

Barony of Lions Gate Council Agenda – September 21, 2022

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	X
Seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	X
Deputy seneschal	Sir Antonio di Francesco	Anton Chernoff	
Exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X
Deputy exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh	Angela Gallant	X
Gold Key			
Games	Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais	Mark Hood	X
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	X
Herald	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Chronicler	Baron Miles Fitzhubert	Rob Nicholls	
A&S Deputy (also TUTR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	X
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	X
Stables Contingency Deputy	Þorbjorn	Kris Larsen	X
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	X
Archery Deputy	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	Mistress Agnes Scherer (Cresewyke)	Vanessa Giddings	
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	X
Thrown weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Sara e Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	

Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	Aoife Ruadh ingen ui Cnaimhsighe	Ariel Rivera	
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	X
TUTR Coordinator	Marie bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	X

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Mistress Ceara	Cassandra Counce
Einarr Karlsson	Steve Finlay

1. Approval of minutes: August 2022

Motion to approve August 2022 minutes moved by Sadhbh and seconded by Jacomina, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

The coming of September has a familiar rhythm for me. As I've done every September since I started pre-school, the end of August signals the end of summer and the return to schedules and waking up for school. This is the first back-to-school which I am also seneschal, but it has a strangely similar feel. It finally feels like we are getting back into the rhythm in the barony, as we settle our schedule of events, and return to activities and expectations of things as they were in the beforetimes. That's not to say that covid is done with us; we continue to have cases pop up after events and practices, and I worry that perhaps we've fallen a little too complacent in keeping ourselves vigilant. But that hasn't kept us from continuing to go to events both locally and across the border, and more importantly it hasn't dampened our spirit or our joy in celebrating the good things in our society.

We welcome new heirs to the kingdom in Their Royal Highnesses Athos and Alianora, and continue to watch our Prince and Princess embrace their role in recognizing the strength of Tir Righ. Soon the Barony will be inviting the kingdom to come fight at its premiere unbelted armoured and rapier tournament, and we will round the year off with feasting and merry-making. Settle in with your crafts, dust off the projects you've been neglecting, and rediscover the things you love. The changing of the seasons is always a great time to be mindful that change is constant.

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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 \$14,484.35 and expenses of \$8,223.88 shows as a net profit of \$6,260.47

Available Funds

As of Sept 19, 2022, total available funds are \$20,227.68

Receivables & Other Assets \$0.00

Prepaid expenses \$2,755.20:

- Prepaid Public Storage locker @\$344.40 per month to get June 2023 free

Current Items:

August 14th inventory updated with thrown weapons and archery equipment. Photos and copy of inventory available from seneschal or exchequer. Need to inventory the Baron & Baroness' trailer for baronial property!

- 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 nine months of 2022, Lions Gate has received \$304.73 in direct bottle donations for 2022.
 - 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

Trials Report

On August 19-21, 2022, the Sergeants, Courtiers, Gallants, and Lancers came together to test a new batch of applicants. Jacomina reported on the Trials at the Albion fairgrounds. Only feedback would have been archery range to set up closer to the rest of the folks since we didn't use the whole field. Gate went well, and was a learning experience.

Total attendance: 96 adults, 6 youth, 13 children / 115 people

89 paid adults, 7 comped for LG champions/event stewards

Profit after site rental, biffie/insurance expense paid: \$1780 - \$1353.38 = \$426.62

NMR: 29 x \$5 = \$145

5. Upcoming events

1. Baroness' Inspiration Tournament (November 19, 2022)
 - Cut & Thrust Championship
2. Baronial Banquet (December 10, 2022)
 - Bardic Championship?
3. Canterbury Fayre (April 15, 2023?)
 - A&S and Games Championships? Maybe Archery?

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
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- Lists – Agnes **May 2022**
- Bardic Arts
- Chronicler

New and Extending Officers

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

- Stables Deputy - Þorbjorn mka Kris Larsen (approved by vote – no nays, Neregui abstains)
- Games – Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindraais mka Mark Hood replacing Lokki (approved by vote – no nays, Neregui abstains)

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

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 to modify the existing SCA pamphlet to give more information on the Barony, and identify places. Etan and someone else has volunteered to assist Kevin and Antonio with the process.

