

Concordia of the Snows
Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2008

Meeting Open: 7:02 pm

Attendance: Toki, Angus, Ignatia, Genevieve, Judith, Ruth, Sheldon, Maeve, Lily, Louise, Alfonso, Elizabeth, Grim, Emerson, Hobbe, Heather Rose

Upcoming Meetings:

March 5 – Sage College
April 2 – Montgomery YMCA
May 7 – TBD

January minutes in the Snowflake. Accepted. [2 abstain, rest approve]
December minutes in the Snowflake. Accepted. [2 abstain, rest approve]

Officer's Reports

Arts and Sciences –

Choir practice is 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – Currently on hiatus due to poor attendance
Dance practice is Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm, Academy Hall at RPI in Troy
Bardic this Friday at Toki's
Brewers is Sunday, March 16 at 7:00 pm
Athena's Thimble at 1:30 pm on the 10th of February, March 16th – Reversible Cross Stitch, April 6th – Field Trip to Vermont needlework store
Knitters is at Irene's house in Tory at 1:00 pm on 2/17, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25 (will meet at Wars of Roses site at location TBD)
Scribal workshop at 7:00 pm on February 20th at Seamus' house at 537 Park Ave, Albany.

Chamberlain – not present, no report.

Chancellor Minor – no report.

Chatelaine – read thank you letter from Proctor's for Spamalot Demo.

Missy requesting demo in Cohoes, at school in mid-May. Event will be outside in mid-afternoon. Would like fencing, dancing, etc. (Abram Lansing School). Toki mentioned that he likes the idea of a demo at the school but it would be really hard in the middle of the day, mid week for most to attend.

Boy Scout demo, week before Pennsic, mid-week. Wednesday or Thursday. Would like to be show scout skills, games and crafts. Again mid-week a problem for most to attend and most will be out of town or prepping for Pennsic departure.

Hospitaller – not present, no report.

Chronicler – nothing to report.

Web Minister – everything is up and running on the web site; Toki and Hobbe working on Wars of Roses site

Clerk of Reservations – Brawl: The Dance of the Three Dons will be held March 15, 2008. Site Fees: A= \$7, C=\$4 ages 13-17, \$3 ages 6-12. Site and Feast Fees: A- \$14, C=\$10 ages 13-17, \$7 ages 6-12 Send reservations to Louise at 12202-1415.

Historian – Added the January 2008 issue of The Snowflake to the files.

Clerk – nothing to report.

Exchequer - \$16,345.77 balance; Committed funds for \$500 for Bermudez, \$500 for coronets; \$200 Pennsic equipment; \$119.06 Chancellor Minor; \$82.14 officers budget.

Check 1251 and 1252 are not cleared. Checks dated August 17, checks now stale, after 6 months it is a dead check. Can reverse charges later if need to. (Balance added back \$400 for outstanding checks.)

Feast of St. Nicholas - \$200 site fee, \$50 insurance; \$250 loss reported.

Final year report filed on January 22, 2008. Has a few questions from Molly, but all numbers stay the same.

Snowflake Pursuivant – Baron Angus Kerr is the newest warranted Herald in Concordia.

Knight Marshal – Decon Chatillion is now a second deputy. No fight practice February 18.

Fencing Marshal – Got the loaner gear that was previously approved. Hobbe tested it. No practice on February 18.

MOL – not present, no report.

Seneschal – there are two upcoming positions open for Chronicler, Hobbe is running again. In April, Snowflake Pursuivant, Grim is running again.

There are new regulations regarding background checks, see the Pikestaff for more information. We are using a two deep policy, two unrelated adults. In February we will roll out background check.

Question? – What is a youth archery marshal? Only matters if alone with children. Answer - there is no youth archery marshal since children under the age of 18 cannot be unaccompanied as in official policy.

Curia recap – Pennsic authorizations now have no cutoff date. You can authorize at Pennsic if you want to. Applies to heavy weapons, fencing and combat archery.

