

Barony of Lions Gate Council – August 21, 2024

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness <u>Arianna Freemont</u>	Dawn Malin	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron <u>Cyneric Bearson</u>	Darren Cocking	X
Seneschal	<u>Jacomina van Vossenbrouck</u>	Karen Meijer	X
Deputy seneschal	<u>Nereügei Kitad-un</u>	Victor Lo	
Exchequer	<u>Azure McGregor</u>	Jacqueline Gregory	
Deputy exchequer	<u>Anika Styf</u>	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	<u>Lokki</u>	Stephen Jones	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	<u>Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais</u>	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	<u>Shahar Mulji</u>	Reena Muljiani	
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	<u>Ro Magdalena Freyin</u>	Courtney Racine	
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrði	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	<u>Katharina Rein</u>	Dana Lamarche	
Social Media	<u>Etienne Racine</u>	Michael Racine	
Webminister	<u>Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll</u>	James Humphrey	X
Stables	<u>Porbjorn of Lions Gate</u>	Kris Larsen	
Stables Deputy			
Archery	<u>Angharad Verch Cenydd</u>	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	<u>Gunnar Stigandsson</u> (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Equestrian			
Lists	<u>Sorcha Inghean Triein</u>	Melissa Martensen	X
Blades (Rapier)	<u>Giuliana di Castiglione</u>	Jenny Lang	
Thrown Weapons	<u>Sara La Rosa</u>	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	<u>Koga of the Wolfpack</u>	Billy Wong	
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	<u>Etan na Garmna Casail</u>	Trish Graham	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	<u>Delgrade McAllister</u>	Caralyn Andersen	
TUTR Coordinator	<u>Millicent of Eaglescliff</u>	Tina Johnston	X

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee
Briony Seedhouse	Brynja Kortsdottir
Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa	Amber Thompson
Agnes Scherer	Vanessa Giddings
Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse

1. Approval of minutes: July 2024

Motion to approve the Lions Gate council minutes from July 2024:

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Etan that we approve the previously circulated minutes from July 2024. There were no corrections made. No nays, no abstentions. Carried.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening friends!

This month is flying by and I can barely believe that it will be September again soon.

We started off this month with Lions War, which was an absolute blast and once again proved that Lions Gate is the capital of An Tir, or was it Tir Righ? In any case, we won the discussion! Many thanks to the entire event team for such a great event, and congratulations to our new Baronial Combat Archery champion Caitrin, [who won with no losses!](#)

This next weekend will see the investiture of our new Prince and Princess far up North, immediately followed by Crown at Camp McLean in Langley. To those of you who are driving up and down the province within a couple days, good luck and drive safe!

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!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR OFFICER EMAIL, please email the seneschal and they will reset your password!

3. Exchequer report

All accounts have been reconciled and are up to date. Lions War Gate deposited and \$2000 Gate Deposit Returned. Gate sheets say we had 356 people show up, with 173 non members. The garbage, war expenses, and rent expenses have been paid. All NMS for this event has been sent to our Kingdom NMS Deputy.

The storage locker has been paid for, for the entire year. Worked out to about \$489.00/month including tax until August 2025

Some practices ([thrown weapons and archery](#)) still owe me gate sheets and waivers, despite the gate collection(s) being deposited to the account. Please hand originals off to me at the AllThing, or send PDF copies to lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org.

I want to go to HOLMGANG.

The account, effective August 19th, 2024 has \$35,229.44 in it with 3 outstanding uncashed cheques: Lions War Garbage (\$711.75 CHQ#001390), and general expenses (\$208.74 CHQ#001388) and reimbursal for Albion site rental.

Looking forward to Crown!

Current Items

Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org or to submit expenses associated with budgets for 2024 offices.

Return It Express Donations

Return It deposited \$80.80 total

The account phone number is **604-608-1976**

Please remember to always use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles. Do not make them heavy (spread out the weight) Do not include foreign/USA items, Some locations require scanning in the QR codes on the labels before dropping off bags.

