

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes

March 16, 2022

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Persona	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	Yes
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Beresone	Darren Cocking	Yes
Seneschal	Nereügei	Victor Lo	Yes
Deputy seneschal	Sir Antonio	Anton Chernoff	
Exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	Yes
Deputy exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	Yes
Family activities coordinator	Vacant		
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Torrdlbhaigh	Angela Gallant	Yes
Gold Key	Vacant		
Games	Lokki	Stephen Jones	
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	Yes
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
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 Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	Yes
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	Yes
Webminister	Leo Rauol	Russel Morgan	
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Stables Contingency Deputy	Vacant		
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	Yes
Equestrian	Vacant		
Lists	Mistress Agnes Cresewyke	Vanessa Giddings	
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Yes
Youth Armoured Combat	Vacant		
Arts & Science	Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe	Ariel Rivera	
A&S deputy	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina	Yes
Bardic Arts	Vacant		
Dance	Vacant		
TUTR Coordinator	Vacant		
TUTR Session Steward	Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah	Joanne Burrows	

Guests			
	Caemgen mac Garbirth ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey	
	Beatriz	Joana Dornellas	
	brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	
	Athelina Grey	Karen Domer	
	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Blackshaw Humphrey	
	Caitrin ni cingeadh	Janice Jackson	
	Griffin ap Bedwyr	Dave Jackson	
	Elena de Maisnilwarin	Elaine McMillan	
	Niall An Bacach		
	Saethryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	
	Marghread Ragnaill	Kerry Winch	
	Marie and Einarr		

1. Approval of minutes: February 2021

Table to April council.

2. Seneschal report

As winter turns to spring and my allergies flare up, I, like many in the populace, begin to dream of the return of camping events near and far. For the first time in a long time there is a hint of optimism that events may be able to take place more or less as intended this summer. Covid policies in our Kingdom and our modern lives are changing; Kingdom has ended the CovidSafe policy and is simply deferring to provincial and state guidelines. Masks will now be optional at events and practices, but I would point out that at the Society level we are reminded to “make responsible choices to protect ourselves and others”.

And eventing people went! Several members of our fair Barony travelled all the way to Kingdom A&S and the Queen’s Rapier Championship, with our Minister of Blades Jacomina van Vossenbrouck being named as the Favourite Fight, and the always-crafty Rosalind McAllistair scoring an incredible 85 on her A&S entry. Locally, we had space to show off what the SCA does at FanExpo 2022. A large contingent of scribes, textile artists, and fighters spent three days enticing the public to join us in experiencing the Middle Ages as they should be, with the tireless Saethryth de Apeleia leading the charge. Our populace continues to make the Barony proud.

The next few months will see Lions Gate hosting an event per month, with Canterbury Fayre in April, Lions Gate Champions in May, and SeaLion War in June. Add in Principality and Kingdom events, and many within our populace will be showing the best of Lions Gate abroad. I’ve seen a lot of messages recently asking individuals to nominate those who are worthy for award recommendations. It’s important to recognize our individual achievements, but remember why we are in this game in the first place: find your fun and revel in it! So get out there this summer within your own comfort levels, plan to be safe, and maintain hope for the best.

танд үйлчилж байна,
Nereugei

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 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 \$32.40 and expenses of \$1306.20 shows as a net loss of \$1,273.80.

Available Funds

As of March 14, 2022, total available funds are \$15,718.97 which includes the following Special Funds:

- \$48.76 Archery
- \$ 239.68 Return-It Express

Receivables & Other Assets \$800.00:

- \$200.00 site deposit to Semiahmoo Fish & Game for Canterbury Fayre
- \$600.00 damage deposit to Semiahmoo Fish & Game for Canterbury Fayre

Prepaid expenses \$307.65:

- \$307.65 to Public Storage (April 2022; May 2022 will be free)

Locker 2022

- New rate is \$344.40 per month or \$4,132.80 for the year. This is a 12% increase over last year, and likely still the best rate we can get.

Motion: To pay for the locker 1 year in advance if it is pay for 12th month and get 13th free. If no 13th month free, then we will prepay for 3 months at a time.

Nereugei moves. Niall seconds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 2. Motion passes.

Action item: Anika will confirm if the 13th month is still free.

