learn as Dexter Gauntlet Her Ladyship Margaret Palmer taught some of the ins and outs of the order of precedence. So nice she taught it twice! The OP is not infallible! The course was unfortunately not recorded.

5. Upcoming events

1. The Trials (August 19-21, 2022)
2. Baroness' Inspiration Tournament (November 19, 2022)
3. Baronial Banquet (December 10, 2022)

Please Note: All in-person activities in Kingdom are subject to local Covid regulations!

CovidSafe policy is no longer in effect in An Tir as of March 15, 2022. Provincial restrictions on gatherings have lifted as of April 8, 2022, and there are no requirements for vaccine status verification, contact tracing, or masking indoors.

Masks are now optional but recommended at all Lions Gate events including practices, but as Society wants remind the populace that *"No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus."*

6. Officer Vacancies

Note: greater offices are required to have a deputy in case 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)
- Lists – Agnes **May 2022**
- Bardic Arts

New and Extending Officers

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

- Archery – Lady Angharad verch Cenydd mka Amy Dolphin (**approved by vote**)
- Archery Deputy – Gunnar the Wanderer mka Simon Thomsen
- Thrown Weapons extension – Koga of the Wolfpack mka Billy Wong (**approved by vote**)
- Thrown Weapons Deputy - Sara e Rosa mka Kimberlyn Weston

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

The Trials (August 19-21, 2022)

Decimus and Jacomina are the event team for The Trials, with advice from Brynja and Caemgen. The site has already been arranged and paid for, biffies have been ordered, and insurance has been arranged and paid for. **Questions about what is needed on site for Trials. Sadbh will fetch the games box from the storage locker for the games officer to pick up or arrange for pickup before Trials. Etan inquired about heralds necessary for the Trials; a town crier, a court herald, and a voice herald, and will report back to the Baron. It is not expected that the royalty or heirs will attend the Trials. Gate needs volunteers who are members. Site layout plan in progress. Is a site handout necessary?**

Updating the Customary

Have you taken a few minutes to take a look at the Baronial Customary? It offers descriptions to each of the officer roles, as well as information on the privileges and responsibilities of many roles within the Barony. Things such as inclusive language may need an update, so have a look!

Event site explorers

Looking for a small committee to determine requirements for Baronial events. Have examined the Principality site requirement document, seems like a good starting point. Tanikh has shown interest in helping, looking for more hands.

Practice and Allthing

With the coming of the summer months, we have again moved outdoors for Practice and Allthings. Fighting, A&S, and other activities all take place at the home of our Baron and Baroness every Tuesday. Check the Lions Gate Fight Practice and Allthing group for the address, or contact your local officers. **When would we like to switch back indoors? Suggest we book the Westwinds hall at the middle of September, Seneschal will contact hall to get contract for rental in place.**

Baronial Banquet

Site contract has been signed in order to hold the space. Will eventually need a \$300 deposit prior to November. Currently no event team in place, but we have a great idea for the banquet itself. **May need to plan for vegan food if Coronet attends.**

8. Baronial Business – New

Merchanting Policy – Brianna Cassia

Brianna would like to discuss merchant concerns. **She was unable to attend, but Nereugui clarified the new Kingdom merchant policy. \$25 fee for merchanting at Crown level events. It will be a flat fee, set for all Crown events, not permitted to vary. It is not applicable to baronial or principality of Tir Righ events unless the group chooses to adopt it in future. There were concerns that the Kingdom was encouraging other branches to follow this guidance, however this was not made law at any level except Crown-level events. There is additional paperwork involved for those events having merchants that pay the fee.**

Group buy for Rapier Steel Key?

Principality rapier marshal sent an email around seeing if there was any interest in either doing a group buy or finding a preferred vendor for Steel Key supplies. **There was a discussion about a need for separate vendors for swords/masks/gloves and not a single supplier. New things for rapier and heavy steel key supplies are necessary. Steel Key needs to inventory and then propose quotes for new items. Suggestion for putting out a call for donated items as well. Would the Steel Key please take inventory and photos and submit to Exchequer please.**

Archery and Thrown Weapons Site

There are currently two leads for new sites:

- 1) Semiahmoo Fish and Game would cost approximately \$1900 for 10 memberships, allowing the populace to use their range whenever they would like, seven days a week. **There was a discussion about renting their hall once we have memberships, as well as inviting Lions Dale members. Option to require participants to purchase their own membership was suggested.**
- 2) Crystal, our previous connection to Taisce Stables, has different sites that she is looking at which would allow us to continue our working relationship with her. She will keep us posted.

Also, inventory on site from Taisce Stables after practice tomorrow night moving to Trials and then the storage locker by the Baron from his trailer.