Baronial Banquet

Site contract has been signed in order to hold the space. Will eventually need a \$300 deposit. Saethryth has come forth for event steward, and Briana Cassia has volunteered to be in charge of the feast. We've talked about incorporating Bardic Championship into the evening in an attempt to spread out the busy times across the year. **Four course meal planned for feast. Not on Tir Righ or An Tir Royal Progress. Food and dancing planned for. Off board and on board options, possibly in two stages for buffet or table service. Is there pre-registration planned? Price points being considered: \$10 for site fee plus NMR. \$15 for just appetizers and dessert buffet. \$30 for full feast. Yule theme proposed, based on a past Lions Den. Site visit not completed yet.**

Group buy for Rapier Steel Key

Principality rapier marshal sent an email seeing if there was any interest in either doing a group buy or finding a preferred vendor for Steel Key supplies. It has been left with individual branches to decide what needs to be purchased, with feelers sent out to vendors to see if group deals are available.

8. Baronial Business – New

Archery and Thrown Weapons Site

There was word from Gunnar that there was a possible site for archery. Update from Angharad or Gunnar? **No update yet. Possible site separately for thrown weapons, but not useable for archery without a lot of work.**

Canterbury Fayre

Event package incoming from Roesia and Abbygale. Looking at April 15th, 2023. **Looking for more experienced event stewards to assist them and volunteers to get started on planning. Considering Semiahmoo or Poco Fish & Game hall.**

Website update

Hacked! **Bleddyn is working with others in the Barony to rebuild. Seagirt also affected by similar problem.**

Heat Awareness Class

Einar has been teaching a class about heat awareness and safety. **He summarised his research and proposed signage to caution participants at events about safer amounts of fluids and rest.**

Langley Fundamental School Demo

February 21, 2023! **Short feast, multiple sessions with small groups of students afterwards. Wednesday.**

Lionsdale request for loaner equipment

We've been approached by Lionsdale Marshal to help equip rapier fighters at their practice. Maestro Guidobaldo has graciously offered to attend and allow new fighters to use Baronial equipment at Lionsdale practice.

Principality and Kingdom Bids?

There have been two separate calls for bids for principality and kingdom events. Is there appetite in the barony to put a bid in for any events? February Investiture (**consider Shannon Hall or Albion?**), May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown are all in need of bids.

Practice and Allthing

Practice and Allthing (fighting, A&S, and other activities) 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. We are switching back to the indoor location at Westwinds Community Church starting Monday September 26 until May 2023. Costs of that rental have gone from \$75 a night to \$90 a night. Discussion: Should we be asking all populace who come to the Practice and Allthing for a suggested donation of \$2, and \$5 for fighters and class-takers? **Vote informally for taking suggested donations at Allthing for anyone attending, while continuing to ask for \$5 fee from fighters and class-**

takers, in order to offset new higher rental fee – moved and seconded, Caemgen abstains, Neregui abstains. Passed.

Event Schedule 2023

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

Mistress Ceara/Cassandra asked us to check our baronial email accounts regarding the Baroness' Tourney November 19th. She inquired about SCA insurance for City of Surrey. She'll need help at the Baronial locker. She inquired about the Facebook page and who might be making changes to the event details and timing. Baroness' Choice for a favour for your inspiration on the Inspirations challenge. Super Six Largess tournament. Water flask station for refills. Need primus event herald. Tavern keeper is in London, but will be lined up. Courtly Manners – handout for gate. Prince and Princess Tir Righ may be attending. Invite Baron and Baroness Seagirt. Jacomina noted that cut & thrust championship will also be held at this event, along with other rapier activities. Neregui asked about livestreaming for court at this event – will need volunteers to stream onto the Baronial Youtube channel. Dance will be happening at event. Vote for budget to cover \$800 float to Mistress Ceara, seconded by Caemgen, plus cost of SCA insurance for the event and small amount for water, passed., Second vote for \$1775 for City of Surrey for the rental of Shannon Hall, moved by Neregui, seconded by Caemgen, no nays, passed.

9. Coronet report

Greetings all, Investiture, Crown, Trials all great, lot of fun. Congratulations to Decimus and Jacomina for excellent work running Trials and their first event. Likely ten applicants for next year's Trials! Last practice at our house, and now returning to Westwinds until May. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing lots of people at the Allthing.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; October 19, 2022 at 7:30 pm PDT.

