

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – June 21, 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 | X |
| Family activities coordinator | | | |
| Chamberlain | Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh | Angela Gallant | |
| 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 | X |
| Deputy Chronicler | | | |
| A&S Deputy (also TUTR Deputy) | Millicent of Eaglescliff | Tina Johnston | |
| Scribe | Brynja Kortsdottir | Briony Seedhouse | |
| Social media | | | |
| Webminister | Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll | James Humphrey | |
| Stables | Decimus Aurelius | Daniel Kline | |
| Stables Contingency Deputy | Porbjorn of Lions Gate | Kris Larsen | X |
| Archery | Angharad Verch Cenydd | Amy Dolphin | |
| Archery Deputy | Gunnar the Wanderer | Simon Thomsen | |
| Equestrian | | | |
| Lists | | | |
| Blades (Rapier) | Jacomina van Vossenbrouck | Karen Meijer-Kline | |
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| Thrown Weapons | Koga of the Wolfpack | Billy Wong | X |
| Thrown Weapons Deputy | Sara e Rosa | Kimberlyn Weston | X |
| Youth Armoured Combat | | | |

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| Arts & Science | | | |
| Bardic Arts | | | |
| Dance | Roesia du Bois | Wendy Humphrey | |
| TUTR Coordinator | Marie bint Yussuf | Erika Pharaon | |

Guests:

| SCA Name | Modern Name |
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| Niall | Terry Nelson |
| Elvina | Jacqueline Lee |
| Tanikh bint Farida al-bakim | Joanne Burrows |
| Aoife Fhionn | Ariel Rivera |

1. Approval of minutes: May 2023

Motion to approve by Etan for May 2023 minutes, seconded by Tanikh, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

The past couple of baronial council meetings have been relatively quiet, with little to do in terms of events and business for the Barony. I think to myself that can mean one of two things; either the Barony is running like a well-maintained machine, or we are overlooking items of importance that will come back to bite us. But as we know, rarely are things in life so binary.

It's certainly true that those in officer positions have experience with how things are done in the SCA, and that much of what we do can almost turn into autopilot. In that light, it's easy to see how we're possibly a little complacent in doing it how it's always been done. There's no subtext here though. The SCA is a hobby, and we are all volunteers doing what we can to better our community. But I can tell you it's been a lot of fun for myself to travel to other regions and other branches to see how things are done there, and maybe there's a chance we can bring some new ideas in to keep it fresh for ourselves.

Congratulations to our new Crown Prince and Princess, Morgan and Livia, as well as our new Tanist and Ban-tanist, Viking and Lishinia! As solstice approaches so does the change of the seasons, and I am excited to see what will come down the pipe for us all.

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Nereugei

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 \$8,247.05 and expenses of \$6,955.96 shows as a net income of \$1,291.09 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of June 19, 2023, total available funds are \$21,778.82

Amount of expense up to \$500 previously approved for leather commission project for Barony.

Receivables & Other Assets \$ -

Prepaid expenses: \$4,674.60 Public Storage locker 12 months (get July 2024 free)

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 six months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$230.88 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

There was a general discussion about the cost of the storage locker, future price increases, and alternatives.

4. Past event reports

Scouts Canada demo – Duke Ulfr June 16-18 2023

Baron Cyneric reported positive feedback, and other Scout groups have requested us. Five

heavy fighters, and three rapier fighters and a few others attended.
[There was a discussion about capacity for more demos each year.](#)

5. Upcoming events

Lions War at Clinton! August 4-7, 2023

[A new social media officer would be helpful to increase online advertising reach for Lions War.](#)

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023

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.

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
- Lists
- TUTR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role
- A&S

[Considered suggestion for a Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging officer at the Baronial level, reporting to the Kingdom office](#)

New and Extending Officers

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

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

September Crown 2023

Kingdom 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. The equestrian facility across the street is being looked at to accommodate the equestrian community for the championship. Still awaiting contract to sign.

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.

There is a serious lack of event sites in the greater Vancouver area. Thornwold is considering a November Coronet bid. Discussed putting in a bid for the Shannon Hall site in Cloverdale for November Coronet 2024 (Cyneric will lead bid).

Neregui will post on Facebook regarding further volunteers to do more event site fan out to look for options.

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 still! Event team has tried to contact Camp Whonnock Scout camp in order to ask about some of their booking conditions without success, however the weekend of August 18-20 is open. Also looking into the possibility of camping at Atchelitz Hall for that weekend.

Banquet Site

One bid received. Team has been determining whether Murrayville Hall will work for our needs. Dec 2nd is available, meaning we will need to change the date with Kingdom Calendar. Etan suggested Jehovah's Witness Hall in New Westminster for future use in 2024. Tanikh will call them to ask about renting the hall for next year. Parking is a block to walk, we will have to remove our own garbage at Murrayville Hall.