Event Schedule 2022

Seneschal will be working with Their Excellencies to firm up dates for 2023 events. Date Reservation Forms have been registered with Kingdom Calendar for the following events and dates:

Baronial Trials August 19-21, 2022
Baroness' Tourney November 19, 2022
Baronial Banquet December 10, 2022
Lions Stage 2023
Canterbury Fayre 2023
Lions Gate Champions 2023
Lions War at...Somewhere! August 4-7, 2023 reserved

9. Coronet report

His Excellency – greetings all! Come to Trials! It will be great. There are five applicants, and the cut and thrust as well as combat archery championships. Please come and watch the championships. They are a lot of fun and you'll see some great skills. I would love it if people would ask our testers, while they aren't testing applicants, what is involved in the tests, so that more people will want to test. Fight practice is going great, with lots of people in the front yard and back yard, and the pool. Investiture and Crown are coming up, but please play to your level. Go the events you want to go to, take a break and come back refreshed. Please stay safe and stay cool!

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; September 21, 2022 at 7:30 pm PDT.

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by August 17, 2022

Chronicler - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

Chamberlain – Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

August 14th saw the likes of Sorcha, our efficient Exchequer, Lord Einnar, Saethryth, *Bóaire* Cáemgen and myself at our Baronial Locker. In a mere 2 hours time (to the MINUTE!!), all items were accounted for, bins and shelves labeled and some decluttering of scraps were completed in whirlwind befitting a set of brownies of ancient lore! My thanks to everyone for helping this small Bantiarna with such an overwhelming task!

items have been requested for Trials this weekend and for Investiture next weekend.

I would like the Archery and Thrown weapons folk to please submit to the Exchequer an inventory of items at the farm or in storage while either the farm moves or a new practice range is found. I'm not entirely sure but I believe there were also some Equestrian items either at that farm or at the Grene Wode for storage? Please could the officers of these confirm.

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: The locker clean up ended up unearthing more gold key! Yay! The gold key is getting well used at events so I am happy to find more. Over all office activities have been slow since Lions Gate hasn't had any events.

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

The heralds have been very busy, the following are the names and devices passed, submitted, or pending changes.

Lord Malyss Makneile, alternate name, Malisius filius Nigelli, passed

Etaín na Garmna Caisil, device, Per chevron azure and Or, two fleurs-de-lis argent and a swallow volant to dexter base azure marked argent, passed.

Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll, and device, Vert, a wolf's head erased, on a chief triangular argent a dragon gules, passed

Accepted Badge: Briony Kortsdottir ,(Fieldless) In pall inverted three caltrops conjoined at the tips Or,

Millicent of Eaglescliff, alternate name, Melisende de Beauficel, and badge, (Fieldless) A dance couped per fess indented argent and vert

Katherine O'Daire, and device, Or, on a golpe a hummingbird rising Or, passed

Maryam bint Yusuf al-Nasrani, Barry wavy azure and argent, a lymphad proper sailed per pale argent and Or charged with a cross of Jerusalem gules, returned for further work

Aoife Fhionn inghean ui Cnaimhsighe, submitted, decision pending

Cecilia Jamesdoghter, and device, Per chevron azure and Or, two threaded needles Or and a rose slipped and leaved proper, submitted

Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh, badge, (Fieldless) On a bag Or a tortoise vert, submitted

Anika Styf, device, Purpure, a lion sustaining a bow, in chief three dragonflies Or, submitted

Stables - Decimus Aurelius Oct 2021- Oct 2023

Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022

The search continues for a new archery site. Still in talks with Semiahmoo about buying membership to the archery club. If we can work out a agreement with them they will allow us to buy membership for the remainder of the year at half price so we can continue shooting. Unfortunately, they do not allow thrown weapons on the property so they may need to find a place of their own.

Crystal is looking at new locations for her stable business and is keeping our needs in mind. She has 3 locations she is currently looking at that would all be big enough to continue our current routine. Once she puts pen to paper she will be notifying me so we can go and look over the site to see if it is something we can work with.

We went through the archery gear on Sunday and got rid of some of the stuff we don't need or use anymore. This will reduce the amount we need to put into the storage locker if it comes to that. I would suggest that if we do not have a spot by trials this weekend that whatever equipment is used be taken to the storage locker as the last practice at the site will be Thursday August 18, 2022. The rest can be moved out when time allows.

Amy Dolphin will be stepping up to take the roll of Baronial Archery Marshal starting in September (if elected). I will be stay on as a deputy marshal to help her with any issues that may arise.

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2023

Nothing new to report.
Putting feelers out for a replacement.

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

This is the report for August.