4. Past event reports

Lions War – August 2-5, 2024 @Clinton – event steward Brynja Kortsdottir

[Seneschal requests completed event report in Excel spreadsheet format.](#)

[Brynja reports that the event was good, a few minor rapier and heavy injuries, a few people who attempted to cross the archery range caution tape, and some overheating. She recommends for future summer events that we purchase two additional day shades for the Barony.](#)

[A quote is in progress for two day shades from local Burnaby manufacturer. The Seagirt pavillion was used last year on the war field but they were unable to attend this year, and the thrown weapons and archery folks each need some shade structure.](#)

5. Upcoming events

Trials – September 20-22, 2024 @Albion Fairgrounds – event stewards Þórbjorn of Lions Gate and Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh. Site paid for and equestrian and insurance received. Only tiny aluminum tent stakes permitted, and only the bandstand area allowed for camping this year. Only free standing or weighted structures allowed on other fields.

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament - November 16, 2024 @Cloverdale Fairgrounds: Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Building - event stewards Jacqueline Lefleur and Mikhail Kurganovic. Has access to An Tir Calendar now. EIF submitted. Some positions to be filled, and tentative scheduling in progress. Question about the site tokens ~350 and consider coinage, with a cost of pewter, plus the fee for a two-sided coin, works out to ~\$400 USD, which will be reviewed in greater detail by the financial committee in the next couple of weeks, if the turnaround time will work.

Elvina volunteered regarding pewter casting production.

Baronial Banquet - date? There is a bid in progress. DRF to be submitted for November 30, 2024, for Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, per Lokki.

Salon Artificum – April 26 2025

Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall secured, for the second year. Wendy as co-steward with Arianna, and Elaine as head gate looking for apprentices. DRF completed and submitted – on the Kingdom Calendar. Need to determine start and end time. Consider adding TUTOR courses. Volunteers will be needed.

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

Vacancies

- Webminister term is up – [he is still making updates, but no applicants to replace him yet](#)
- Games officer will be up in September – [making games happen at events, looking after championship, maintaining Baronial inventory of games, transporting to event and facilitating them being played or taught.](#)
- Archery officer term is up
- Received some interest in the Chronicler position and am following up
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)

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

This is **even more urgent** now that we can no longer use Albion for camping

Thinking we need to create a deputy position for someone to specialize in this process. [Spreadsheet](#) available of possible event sites, Azure has contacted many of them for details. She suggests making “site calling” its own office. Perhaps the Tir Righ event deputies can be notified and labour combined. [Azure talking to acreage in Hope for event site.](#)

Baroness Arianna suggested a drafted letter of introduction to approach farms, but is unsure who to write that and what it should include. **Need to choose someone to draft it and include photos to entice them into a modern contract with us.

[**Sorcha will grab the SCA intro letter off the website. Jacqueline will email the archery introductory letter to seneschal.](#)

Sunshine Coast practice - No updates

New Baronial Kneeler

Her Excellency Arianna proposes a new padded portable raised kneeler be commissioned for the Barony to use. This is still being investigated. No new updates

Lions Gate polling

We have received approval from their Royal Highnesses for the following dates:

- Letters of intent and resumes deadline: **Sept 15, midnight.**
Two sets of candidates have come forwards so far.
- Baronial Meet & Greet: After council on **Sept 18, 8 pm.**

- Online/Digital polling: Open **Sept 21-28**.