Neregui moved we book the Murrayville Hall for December 2, 2023 for the banquet, Sara seconded. Tanikh abstains. Neregui abstains, approved. \$600 deposit cheque for booking.

Lions War update – Nereugei

Meeting with site owners has been done and contract has been revised to meet policy points

highlighted by Dame Elena. Regular correspondence is in place to ensure Work Week is going to be productive and efficient. Site visit was done this past weekend, and everything is in generally good shape with the exception of the bakehouse and the wings and upstairs of the castle.

Neregui reviewed event bid by Mikhail as event steward. Potential profit at ~350 paying attendees would be ~\$5,000. Posters will be made up by Etan to post at West War and other upcoming events. Motion to approve float \$1,500 to Anika for gate for Lions War at Clinton. Elvina seconded. No nays, no abstentions. Approved. Property owners will be working closely with our seneschal.

Tir Righ Regalia

Attached is an information package sharing a proposal and the information to complete the banners and pennants we would love to see at Investiture. Please take a moment to review the information, and should you have any questions, contact us. We would appreciate confirmation of your participation or decline.

The Barony was asked to donate a spare banner for Investiture display.

8. Baronial Business – New

Covid language for events

The Board of Directors voted to remove the requirement to place an announcement in event copy, on event websites, and post at events, regarding COVID and other infectious diseases. **This announcement is no longer required.** As a reminder, at this point any and all precautions individuals wish to take are voluntary and cannot be required, though of course anyone choosing to mask, social distance, etc. is encouraged to do so. Providing masks at events, meetings, etc. for those who wish to wear them is still permitted as an event expense.

Cyneric has hand sanitizer for donation to event teams for use.

Event Schedule 2023

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

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 ??)
Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 – bids needed!

9. Coronet report

Cyneric reported:

Greetings! We hope everyone is doing well. Sun and heat are coming back, so stay cool! We are looking forward to events coming soon. We will be actively advertising for Lions War. This event will have lots of war stuff and war points along with competitions and activities and at least one championship, plus perhaps a buy a life tournament. To enter the tournament, you pay \$5 to get one life, and other sponsors can buy you further life! We encourage people to go to An Tir West War and July Coronation, both extremely fun events.

Stay safe,

Cyneric & Arianna

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; July 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

Meeting ended at 8:18 pm

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by June 20, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrði Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Report: Northwind edition in progress. Will be done by end of month.

SeaLion War and Market

May 26-28

A medieval faire hosted on the Saanich Historical Artifacts Society site is just one the romantic coincidences that made SeaLion War and Market so magical. This two-part event entailed a plethora of vendor booths available to everyone including anyone mundane who wanted to experience a day in a medieval market and of course list fields and judging stations to decide which barony was the best. HL Isabella da Firenze and Juliana Laverick drummed up interest in the event by advertising to popular sites online and on Victoria radio stations which attracted well over 1500 new faces and raised over \$5,000. The ethereal sounds of Michael Kelly's guitar and the medieval sounds of Brett and False Isle wafted through the market amongst the excited crowd. The other part of this event, of course, was the long standing tradition of an epic war to be fought by Lions Gate and Seagirt. Many mini competitions were held throughout the event

to determine the winner of the annual SeaLion War. Rosalind McAllistair took the point for Lions Gate for Arts and Sciences for her Sekanjabin - a Persian honeyed vinegar made with honey, white vinegar and mint. Later in the day I saw Jameson Wheeler and Danielle de Lyon bounding through the bushes with their foresting bounty which won them the point for Lions Gate in Foresting and Identification. But did they do it alone? No they did not! The cubs (children) of Lions Gate put their paws to use and added to the bushels. Heraldry, Service, Rapier and Thrown Weapons points were all awarded to Seagirt. In Thrown Weapons, teams were created with the top Axe, Knife, and Spear thrower of each barony. The team who could throw closest to a bee target placed none other than famed event-coordinated Juliana Laverick became champion thus Athelina Grey with her Knife, Dalibor Krivaklatsky with his Spear and Adalwolf Jeger with his Axe were the victors against Lokki inn helgi on Knife, Gunnar Stigandsson on Spear and Jameson Wheeler on Axe. Archery was won by Lions Gate as the selfless Elizabeth of Hartwood fought for the other side and struck both medieval snails and a shrinking target with sharper aim than any of her competitors. Shrinking Target you ask? Well Gormflaith (Gor-im-loy) Bernadette was there to make the challenge more difficult but cutting off huge chunks of the target after each shot with a pair of royal shears. Bardic point was also won by Lions Gate thanks to Danielle de Lyon with her story called Toads and Diamonds, a whimsical tale that delighted both young and old. The warfield brought the market and war together as mundane shoppers could witness our epic battles. The warfield point went to the side that could capture and kill Beorn Bjulfrsson with the most haste and vigour. Both sides came up with brilliant plans. Make Beorn hide behind someone! However Sir Galeth of Lions Gate was a much shorter shield than the towering Sir William MacBrennan of Seagirt and so Seagirt was faster (perhaps a little too fast) at targeting and murdering their own Beorn. Now if you've done the math you'll know now that the Champion of Lions Gate War, who came out victorious by one war point was Seagirt! Seagirt may be victorious in the war but the real victors were The Barony of Seagirt for hosting such a successful event, Juliana Laverick for creating a vision where mundanes and SCA folk could come together and everyone else for participating and helping where they could. A very well deserved HUZAH!

