

Barony Business Meeting
June 6, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:01 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Hobbe, Grim, Louise, Sheldon, Yoshitune, Lily, Ignatia, Laurencia, Emerson, James Allen, Angus, Ruth, Toki, Genevieve, Meadhbh, Deacon, Deirdre, Sean, Christi, Seamus, Nicholas, Macsen

The next meeting: July 11th - Saratoga Library *This is the second Wednesday of the month!
Aug 1st - No meeting
Sept 5th - Site TBA, tentatively Amsterdam YMCA

Minutes: May - accepted as written

Officers Reports

Arts and Sciences:

Wars of the Roses: The classes and Exhibition went well.

Report: Report to Kingdom being worked on.

Deputy: Laurencia is looking for a new deputy, someone who is interested in running for the office this fall.

Chamberlain: Inventory from Roses went to Lily's house. If you have outstanding inventory at your house that used to be at Caine's house (i.e. Not items you use for your office duties), please contact eLeri so that arrangements can be made to collect the items. We need to know what we have before we can figure out how big a storage space is needed.

Ruth: The feast drink coolers have not come back to the cooking/serving gear storage yet. So noted, they are at Lily's and will be retrieved.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. No report.

Chatelaine: Gold Key was used at Wars of the Roses. Plus, one tunic that was in Gold Key turned out to be a Lost and Found item. It is being returned to its owner.

Fashion Show: At Winter Nights in October, Genevieve will be hosting a Gold Key Fashion Show. You can either wear an item from our existing Gold Key, or make something to wear, that will then be donated to the Gold Key Collection. Prizes and categories to follow.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Nothing new to report.

Web Minister: Court reports have been added to the website. The awards list will be updated. Notify Yoshi of any changes/updates that need to be made.

Historian: Added the May, 2007 issue of The Snowflake to the files.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer:

Roses: outstanding receipts and deposit slips are needed to correct current balance.
Balance = \$8,493.74. \$119.06 encumbered to the Chancellor Minor office has reportedly been spent, but receipts not submitted yet.
Finance Committee: Discussing Officer Budgets.

Clerk of Reservations:

Wars of the Roses - 534 attendees

Sumer Archery Shoot - Send reservations to Nicholas. Site fees: Adults \$7, Age 6-17 \$6, Age under 6 is free. Rakawana members receive a \$2 discount. NMS \$3 will be charged to adult non-members.

Winter Nights - Who is the Clerk?

Knight Marshal:

Practice: Has moved outside, the site is at Collins Park, the side lawn of the Library. We will have our rain site of Mt. Pleasant School until June 22nd.

Roses: There was a limited turnout of fighters, but the fighting was good.

Fencing Marshal: Not present. Report by email to Toki.

Practice: Ditto. We have a few new fencers and fencing is going well.

Roses: Was a success, everyone had a great time and the fencing was at an astounding level.

MOL: There were five fencing and three armored tournaments held at Wars of the Roses. The new Baronial Fencing Champion is Alfonso Pontelli and the new Baronial Rattan Champion is Deacon de Chatillion. The war chests were won by Erik and Morguhn Sheridan. The Slippery Slope was won by Wyatt and Lancaster got the war point. No one survived the Survivors Tournament, so Pierre declared the war point for Lancaster. Rapiers and Roses was won by Caine Ramsey, who received the field baldachin made by Heiretha and Theiron. The Claude the Frank Memorial Tournament was won by Edvall, who received the favor, and a pole arm made by Feral. There were also Authorizations completed, five for fencing and 12 for rattan. Plus new weapons authorizations, 5 for fencing and 1 for rattan.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Report to Kingdom done.

Court reports: Feast of St. Nicholas done. Two courts held at Roses, recorded by Louise.

Seneschal:

Future Bids: Accepting bids for events to be held in January 2008.

Society Policy Change: An informal summary of the Society Seneschal policy change was presented by Emerson. Basically, the "Two Deep" rule in Children's Activities has been clarified. 2 adults, not related or living at same address, is the minimum required for any SCA sanctioned children's activity. If this number is ever decreased to one adult (there are only 2, and 1 has to escort a child back to the parents), the activity MUST STOP. It may only resume when the number of unrelated adults is back to at least two.

