

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – September 20, 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	X
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	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais	Mark Hood	X
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald (Sable Loat)	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrdi	Terralyn Gray	X
Deputy Chronicler			
A&S Deputy (also TUTOR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Social Media			
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	
Stables	Porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	X
Stables Contingency Deputy			
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists			
Blades (Rapier)			
Thrown Weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	X
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
Caemghen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Theodora	Danielle
Niall	Terry
Etienne Racine	Michael Racine
Ro Magdalena Freyin	Courtney Racine
Azure Al Khabeelah	Jacqueline
Jacomina	Karen

1. Approval of minutes: August 2023

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

2. Seneschal report

The seneschal acknowledged the indigenous land he is operating from and the school district's commitment to community. He reminded us that hate has no place in the SCA. So much for taking a break from organizing events after September Crown. We've got four events coming up to finish off the year, and with it a lot of hard work yet to come. Set-up, take-down, organization, and planning for each of these events is taking a toll on everyone involved, and as brought up before in the past, maybe it's time to rethink how many events we as a Barony should be running every year. We are running low on people who are able to run events or are willing to learn, and we've been pushing events through with many of those involved running on fumes. There's a deep love for our community in our hearts, but taking care of ourselves and each other should be higher on our list of priorities.

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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 \$42,309.59 and expenses of \$36,453.46 shows as a net income of \$5,856.13 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of September 20, 2023, total available funds are \$22,078.61

Receivables & Other Assets

\$ 600.00 Murrayville Hall deposit Dec 2 2023 Banquet

\$300 site deposit Trials

\$300 gate float Trials

\$300 gate float Artificum

\$1000 site deposit Baroness Inspiration

Prepaid expenses:

\$3,505.95 Public Storage locker 12 months (get July 2024 free)

\$997.50 Banquet site expense Dec 2 2023

\$1501.74 Baroness Inspiration City of Surrey – Shannon Hall

\$478.55 City of Pitt Meadows – Salon Artificum hall

Current Items:

- Updating banking signing authorities to add new Tir Righ Exchequer in progress.
- 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 nine months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$310.50 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

September Crown

Long live Crown Prince Ulfgar and Crown Princess Juahara!

650 attendees, \$2030.00 into the coffers of Lions Gate. Interesting to note that the gain on the US exchange rate was ~\$1,550, and cabin rentals were \$690, which is the entirety of the profit for the Barony.

5. Upcoming events

Lions Gate Trials Sept 29-Oct 1, 2023

Salon Artificum October 14, Pitt Meadows

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament November 18, 2023 (same date as Collegium)

Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (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. [Discussion about warrants and authorisations for TW.](#)

Vacancies

- Social Media (now)
- Lists (now)
- A&S (now)
- Blades (now)

- Stables (October)
- Herald (October)
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- TUTR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role

New and Extending Officers

- Jacomina von Vossenbrouck - Deputy Seneschal - the seneschal provided an overview of her qualifications and experience. He asked for any nays/abstentions, none appearing. Jacomina has been accepted as Deputy Seneschal by the council meeting.
- Etan na Garmna Caisel – A&S – no nays or objections, so confirmed by meeting.
- Etienne – Social Media (verbal interest)
- Ro – Herald (verbal interest)
- Azure – Deputy Exchequer – the seneschal asked for any concerns or comments on this application and confirmed by the meeting. We thanked Anika for her service in this role.

Tir Righ Seneschal endorsed Jacomina as deputy seneschal, and also agreed with the seneschal that shadowing the existing officer positions if you are at all interested is valuable and good experience to learn with.

The seneschal also extended his gratitude to Sir Antonio for his mentorship and help in the role of deputy seneschal over the last couple of year.

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

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

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.

Lions Gate Trials

Event now September 29/30/October 1st at Hazelmere RV Park was approached and they were available, and so we've shifted our focus to running a successful event there. Cost is good considering there are existing flushies. If it rains, it may have site flooding, including the parking lot! Total cost is \$750.

Banquet Site

Murrayville Hall has been booked for Dec 2nd, 2023. Tanikh working hard on the menu. Antonio working hard on the entertainment.

Salon Artificum

October 14, 2023 Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall (Morweena/Anika) Event copy on the AnTir Calender and the FB event page has been updated to include a registration form for interested participants. We want folks that are new and emerging as well as those have been working on their art for some time – it's all about sharing the knowledge. We have space left but it is filling up - there are plans for a big push this week and the following weeks to promote the event. Schedule will be drafted and presented to Their Excellencies later next week for approval. Dame Margaret will be the main contact to their Excellencies Lions Gate and any other royals that wish to attend. Float of \$300 issued to gate head. One area we are lacking is set up and "porters" to assist with helping move things upstairs. [Volunteers to help have been secured.](#)

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. [Council agreed that this was reasonable and Stables confirmed they had a system to track it.](#)

Combat Archery Champion to add into customary

Combat Archery Champion has been added into the customary.

