

## Barony of Lions Gate Council – November 19, 2025

### Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness <a href="#">Brynja Korttsdottir</a>	Briony Seedhouse	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron <a href="#">Malyss Makneile</a>	Eli Klassen	X
Seneschal	<a href="#">Jacomina van Vossenbrouck</a>	Karen Meijer	
Deputy seneschal	<a href="#">Nereügei Kitad-un</a>	Victor Lo	X
Exchequer	<a href="#">Azure McGregor</a>	Jacqueline Gregory	X
Deputy exchequer	Pak, Nammo	Nathalie Jones	X
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	<a href="#">Lokki</a>	Stephen Jones	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	<a href="#">Bridget of Kilkenny</a>	Kathleen Andersen	
Chatelaine	<a href="#">Katherine O'Daire</a>	Kathy Armstrong	X
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	<a href="#">Ro Magdalena Freyin</a>	Courtney Racine	
Chronicler	<a href="#">Elvina Effynewoode</a>	Jacqueline Lee	X
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	<a href="#">Katharina Rein</a>	Dana Boyd	
Social Media	<a href="#">Etienne Racine</a>	Michael Racine	
Webminister	<a href="#">Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll</a>	James Humphrey	X
Stables	Davin O'Daire	Eric Armstrong	
Stables Deputy			
Archery	<a href="#">Kheron Azov</a>	Richard Bertrand	X
Archery Deputy	<a href="#">Gunnar Stigandsson</a> (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	<a href="#">Sorcha Inghean Triein</a>	Melissa Martensen	X
Blades (Rapier)	Fiora Zorzi	Suzanne Ruffeski	X
Blades (Rapier) Deputy			
Thrown Weapons	Everard Dyer	Jonathan Vandebek	
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Sara de la Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	<a href="#">Etan na Garmna Casail</a>	Trish Graham	
Bardic Arts			
Dance	<a href="#">Delgrade McAllister</a>	Caralyn Andersen	
TUTR Coordinator			

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## Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
James Irvien of Lions Gate	Jay Irvine
Roesia du Bois	Wendy Blackshaw Humphrey
Agnes Scherer	Vanessa Giddings
Niall	Terry Nelson
Elena di Maisnilwarin	
	Tina Johnston
Vigdis	Annie
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Jaqueline la Fleur	Kirsten Masse
Arianna	Dawn Malin

## **1. Approval of minutes: October 2025**

Motion to approve the Lions Gate council minutes from October 2025, which you have received via email:

It was moved by Elvina and seconded by Niall that we approve the previously circulated minutes of the October 2025 council meeting. There were no nays, no abstentions. CARRIED.

## **2. Seneschal report**

Good evening everyone!

I hope you've all enjoyed our recent local events, Tir Righ Coronet (congratulations to our new Tanists!) and Baroness Inspirational Tournament (so popular that there was barely room to move!)

This is our last meeting of the year, and therefore also our opportunity to assess and possibly edit our budget for next year. We also have some new incoming officers and deputies, welcome!

YIS,  
Jacomina

**Reminder:** Please check your branch email account weekly if not more frequently.

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- 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 the 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**

Exchequer Officer Report November 2025

Good daughter sacrifice achievement unlocked. Am returned.

Thank you, Dame Elaine, for your expert help while I was away. We will be meeting up later in the week to catch up on all the nitty gritty I missed.

The Baronial coffers/account contains \$48,807.17

All NMR has been mailed from events that occurred since the beginning of October 2025

We are also waiting for a \$34 deposit from Return It. Of course, it wont arrive until after this report is submitted.

Be advised I am vacating this office effective January 2026, as it coincides with the end of my 2 year tenure.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve the Barony of Lions Gate.

