

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – August 16, 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	X
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrdi	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
A&S Deputy (also TUTR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
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	
Thrown Weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Sara e Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Youth Armoured Combat			

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

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Jacqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Elvina	Jacqueline Lee
Aoife Fhionn	Ariel Rivera
Athelina Grey	
Niall	
Agnes Scherer	Vanessa Giddings
Tanikh bint Farida	

1. Approval of minutes: July 2023

Motion to approve by Aoife for July 2023 minutes, seconded by Sara, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

Our biggest event in a long time has just wrapped up. Lions War was an absolute eye-opener for me in terms of what is needed to run a large event, but it was so much more than that. It was a chance for us to bring our past and our future together, as we had our memorial service for Melissa Kendal at the same time we welcomed scores of new people to the SCA and to the Clinton site. It was a chance to get together and connect again, and there were so many who hadn't been on that site in such a long time. And it was a reminder to me to always strive to see the good in people, as there were several different incidents that just needed some kindness and understanding to navigate. I can tell you I am ready to take a bit of a break from organizing events. Maybe after September Crown...

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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 \$23,387.20 and expenses of \$19,642.02 shows as a net income of \$3,745.19 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of August 14, 2023, total available funds are \$18,792.36

Receivables & Other Assets

\$ 600.00 Murrayville Hall deposit Dec 2 2023 Banquet

Prepaid expenses:

\$3,895.50 Public Storage locker 12 months (get July 2024 free)

\$4669.80 September Crown site deposit Camp McLean

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 eight months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$257.80 in direct bottle donations.
- The account phone number code is [604-608-1976](tel: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

Lions War (Aug 4-7, 2023)

Net to Barony of Lions Gate profit: **\$3,090.74**

Attendance: 401 persons through gate

306 paying adults
27 day tripping adults
16 day-tripping youth/children
9 comped adults (champions, steward, B&B, royalty)
(193 were non-member adults = 57%)
25 youth (13-18)
18 children (0-12)

Discussion about encouraging more members to attend next year, and encourage a productive work week amongst attendees who come early.

5. Upcoming events

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023 (postponed!)
Baroness' Inspiration Tournament November 18, 2023 – bids needed!
Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (Sara e Rosa/Tanikh)

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.

Thrown Weapons Deputy will step up to take over and current officer Koga will change to Deputy Thrown Weapons instead.

Vacancies

- Social Media (now)
- Lists (now)

- A&S (now) - [Etan proposed to step into this role once Herald role is completed](#)
- Blades (September)
- Stables (October) - [Thorbjorn proposed to step into this role from deputy](#)
- Herald (October)
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- TUTOR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role

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

Contract is signed and in hand. Check your officer emails for incoming requests. But more importantly, see how you can help your Kingdom superiors! [Site fee & deposit has been paid.](#) [Seneschal encourages us all as hosting branch to dedicate some time to making this event run smoothly by volunteering.](#)

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. [Cyneric and Neregui are looking at Google Maps for sites.](#) [Aoife and Brianna looking at horseback-adjacent sites, and potential for trucking in water and biffies.](#)

Lions Gate Trials

Event postponed. Atchelitz hall was a no, citing no overnight camping on City of Chilliwack sites as the reason. We are actively looking for September 8-10 as an event date, as it is open on the calendar, but we will need a site and we will need to find a way to possibly work with the Hope Days demo. [Consider September 29/30/October 1st at Hazelmere.](#)

Banquet Site

Murrayville Hall has been booked for Dec 2nd, 2023. Cooks and crew are busy planning! Event steward has access to edit kingdom calendar, which needs to be updated. [Sara confirmed this is done.](#) [Tanikh reported on potential food costs for the banquet.](#)

Salon Artificum

October 14, 2023 Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall (Morweena/Anika) [Anika reported they were looking for a bardic wrangler, but that site and insurance were in hand.](#)