The following notice has appeared in the Crier:

Barony of Lions Gate– Baronial Polling

Baron Cyneric Beresone and Baroness Arianna Freemont would like to request nominations for those who would succeed them as the next Coronets of Lion's Gate. Letters of Intent and Resumes should be sent to Maestra Ana de la Sara, An Tir Polling Deputy, at pollings@antir.org by Midnight Sept 15th. A Baronial meet and greet with the populace – Sept 18th at 8pm via Zoom. Online/Digital polling –Open September 21st-28th. Only paid members are eligible to participate through the official polling form. Anyone who is not a paid member, or who lives outside the official zipcodes is welcome to use the same polling link to submit their comments to the Crown directly, however, they will be earmarked as non-members. More information can be found at <https://antir.org/online-baronial-polling/> . Change over to Happen at Baroness Inspirational Tournament, November 16 2024

Additional questions may be directed to the Seneschal of Lions Gate, or the An Tir Polling Deputy.

Fjordland assets

No new updates

8. Baronial Business – New

Event Schedule 2024/2025

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

- Trials - Albion fairgrounds contract signed and paid for, September 20-22 2024 (EIF and crier submitted)
- Baroness Inspiration Tournament - November 16 2024 (EIF submitted, Hall contract signed.)
- Canterbury Fair – April 5, 2025. Caemghen as event steward. No bid yet. Planned Star Trek theme: First Contact. (DRF submitted)
- Salon Artificum - April 25, 2025 (DRF submitted)
- Lions Gate Champions - date? Location at Warner Loat? October 31st deadline for date reservations.

We are reminded to update the An Tir Calendar with all the same updates for event related items we currently post to Facebook. Many people rely on the Calendar for information or who do not use Facebook.

November Coronet 2025

Baroness Arianna spoke about November Coronet in 2025 at Shannon Hall/Alice McKay in Cloverdale, and she is event stewarding with Ylva as co-steward. Proposal has gone forward to Principality, but City of Surrey contract not available yet until 12 months out. November 1, 2025.

Baron Cyneric suggests locking in Baroness Inspiration date in November 15, 2025 as well.

9. Coronet report

Baron Cyneric reported:

Greetings All! Lions War was everything we hoped for with added heat! Thank you everyone who helped with the event, we really appreciate it. It is nice to be the Capitol of An Tir again!

For everyone going to Investiture, safe travels and thank you to the Prince and Princesses for an amazing reign. Also to the Tanist and Ban-Tanist, we look forward to working with you until we step down!

Come to Crown! There will be so much going on. We will be able to chat with you a bit since it isn't our event. We are winding down our term, only two more council meetings left, feels a bit weird.

Please let people know about the upcoming meet and greet for our Baronial candidates after the next council meeting.

We love you all!

Cyneric and Arianna

10. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; Sept 18, 2024 at 7:30 pm PDT

11. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by Aug 20, 2024;

Chronicler -

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2024-Jan 2026

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

We have had a fair number of events this year that our equipment has been used for. I'm here to report that everything that has been lent out. As far as I know, it has all come back to the locker.

I also plan in October when everything cools down to sort and organize the locker and hopefully make a list of everything we have in it.

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

Stables - Þorbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

It's been another month of wonderful practices and all-things at their excellencies home. This period has seen 5 practices.

July 16th: 72

July 23rd: 91

July 30th: 51

August 6th: 70

August 13th: 64

No injuries have been reported

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Lists - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Lists has nothing to report this month, except that Ylva did lists for the baronial combat archery championship. We had 6 competitors with Caitrin victorious, no losses.

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

July 24- 7/7 dancers and dances. I was out of town Wendy taught the class. July 31: 10/10 August 7: 8/9

August 14: 14 dancers, 9 dances We've had some energetic new dancers showing up.

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

Nothing to report since last month. I have some plans for upcoming months just need to get them in motion

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Not a lot to report; just a few small updates this month.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ – VACANT

2024 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2024 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$225	
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25	
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50	
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$50	
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$240.69
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200	
2024	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$5143	
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$25	\$0
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	\$200	
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100	
RBC Bank Charges	Bank Fees	Bank Fees	\$78	\$22.50

Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)		\$1,650	
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)		\$2,610	\$1,890
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice		\$1,350	
Insurance	Two Practice sites		\$250*	
Total Requests			\$13,606	