**Thank you Azure for stepping into that roll for the last couple of years!**

### **Lions Gate Stand-in Exchequer Report November 2025 - Elena de Maisnilwarin**

Income Statement

On income of \$51,300.27 and expenses of \$39,263.45, there is a net profit YTD of \$12,036.82

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## Assets

- Prepaid Expenses \$3,948 being the remaining 8 months of 12 month prepaid locker rent
- Other Assets \$2,525
  - o \$500 to Vic Lo for Canterbury Faire site deposit, February 2024
  - o \$25 to Erika Pharaon for A&S Social/Tiny TUTR site deposit
  - o \$2,000 for security deposit on Tir Righ November Coronet and Baroness' Inspiration Tournament (**Seneschal received \$1000 back, waiting for other \$1000**)
- Receivables: \$3,400
  - o \$100 to Erika Pharaon for A&S Social float from October 2024
  - o \$500 to Kevin Garvey for First Contact gate float; note that I believe this likely has been returned but was recorded as gate proceeds
  - o \$2800 outstanding to Sara la Rosa for Baronial Banquet food supplies

## Practices

- Income YTD: \$7,668.43
- Expenses YTD: \$8,499.22 includes site rental and insurance where noted
- Net loss: \$830.79

## Cheques Pending Clearance > 15 Days Old

25-Apr-2025 1433, \$200, Ravyn Schmidt, First Contact Fayre Prizes and Site tokens

25-Apr-2025 1463, \$720.00, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Coastal practice rental fee

29-Sep2025 1465, \$100.00, Kathy Armstrong, Chatelain supplies

## Available Funds

**As of November 18, ledger balance is \$46,634.55**

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## **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 2025 offices before December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## **Return It Express Donations**

Return It deposited \$34 total for 2025 so far

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**

### **November Coronet – Nov 1, 2025 - Arianna and Ylva**

November Coronet site rental reduced by \$450.44 due to partial refund. Profit split, if we write a cheque to Tir Righ before December 1<sup>st</sup>: \$4,179.06 to Tir Righ, \$1,393.02 to Lions Gate.

Nothing interesting to report. Great turnout. Weather better than expected. We have probably outgrown that site, or need to make it a two day event.

Total attendance: 312 people, 50 NMR, 256 paying adults

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Jaqueline that we issue a cheque to Tir Righ for the profits of \$4179.06 from November Coronet. No Nays, Elena and Neregui abstaining. CARRIED

### **Baroness Inspiration – Nov 15, 2025 –Jaqueline, Bridget, Roesia**

Here is the final event report for Baroness' Inspiration including gate numbers, revenue, and expenses.

Summary:

- 251 through gate
- 217 paying
- Gross revenue \$4,754.54,

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- Revenue + \$754.54 of bid estimate
- Expenses - \$616.37 of bid estimate

We need to confirm the site fee. The partial refund gives a revised site fee of \$1,379.31 but the revised contract showed \$1,333.01. **Jacomina and Elena are investigating**

There was exacerbation of damage to a door leading to the ready rooms. Pictures taken. Jaqueline and/or Jacomina to follow up with the city of Surrey with a description. **Received notice that we get the damage deposit back (waiting to appear on CC), Jacomina can still follow up if desired.**

No injuries reported that required medical assistance.

We need a bigger space if fighting is going to be 2/3 bouts and round robin format with the great turnouts we had. **Proposal to turn this into a 2-day event in November 2026, 'Ursulmas North', including archery, thrown, etc. at a different location, possibly including camping/sleeping hall. Possible collaboration with Lionsdale (Lishinia on board). Permission for seneschal to investigate further?**

The Agriplex was investigated as an option, and the cement floor is laid at an angle to centre drains. Everything is uneven for setup, and could be unsafe for footing. It can be checked again. There are no additional spaces for ready rooms at the Agriplex.

Jaqueline as emergency event steward reported that Roesia was ill and could not assist and that Elaina stepped up to take over gate from Bleddyn at the last day as well. It was helpful that the Prince of Tir Righ posted to hype people up and increase attendance. Roesia is grateful for the support.

## **5. Upcoming events**

Please continue to use the 2024 version of the Event Steward Bid spreadsheet on the Barony of Lions Gate <https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/forms/> page!

### **Baronial Banquet – November 29th**

It was moved by Roesia and seconded by Niall to issue Sara la Rosa a cheque for gate float in the amount of \$200 for banquet. Neregui abstains. Sara abstains. Elena abstains. No nays, CARRIED.

