

Barony Business Meeting
April 4, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:10 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Hobbe, Grim, Louise, Sheldon, Yoshitune, Lily, Ignatia, Laurencia, Emerson, Deonna, James Allen, Angus, Gerald, Ruth, Alfonso, Lysebet

The next meeting: May 2nd - Rotterdam Library
 June 6th - Site TBA (Montgomery Co. YMCA?)
 July 11th - Saratoga Library *This is the second Wednesday of the month!
 Aug 1st - No meeting

Minutes: March - accepted as written

Officers Reports

Arts and Sciences:

Wars of the Roses: Laurencia has a sign up sheet of 1 hour shifts to work the A/S Exhibit. She is also looking for teachers to offer classes on Saturday and Sunday. The archery targets are still in the design stage. Elizabeth and Laurencia will announce a painting day in the future.

Workshop: Deonna will be holding a cheesemaking workshop on Sunday, 4/22, in conjunction with the resumption of archery practice. If time allows there can also be madrigal singing.

Chamberlain: Not present. No report.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. No report

Chatelaine: Not present. Report submitted to Ignatia.

Demo: The April 2nd demo/class discussion at Skidmore went well. There were two Concordians, and they were able to use Gold Key garb as examples of different styles, and cultures.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Nothing new to report.

Web Minister: The site is down temporarily, while the lap top is in the shop getting fixed. After 4/10, please let him know if there are still problems, or missing info.

Historian: Added the March, 2007 issue of The Snowflake to the files. Gave the Chronicler the list of back issues that are in the files.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer: Balance = \$13,459.14. \$119.06 remains encumbered to the Chancellor Minor office.

Crystal Snowflake Ball: The incorrect check for the balance of the site fee has been returned, and a check reflecting the \$50 deposit previously paid has been sent to the Ukranian Club. This

changes the final figures of the event to: Gross income=\$848.00 Expenses=\$661.24 NMS paid=\$78.00 Net profit=\$108.76.

Scanner: The scanner works great! Making paperwork much easier and saving money on postage and copying. A very good purchase.

Finance Committee: Approved the following: 1) Bid budget for the Sumer Archery Shoote 2) Bid budget for Winter Nights 3) Crystal Snowflake Ball food receipt replacement

Report: Now working on the 1st Qtr report to Kingdom. Should be done in another week.

Clerk of Reservations:

Wars of the Roses - Ignatia is now accepting reservations for this event. The deadline for the discount fee is, "in her hand by May 14th". She currently has 19 reservations. Mudthaw used an express check-in form that worked beautifully. Ignatia trying to get permission from Settmour to use it for Roses. Question: Sheldon asked if Ignatia wanted him to take reservations at dance practice. She will work with him on this.

Sumer Archery Shoote - Who is the Clerk?

Winter Nights - Who is the Clerk?

Knight Marshal:

Practice: There will be no practice on 4/9 and 5/28, because the school will be closed.

Next regional practice (Springfield, MA) is scheduled for 5/13.

Fencing Marshal:

Practice: There will be no practice on 4/9 and 5/28, because the school will be closed.

MOL: Not present. No report.

Lily reiterated that there are new authorization forms, with the contact information of the new EK MOL, Straya, on them. Also, if you see Straya at a fighting event, she will likely have computer and printer there to make cards on the spot.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Nothing to report.

Seneschal: Not present. Report by deputy.

Policy and Procedure: Five proposed amendments were published in the April issue of *The Snowflake*. Please see there for exact wording and details. Ignatia read them out loud at the meeting and it was decided that discussion would occur at the end of the meeting, if time allows.

Future Bids: Bids are being accepted for events to be held in November, 2007. Question: Why do we announce a bid in one month, but don't vote on it until another month has passed? With the approval of the Financial Committee also required, 6 weeks can pass from the time the bid is submitted. Answer: Our Policies and Procedures have set up this schedule so that the Barony has notice of event bids and can attend the next meeting to vote, if it is their desire. Also, it allows any potential competing bids (for annual events) to have a chance to be presented.

Question: To circumvent this delay, could we get site and date information for annual events before an autocrat decides to bid? The most we would lose would be a site deposit, and to have to put a cancellation notice into *The Pikestaff*. An interesting idea, could work for Wars of the Roses. Other events could be trickier. A site squad could be formed. If we lose 1 site deposit a year, the loss could be off set by the increased attendance at other events due to increased notice.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: 1) Knight Marshal: There were no new nominations, therefore Baron Angus agreed to run again. With only one candidate, no vote is necessary.

Angus will remain Knight Marshal. Vivant Angus! 2) MOL: There were no nominations for the

office, but this office is required for our status as a Barony. Therefore eLeri put her name in to run. With only one candidate, no vote is necessary. Vivant eLeri! 3) Chamberlain: This office is not required for Baronial branch status, however, someone needs to take the inventory out of Caine's basement. eLeri stated a desire to do this, but some trepidation over taking on too many offices. With the consent of those present at the meeting, eLeri ran for this office as well. With only one candidate, no vote was necessary. eLeri then declared the office of the Chamberlain to be her primary Other Office, and Clerk to be secondary. Therefore if anyone wishes to take on the office of Clerk, please contact the Seneschal. Offices coming up: July: Financial Committee "At-Large" positions September: Seneschal - Toki sent word that he will re-run.