- equipment loaned out for Lionsdale practice and returned successfully.
- sargeantry trials - we will be setting up a thrown range to be used for fun, as well as setting up spear targets as part of a forest walk.
- still looking at different options for the continuation of thrown practice after the end of August when we no longer have a space at Taisce Stables.
- Attendance at Sunday practice is still strong with new throwers arriving regularly.
- need to coordinate with Chatelain regarding equipment storage at storage locker after sargeantry trials

Equestrian - VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Dance- Roesia Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Wednesday July 20 was our last practice before the Antioch at Albion Demo. We had 7 dancers and 9 dances: Upon a Summer's Day, Sellenger's Round, Hole in the Wall, Epping Forest, Jamaica, Baron's Bransle, Sweet Kate, Childgrove, and Ruffy Tufty.

Saturday July 23rd and Sunday July 24th The dance portion of the weekend-long demo at the Maple Ridge Countryfest fair, Antioch Demo @ Maple Ridge Fair at Albion Fairgrounds was a resounding success! We had a core group of 5 dancers, supplemented by visitors to the fair and other SCAdians. We danced our feet off in the sweltering heat both days! We did 3 sets daily, with approximately 20 dances each day (with several repeats, and triple rounds of Zemer Atik and Black Alman through the food truck corridor :). We had 13 dancers total on Saturday and 17 dancers total over the course of the day on Sunday, mostly in sets of 6 dancers. We danced Upon a Summer's Day, Sweet Kate, Sellenger's Round, Jamaica, Epping Forest, Hole in the Wall, Tourdion, Zemer Atik, Black Alman (Baron's Bransle in armour with two Sergeants), Ruffy Tufty, and finished off the demo Sunday with Sweet Kate to "I Heard it Through the Grapevine."

Wednesday July 27th, 2022 had 5 dancers and 7 dances: Chestnut, Celt's Bransle, Heart's Ease, Ruffy Tufty, Montard for 5, Black Alman, and Upon a Summer's Day

Sunday July 31st was Lions' Pool Party at Baron Cyneric and Baroness Ariana's. We only had 3 of us dancing as we waited too long and most people had left the pool, but we enthusiastically danced (several times each to get them filmed on the second go around) Tourdion for 3, Sellenger's Round, Zemer Atik, and Jamaica (with an inflatable llama as our 4th "dancer" :)

Wednesday August 3rd had 6 dancers (including 2 Sergeantry / Courtiers candidates) and 8 dances, including Baron's Bransle, Sweet Kate, Tourdion, Upon Summer's Day, Sellenger's Round, Black Alman, Epping Forest and Zemer Atik.

Wednesday August 10th had a great turn out for dance practice with 8 dancers and 9 dances! So awesome to get to do an 8 person dance like Goddesses and other dances like Hole in the Wall and Jamaica with a longer line of couples. We also danced Upon a Summer's Day, Sweet Kate, Heart's Ease x2, Tourdion, and Grimstock.

Games – Lokki Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

Social Media – Morweena

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Well, since my last report, everything has just been very confusing and frustrating as I have done my best to track down a WordPress error leading to "White Screens of Death" with the Dashboard interface required to edit content easily. Coupled with a connection issue that I only recently fixed, much head scratching has ensued, as all the fixes I have applied have so far not worked. Fortunately, the cPanel interface does allow for editing at a direct PHP code editing level, but at a much slower pace.

I will have to confer with the other Webministers and see if as a think-tank we might be able to solve this conundrum.

Family activities - VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - Marie bint Yussuf – Jun 2022-Jun 2024

Lions Gate Trials - There are 2 classes running from 1 pm to 4 pm on Saturday afternoon. We have yet to determine where TUTOR Registration will be and where the classes will be run since that is somewhat dependant on how much space is going to be used by the Trials candidates for the A & S displays and testing stations. Since the weather forecast is for sunshine, I'm not too worried about space. If I have to, I'll commandeer some tables and chairs to set up a class room space using our pavilion.

August Investiture - Millicent of Eaglescliff is flying free organizing classes. Further to the email correspondence that I've been copied on, there will be up to 7 classes covering a variety of subjects, running on 2 tracks. Please refer to Millicent for further information, I don't want to hog her spotlight.

Baroness Inspiration - call for classes was posted onto Barony Facebook page this week. I also plan to post the call for classes on the TUTOR, Barony of Seagirt, Shires of Hartwood and Lionsdale Facebook pages this coming week. I have talked to the Event Steward and determined that we will have space for 1 track which can accommodate up to 6 classes spread over the morning and afternoon.

Novus Classes - I will be contacting Taniq to start the ball rolling for the fall. I hope to have Novus classes running at Thursday Fight practice once we have moved back to our winter practice space and can find room for classes.

Budget 2022 – Approved November 17, 2021

Barony of Lions Gate - 2022 Budget Requests				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Spent to date 2022
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	\$47
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	\$49
TUTR	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Total Requests			\$1,565	\$96