

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – November 16, 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	X
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirdhealbhaigh	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	
Deputy Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrði	Terralyn Gray	
A&S Deputy (also TUTOR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	X
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	X
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	X
Stables Contingency Deputy	Þorbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	X
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	Mistress Agnes Scherer (Cresewyke)	Vanessa Giddings	X
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	X

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
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	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	
TUTR Coordinator	Marie bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	X

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Jacqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee
Isabella da Firenze	Jen Peters
Tanikh bint Farid	Joanne Burrows
Mistress Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain	Cassandra Counce
Athelina Grey	
Theodora, Skald of Tir Righ	Danielle Stephens
Drekah Thoreson from Danescombe	

1. Approval of minutes: October 2022

Motion to approve by [Jacomina October 2022 minutes](#), seconded by Tanikh, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

Kw'akweyuntsote. This is a new word I've learned recently. It is the Squamish word for "Let's work with our hands", and I feel like it encompasses so much of what we do in the SCA. As we move towards the quiet months many of us will soon settle in and start working with our hands on the projects that will keep us busy and nurture our curiosity through the winter. And we get to celebrate the successes from what we do with our hands. Think of all the wonderful things that happened during Collegium and Coronet (Congratulations to Their Royal Excellencies Arkyll and Bernadette!), and how it was a fantastic display of the fruits of our labours.

I am looking forward to one last push to end off the calendar year, as we have Baroness' Inspiration Tournament this weekend, followed closely with our Baronial Banquet. I look forward to celebrating all the growth and success we've each achieved individually and together as a Barony. It's been an eventful first calendar year as your Seneschal, and I am continually honoured to be at your service.

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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 \$15,832.13 and expenses of \$11,495.68 shows as a net profit of \$4,336.45

Available Funds As of November 14, 2022, total available funds are \$17,428.22

Receivables & Other Assets \$500.00 security deposit for Shannon Hall and \$800 gate float for Baroness' Inspiration. \$300 security deposit for Poco hall for Baronial Banquet.

Prepaid expenses \$4,038.65:

- Prepaid Public Storage locker @\$344.40 per month to get June 2023 free
- Prepaid site fee for Baroness' Inspiration Tournament \$1,272.25
- Prepaid site fee for Baronial Banquet \$700

Current Items:

We will be reviewing and approving the baronial financial policy for Lions Gate at the next council meeting to ensure it matches the Principality Financial Policy requirements for Tir Righ. I will circulate it in advance of the meeting.

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 prior to December fiscal year end!

Return-It Express Donations

- For the first eleven months of 2022, Lions Gate has received \$350.58 in direct bottle donations.
- 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) Do not include foreign/USA items.
- Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags

4. Past event reports

Tir Righ November Coronet - Huzzah! Great event, very on-brand weather! New Heirs! The Barony loaned materials (and expertise) to the event team. Has this been re-collected?

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 1 or 15, 2023?)
 - A&S and Games Championships? Maybe Archery?

Masks are now optional but recommended at all Lions Gate events including practices, but as Society wants to 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.

Chronicler Deputy - Dagny i Fyrði mka Terralyn Gray

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!

Discussion re: Baronial Herald responsibilities

3.4.2.4 Maintaining a permanent file of names and armory submitted through the office, including copies of any documentation submitted. – **will be struck from customary as now done directly through Silver Sparkes Herald.**

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.

Group buy for Rapier Steel Key

There are many new and returning rapier fighters in the Barony. 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. **The barony could use a couple daggers. Swords we're good for right now (2 in steel key). Masks would be great because what we have is very old and a bit gross. Jacomina will get a quote with Tir Righ.**

Archery and Thrown Weapons Site

Cornwall Ridge Equestrian, 16th Ave, east of 216th, Langley, \$5 per head plus a \$20 field rental flat fee per practice. 72% of the community would like to see practice start weekly beginning January 1 at Cornwall Ridge. Proceed with insurance and contract? Financial matter vote for paid members.

Winter practice: Sun noon - 4 pm, * 80 m x 105 m back field, from October to April

Summer practice: Sun 3 pm - 6 pm, * 80 m outdoor arena, from April to about October

Proposed \$7 drop in fee, 24 hour cancellation policy, named insurance required. Washroom on site.

Available lockable storage space with shelving space.

Motion to approve beginning archery practice on January 1 for 2023, arranging insurance and contract by Nergui, seconded by Elvina, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried.

Canterbury Fayre

Waiting for word from Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club regarding costs and site portions we can use and date of April 1, 2023. Hoping to try for 3D trail shoot. Possible date conflict with Danescombe.

Website update

Work is underway to update the information on the website. Events are now imported from Facebook and displayed in the calendar and the event page. The North Wind page is up to date, with only a couple gaps. The Awards, champions, and inspiration pages are being updated currently but the webminister will need some help with that. **Need a page for who the current Baron and Baroness are.**

Langley Fundamental School Demo

February 21, 2023 Also, see Chatelaine's report.

