

Barony of Lions Gate Council – October 18, 2023

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	
Seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	X
Deputy seneschal	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer	X
Exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X
Deputy exchequer	Azure McGregor	Jacqueline Gregory	X
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh	Angela Gallant	
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat) *pending	Ro Magdalena Freyin	Courtney Racine	
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	X
Social Media *pending	Etienne Racine	Michael Racine	X
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	
Stables *pending	Porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	X
Stables Deputy			
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists			
Blades (Rapier) *pending	Giuliana di Castiglione	Jenny Lang	X
Thrown Weapons	Sara e Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	
Youth Armoured Combat			

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Arts & Science	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	
TUTR Coordinator	Maryam bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Tanikh bint Farida al-tabibah	Joanne Burrows
Niall	
Elspeth Farr	
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Caitrin	Janice Jackson
Lokki	Stephen Jones
Anika Styf	Christi Frank

1. Approval of minutes: September 2023

It was moved by Tanikh and seconded by Etan that the minutes from the September council meeting be approved. No nays, no abstentions. No changes requested. Carried.

2. Seneschal report

The seneschal reminded us that we live and work and play on unceded territory.

And then there were two! 2023 is quickly coming to a close, and we are down to two events left on the calendar. But we all know that the officers of the Barony can never stop looking ahead; already on the horizon in 2024 we have two demos in February, followed by 3 events in 6 weeks through April and May. Kingdom Calendar finally slapped us on the wrist for putting an event team for Baroness' Inspiration together so late. It's my hope that the populace embraces the challenge of event stewarding, as without stewarding teams we don't have events to go to! We need to bring fresh faces into the fray as well, because as we know the work of the event steward is not light work. Too many times have we relied on a small pool of people to complete this task, and the last thing we want is for those people to feel they need to step back from our game to catch their breath.

Three cheers to the new event stewards who have recently stepped up to run events, as well as the veteran teams that offer advice and mentorship!

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The attendees suggested that if event stewards aren't volunteering in advance, the event should not run.

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 \$44,481.25 and expenses of \$39,566.47 shows as a net income of \$4,914.78 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of October 16, 2023, total available funds are \$22,838.75

Receivables & Other Assets \$ 600 Murrayville Hall Dec 2 Banquet

\$1,000 site deposit Baroness Inspiration Nov 18

Prepaid expenses: \$3,116.40 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

Current Items:

Salon Artificum \$868.85 gate, less \$478.55 hall rental = gross profit of \$390.30

Need to authorise \$500 float for Baroness Inspiration November 18th to head gate person.

It was moved by Brynja and seconded by Caemghen that the gate float of \$500 for Baroness Inspiration on November 18th be approved. No nays, no abstentions. Carried

ALL budget requests for 2024 need to be submitted for approval in advance of the November meeting where we will review and approve the 2024 proposed budget. Please email them to Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org if you wish to be included!

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 ten months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$338.70 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

Tanikh requested an advance for food for Baronial Banquet December 2nd, and reviewed the \$2,000 budget for food that was previously submitted. She will need volunteers to pre-cook dishes and to loan cooking equipment that the Barony locker doesn't have. She will work up a list of requirements. Tanikh will discuss with the exchequer when to get the advance cheque for food.

4. Past event reports

Lions Gate Trials Sept 29-Oct 1, 2023 Surrey

Congratulations to the new Sergeant and Courtier, Porbjorn and Sadhbh! The event was intimate and relaxed (for everyone except the candidates), but ultimately fell short in terms of attendance to break even. There has been talk amongst the Orders to split the testing components across multiple events over the course of the year, which would mean removing one event (Trials) out of the calendar.

Words from the Event Stewards:

The site was well laid out, and we were blessed with excellent weather. While we did not get the attendance we hoped for, the site is well suited for larger events. The bathrooms and showers were a bonus as was the working fridge that a few people made use of. The site was also accommodating, opening up additional parking when it became obvious we needed it. I would definitely use this site again, but for a larger event, as it is quite costly. The event itself was relaxed and fun. Moving the dance portion to right after court worked very well, and was appreciated by the dancers and the applicants. I recommend the arrangement for future use. Using the double fire pit in the baronial pavilion also made for a warm bright bardic circle which was enjoyed by everyone. Crown Princess Juahara's presence was an unexpected bonus.