Current Items:

- 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 \$418.88 in direct bottle donations
 - The account code is 604-608-1976
 - Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles.
 - Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags

4. Past event reports

FanExpo Demo – Saethryth de Apeleia

Excerpt from Chatelaine report: the Expo was a fantastic time. We had 93 requests for contact, most from Lions Gate but some from other Baronies/Shires. So far 10 people have been in contact with me and will probably come to practices and events! I think everyone is excited for the chance to do another Fan Expo demo next year and I am getting ideas from people about what they would like to see in the future.

Coordinator from FanExpo would like to see the Barony return. Those who helped with the demo were enthusiastic and interested in returning for next year. Next year, should we focus on retention or getting our name out there?

Barony of Lions Gate was featured on FanExpo recap and we were on the showcase video.

5. Upcoming events

1. Canterbury Fayre (April 16, 2022 – originally March 19, 2022)
2. Lions Gate Champions (May 7, 2022 – originally May 14, 2022)
3. SeaLion War (June 3-5, 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.

Please note that current BC regulations will still apply to any events located in BC. This means that we will continue with vaccine verification at the door at all events (including practices) until that policy is removed at the Provincial level. As of right now, contact tracing will no longer be required, and masks are now optional.

“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.” – SCA verbage

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)
- TUTR – The University of Tir Righ – Tanikh interim/Trainer
- Scribe – April 2022 - Brynja Kortsdottir mka Briony Seedhouse to succeed (vote today)

Viscount Kheron and Sadhbh Bheag are both authorized as Senior Marshal in Youth Armoured Combat, so Junior Youth Armoured Combat authorizations can be done.

New and Extending Officers

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

- Dance – Roesia du Bois (MKA Wendy Humphrey)
- Scribe – Brynja Kortsdottir (MKA Briony Seedhouse)

Vote to authorize Roesia du Bois for Dance minister
(Berenika and Delgrade will continue to assist.)

Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	Y
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Beresone	Darren Cocking	Y
Seneschal	Nereügei	Victor Lo	A
Exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	Y
Deputy exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	Y
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Torrdlbhaigh	Angela Gallant	Y
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	Y
Herald	Etan MacNessa	Trish Graham	Y
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitz Hubert	Rob Nicholls	Y
Deputy chronicler and secretary	Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse	Y
Scribe	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	Y
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	Y
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	Y
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Y
A&S deputy	Millicent	Tina	Y

Vote to authorize Brynja Kortsdottir (mka Briony Seedhouse)

Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	Y
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Beresone	Darren Cocking	Y
Seneschal	Nereügei	Victor Lo	A
Exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	Y
Deputy exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	Y
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Torrdlbhaigh	Angela Gallant	Y
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	Y
Herald	Etan MacNessa	Trish Graham	Y
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitz Hubert	Rob Nicholls	Y
Deputy chronicler and secretary	Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse	Y
Scribe	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	Y
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	Y
Archery	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	Y
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	Y
A&S deputy	Millicent	Tina	Y

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

CovidSafe Policy - Nereugei

CovidSafe policy is no longer in effect in An Tir as of March 15, 2022. Please note that current BC regulations will still apply to any events located in BC. This means that we will continue with vaccine verification at the door at all events (including practices) until that policy is removed at the Provincial level. As of right now, contact tracing will no longer be required, and masks are now optional, but as Society wants everyone to know, *“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.”*

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 late Spring 2022, possibly in person if allowed.

Reminder: Tanikh will ask about the potential *Costume* class in-person with Duchess Gwyneth Gower in early March 2022.

Old Archery Net - Gunnar

Net has been transferred to Lionsdale.

Where’s the Customary? – Nereugei

Customary has been located in its draft form. Is anyone interested in helping update the language of the Baronial Customary? Is it easier to convert it into a Google doc so multiple people can have access to it for editing simultaneously?

Seneschal has asked for the customary to be entered into a database. We still need to have the customary updated.

Action item: convert to a Google doc? It was written by three Barons and edited by Dame Morweena. We need some language updates to non gender specific terms.

Please contact the Seneschal at Lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org if you are willing to help.

Canterbury Fayre (April 16, 2022) – Marghread and Sadhbh Bheag

Deposit paid. With restrictions changing capacity has been increased to 150; currently ~115 people have indicated going or interested on the event page on Facebook. Costs have gone up slightly due to longer hours for the event, but increase in attendance should cover. Event team is in place. Their Highnesses Tir Righ will be in attendance.