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by Sept 21, 2022

Chronicler - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

Nothing to report for September 2022.

Chamberlain – Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Returned to Locker are the Games box and the YAC swords. YAC swords have been recently updated to new rule set and inspected by 2 Sr. Marshals for compliance. Thrown and Archery items have been added to the Locker Inventory and accounted for. Steel Key Inventory list has been received from Jacomina and added to Exchequer lists.

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: Not much. We have had several new people show up to practices! We also found new gold key in the locker and that has been passed off to their excellencies. I am hoping to be able to do a big sort and organization of gold key in the future to make handling the gold key much easier.

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

The following are the names and devices passed, submitted, or pending changes.

Registered

Damiana Romana, and device, Quarterly azure and sable, a wolf's head cabossed argent

Azure, an arrow within a bordure argent, associated to the name Tori the Blue registered

Stables - Decimus Aurelius Oct 2021- Oct 2023

During the month of August we held 5 practices. These practices were well attended with 22, 23, 17 and 12. paying attendees. There were no injuries at practice this month.

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

As of now we still do not have a site for archery practice however myself and Jaqueline Le Fleur will be talking to Jen at Cornwall Ridge Equestrian Centre in Langley soon to see if that might be an option. Krystal is still at the old site so there is no word on if she has found something yet. I am wondering if the possible site in Maple Ridge could be used for archery but it sounds like it would take a LOT of work to get the one area usable. The hunt continues.

In the meantime, a few archers have gone to support Lionsdale's community practices.

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Not much to report, rapier fighters still going strong at practice. We've started showing up a bit earlier to have more daylight, since the sun goes down so early no.

Inventory was done of the steel key, and list was sent to chamberlain.

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2023

Nothing new to report.

Thrown Weapons - Koga of the Wolfpack Aug 2020- Aug 202

- Thrown Weapons and Archery locker at Taisce Stable emptied and cleaned
- Thrown Weapons senior marshals from Lions Gate and Lionsdale traveled to Coill Mhor to offer Junior TW Marshal training classes as part of initiative to grow the sport in other regions of Tir Righ. Will continue to do so whenever possible with other shires as opportunities arise in the future.
- Site visit to strong potential Thrown Weapons range by Madame Jaqueline and Lord Koga. Still more options to look at, will have report to council and their Excellencies when comparison is complete.

Equestrian - VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

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

Dance- Roesia Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Wednesday August 17

12 dancers, including several sergeantry candidates practicing for Trials, and 9 dances.

Saturday August 20- Trials testing and warm ups

Tons of dancers and 6 dances

Sunday August 21 - Trials testing part 2

Again a lot of people and 3 dances

Wednesday August 24

7 dancers and 8 dances

Wednesday August 31

2 people only, no dances

Wednesday Sept 7

8 dancers and 7 dances

Wednesday Sept 14

7 dancers and 9 dances

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

Social Media – Morweena

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Well, ugh! I wish I had some good news to report. However, simply put, some time before I took over the LionsGate Web site, it was hacked, and the many hours I have spent fixing things - or rather not, as the case may be - come from that now-apparent issue. Currently, with a think tank of myself, James Irvein, Garet, Jacomina, and Chris Hall we are struggling to get it and the Tir Righ site malware free and protected vs future potential attacks. Unfortunately, that is a painfully slow process and until it is done, I cannot work on updates.

Family activities - VACANT

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

Lions Gate Trials 2022: We were able to run 3 classes on the Saturday, with a total of 10 students over all. A special thank you to our teachers: Baron Uilliam, Einarr Karlsson and Elsbeth Farre.

Tir Righ Investiture 2022: Millicent did a fabulous job organizing classes. There were 6 classes in total running on 3 different tracks. A total of 24 students attended classes. A special thank you to our teachers: Elspeth Selwode, Sir Alden, Angharad verch Cenydd, Saethryth de Apeleia, Arcos Harold of Hartwood, and Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh.

Baroness Inspiration 2022: A Facebook request for Class Proposals will be going out shortly. Thanks to Helga (mka Kris) from Hartwood, there will be some eye-catching GIFs to help the posts stand out.

Official Recognition of Deputy: If appropriate, I would like to have Council recognize Millicent of Eaglescliff as my official deputy. There's no way I could do this job without her steady calm and logical problem solving skills.

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	0
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