-Dagny í Fyrði

Chronicler for Lions Gate

(Dagný í Fyrði)

Quest for the Golden Fleece

April 14-16

Somehow every year at exactly the same time Beauregard the Golden Fleece escapes the watch of the Ramsgaard shepherds. We may thank or under our breathes ask how!? To Event stewards Vladimir Andreivick Aleksandrov and HL Duncan Darroch. Once again Beauregard was on the loose and this time, he had joined some silly knights on their quest for a silly holy grail. Only one noble gentle could be trusted with saving Beauregard from his fruitless quest. To find such a valiant soul the Shire of Ramsgaard held a competition in Barriere BC, at the North Thompson Fall Fair Site. The competition rules were simple, score points for placing in or even just entering each competition. The hero(ine) chosen to find and protect the legendary Golden Fleece would be the person with the highest score from several tests that show one's medieval

skills. Noble contestants flocked like sheep from station to station, having way too much fun in the wake of the missing Beauregard. Gustav Man Lorne was favored in Rapier Combat and an Arts and Sciences display for the best grail in any medium. Target Archery was won by Olen Medvedovich Ovanov and Elspeth Farre won the Heraldry test in a face off against Bantiarna Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh. In the end, Sir Griffin ap Bedwyr was the victor chosen to save the sheep. He proved his might in Heavy Armoured Combat, Thrown Weapons, the Bardic Arts, and a live quiz regarding the silly knights that beguiled Beauregard, an authentic historical video documentation, "Monty Python and the Quest for the Holy Grail". The Quest for the Golden Fleece also felt like a gathering of family as the populace cheered on the competitors. On Friday night we all gathered in the hall and shared snacks while being enlightened with the film explaining Beauregard's Quest. Afterwards, the hall buzzed with lively conversation and games until we all cozied up in our cots counting sheep. During the event Sine Gunnsdottir fed the populace with a pancake breakfast and a lunchtime chili while also hosting a Super Six Largesse Competition! There were Arts and Sciences classes: Runic Lettering and Painting skills by Baron Taliesin Ap, Hafgan and Psyanky Egg Painting (Those adorable Ukrainian Easter Eggs!) by HL Julianna. Lastly, on Sunday morning Gormflaith (Gor-im-loy) Bernadette Ebhilín Árd and Prionsa Argyle MacMillan held an Iron Rose Tournament. Ragnhildr Leifsdottir fought to victory against Bantiarna Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh, Katie Cunningham in a round robin in every fight style Argyle could think of until the rain finally took over and told Argyle, STOP! No one really wanted to stop the fun but alas, all gentles had to return to their lands and will no doubt be called upon next year when the wily Beauregard the Golden Fleece of Ramsgaard escapes again.

-Dagny i Fydri
(Chronicler for Lions Gate)

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Some items were loaned out for activities at Coronet this past weekend via His Excellency Cyneric's assistance.

Nothing else to report.

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

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

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

Two practices this month. The last two cancelled due to events, Crown and Sealion.

Low attendance, mostly the hardcore players. Ran at a loss for this month.

We hosted an equipment rehab day during Crown, for those that weren't going. Four frames and three hard targets all fixed up and even stained to look pretty.

We have switched the practice to the arena. It's taken us a bit of work to get the safety zones just right, but Jaqueline has done a marvellous job with Google Earth.

The monies for May have been sent to our Exchequer and deposited.

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- VACANT

2024 Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

May 17

6 dancers and 11 dances

May 25 - cancelled

May 31

9 dancers and 9 dances

June 7

7 people and 14 dances

June 14

Had 6 energetic dancers tonight and got through 13 dances.

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

I'm excited to report we have 2 new Lions Fang designs from Maestro Guido. (I know we're all getting a little tired of the other 2). We also have a New Loat design from HL Jacqueline la Fleure in the final stages of editing.

Our crew has been happily painting charters and designing new ones for the next Principality reign and for Tir Righ's general charter design database, so cheers for everyone. Yay!

Social Media – VACANT

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Not a lot to report this time around. I added Lions War, coming up in 55d 19h 16m and counting as I type this, to the Calendar and Events pages. Looking forward to adding the latest Northwind and anything else sent my way.

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 | |
| 2023 | Storage locker rental | Occupancy (Event Related) | \$4,674.60 | |
| 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 | |