[Option to rent the site for SeaLion war pending date and space availability to determine cost.](#)

Salon Artificum October 14, 2023 Pitt Meadows

47 paid participants through gate! 14 presenters! A wonderful day of exploring the specialties of members of the populace, some of whom came from far away! Looks like the Barony has committed to running the Salon again next year to build it up before it starts its travels?

Anika hoped to get more people to attend, though the event did conflict with Freeze Off, and hoped for more participation from the bardic community next time. It would be great to find another location to hold this, more accessible to everyone. The event was a great way for others to learn more without having to take a glass, but there were classes! It would be cool to run it again next year – all sorts of ideas! Hartwood expressed interest in hosting this event next year too. Could do some of the bardic/games testing for Trials at Salon?

5. Upcoming events

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

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

Tanikh reminded us that someone will need to have FoodSafe certification among the cooks.

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.

Incoming Officers

- Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa has been authorized as a Jr. Thrown Weapons Marshall, and can now officially take over the position of Thrown Weapons Officer! Koga of the Wolfpack will now take the role of Deputy Thrown Weapons Officer.
- Master of Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate is stepping up from Deputy.
- Sable Loat Pursuivant (Baronial Herald) – Ro Magdalena Freyin has offered to step into the role.
- Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione has offered to step into the role.
- Social Media – Etienne Racine has offered to step into the role.

Vacancies

- Lists (now) - Sorcha inghean Triein will train at Baroness Inspiration to take over in March 2024 once Azure as Exchequer deputy steps up.
- 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

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

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Event site explorers

Thinking we need to create a deputy position for someone to specialize in this process. [Azure will create a shared Google Doc for tracking the cold-calling process going forward.](#)

Banquet

Murrayville Hall has been booked for Dec 2nd, 2023. Preparations continue!

Restarting Thursday Night Rapier Practice

Practices have restarted. For now, the cost of the weekly rental is \$0! We've been offered to share the space at no cost, and will have a month's notice when the space will start charging again.

FanExpo 2024

The event has posted their dates. Unfortunately it again conflicts with February Investiture (in Pitt Meadows). "Event" page is up on Facebook, our Baroness and Chatelaine are organizing.

[From Chatelaine: I'll work on FanExpo 2024 and the chatelaine that takes over for me next January can take over for 2025 if they would like. I feel like I am starting to hit my stride for running it though so, at this point, I don't mind if I end up taking over it long term like Sadhbh has run the school demo long term](#)

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. Sadhbh?

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

Shannon Hall and Alice McKay are locked in for November 18th. Insurance has been ordered, complete with liquor for tavern! Head Gate will be Azure. [A royal liaison has been appointed.](#)

Sir Daniel and Baron Myles will be MIC as a team for heavy. C&T and Rapier MICs will be Warrick and Kian. Potluck feast and dancing to follow.

Sunshine Coast practice

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.

Should we include an amount in the budget for 2024 to cover practice space on the Sunshine Coast?

8. Baronial Business – New

Event Teams Needed!

Both Lions Gate Champions (May 4) and SeaLion War (May 31-Jun 2) do not have event teams at the moment. Please consider asking people you know who you feel will be able to step into those roles; without an event team these events will not run!

What's On Abbotsford

Contacted through Sdhbh, a fellow named Adam, who has been to a couple of events pre-COVID, reached out to see if we had interest in writing some content for his publication in return for some ad space. Do we have writers interested in doing an article? It would be a risk-free and cost-free way to advertise for both us and for Lionsdale.