The menu has been posted and is very exciting.

80 people planning to attend, but only 50 paid tickets for feast, and 30 people as staff.

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## 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.

### **Vacancies**

- **Sable Loat Pursuivant** - Nisha is interested in this role as Baronial herald.
- **Arts & Sciences**
- **Social Media**
- **Chamberlain** is looking for their replacement – Juliet is shadowing Lokki to take over.
- **Lists:** Term up in March, Vigdis interested in taking over
- **Seneschal:** Need a couple more deputies!
- **Webminister** term is up – he is still making updates, but no applicants to replace him yet. Jay is interested in taking this on!
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- Sara la Rosa will apply to take on Chatelaine after finishing her current officer role.

### **New and Extending Officers**

**Minister of Stables:** welcome to Davin O'Daire!

**Deputy Minister of Stables:** welcome to Wulfwyn! In charge of Lions Gate Coast practice.

**Deputy Exchequer:** welcome to Pak, Nammo!

Paperwork for both these officers has been sent in

## 7. Baronial Business – New

### **Steel Rose Trophy for Baroness' 2025**

Financial committee approved the creation of a Steel Rose for the steel rose tournament at the amount of \$100 paid to Borislav Boemski (Noel Harnett). Funds have come from the general

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budget. Magdalena won it this year and will keep this one, and Jaqueline has made another one for next year that will be donated as an annual piece of regalia prize.

### **Rapier practice location**

Contract ends on December 18 and will not renew. Renting that gym ourselves (if approved by school board) will cost \$1300 ish dollars plus admin fees (undetermined) for January to Mid – June. Approval to proceed with booking?

Not suitable for heavy fighters, unless the school approves that usage. There was discussion about the budget, and the overall cost of multiple practices. Potential problem with outdoor shoes to look into as well. Not big enough for A&S as well. \*\*\* Jaqueline inquired on the cost to book an adjacent classroom. **Seneschal will follow up.** \*\*\*

It was moved by Elvina and seconded that we continue the rapier fighting practice space in the school gym from January to June for \$1,300 + related administrative fees and insurance cost. No nays, no abstentions, **CARRIED.**

### **Lions Gate Archery location – Kheron**

Sara la Rosa has a proposal regarding archery at Cornwall Ridge site, and a proposed deputy thrown weapons officer of Theodora for the Sunshine Coast Lions Gate practices to start up. Jaqueline has made four hard target stands for them already, and one hay bale soft target stand. They're ready to start!

There is a contract sent to the seneschal for review, based on a previous contract with Cornwall Ridge and the Barony. Proposed cost of \$20 flat fee plus \$5 per person plus GST. 12-4 in the outdoor field. Waivers for site need to be signed. \$7 drop in fee for attendees.

Lionsdale will also be starting a monthly practice in January. They would like to borrow the archery netting for that practice. Permission has been granted from the seneschal to use it at Albion practice.

### **Tuesday evening fight practice location trial**

Financial committee has approved and funded a trial of an outdoor practice location for November and December 2025, in Port Moody. Costs are \$946.89, coming out of the general budget.

Some newcomers are showing up, some rapier and heavy fighters. Seems to be increasing numbers over the last three weeks of practices. Great lighting and lots of space.

### **Lions War event bid received – Sorcha and Nereugei**

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## Lions War Bid 2026

### **Financial policy change – Sorcha**

Discussion was deferred on any changes to Barony financial policy until Kingdom and Tir Righ have updated their financial policies regarding Interac E-transfer at which point notice of their decisions on the terms will be passed to the branches.

### **Baronial Locker clean up, organization, and rebinning and relabelling - Jaqueline**

Second weekend in December, Jaqueline would like to hold a locker clean up day. Invite all officers to review any materials they are responsible for. [Make a list of which officer is responsible for what categories of items.]