Demos

Held: 1) Skidmore College class demo went well. See Chatelaine's report.

Scheduled: 1) Rotterdam Library annual July demo is scheduled for July 18th.

Proposed: 1) May 5th at Mohanason School. Alfonso to find out details and contact Genevieve. We did this demo last year too.

Events

Wars of the Roses: May 25-28, 2007

Prizes: The war chests are almost done. Can we get a picture of them onto the website?

Subautocrat Meeting: Held 3/28, at Ignatia's house. The schedules are being prepped for Siege, Thrown, Archery, Fencing, Heavy, A/S, Bardic, Brewing, Children's, Dancing.

Certificate of Insurance has been ordered.

Site: Contacting & visiting Frank this month. Will try for site walk close to event, but early enough to get map published.

Pet Form: Look to update or accept. Then get onto website to be downloaded ahead of time.

Troll: Needs volunteers. Mudthaw had a great pre-reg form that made checking in a breeze.

Ignatia to contact troll from Settmour to maybe copy.

FYI: Lily is a Notary, and will have her stamp with her at the event.

Sumer Archery Shooto: July 14, 2007

Not present. No report.

Winter Nights: October 20, 2007

Toki not present. Per Grim, nothing new to report.

Pennsic: July 27 - August 12, 2007

Daybooks: Will we be offering these for donation again? Need to ask Kananbala. If we will, then having them before Wars of the Roses (and the Pennsic staff meeting) in May would be great.

Concordian Encampment: All but full.

Social: Laurencia and Angus to coordinate. They will have a short court there too.

Registrations: Contact your Harbinger (Land Agent) with details of size, shape of tent and area, plus what dates you'll be on site, and any other info that is necessary.

Old Business

Domesday: Not discussed.

Library: Ready to purchase. \$49.85 on CD.

New Business

1) Laurencia would like to propose that the Barony develop side line support for troops at Pennsic. This would include volunteers, plus the purchase of a wagon to tow armor and supplies, and a cooler to hold heat sensitive foods and liquids. Tractor Supply Co. has a breakdown wagon for ~ \$95. Angus and Laurencia would transport the wagon to events. Motion: The Barony spend up to \$200 to purchase supplies for side-line support group, to include a wagon and cooler.

Question: Any reason we're not trying for a more period cart? Weight, Breakdown ease, price are some factors.

Discussion tabled for more research.

2) eLeri made a Motion: The Barony to donate \$50 to Burnt Hills Baptist Church in thanks for the use of their hall to hold Policy and Procedure meetings for the past two years. Second by Emerson. Vote passed unanimously. Also passed Financial Committee, so a check was cut during the meeting.

Socials

1) eLeri asked if there was interest in holding a "Garbed Pot Luck" sometime this summer, at the Burnt Hills Baptist Church. There is room for fencing and armored fighting, games, etc. The kitchen is sufficient to reheat items, but isn't great for cooking from scratch.

Announcements

1) Bardic Workshop: 4/13, 7:00pm at Aoife's.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: 4/29, 7pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Wars of Roses prep.

3) Choir: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church. New people are welcome. Planning to perform at Wars of the Roses.

4) Dance: Thursdays, in Academy Hall. Except for 5/3 which will be in Room 3202 of the Student Union.

5) Athena's Thimble: 4/15 is reversible black-work at Ruth and Sheldon's from 1:30 - 4:30. 5/6 is projects and potluck.

6) Knitting: 4/22 & 5/20 at Irene's home, 1pm. Will continue the stocking project, and do different nalbinding stitches. See Lady Louise for information.

7) William the Free is a Grandpa, we have a new Concordian - Vivat!

8) Yoshi is working on a fundraiser for Hamilton Hill Arts & Crafts Center. Candles, lotions in a basket. See him before 4/19 for ordering details.

Discussion of Proposed Amendments

Q: If the internet access requirements are in Kingdom Law, if we restate them in our P/P, we will need to change them every time EK Law changes.

R: By placing it in the duties section, when its election time & duties are stated in *The Snowflake*,

potential candidates can see what will be needed to hold office.

Issue: Encouraging redundancy in Officer requirements can bloat the P/P.

Q: Use of “shall” in 2nd proposal is not best word to use?

R: “Shall” = “Must”, and is stronger than “should”

Q: Change “shall” to “must”?

R: In contracts, for some reason, “shall” is stronger than “must”. However, would “must” be clearer in our P/P?

Q: Why not one standard refund policy?

Louise: Refunds are discussed in previous minutes and a policy was established.

R: However, refunds are not mentioned in our P/P, therefore we do not have an established policy.

eLeri: We have unique events that might do better with refund policies fashioned by the autocrat.

Emerson: There is not a separate space in GINGER, to state a refund policy. Therefore not standard to East Kingdom announcements.

Sheldon: To clarify, no refunds are allowed from the cash box at events. Any refund must be issued after the event, by the autocrat and Exchequer. A default policy might work better than a universal policy.

Hobbe: A refund policy should be as lenient as possible, we are a not-for-profit organization.

At this point we ran out of time to have any further discussion.

Meeting closed 9:00 pm.