Event Schedule 2023

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

Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Cloverdale (Porbjorn)

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

FanExpo Demo – Feb 17-19, 2024 (Baroness/Saethryth)

Langley Fundamental School Demo – tentatively February 27, 2024

Canterbury Fayre – tentatively April 20, 2024 (Roesia, no DRF) at Semiahmoo hall again

Lions Gate Champions – tentatively May 4, 2024 (No team, no DRF)

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

9. Coronet report

None. Cyneric & Arianna absent. Introductions were made of several potential pairings for future Barony Coronet position of Lions Gate opening next year.

Meeting concluded at 8:19 pm.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; November 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by October 17, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrði Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: Lions Gate has been invited back to FanExpo next year! Planning for that has begun. My term is up in January so I am looking for a replacement

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Busy month with Trials and the Salon. Not all things got back from Crown until after Trials. The cash box has not been found. There was a rumour that a new one had been or will be purchased soon. I'd like to hear one way or another so that I can claim against my Budget to purchase another if need be.

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant - Ro Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Herald Report August, 2023

The following are the names and devices passed, submitted, or pending changes.

Registered

Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh, name and badge registered

Sadhbh dhraighin alternate name registered

Awards from Lions War

Silver Lance: Etan Na Gramna Caisil

Lions claw: Sorcha inghean Triein

Loats:

Katarzyna Dziewakowska

Glorious Roisin

Tadgh gan Briste

Maya of House Fornow

Lionsgate Trials

Sergeant Þórbjorn of Lions Gate

Courtier Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh

Stables - Þorbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Lists - VACANT

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa October 2023 – October 2025

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Sept 20 - 12 dancers and 10 dances

Sept 27 - 10 dancers and 10 dances

Sept 30- Lions Gate Trials - lots of dancers for dance testing and a TUTOR beginner's dance class too

Oct 4 - 10 dancers and 8 dances

Oct 11 - 9 dancers and 11 dances

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

We have 2 new Lions Fangs charters ready to hand out for painting, both designed by the talented Maestro Guidobaldo. One is a Norse serpent and another based on Gothic Cathedral stained glass window. Can't wait to paint them. 1 new loat design is near completion as well.

I hosted a 1hr whitework workshop at Salon Artificum on October 14th that had 5 people pop in an out who had a grand time playing with paints. :)

My term as Baronial Scribe ends March 2024, I'll be posting for my replacement in the next couple of months.

Social Media – Etienne Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Updated have been the Awards, Sergeants, and Courtiers pages. I am currently tracking down what is wrong with the Award Recommendations form. As I was not its creator, it is a bit of a conundrum wrapped in an enigma, but I have got it to the point that data may be submitted and stored. The current issue is in getting that data e-mailed to the baron and baroness. I am assuming it isn't since it should also Cc me and isn't.

There is also a problem with the importing of Events from Facebook that was not present before. From what I have researched so far, that may be an issue with changes to Facebook. Whatever the case, it is rather annoying and is going to take some tracking down.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - VACANT

2023 Approved Budget: Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 Budget					
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid	2024
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$75	\$203	\$225
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25		\$25
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50		\$50
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$40		\$50
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$75		\$100
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$153.18	\$400
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50		\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
2023	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$4,675	\$4,675	\$5143
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$25		\$25
Marshal (Archery)	archery supplies	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
Marshal (Equestrian)	equestrian supplies	General Supplies	\$100		\$100
Marshal (Rapier)	rapier supplies	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
Marshal (Stables)	Heavy fighter supplies	General Supplies	\$100		\$200
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$125		\$200
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	\$20	\$100
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	\$33.14	\$200
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100		\$100
RBC Bank Charges	Bank Fees				\$78
Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)				\$1,650
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)				\$2,610
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice				\$1,000
Insurance	Two Practice sites				\$200
Total Requests			\$6,739.60		\$13,206

A solid discussion regarding options for spending budget funds:

Painted backdrops – updates for missing backdrops (Theodora?) Template found! Suggest we label the backs of them with names? Need to glue and clamp the baronial throne to fix slightly.
Marshal staffs – at least three? Scan the previous 40 year anniversary history of the Barony book for all to read? Consider other options to make the Barony better using available budget.