Roses: Thank you to the autocrats, Lily and Emerson, for a fun, uneventful event. Clean up was quick and painless. Newcomers John Harvey, Shelly and Meadhbh all pitched in to clean up the Baronial gear. Deacon helped with set-up.

Meetings: Apologies for not spreading the word about the early closure of last month's meeting site. Many items had to be tabled.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: None. Offices coming up: July: Financial Committee "At-Large" positions Three nominations received so far: Laurencia, Emerson, and Sheldon.

September: Seneschal. One nomination received so far: Toki will run for a second term.

Demos

Held: None.

Scheduled: 1) Rotterdam Library annual July demo is scheduled for July 18th. Usual fighting and fencing, rain or shine.

Proposed: 1) Duaneburg has requested a Saturday demo in July. Maybe July 7th? Interested in family oriented fare.

Events

Wars of the Roses: May 25-28, 2007

Lily needs all outstanding receipts. The event went well, Frank was happy. Post-Mortem to be scheduled.

Sumer Archery Shoot: July 14, 2007

Is Baronial Champion of Archery Tournament, as well as other shoots during the day. Plans are coming along smoothly. WoR has leftover gallons of water that can be used for the event. The new Pennsic standards will be somewhat in force. Still being worked on. Ruth and Sheldon will host a Post-Revel at their house.

Pennsic: July 27 - August 12, 2007

Daybooks: Have been offered for donation at the Pennsic Staff meeting, regional practice and Wars of the Roses. Laurencia will take some to Vinland Raids.

Concordian Encampment: The deadline is June 15th! Please contact Ignatia before pre-registering with Coopers.

Social: Tuesday, 6pm of war week. Please contact Their Excellencies with idea of what you will bring and if you have tables to share. They will have a short court there too.

Winter Nights: October 13, 2007

Going well.

Old Business

Proposed Amendments: Tackled first, since no discussion was possible last month due to time constraints. See April Snowflake for text.

1) Add refund policy to proposed bid items.

Question: Is a refund policy required by Society? No. Recommended only.

Question: What about a standard policy for the Barony? A new proposed amendment being presented tonight addresses this.

Macsen: Rather have guidelines than policy

Emerson: Default doesn't lock autocrat into unchanging refund policy. Can create & amend their own.

James Allen: If the policy changes from event to event, will it be in the event announcement? Or will the troll be harassed?

eLeri: The purpose of a refund policy is to inform potential attendees how to get their money back if they have to cancel. The event announcement is the only way to pass this information on.

Lily: Will policy bind autocrat against extenuating circumstances?

Toki: No, the proposed amendment will only be requesting a refund policy, not requiring.

Ignatia: Autocrat still decides.

Angus: Positive commentary.

Sean: Regarding autocrat autonomy, it is customary in retail for management to have the flexibility to go outside the established rules in order to satisfy the customer.

Emerson: The response for the Troll when harassed should be, "Refunds are handled through the autocrat." Overall opinion, don't agree with proposal.

Seamus: For less experienced autocrats, having this policy will be helpful.

2) Change term & election of at-large Financial Committee members

Emerson: Feels two year term consistent with other offices, & sees no need to stagger the terms. "Not broken, why change?"

Toki: There are three at-large positions, so in order to stagger them, the three year term was devised.

James Allen: This idea of staggering the terms is common practice in other groups & helps provide consistency while being able to change the committee every year.

3) Seneschal is encouraged to attend Curia Regis.

Emerson: This is redundant, it is in Kingdom Law.

Toki: It creates a list of requirements someone needs to know before running for the office.

4) Add to Exchequer - Must have internet access and email (mirrors Kingdom Law)

Emerson: Just because you have access doesn't mean it will be used or make a candidate stronger.

Hobbe: IIRC, this redundancy was to enable potential Exchequer candidates to view responsibilities in one place, instead of several.

Sheldon: In this Barony, this office uses email potentially more than others.

5) Add purpose of Policy Review Meeting

Emerson: redundancy

eLeri: current thought turned out to be different than original intent. This statement just explains the original intent.

Domesday: Not discussed.

Sideline Support: [Since this was tabled without discussion last month, I've repeated from the April minutes, the initial proposal. Clerk]

"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."

Laurencia reported that the proposed cart from Tractor Supply is \$94.98, it can haul up to 1200 pounds, is 24"x48" and has 13" diameter wheels. This cart is metal and the wheels have treads, making it easier for it to be pulled over uneven ground.

