

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – April 19 2023

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	
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrdi	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
A&S Deputy (also TUTOR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Social media	Dame Morweena	Marion Drakos	
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	X
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Stables Contingency Deputy	Porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	
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	

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 Fhionn	Ariel Rivera	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	X
TUTR Coordinator	Marie bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee
Theodora van Zeeland	Danielle Stephens
Jacqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Tanikh bint Farida	Joanne Burrows
Drekah Thoreson	Jason Thoreson
Laric Godwin	Michael Cole
Sylvina du Bois	Abbygale
Athelina Grey	Karen Domer
UlfR	Chris Hall

1. Approval of minutes: February 2023

Motion to approve by Sadhbh for March 2023 minutes, seconded by Brynja , no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

April showers bring May...showers? Let's hope our weather witch Dame Morweena keeps the An Tir sunshine at bay at the end of this month. Event season is ramping up, and I am seeing the excitement throughout our populace. Between now and September Crown I can count at least 8 events for myself, and I am really looking forward to getting out camping and relaxing with friends by hitting them in the face.

Remember though to take time for yourselves. I look up at my board and see all the events I am planning on going to and seeing where I can build in some time for rest and maintenance. We are more present and engaged if our cups aren't empty, so remember to fill your cups from time to time!

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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

2023 Financial YTD:

Income of \$3,545.45 and expenses of \$3,320.23 shows as a net income of \$225.22 for 2023 as of April 3, 2023.

Available Funds

As of April 16, 2023, total available funds are \$22,531.00

Receivables & Other Assets \$500.00 gate float for Champions Tourney April 29, 2023

Prepaid expenses: \$591.54

- Prepaid Public Storage locker @\$344.40 for May to get June 2023 free
- \$217.14 Burnaby for Warner Loat Park Rental for Champions Tourney

Current Items:

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 2023 for your office.

Return-It Express Donations

- For the first three months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$91.45 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

Canterbury Fool – April 1, 2023

Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club

The site was excellent for an event from 100 - 140 people. Both the hall and grounds it is on are beautiful. The grounds have nearly a mile of forested pathways, which are open to the public. We rented the hall office upstairs, which is more like a lounge, in addition to the main hall, plus the western field for archery and the *huge* "grand gazebo" in the lower area by the Little Campbell River, for the evening bardic circle. Walking through the archways on the bridge, lit with a strand of lights, and the poles wrapped with little lights on the path to the gazebo was magical.

The Hall itself is spacious and well lit with big northern windows, and with a large wooden dance floor in the centre. It has a heavy wire banner hanging line along the two long walls and attachment points in the ceiling. The hall is well-supplied with both round and rectangular tables and chairs for up to 200. Beside the main hall is a warming kitchen with a large centre work island and a separate storage area, plus a dedicated bar area with a commercial fridge, sink, and a small freezer. The bathrooms and the hall are all accessible with no stairs, other than to the office. Smoking is permitted outdoors, undercover, with dedicated ash cans.

The hall has parking for around 60 vehicles, but there was overflow parking also available on the field beside the generator building, opposite the hatchery. Accessible parking was permitted at the hatchery for those wishing to attend the bardic circle.

Limitations: the bathroom water is not drinkable, so a water station and a dish washing station had to be set up for the populace during the day. Fortunately, there was room to do so along the wall where the bar is located. Thrown weapons and heavy and rapier combat were not permitted on the site. This is a good site with a volunteer booking agent who was exceptionally helpful. Highly recommended.

96 paying adults

8 comped adults

19 minors

123 total attendees

	Projected	Actual
Income	\$2,000	\$2,135.00
Expenses	\$1,637	\$1,656.51
Net	\$363	\$478.49

5. Upcoming events

Lions Gate Champions (April 29, 2023)

- Heavy, Rapier, Thrown Weapons, and Archery Championships!

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.

At the May council meeting, Thrown Weapons Deputy will step up to take over and current officer Koga will change to Deputy Thrown Weapons instead.

Vacancies

- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- Social Media officer warrant has expired and needs someone to take over
- Lists – May 2023 upcoming
- TUTR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role
- A&S looking for help

New and Extending Officers

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

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Lions Gate Champions Progress Report – Event Steward

April 29, 2023 at Warner Loat Park. Site visit planned, contract signed with Burnaby. Plan on same site layout as last year. Roesia reported on progress. MICs have been contacted for each area. Merchants are lined up, childrens activities, pop up scribal, and dancing if the weather holds. The A&S contest will be “A Loat in Any Medium” and Annika will be looking for gate volunteers. There is a Loat service challenge, so volunteering for setup and takedown will earn points! The Burnaby liaison person with the Warner Loat site is retiring this year so we should consider a small gift/scroll as thanks.

September Crown 2023 Bid

Kingdom of An Tir has accepted the bid at Camp McLean from Duke Ulfr and Mistress Izzy’s team. Caemgen and Nereugei are going to be shadow stewarding from the Principality and Baronial levels. A call for volunteers will go out to help the Kingdom. His grace reports: Contract still in progress to book the site with head office in Ottawa and then order site insurance from SCA.