Rapier Practice location!

\$25/hr, 2 hours a week on Thursday nights, 7-9pm. The School Board has stated that they do not want more than one name on the contract for that night, and so the avenue for us to use the space is to sign a contract with the Prima La Spada School of Swordplay to be under his insurance with the school board, and we would be under our general with him unless he specifies he wants named insurance with him. Potential start in 2023?

8. Baronial Business – New

Lions Gate Champions Bid

Date reservation form submitted for April 29, 2023. Team and bid need to be submitted and finalized.

Budget items for 2023

No officers have requested a change to their Office budget. One officer has outstanding expenses to reconcile (Elvina?) Suggestion for an increase to Chatelaine budget (Decimus) **Request to increase Chatelaine budget to \$200, Seneschal budget to \$400 to include Zoom licence renewal, TUTR budget for printing to \$100.**

Motion to approve increase to \$2065 for 2023 by Sorcha, seconded by Tanikh, Neregui abstains, no nays, motion carried.

2023 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 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	\$400
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200
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	\$100
Total Requests			\$2,065

Financial Policy update

Sorcha pleads with the populace to have a look through the baronial financial policy in order to align it with Principality financial policy and suggest edits. I don't believe we've updated to comp the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt for Sealion when we invite them over to the better side of the waters.

Herald Tabards

The Sable Loat has received an offer to order printed heraldic tabards for \$58USD + shipping. They look nice

Motion to approve purchase of two new herald tabard blanks for up to \$250 by Herald officer Etan, seconded by Jacqueline, Neregui abstains, no nays, motion carried.

Salon Artificum

Dame Morweena would like a word regarding an Arts and Sciences show-and-tell. **Potential new event hosted by Lions Gate, and then to travel through Tir Righ, based on Athenaeum for An Tir, smaller and more focused on artisans interacting with one another, more of a meeting of your peers, rather than Peers. Open, low-key, and easy to enter to encourage people to enter Lions Gate A&S Championship later on based on the experience. Survey showed 80 people may be interested in attending. A proposal and a date will be incoming to financial committee. Target date of October 14th, and a site at Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall with a breakeven of 32 people in Lionsdale, but they've allowed us to host the event there. Possible bard participation. Tir Righ Scholar supports the event idea!**

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:

Baroness' Tourney November 19, 2022
Baronial Banquet December 10, 2022
Canterbury Fayre April 1, 2023
Lions Gate Champions April 29, 2023?
Lions War at...Somewhere! August 4-7, 2023 reserved

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023
Baronial Banquet October 28, 2023
Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023

Baroness' Tourney November 19, 2022 update: **Ceara reports that two things: Baron and Baroness Seagirt will be comped for the event, and his excellency Cyneric can fetch what is needed from storage locker tomorrow. Caemghen is their Highnesses' herald for court. Etan will find heralds to assist with baronial herald needs. Yes please. Newcomers tours by Courtiers at 10 am and 2 pm. Inspirations display contest for favours or tokens for fighter inspiration, chosen by Her Excellency. Super six largess competition with a theme of inspiration. Courtly manners challenge by Ceara. Games contest with gorgeous prize boards. "Let's have a Ball" dancing. Merchants, some food provided by Briana, and the Wolf & Drum tavern.**

Baronial Banquet ticket sales are going well. There will be a bar. Arts & Science challenge is "Ugly Christmas Hood" (not a competition) to be decorated as much as you possibly could, and a bardic

component is a filk to a traditional holiday tune – send into Ariel in advance, with song sheets to be printed for the tables in advance for a sing-along.

Cookie War – Annika has been volunteered to make peanut butter cookies for Baroness' Inspiration by Morweena. Almond cookies have been requested.

9. Coronet report

Greetings! Baroness' inspiration almost here. He is making prizes for rapier and inspiration tournament. Stay for court! Lots of awards to be given out. Please write award recommendations. Get your tickets for Baronial Banquet and get us all into the holiday spirit. All thing practice is getting great numbers and a high number of female and alternate-presenting fighters.

Cyneric and Arianna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; January 18, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by November 15, 2022

Chronicler - Miles Fitzhubert Jan 2021-Jan 2023

I have nothing to report

Chamberlain – Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

There were a number of items taken out of the locker on loan to Tir Righ Coronet. These, I believe, were put into the keeping of Baron Cyneric. Could this please be confirmed and if these items were returned to the locker and in addition, a dozen hand radios were checked over, batteries replaced or tossed, instructions printed and a sign out sheet created for Event Steward use by Lord Einarr. Our thanks for this service!