8. Baronial Business – New

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

Shannon Hall and Alice McKay are locked in for November 18th. What we are lacking is an event team. Insurance cannot be ordered until we have an event steward.

Lions Gate expands!

Conversations have been ongoing with members on the Sunshine Coast since the news came down that they would be joining the Barony of Lions Gate. They will assess their needs and let us know what they would like to do for a practice space on the Sunshine Coast. [Suggest we join a practice there and do a potluck to welcome them into our Barony.](#)

Changes to Chatelaine office

There are going to be a couple changes to the chatelaine office. I have been told by the kingdom chatelaine that the office is going to change into a greater office. I have also been told that it will be mandatory to run newcomers classes, at least once a month.

Chamberlain and Youth Gorgets

Sir Alden has offered to make some Youth Gorgets for a donation towards materials. His suggestion was \$10. He's given us 2 already which I can show at the meeting or bring to next fight practice. I would think 2-4 more would give us a nice set for Youth use.

Restarting Thursday Night Rapier Practice

Earlier this year we had a trial run of a steel combat practice in Port Coquitlam @\$50/night. The option to restart that relationship is there. Rapier community will make appropriate arrangements if the desire is there to restart.

FanExpo 2024

The event has posted their dates. Unfortunately it again conflicts with February Investiture. Are we committed to running another demo at this event?

Langley Fundamental School Demo

We've been contacted to see if February 27, 2024 is a date that works for the Barony to run their annual demo.

Event Schedule 2023

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

Lions Gate Trials Sept 29-oct, 2023 Hazelmere RV Park (Elspeth/Lokki)

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

Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Cloverdale – bids needed!

Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (Tanikh)

FanExpo Demo – Feb 17-19, 2024

Langley Fundamental School Demo – tentatively February 27, 2024

Canterbury Fayre – tentatively April 20, 2024 (no DRF)

Lions Gate Champions – tentatively May 11, 2024 (no DRF)

SeaLion War – tentatively May 31-June 2, 2024 (no DRF)

9. Coronet report

Greetings!

So much happening in these next couple of months. We have trials in a week and half. It is an event that is dear to my heart, and I hope our populace comes out to support the applicants, teach, test and enjoy some warm frivolity. We need event stewards. I cannot stress this enough. It is really not difficult to do. If you want to have an idea of what is involved please talk to myself or Arianna and we will gladly fill you in on what the job entails.

I would like to echo Nereugei on how happy I am with the inclusion within the SCA and proud of our populace on how you work to educate people outside our game on what that means. It is my hope that we can make a difference for people by supplying a safe space for everyone. As always please stay safe and enjoy yourselves..

Cyneric & Arianna

Meeting concluded at 8:27 pm.

10. Next Council meeting

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

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by August 15, 2023;

Officer reports as received by September 19, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrði Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: We had a lot of new people at September Crown, so hopefully we can get some new regular faces! My term will be up in January, so I have started looking for a deputy to replace me. I want to be able to work alongside them for several months, before and after I step down, in order to make sure that they are fully supported.

Angela/Sadhbh has been contacted about the Langley Fundamental School Demo. Proposed date is February 27th if that works for the Barony. She plans to run it like in previous years.

There are going to be a couple changes to the chatelaine office. I have been told by the kingdom chatelaine that the office is going to change into a greater office. I have also been told that it will be mandatory to run newcomers classes, at least once a month. I have received the class documents and will need to figure out how to turn it into a class. I have not received dates for when either of these changes are going to go into effect.

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Sir Alden has offered to make some Youth Gorgets for a donation towards materials. His suggestion was \$10. He's given us 2 already which I can show at the meeting or bring to next fight practice. I would think 2-4 more would give us a nice set for Youth use.

Also, before Baroness' Inspiration, I would like to have a maintenance party at the locker with people with hammers and drills. The eric bases are starting to get a bit wobbly. These need to be tightened up. I believe my budget would allow for the purchase of enough long wood screws to do the job.

Please check your SCA gather points to be sure any of our gear is not hiding amongst your things. We've had several events in a row and winter is a great chance to declutter those back to the locker.

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

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Sept 2023 – Sept 2025

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – VACANT

We have the option to renew our Thursday practice space, at the same cost as before. (50 a practice). Depending on interest among the rapier fighters I will accept.

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - VACANT

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

Only 2 practices this month due to Lions War and Investiture

Harold has asked us to try and get TWIC practices in which we will attempt to do for the last practice of the month for September and August.

Money will be given to Exchequer on Wednesday afternoon.

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- VACANT

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

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Updated the Customary, at your request, and a few calendar tweaks.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - VACANT

2023 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$75	\$203
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	\$4674.60
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	\$20
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	\$33.14
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100	
Total Requests			\$6,739.60	