Tir Righ Regalia

Did we get a big banner to donate to Principality? Due for Investiture. [Cyneric has one but has not passed it along yet.](#)

8. Baronial Business – New

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

Shannon Hall and Alice McKay are tentatively penciled in. Event team? City of Surrey assures us the site is ours for the date and time, we still do not have a contract in hand. [Arianna reported that she is continuing to call them weekly for the contract, still concerned about hourly bathroom maintenance fees.](#)

The Magnus Initiative

\$200/year or \$100/6 month prepaid practice? Slight discount, but with set expiry dates so that there's no carryover if you don't show. [Discussion about how to implement, reasonable expiry date length, amounts, punch cards, tracking required etc.](#) General support for the idea of pre-paid fighter practice donation.

Combat Archery Champion to add into customary

We currently do not have the Combat Archery Champion listed in the customary. [Sorcha moved that we amend the customary to add the missing Champion to list of Baronial Champions in the Lions Gate Customary and update the version on the website.](#) Seconded by Jacqueline, no nays, no abstentions, carried. Seneschal to modify and provide to Westminster for posting.

Heat Safety

Einarr has been hard at work reminding us that heat-related illness at events where participants are under intense physical workloads is a real danger. His effort is raising the level of awareness amongst the general populace, and I am happy to report that the only heat-related illness from Lions War was a case that involved mismanaged blood-sugar levels of a non-combatant.

Kingdom Background Checks

There has been an update in the process for obtaining background checks at the kingdom level. Please inquire if you're getting ready to have one done.

The Fate of Fjordland!

I've been informed that the decision regarding Fjordland will be announced at August Curia on Monday!

Sorcha brought up a request for a spine board to be purchased for use at Lions War by the on site paramedic volunteers. There was discussion, and the Seneschal will discuss options with the site owners.

Event Schedule 2023

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

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023 - **POSTPONED**

Salon Artificum October 14, 2023 Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall (Morweena/Anika)

Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 – bids needed! [Caemgen's problem!](#)

Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (Sara e Rosa/Tanikh)

Athelina asked if Barony of Lions Gate would loan the archery netting to Investiture. Discussion happened, and the council confirmed.

Aoife requested printing for A&S, discussion of how to submit receipts to Exchequer.

9. Coronet report

Greetings! Lions War was incredible. It exceeded my high expectations. So many great things happened, and I want to thank all the amazing people who did so many things to make this happen. Fingers crossed we can get a site for Trials. Investiture and the Reign of Evil™ soon to begin. Come across the water to see the new heirs and singing and dancing. Thank you to Oak for the outreach to Lionsdale fight practice, and adding more people.

Baroness Arianna had heartfelt words for the volunteers who made Lions War possible and amazing! Please stay safe and enjoy yourselves,

Cyneric & Arianna

Meeting concluded at 8:22 pm.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; Sep 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by August 15, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrði Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

I am working with the Kingdom chatelaine to host a newcomers tea at Crown in anticipation for a lot of newcomers. I have already received several emails about newcomers attending that event so hopefully we may catch a few new faces. I have also been happy to see an increase in new faces at practices as people have been bringing newcomers with them.

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

There have been a number of things secured by the Baron, but handed over to various event team members in such a way that I now have no record of who has what or if they have been returned to the locker.

Please let me know if you have any items from the locker and connect with me about their return.

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

Four practices this month. One cancelled due to July Crown

A bit more of attendance, getting to see some folk that haven't been around in a while. We almost had enough people to break even this month.

We are still looking new design for our spear target. Hopefully, we will have a repair party in late September and will build one then. I will need to know what sort of budget TW has for supplies. The monies for July have been sent to our Exchequer.

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- VACANT (Aiofe report)

2024 Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

Social Media – VACANT (Morweena report)

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Not much on this report, to be honest. Added Cook's Guild night to the Calendar and a few other little tweaks.

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			\$6,739.60	