1. Review and organize Lost & Found and plan for an auction in 2026.
2. Review and organize Gold Key.
3. Make a list of locker items that require repair or refurbishment and find people to take on these projects.
  - List ropes and uprights need re-roping (Jaqueline is willing to do this)
  - Canvas bags for the list field uprights need repair/reinforcement/replacement (leather straps would be good) - Sorcha would like to take this on
4. Storage locker bin upgrades - the Sterlite brittle plastic bins are cracking and breaking; cardboard is a silverfish home. I'd therefore like to price out heavy and flexible Rubbermaid bins to replace the broken and/or fragile ones in use.

This has, coincidentally, already been started by Elvina as part of preparations for Baronial Banquet, and she has replaced the paper with felt between the dishes in the boxes.

Canadian Tire has a sale:

The Rubbermaid Stackable blue bins that stack are sized/priced as follows:

- 94L \$26.99 now \$17.93
- 68L \$16.99 now \$13.79
- 53L \$15.99
- 38L \$14.99
- 11L \$8.99

I do not know how many bins we will need, but I request permission to spend up to \$200 on new bins. All receipts to be retained and reimbursement arranged in future.

A budget for locker bin refurbishment was discussed and supported.

### **Bids for events in 2026**

We need them

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## **Budget 2026**

Rapier suggestion: propose a one time purchase of a steel key rapier and dagger, priced at \$600 CAD for the rapier and \$200 CAD for a dagger, contingent on investigation in the new year of how much our current steel key is being used.

Storage locker:

Proposed locker cost for 2026 in budget should be \$6,452, it goes up by 10% each year.

Do we need any other changes?

I was moved by Niall and seconded by Sara that we pass the 2026 budget of \$15,648 as appended to these minutes. No nays, Neregui abstains, Nammo abstains, motion is **CARRIED**.

## **8. Baronial Business - Continuing**

### **Practice location**

If you find a possible location please email it to [lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org](mailto:lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org) so we can follow up on them.

We would need space for heavy and steel fighting, and space for A&S, potentially classes, potentially a meeting space. The space for fighting needs to allow for that activity to take place (think about knee walking, armour scraping the floor, etc). Ideally the space would be accessible by transit.

At the moment we pay \$45 per hour.

The current gym is 2400 square feet, plus the carpeted side is a similar size, so are we able to find a new practice space of that size, or will we need to split the armoured fighting practice from the A&S side. There was discussion of finding a cement floor to fight on, or an outdoor covered area adjacent to indoor rental space for A&S. Consideration for renting BOTH Monday and Tuesday at Westwinds was discussed.

Sorcha put in an inquiry to rent indoor space for practice at Poirier Forum in Coquitlam on recommendation by Colette (thanks!) She has emailed their rentals department to ask about pricing for any space we could fit an all thing into for 2026

### **Event site explorers**

No updates

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## Event Schedule 2025

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

- Baronial Banquet – November 29, 2025- EIF sent. Crier copy sent. Insurance ordered

## Event Schedule 2026

- Canterbury Fayre – No date
- Lions Gate Champions – No date, suggest May 23 or 30? Sent in request form for Warner Loat Park for both dates to see what is available
- Sealion War – No date, May 30<sup>th</sup>? [Seagirt says they will win by default if we don't have a date determined!](#)
- Lions War – July 27 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>?
- September Crown – LG involvement?
- Trials – No date
- Baroness Inspiration – Nov...?

**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 do not use Facebook.**

[Caemgen wanted to follow up on the event bids for 2026, and suggested we each tell our friends who aren't at the council meeting, and offer to show them how to run an event to get new humans involved. We need to let everyone else know there might be nothing happening if they don't step up as event stewards.](#)

## **9. Coronet report**

Greetings unto our populace!

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament marks one year since we stepped up as your Baron and Baroness. It's been a marvellous year serving such amazing people.

Congratulations to our new Cut & Thrust champion Kian O'Ruadhri and Her Excellency's new Inspirations, and thank you to the event stewards and everyone who helped keep such a busy event on schedule (for the most part)!

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We hope to see many of you at Baronial Banquet at the end of the month; otherwise, keep happy and safe during the upcoming holiday season.

Much love,

Malyss and Brynja

## **10. Adjournment**

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm.