- Float required. Dame Elena requesting a \$600 float.
- A&S champion will not be attending. Baroness to connect with Elizabeth to collect regalia.
- Streaming court being set up with tech team.

- A&S Challengers deadling by April 1st.
- Bardic space – outdoors need a 10' or 12' popup for the judging. Saethryth has a popup.
- Potluck for the dinner? Allows a longer event (until 8 pm.) Baroness would like to continue with this aspect.

Gunnar can take photos of any area of the site he'll be there on Sunday for a 3D shoot.

Marghread will do a write up about the potluck and add to event. Nereugei suggested we have a potluck with servers. Put up a poll to see if the populace to whether picnic or potluck is preferred on the event site.

Motion: To approve a \$600 gate float for Canterbury Fayre.

Moved: Nereugei. Seconded: Elvina. Nays: 0. Abstains: 3. Motion passes.

Lions Gate Champions (May 7, 2022) – Morweena, Anika, and Caitrin and Griffin.

One bid received from Dame Morweena and Archos Anika. Update from City of Burnaby on Warner Loat: contract will be in seneschal hands soon. Most exciting part? Dame Elena running gate and has offered to train a gate team!

Contract times: 7 am to 8 pm (sunrise to sunset)

Contract just received. Send to Archos Morweena.

Championships: Heavy, Rapier, Archery and Thrown Weapons

Cut and Thrust will be at Lions War.

Would you like the outgoing champions to work with the officers to run tournaments or would you like to set them up? Champions.

MIC is Griffin ap Bedwyr

Artisan's village and merchant's space (no A&S competition this time)

Ask Games champion to run a fun tournament

8. Baronial Business – New

Demo at Roesia's workplace! – Saethryth

Planning to have it in the afternoon, April 9th, at Wendy's (Roesia's) work. We will try to get 3-6 people to help demo bardic, dancing, and textiles. We are planning this to be a super low-key demo, mostly focusing on educating and entertaining the kids.

Mini demo in Cloverdale and teaching day for the kids. Saethryth is looking for volunteers. It might be repeated if it successful. Age range is 7-mid teens.

This might be a good place for the folks who plan to compete for bardic championship to practice. Or dance!

No masks required on site. Hand washing. Sanitizing. Don't come if you're sick.

SeaLion War – Event site(s) needed!

Nereugei will approach Lionsdale about using Albion Fairgrounds. Camp McLean is too big.

Contact Maestre Gareth for suggestions. Look for a new team to compile the list. Several years

ago the Explorer's program at the time was Ylva and Brianna. Caemgen – can you restart this group?

There seems to be a need to compile a list of available locations for events in the area. Times change, especially as things open back up from Covid. Is there some way to create a task force to search for venues?

Event Schedule 2022

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

Canterbury Fayre	April 16 (formerly March 19)
LG Champions	May 7, 2022 (formerly May 14)
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

Greetings all,

Fan Expo was a great success. Thank you all for attending. We learned some ways to bring people to booth and when they did, they asked a lot of questions and many either took our information or left their own.

Next month we have Canterbury so please spread the word. It will be a great time and three of our champions will change over depending on the outcome. Also there is Baroness' War and with the possible dropping of the testing requirements at the border we may attend. We would love to have our populace join us if you can.

Again, if you are thinking of event stewarding, please let us know or even if you are just wondering what it entails.

We love you all and stay safe,

Baron Cyneric and Baron Arianna

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; April 20th, 2022 at 7:30 pm PDT.

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by March 15, 2022

Chronicler - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

Report date for March 2022, Nothing new to report.

Chamberlain – Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

I have a key from Archos Anika, I have the pass for entry and I have access to the Office email. I have the Games box back and have been tidying it up. There was a game board in it that had heraldry of a good gentle of our barony. A quick check in proved it was not an intentional donation. I will be returning it soon. Awaiting a warmer day for an inventory to start off my Office Service.

If everyone could please just do a touch of Spring Cleaning/checking amongst their SCA gear to be sure that anything that is not theirs makes it to me. I am available to meet at various locations, especially Fight Practice. Chamberlain also holds the Lost and Found, so this would be a great time to allow me to help items make it to their proper homes.