Any 16 or 17 year olds interested in heavy weapons fighting, Corwan is working on putting together a league.

Tiger of Valor is King's Order of the Valiant Tiger.

Golden Lyre takes over for Golden Tiger, again.

Post Event Wrap – none.

Upcoming Demos – Cathedral of All Saints is having a Renaissance Faire on Saturday, October 18.

Upcoming Events – Crystal Snowflake Ball, new date is April 5th. New site is St. Michael's Episcopal Church. There will be a minimum of three Brawlers, there are three dance masters lined up, cook is arranged for side board, there is no feast. Numbers are the same, the barony is at a greater financial risk with new location (previous was a per head charge, now it is a flat fee). Financial committee oked it to go ahead [5 approved].

Brawl of the Three Dons – going along well. Putting together feast, league of rapier bouts planned, Mistress Freya is coming down. One reservation received (not Freya). Looking for a crew of non fencers to help with the event. This is a great road map to allow those who partake in an activity to do it.

Wars of Roses is going well. First staff meeting already held, war points established.

Old Business – Baronial Shades: Fly, single piece of canvas, no walls, built to be added to front of canvas tent, no grommets on edges, can take to tent place for \$25 and have them added. 12x20 = \$208, 2x4 poles, 7 feet high = \$1.62 each, ropes = \$7.00; estimate = \$300. Basilica 12x18 with full walls = \$830, with poles, ropes and stakes and a possible 30% discount appropriated by the baron; estimate \$700. Old Basilica does not have walls, might also want to consider buying new walls at 18x24 total space for old Basilica. New canvas still has to be taken care of once purchased. Motioned to set aside \$900 for new Basilica [13 approve, 1 oppose, 0 abstain].

Pre-Pennsic Archery Shoot – July 19, see January minutes for details. Voted on [9 approve, 2 opposed, 3 abstain]. Concern brought up that autocrat was not present for their own vote. Also, question regarding unreturned timely receipts from previous year brought up since it is same autocrat from before. Socials – Rocky Horror Picture Show at WAMC Theater. Usually a Friday or Saturday night, delegated to Grim to research.

New Business – Angus spoke to his highness at Birka. They are trying to turn Wars of Roses back into a real war. Royals will probably be camping onsite.

Royals are excited about the 10 man melee returning, mentioning it at meetings, and will have date and time after February 23 negotiations. Trying to have each kingdom have a team. Royals will also be having one person per barony serving Concordia the day of the event. There may be issues with Tina and getting the rings made. Might need to look to other vendors or options.

Barony Wars is official. Second weekend of June (13-15). East of Binghamton in Deposit, NY. Area will be set aside for Concordia – it is at a Girl Scout camp. Permanent tents and sleeping areas are available. There will be war points for shopping, bardic, a&s, heavy weapons, siege, fencing. The baronies competing are Endless Hills, Delftwood and Concordia. Looking for a major inter-kingdom war. Baron looking for a strong Concordian representation at this event.

Pennsic – Ignatia is doing land grab this year. However, need to find someone to bring stuff down and back. Emerson brought it down and back last year. They are leaving early and can't bring back baronial stuff. Barony paid for a trailer last year. Angus will make sure stuff gets down and up will know costs for next month's meeting.

Baronial Pot Luck – move to March under old business. Angus strongly suggest Tuesday of War Week. Elizabeth will host it.

Runnymede Dinner – it has been 10 years since Concordia has hosted this event. Angus would like it to be considered at a future Pennsic.

Grand Street Community Building – Louise said it can hold an event of 100 people. There is no kitchen and it is now a vacant church, inside is being striped and renovated. Maybe we can put together a semi-social, semi-work party to go help with the site. Maybe get some people to come and help and then go out to eat later. Need to look at getting free time at site for business meetings if we help out. There is a separate space for meeting on the site. Louise will get a date set up to volunteer.

Meeting closed: 8:35 pm