## **11. Next Council meeting**

Online via Zoom; January 21, 2026 at 7:30 pm PDT

## **12. Officer Reports Appendix**

Officer reports as received by November 17, 2025;

### **Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – 2026**

November North Wind is in process.

### **Chatelaine – Katherine O'Daire – Jan 2025-Jan 2027**

### **Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026**

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

### **Stables – Davin O'Daire Nov 2025 – Nov 2027**

Nov 3rd: 49

Nov 10th: 37

### **Archery – Kheron – April 2025 – 2027**

There have been no practices and no events with Archery since our last council meeting.

Lionsdale is working on a once a month practice, 20 yards only, at Albion Fairgrounds with a schedule start date of January 24, 2026.

Some of us have discussed using this as a practice focussed more on teaching and form. Also, depending on the Archery Seasonal Shoot, that may be viable to happen at this practice space.

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I have received the cheque for the hardware for building the 4 archery target stands. Thank you.

Jameson Wheeler asked me, and said he'd submit it via email officially, if Lionsdale could borrow Lions Gate's archery netting for use at the Practice starting in January. I support this.

### **Blades – Fiora Zorzi Oct 2025-Oct 2027**

I started my term officially as LG Rapier Officer on October 18, 2025.

We had a total of 6 practices for the month of October . We've had a range of 5 (of the core group of fighters) to upwards of 12 people in attendance on one day, for the Thursday night practice.

Daniel Werner informed us that he will not be renting the gym next year; the last date he will rent the gym is December 18, 2025. We will need to contact the school board before then in order to see if we can rent the gym directly from them instead.

### **Lists - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026**

There were 33 uncollared rapier fighters and several MODs or Dons in the rapier prize tournament. They fought for a hour as a collective bear pit over four erics and the four uncollared fighters with the most wins advanced. The four finalists were Cailean, Draven, Wu Chi and Lokki. Draven was victorious. Guido managed this tournament.

There were 40 unbelted heavy fighters and more than 10 knights who fought in the heavy unbelted prize tournament. They fought in four erics in a single round robin, with each fight best two out of three, and the top two from each eric advanced. The top eight were Beorn, Kormak, Kinto, Michel, Wulfgar, Thorbjorn, Laric and Nicklaus. Beorn was victorious over Wulfgar in the finals. Sir Griffin managed this tournament.

There were 19 entrants in the Steel Rose, single round robin over two erics and the top from each eric met in finals, and the victor was Magdalena over Gemma. Magdalena managed this tournament.

There were 10 entrants in the Iron Rose tournament in single round robin followed by a single elimination for the top four unbelted entrants and the victor was Acherea over Allegra in the finals. Wulfwyn managed this tournament. There was a metal rose awarded as a returning trophy to be embellished with ribbon and returned next year.

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There were 11 fighters in the Cut and Thrust Baronial championship. The winner was Kian over Tobias in the finals. Guido managed this tournament.

There were several entrants in the Gerhard's Riposte new rapier fighter tournament and the winner was Belisarius chosen by the Baroness with advice, and awarded a rapier to carry for a year.

I was greatly assisted all day by Vigdis of Lions Gate, Etan of Lions Gate, and Maeve of Seagirt. Many many people helped marshal and I do not have their names. Baron Miles was overall marshal in charge and did a great job.

**Thrown Weapons – Everard Dyer August 2025 – August 2027**

**Equestrian – VACANT**

**Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT**

**Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

**Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026**

**Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027**

**Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026**

**Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

**Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024**

**Family activities – VACANT**

**The University of Tir Righ – VACANT**

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## 2026 Approved Budget:

<b>Barony of Lions Gate - 2026 Budget</b>				
<b>Office</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>2026</b>
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies		\$225
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies		\$350
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance		\$50
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping		\$50
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies		\$200
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone		\$400
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies		\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies		\$200
2026	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)		\$6,410
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		\$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
Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)			\$1,650
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)	34 dates/3hrs/ \$45/hr		\$3,060
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice			\$1,350
Insurance	Two Practice sites			\$250*
<b>Total Budget</b>				<b>\$15,648</b>

\*Site named insurance is paid in USD, subject to CAD exchange rate.