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Approximate number of inquiry contacts: 4

Activities in the branch: 0

 In person: 0

 Online: 0

Demos: 1

Use of Gold Key: 0

Media contact: 0

Office activities

Fan Expo Demo – The Expo was a fantastic time. We had 93 requests for contact, most from Lions Gate but some from other Baronies/Shires. So far 4 people have been in contact with me and will probably come to practices and events! I think everyone is excited for the chance to do another Fan Expo demo next year and I am getting ideas from people about what they would like to see in the future.

Future demos – I have heard lots of comments from the populace about what can be done to improve future demos and am looking into implementing some in the future. Some suggestions include nice and sturdy display boards with lots of photos, barony business cards, dedicated A&S display items with info cards, and simple hands-on crafts. Increasing our promotional material in general has also been commented on and I am exploring options for that.

Roesia demo – Roesia and I are trying to plan a demo at her work, teaching some of the kids about the medieval ages. I'm looking forward to this since it aligns with the educational goal of

the Society. It should be a fairly small demo and focused on A&S. More info to come as we figure it out.

Gold key – Not much progress has been made since last report due to the Expo. This is the next big project though so hopefully progress will be made soon. So far Her Excellency and I have been discussing what we want for sizes and amounts. We have determined that two levels of Gold Key could be made, intro garb for people who have walked off the street and advanced garb for people who have been to a few events and are invested in the SCA but don't have their own garb yet. The intro garb will be tunics that people can wear over their own clothes, decorated with machine embroidery so that they look nice. There are several volunteers amongst the populace that have indicated they will help sewing the tunics. The advanced garb will be nicer garb that requires "you to take off your pants and has multiple layers" and can be given to someone before an event (Freemont, 2022). We are still not entirely sure how to proceed with the advanced garb but will cross that bridge when we get to it; intro garb takes first priority.

Chatelaine table – A strong goal of mine is to have a Chatelaine/Newcomers hospitality table at every event in Lions Gate to help newcomers feel more welcome. I have talked to Mairghread inghean Ragnaill and Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh about having space for one at Canterbury Fayre. This will be a good first test run of the concept.

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

Stables - Decimus Oct 2021- Oct 2023

During the month of February we held 3 practices and skipped one week due to the stat which coincided with the weekend of the highly successful Fan Con demo. These practices were relatively well attended with 16, 11, and 19 fighters on the days respectively (total of 46 for the month). There were no Covid cases or injuries at practice. We look forward to welcoming back of the greater Lions Gate community to our practices in March and the easing of various Covid protocols under the direction of the An Tir Seneschal and the BC government.

Archery - Gunnar the Wanderer Aug 2020-Aug 2022

Weekly practice continue. Turn out is about 10 people per week which isn't too bad for the winter months. So far the site issues (poop on the ground) have been minimal.

Old archery net has been handed off to Lionsdale.

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Nothing new to report for this month. Although some of us did go to QRC and represented Lions Gate (and Tir Righ) and that was lots of fun.

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2022

Hello, I have brought the lists shields to fight practice and had some help painting a few. I think I will have to plan it out better before doing it again. Looking forward to doing Lists for Champions

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

- Hay bales reaching its last legs. Price of hay still very high, hasn't yet recovered from shortages created by floods this winter. Looking into alternative materials for spear targets.
- Need to come up with a better system to have thrown weapons presence at Fan Expo (and other demos) in the future. unable to actually throw, and having weapons within reach of crowds is a liability.
- Practices going well, with attendance numbers slowly rising and newer throwers getting more involved and improving.

Equestrian - VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

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

-The February Online A&S Social was held on February 23, 2022. Attendance: ~7

-The next online A&S Social will be held on March 23, 2022, via Zoom.

-The call for entries for the Lions Gate Bardic Championship and Arts & Sciences Championship went out last week. No entries yet, but they usually come in closer to the deadline (April 1, 2022).

-The Canterbury Fayre event team is also planning a non-competition A&S display modeled on Athenaeum. I'm looking forward to lots of A&S community building at that event.

Dance-

Games – Lokki Sep 2021-Sep 2023

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

Prep of charters needed for Canterbury Faire is underway.

Also underway is the changeover process for the scribal office to the incoming scribal officer.

Social Media – Morweena

Created FB event for Canterbury Fayre

Gave a quick lesson in how to edit an even on FB to the event steward via messenger (including screen shots)

Webminister – Leo – Jan 2022 – Jan 2024

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