Question: Would it also be available to the fencers and archers? Can look to schedule.

Question: Can't we purchase the materials to make our own cart for cheaper than \$100, make it more period, to disassemble and pack flat? Yes, but how difficult would it be to reassemble, and use in mud and ruts?

Yoshi: Wars of Roses roads were not kind to wooden wheels or cart, so support idea to purchase.

Angus: Time and value of time is of the essence. Iron bands wheels take time, can be created at leisure, but a purchase will get what we need, now.

Motion from April was now seconded by Yoshi. Vote: 17 yea, 1 nay, 6 abstain Motion carries, moves on to Financial Committee next.

Event Bid: Last month Laurencia submitted a bid to autocrat Bjorn's Ceilidh with Meadhbh as her deputy. Date has changed to Nov 17th, the fallback date. Site is still pending response from Ukranian Club. Budget submitted reflects the \$1,000 site cost of The Cathedral of All Saints, so if we get Ukranian Club instead, the numbers will come down. Games as usual, outdoor tournaments and games if space allows. Budget for 160 attendees. \$10 off-board, \$17 on-board. \$7 and \$12 for teens, \$5 and \$8 for 6-12, under 6 free. Lilith is the potential cook, 100 for feast. Question: Is the site big enough?

Question: How will the price change, if we get cheaper site? Price won't go any higher than this, and might go lower.

Vote: 17 yea, 1 nay, 3 abstain Bid accepted by Barony, moves to Financial Committee next.

Event Bid: Last month Ignatia submitted a bid to potentially autocrat Crown Tournament. Bids to Kingdom are due by July 1st. Date is Nov 3rd. Budget for 300 attendees and 100 for feast. Cost \$7 off-board, \$15 on-board. Site is Midway Fire Department Grove and Banquet Hall in Colonie. Merchants, fighting outdoors. Feast, court indoors. More pavilion type shelters can be erected outside.

Vote: 19 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain Bid accepted by Barony. Moves to Financial Committee next, then will be submitted to Kingdom.

New Business

1) Pennsic Money: Ignatia made a motion that the Barony spend up to \$750 for transport costs and supplies for Pennsic, this year. Motion seconded by Angus. Vote: 15 yea, 5 abstain Motion passed, moves to Financial Committee next.

2) Sheldon: Found receipts for more due to Mum Sabina from Crystal Snowflake Ball. Will change the net income figures.

3) Proposed Amendment: Being read into the minutes tonight, by Toki.

“We propose that section VI. Events, subsection H, be amended to read:

H. An event bid should contain, at a minimum, the autocrat's name, potential event date(s), potential site(s), budget, supporting staff (ie. Cook, marshals, troll, etc.), proposed activities, and a refund policy. In lieu of an autocrat's refund policy we will have in effect a general Baronial

Refund Policy stating that refunds will be given by the Exchequer, when requested 24 hours in advance of the event, or if that space is purchased by someone else.

(This would protect our income and allow autocrats to add specifics pertinent to their event(s), ie. Weather, horses, etc.)

Proposed by: Lady Louise LaMotte, Lord Sheldon the Just, Lady Ruth Baraskaya, Lady Kananbala, Lady Maria von Ossenheim, Lord Hobbe Yonge”

Socials

1) Garbed Pot-Luck: Tentatively set for Sunday, August 26th, 1-9pm at the Burnt Hills Baptist Church in Burnt Hills. Room for fighting and fencing outdoors. Kitchen isn't good for cooking, but prepping and reheating is fine.

Announcements

1) Bardic Workshop: 6/8, 7:45pm at Toki's. Circle outside around fire, bring chairs and snacks if desired.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: 6/10, 7pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Ale

3) Choir: Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday, Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church.

4) Dance: Thursdays, in Room 3202 of the Student Union. 7-9pm. July 5th is in Mother's. August 2nd there is no practice.

5) Athena's Thimble: On hiatus for summer.

6) Knitting: 6/24 at Irene's home, 1pm. Will be making reliquary bags. See Lady Louise for information.

7) Nominations for Baronial Awards are next due to Their Excellencies by June 8th.

8) Archery: Every Sunday at Macsen's unless he puts word out on concordsnow list.

Meeting closed 8:57 pm.