Event site explorers

Looking to modify the existing SCA pamphlet to give more information on the Barony, and identify places. Baroness Gera of Madrone has put out a couple of brochures about approaching indoor and outdoor sites. Email the Seneschal if you would like a look.

Group buy for Rapier Steel Key

This has been left with the rapier officer and community to come up with a list of needs and pricing.

Lions Gate Trials

Site needed! Albion is unavailable that weekend, and so the search is on for a site that can host camping and possibly archery!

Banquet Site

Site visit happening Tue Apr 25, with plans afoot involving Tanikh and Sara and Sadhbh. Perhaps moving date to Dec 2 – general approval to move the date if necessary. Baroness would like a Halloween themed one next year then.

8. Baronial Business – New

Old stanchion bases – Baron Cyneric The old lists poles stood in metal bases, still in storage locker. Motion to donate these metal bases to West Vancouver Secondary metal shop, saving

two of them to modify to act as portable holes if needed, seconded. Neregui abstains. Caemghen abstains. No nays. Motion passes.

Baronial Ceremonial Binder – Angharad Consider commission to make a new one for Lions Gate in leather, with a quote of \$230. Sadhbh moves that we offer up to \$500 to Angharad verch Cenydd (mka Amy Dolphin – Dolphin Leatherwords) Aoife seconds, to create a new baronial ceremonial cover in leather as a commission.

Scouts Canada call for help/demo – Ulfr June 16-18 Scout Troop camp at Camp McLean, asked if we wanted to do a medieval demo there, improve our relationship with the Scouts to get access to other sites perhaps. No commitments made to date. Consider Bardic, heraldry, board games, archery, some fighting? 50-100 people attending. Age 5-adults. Are we camping or day tripping?

Lions War update – Nereugei updated all of us on the Clinton site contract signed with the land owners, renamed as Lions War from Clinton War. Set for August 4-7, 2023. No minimum site cost, fee paid per person. Estimate 500-900 people. Site bid will need to cover the cost of the garbage bin. Mikhail has offered to Event Steward. Neregui will be assisting with site process. Oswell will assist with local liaison in Clinton.

Event Schedule 2023

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

Lions Gate Champions April 29, 2023 – Warner Loat Park, Burnaby
Lions War August 4-7, 2023 at Clinton, BC – volunteers needed
Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023 - team in place, but no site arranged yet
Salon Artificum October 14th, 2023 Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall
Baronial Banquet October 28, 2023 - bids needed! (consider date to Dec 2?)
Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 – bids needed!

9. Coronet report

Greetings all!

I will echo Nereugei's hope for a less soggy time outside. We all remember Mud Lion so here's hoping for better. Canterbury Fool was so much fun. We want to thank Jaqueline and Koga along with their team once again. And welcome to our new champions Cushag and Marie. Arianna and I had a great time at Golden Fleece watching and participating in the myriad of activities. And seeing Baron Sir Griffin become the defender of Beauregaare. Much Tablero ensued.

Lions Gate Champions is going to be great. So many things to do at this event so come out and participate in one, two, many activities.

So you just heard earlier that Lions War is returning to the Clinton Site! We are super excited for this. It is a site that is near and dear to our hearts and we can't wait. Arianna and I met at Clinton and our personas were married there Shenanigans are already being planned for the theme of the war so stay tuned. Stay safe, and we will see each other soon!

Cyneric and Arianna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; May 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix Officer reports as received by April 18, 2023;

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: We had a good amount of newcomers at Canterbury Fool who showed up and had fun. Many of our populace stepped up and helped show them around and made sure they were well looked after. We also had a few donations to Gold Key.

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Items from Canterbury returned, games box located in time for Canterbury.

Event season is upon us thus locker items will need to be returned in good, clean state within a few days of the event to ensure they are in good order for the next event. No serious issue thus far. This is just a friendly reminder.

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant - Etan na Garmna Casail Oct 2021-Oct 2023

April 1, 2023 Canterbury Fool

New Baronial regalia was created, including a new kneeler and 2 new herald's tabards printed by Spoonflower and presented at Canterbury fair.

Awards presented

Abbygale: Order of the Loat

Lady Maryam bint Yusuf al-Nasran: Order of the Heart and Hand

Lady Danielle de Lyon: Order of the Loat

HL Rosalind McAllistair: Order of the Silver Lance

HL Nereugei Kitad-un: Order of the Lions Claw.

Jameson Wheeler: Order of the Lions Fang

Mistress Cushag an Ellan Vannin: Bardic Champion.

HL Nereugei Kitad-un: Order of the Lions Fang.

Lady Maryam bint Yusuf al-Nasran: invested as the Arts and Sciences Champion.

HL Mikhail Kurganovic: s Order of the Lions Fang.

Master Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrias was invested as Games Champion and gifted darts made by Master James Wolfden.

Stables - Decimus Aurelius Oct 2021- Oct 2023

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - **May 2023**

I am all set and ready to do lists for the heavy and rapier tournaments this year at Champions.

I have had no applications sent about the Lists office though I have advertised. I can keep advertizing but after Champions we don't have any work for Lists until Baroness'. I am wondering if I can leave the office after Champions and my reporting of that event. I would be returning all of the supplies etc and they could live in the storage locker until they are needed again.