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: It has been quiet. I have talked with several people over email about the SCA and giving them info. Hopefully some of them will be coming to Baronesses Inspiration!

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

I have been approached by Angela who has been talking with Thegn Cormac who has offered to help with the Spoonflower options for new tabards.

Spoonflower is a website that sells custom yardage of fabric that's sublimation-printed. They have something like two dozen fabric options from thin gauze to heavy canvas, linen, fleece, even two types of velvet. Normally people upload a small image that they can then tile, but he has been uploading high resolution images 56"x72" of Continental-style tabards.

Lion's Gate would be split vertically black and white with the lions and Laurel wreath. The arms of the barony actually lend themselves really well to a tabard. He imagines the Laurel wreath surrounding the neck hole of the tabard, or at least framing it nicely.

Most of the fabrics run \$29/yard so a tabard would be US\$58 plus shipping. The idea is to make tabards that can be used without panicking about ruining them. Most of the fabrics are machine washable and if something happens to it you can just print a new one. and the beauty is that it can be quilted on to other fabric, or embellished as we like.... but the applique process is not part of the fuss. Not intended to replace the well-made appliqué-heavy tabards, but to supplement them.

I think this is an interesting proposal, and the Barony might like to consider purchasing 2.

Stables - Decimus Aurelius Oct 2021- Oct 2023

During the month of October, we held 4 practices (we skipped 1 week for the Thanksgiving holiday. These practices were well attended with 24, 28, 25, and 23 paying attendees. There were no injuries at practice this month.

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Not much to report on the rapier front. Practices on Monday evening are still well attended, and Master Kian has installed new lights outside so we can see who we stab!

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - May 2023

I have three folks possibly interested in my job. Yeay!

Going to be chatting with them at Baroness' while doing lists.

Ready to do lists for all three tournaments, heavy, rapier, and cut and thrust.

I have all my forms printed out and ready. Will be sending out a message to the fighters tomorrow I think to remind them that they have to have their yellow cards ready and to sign in at the Lists table as early as possible once gate opens.

I finished a canvas banner for the lists office, It can be hung a couple ways to make it easier to be seen.

Everything else looks like it's in good shape. Please let me know if you need anything.

Thrown Weapons - Koga of the Wolfpack Aug 2020- Aug 2023

Equestrian - VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

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

I have been remiss. I actually have no idea what is going on with A&S. Presumably still informally happening at practice night? Shenanigans are in planning process for Baronial Banquet and will be announced this weekend at Baroness' Inspiration.

Dance- Roesia Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Nov 9- we had 7 dancers and danced 8 dances.

All other practices were cancelled due to not enough of our regulars being able to attend (mostly due to illness).

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

Social Media – Morweena

We were having an issue with people not being able to post about the tournies for Baronesses, worked with Tir Righ Web to see where the issue was - turned off a spam suppression setting in the group. As we are a private group that should not impact the membership

Advertised for a replacement and have had no bites 😞

Will start asking people directly on Saturday as this is a great role for someone that has good computer access in the day - so ideal for someone that works at home or otherwise has good access to the internet and a desktop system. Easy for someone that is new to get into the admin side of SCA life

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

This month, after some help from James Irvein to fix a few bugs, I began the monumental task of updating the site. As the backup we got to work post-hacking was from the end of July of last year, it is going to take a while, longer than I had hoped. Learning how Word Press does things I am getting the hang of, but it's hard when I can't simply edit the code myself and have to do it its way. Still, I can now import Events from Facebook, get them into the Calendar, and display them on the Events page. Tailoring the information to display the way I would like it to be laid out within Word Press's rubric is the next thing I would like to tackle.

The North Wind newsletter page I have linked up to issues going back quite a few years. These were already in the database, just not connected to the page. There are some gaps that I hope to track down.

Currently, I am updating the Awards page and Champions and Inspirations. Figuring out which information is current and which needs updating is somewhat challenging everywhere. May need some help there.

Family activities - VACANT

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

I'm pleased to report that the TUTR Class Schedule and List for Baroness' Inspiration 2022 has been finalized and posted to the event FB page. Thank you very much to everyone who answered my call for instructors. I've been able to arrange for 4 tracks running a total of 8 classes for the day.

I attended November Cornet to support Catherine Rose who was organizing TUTR Classes for the event. I feel that my presence was redundant, she's a very capable organizer and there was very little I could do that she hadn't done already.

I have started uploading all of the class proposals I can get my hands on to One Drive. I'm hoping to create a data bank of proposals and instructors for future use. I've observed that most of our TUTR Classes seem to fall into the "how to" category. "How to play..." "How to make..." I'd welcome suggestions for other types of classes.

Budget 2022 – Approved November 17, 2021

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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	\$38
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Scribe	scribal supplies	General Supplies	\$200	\$68
TUTR	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Total Requests			\$1,565	\$153