

Barony Business Meeting
December 5, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:09 pm

Attendance: Yoshitune, Toki, Meadhbh, Genevieve, eLeri, Ruth, Sheldon, Hobbe, Lily, Louise, Emerson, Adrianna of Westmarch, Kelton, Geoffrey Fetherstonehaugh, Ignatia, Gerald of Northchumberland, Grim the Skald, Nicholas of Colechurch, Renata, Heather Rose

The next meeting: Jan 2nd – Glenville Public Library
 Feb 6th – TBA
 March 5th – TBA – tentative Albany (maybe Sage)
 April – TBA – tentative Amsterdam

Question brought up if anyone lives in Guilderland please contact Toki. The Guilderland Library has a nice meeting room but we can't use it unless we have a resident book the location.

Minutes: November - accepted as written with one change (\$200 donation to royal travel fund is incumbered funds as of last meeting).

Officers Reports

Arts and Sciences: No report, not present.

Chamberlain: 2 cotton table cloths are missing all were present prior to Winter Nights. Please check your belongings to see if you picked them up.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. No report.

Chatelaine: Will have things to bring to next Baronial Court from Bermudes.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Sent in annual report. Currently we have 86 people on the Yahoo Snowflake distribution list, with 12 USPS (snail mail), 9 courtesy mailings, and 6 email addresses that are bouncing.

Web Minister: Nothing new to report.

Historian: Added the November, 2007 issue of The Snowflake to the files. Recent awards from Bjorn's Ceilidh added to web site.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer:

Finance Committee: Approved event bids for Wars of Roses. Crystal Snowflake Ball approved if nothing else changes except the date of the event. (It conflicted with King's and Queen's Baric Competition and had to be moved.)

Balance = \$15,617.18 (after site fee for Bjorn's Ceilidh. \$119.06 still encumbered to the Chancellor Minor office. Committed funds are: \$2,000 for inventory storage, \$500 for new Leather Coronets, \$500 for the new Shire, \$200 for Pennsic equipment purchase, \$200 for Royal Travel Fund and \$84.14 for officer budgets (clerk spent \$17.86).

eLeri will email St. Nicholas Budget.

Still waiting on receipts from Crown Tournament, Bjorn's Ceilidh and Winter Nights.

Checks 1251 and 1252 that were given to the Midway Fire Department have not been cashed. They will be returned when found.

Clerk of Reservations:

Bjorn's Ceilidh was attended by 85 and yielded \$1,203.00.

Feast of St. Nicholas will be held 12/15/2007. Monetary site fees will be accepted. Food Pantry non perishables will be appreciated. Waivers will be accountable.

Please change all references to fees for St. Nicholas to donations.

If everyone donated \$5 who attended we would break even.

Knight Marshal: Heavy Weapons practice is still on Mondays at Mont Pleasant Middle School from 5-9 pm. No fight practice when the school is closed for holidays or snow days. Current holidays the school is closed is December 31, December 24 and January 21.

Fencing Marshal: Practice: ditto.

MOL:

Bjorn's Ceilidh report submitted. 1 authorization in November. Working on paperwork for 2 heavy weapons. eLeri has applied for the Central Region MOL deputy position.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Nothing new to report.

Seneschal:

Discussion on event receipts last month – All autocrats are urged that receipts be turned in 30 days after expenditure or 15 days after the event. We need to actively work to comply. If you need to purchase something ahead of time, need to pay out of pocket and then submit paperwork for charges to be paid back to you.

Autocrat University – training individuals to do autocrating of events. 1st class – gate training, so people who actively work gate can become familiar and up to date on compliance.

We received a \$3,800 bill from Schenectady Public Schools. After contacted the school district said it was an error and a new bill was received for a balance of \$0.

Kingdom has approved the incipient Shire of Bermudez. Sir Edward said there would be waivers concerning the start up money being lent because they are in a different country.

Upcoming Reports Due: December – Knight Marshall, January - Web Minister. The December Chronicler report was already submitted.

Upcoming Elections: Chronicler in March – Hobbe is running again. Snowflake Pursuivant – due

in April.

Elections for vacant seat in Financial Committee – Baron Angus Kerr and Lady Ignatia Dona Ciego are running. A ballot was passed and counted by Heather Rose and Sir Yoshitune, Lady Ignatia won.

Election for Chancellor Minor – Sean the Unremarkable is named new Chancellor Minor, only one running.

Shire of Bermudez – having issues with their heraldry. Possibly blue with white waves, unfortunately they wanted to use a Sand Dollar but it is not a known used device in period. Name was questioned – Bermudez, but discovered that it was the actual name of the explorer who discovered Bermuda, so it should be fine.

Demos

Held: None.

Scheduled: None.

Proposed: None.

Events

Feast of St. Nicholas: December 15, 2007 @ St. Michael's Episcople Church

12:30 – 9 pm, do not have use of downstairs portion only outside and upstairs, pot luck, donations accepted, non perishable food donations accepted.

Crystal Snowflake: Financial Committee approved. Need to move date and possible new site.

Brawl - Dance of the Three Dons: March 15, 2008 @ Ukranian Club

There will be a side board and feast, will serve side board in bar to make room for the fencers and the feast on the main floor.

Wars of Roses: May 23, 2008 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Things going well. Staff meeting in a month.

Old Business

Event receipt issue - tabled

New Business

Event Bid: 10 Man Melee in August at Pennsic War. Emerson will try to get prizes from Tina (who made the rings before with a snowflake stamp) though costs will have gone up. \$150 for prizes, \$10 water and \$60 food a loss of \$220. The Prince came to us to have the 10 Man Melee he will find a good time for us at Pennsic. Adjusted \$100 to water to cover extra water costs, now for a loss of \$320. Vote: Bid approved by Barony, bid approved by Financial Committee.

Royal Travel Fund check will go out tomorrow for \$551.

Bjorn's Ceilidh raised \$702 in the auction with 49 items.

Unofficial Crown Tournament income is \$950 to split between the barony and the kingdom.

Postage – get funds from events for postage. Emerson amended to have barony take on costs for mailing in paperwork (waivers and such) for events. Vote: Barony approved.

Socials

None planned.

Announcements

1) Athena's Thimble: 12/9 - German Counted Work, 1/13 - Bargello. All workshops begin at 1:30pm at Sheldon and Ruth's house.

2) Bardic Workshop: 12/7, 7:30pm at Toki's. Theme: "Akk, Filk".

3) Brewer's Guild: 12/9, 7pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Period Mixed Drinks. Contact Kelton at afisher@nycap.rr.com

4) Choir: off because Mark is out via illness.

5) Dance: Thursdays, Academy Hall, RPI. 7-9 pm until the RPI winter break on December 20. Last practices of the year will be on December 6th, 13th and 20th. Have not heard back about space.

6) Knitting: 12/30, and 1/20 at Irene's home, 1pm. See Louise for details.

7) Concordia has been invited to Aethelmearc Barony Wars on June 13-15 in Sterling Vale (near Binghamton).

Meeting closed 8:24 pm.