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

- practice time has been changed to 3pm
- practice area has been moved to the sand/gravel jumping practice arena
- no successful practice this month yet, as we had 3 rainy weekends in a row

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

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

Lots to report this month.

To begin, I gave my notice of stepping down as A&S Minister for Lions Gate as soon as a replacement can be found. I am about to enter an incredibly intense year of University and I will not be able to perform my duties at all properly. It has been an educational couple of years and I have learned a lot about myself in the process.

On April 1 we celebrated our annual Gentle Arts Championship at the Canterbury Fool (Faire) event. Madame Jaqueline was the event steward and we worked closely together to come up with a vibrant and entertaining event with a lot of focus brought to the Bardic arts. There were the annual championships for Bardic and A&S, an inspiration for a fundraising extempore bardic event during dinner, and a beautiful culmination of the day with the Grand Bardic.

Both A&S and Bardic championships were very well attended with 5 A&S competitors and 4 Bardic (the most we have seen in many years!).

The A&S entries were diverse and highly skilled. We had a display of a Palestinian silk merchant's stall which accompanied a research paper on the subject, some truly remarkable leather tooling, a crossbow trigger mechanism, a bird hunting snare, a model of a 14th c. fulling mill, tablet weaving, Roman doughnuts, and handwoven wool.

Each competitor had two judges and was judged using the Kingdom rubric.

This year's A&S Champion is Marie bint Yussuf al Nasrani for her silk merchant's stall.

The Bardic competition featured 4 brave and wonderful competitors. There was a rendition of the opening of Beowulf, a German folktale, Gaudette from 1592, a filked poem, two original songs in period style, and Irish love songs.

The Bardic competition was done in a slightly different manner this year. In the interest of accessibility and drawing competitors in that would otherwise be daunted by the Kingdom rubric, we decided to use a modified judging form. This was based on the Kingdom form, but

much clearer and simpler. It was very well received by both competitors and judges. Due to the unfortunate departure of the previous Bardic Champion it was I who ran that part of the competition.

The winner of the Bardic Championship was our own Mistress Cushag with her original 14th c style compositions. Although she has been playing in the SCA for decades, this is her first time competing.

The evening's events were more subdued. At dinnertime, we were going to have a Bardic extempore fun-draising event, but the energy in the room was not there and we agreed that people needed a rest. After some dancing and a masque, we wandered through the dusk to the huge gazebo on the property which had been decorated with banners, candles, and fire pits. We had a magical bardic circle there and it was a beautiful finish to a truly excellent event.

Going forward, we will be continuing our weekly gathering at Lions Gate fight practice. No other A&S is planned at the moment.

2024 Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Great turnout for dance practice again this month with several evenings of over 12 dancers! The mask-making workshop the Wednesday before Canterbury was a big hit with lots of masks produced and we still got dancing done too! The masque at Canterbury Fool was a huge success, with a considerable number of dancers, despite the siren song of Bardic fire trying to lure them away from the hall. We also had a friendly invasion of our practice by a carload of Lionsdale dancers, bolstering our numbers up to 15 that night!

March 15th- 7 dancers and 10 dances

March 22nd- 10 dancers and 11 dances

March 29th- 13 dancers and 10 dances

April 1st - Canterbury Fool: Lots of dancers! And 9 dances

April 5th - 15 dancers and 10 dances

April 12th- 7 dancers and 8 dances

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

We regularly have people painting charters at Lions Gate fight practice and all-thing. I've introduced a couple heavy fighters to the joys of painting charters and they are having fun with all the colours.

4 people attended the scribal salon at Canterbury Fool with most of the interest being in calligraphy. 2 took away base painting kits with practice charters to try. One of them was at her very first event. Yay for more calligraphers! :)

Social Media – Morweena

Not much going on

FB events were made for LG champions in March and I was monitoring the event for Canterbury for posts with links as they need to be manually approved.

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Since last meeting, the Lions Gate Web site has been updated with the awards from Canterbury Fool; the latest North Wind, now back in print, huzzah; some calendar updates, including the rapidly-upcoming Champions event; and other minor tweaks here and there.

Family activities - VACANT

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

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrdi Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Chronicler Report Questions

SCA Name - Dagny I Fyrdi

Modern Name - Terralyn Gray

Email Address - terralynhaylee@gmail.com

Membership Number - 253566

Membership Expiration Date - 3/31/24

Report Completed By Dagny I Fyrdi Chronicler

Reporting Quarter 1

For which branch/Principality are you reporting? Lions Gate

Link to your approved Council Minutes: <https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/council/>

Link to your Branch Newsletter (required for Baronies): <https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/newsletter/>

Final Thoughts

I am attending more events and consulting more members of the populace for stories. Maybe looking at changing the current newsletter format from word doc to another program.

Family activities - VACANT

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

2023 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$75	
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25	
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50	
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$40	
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$75	
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$156.18
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200	
From 2022	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$4,132.80	
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)	Heavy fighter supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$125	
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	\$33.14
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100	
Total Requests			\$6,197.80	