

Barony Business Meeting  
March 7, 2007  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:05 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Toki, Genevieve, Hobbe, Grim, Louise, Sheldon, Yoshitune, Lily, Ignatia, Laurencia, Emerson, Deonna, Judith, Marie, Macsen, James Allen, Meadhbh, Deacon, Angus, Mukulaj, Lorita

The next meeting: Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Policy/Procedure Review - 5pm, Burnt Hills Baptist Church  
Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Columbia Co. Historical Society, Kinderhook  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rotterdam Library  
June 6<sup>th</sup> - Site TBA (Montgomery Co.?)  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - Saratoga Library \*This is the second Wednesday of the month!  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - No meeting

Minutes: February - Accepted with the following corrections: Delete last sentence of 2005 Report in the Exchequer report, correct spelling in Announcement#9 to nalbinding.

### **Officers Reports**

#### Arts and Sciences:

Report: Report to Kingdom has been submitted.

Wars of the Roses: The A/S Exhibition will offer Populace Choice for favorite item. Laurencia is looking for volunteers to help set up and man the tables during the exhibition.

Chamberlain: Not present. No report.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. No report

Toki reiterated last month's request: Kassir requests all autocrats to please contact her office if you would like to have Children's Activities scheduled for your event. If she does not hear from an event, she will assume that Children's Activities will not be happening.

Chatelaine: Glenn Linn thanks us for the Gold Key garb we gave them. Their collection got eaten by mice. Some of the surplus garb that wasn't quite right for Gold Key was donated to the Corinth HS production of Once upon a Mattress. They too, say thanks.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: The Exchequer Year-End Balance statement went out with the mailed issues of The Snowflake, stapled in. For the electronic Snowflake, there is a second file that is the balance statement.

Web Minister: Nothing to report.

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

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer: Balance = \$14,311.82. \$119.06 remains encumbered to the Chancellor Minor

office.

Files: The files have been transferred from Sheldon to Lily. Society rules that Exchequers keep seven years of files. For the older files (years 8-11), Lily has transferred the files to the Seneschal to review. What to go to Historian, what to shred.

Signature Authority: Our cards are up to date, with Lily, Toki, Louise and the EK Exchequer authorized.

Deputy: Alfonso has agreed to be Deputy Exchequer.

Finance Committee: Please meet at end of business meeting tonight.

#### Clerk of Reservations:

Crystal Snowflake Ball - 102 attended the event. Income was \$770. 26 paid the NMS. 5 failed to attend.

Wars of the Roses - Ignatia is now accepting reservation for this event. The fee structure is: Reservations received by May 14<sup>th</sup>: Adult \$18 weekend, \$9 day, \$3 NMS is in effect. Youth ages 6-17 \$9 weekend, \$5 day. Children under 6 are free. Family discount \$54 weekend, \$28 day. Family discount price equals the price for 2 adult members plus 2 youth. See the event announcement for definitions of Family for this discount.

Reservations received after May 14<sup>th</sup> or at the door: Adult \$20 weekend, \$10 day, \$3 NMS is in effect. Youth ages 6-17 \$10 weekend, \$5 day. Children under 6 are free. Family discount \$60 weekend, \$30 day. Ignatia has received one reservation so far, and its from Georgia!

#### Knight Marshal:

Practice: We are now fielding 8-10 fighters regularly.

There will be no practice on 4/9 and 5/28, because the school will be closed. This applies to fencing practice as well.

Next regional practice (Springfield, MA) is scheduled for 4/1.

Fencing Marshal: Not present. Report from Lily - Not much to report.

MOL: Not present. No report.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Nothing to report.

#### Seneschal:

Deputy Change: Vivant and many thanks to Alberic for serving as Deputy Seneschal to both Judith and Toki. Alberic has stepped down due to increased mundane job issues. Welcome to Ignatia, who has agreed to become the new Deputy Seneschal.

April Meeting: Ignatia will be running this meeting.

Policy and Procedure: The current approved copy can be found in the Files section of the ConCORDsnow yahoo group, or ask Toki for a copy. The review meeting is March 18, 5pm at Burnt Hills Baptist Church. In addition to reading over the P/P, Toki will be proposing some amendments.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: None. Offices coming up: April: Seeking nominations for Knight Marshal, Chamberlain, and MOL.

#### **Demos**

Held: None.

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

Proposed: 1) John Arbuth of Skidmore College has a class on Everyday Life in the Middle Ages, circa 500-1500. He is looking for volunteer presentations, his class runs 2:30 - 3:50. Contact Genevieve for details.

## **Events**

Crystal Snowflake Ball: Thank you to all who came and helped and had fun. Need remainder of site fee paid to Ukrainian Club. Site fee is a minimum, with \$50 deposit, and \$2.50/person. 95 paid attendants comes to \$237.50.

Wars of the Roses: Prizes: The materials for the boxes have been purchased.

Subautocrat Meeting: to be scheduled.

Announcement: updated announcement on EK website. Have added, Unbelted Champions practice, Central Region War Camp.

Troll: Needs volunteers.

## **Old Business**

Domesday: Not discussed.

Library: Motion to purchase software has passed the Financial Committee.

Scanner: Motion to purchase has passed the Financial Committee. A patch to work with Windows Vista is already being offered, so there shouldn't be any support problems.

Event Bid: Winter Nights bid submitted last month by Toki. Additional information: Site will be open 10am to 10pm. Question: Bardic Champions, will the current champions hold their position until October now? Yes. Question: Will this effect the Wars of Roses war point? No. Bid accepted. Moves to Financial Committee next.

Event Bid: Sumer Archery Shoot II bid submitted last month by Nicholas. Additional information: Now 40 people are anticipated, so the budget has been tweaked to increase the target budget from \$40 to \$100. There will also now be an Arts & Sciences competition with a martial theme. Bid accepted. Moves to Financial Committee next.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Socials**

Gentle's Night out was a success with 13 attending. Anyone have any other ideas for socials?

## **Announcements**

1) Bardic Workshop: 3/9, 7:30pm at Toki's. Will end early as Hrim Schola is the next day. There will be more classes and workshops there, for bardic.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: Rescheduled from 2/11 to 3/11, 6pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Mead. Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins!

3) Choir: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3/15 and 5/3 which will be in Room 3202 of the Student Union.

5) Athena's Thimble: 3/11 is project day and Hrim Schola reports at Ruth and Sheldon's from 1:30 - 4:30. 4/15 is reversible blackwork.

6) Knitting: 3/18 at Irene's home, 1pm. Finished the twined half mittens and will move on to Eleanor of Toledo stockings. See Lady Louise for information.

7) Pollings: Baronial pollings have been sent out. If you are a member of a polled order and did not receive a poll, please contact the Baroness. Responses are due by 3/23. Please continue to submit nominations!

8) April Meeting: Since Ignatia is now the Deputy Seneschal and she will be at the April meeting, she will run it.

Meeting closed 8:07 pm.

[There was ample time left over, so a Post-Meeting informal discussion was held. Here are some of the topics. - Clerk

Deacon - The Knight Marshal of Glenn Linn is relocating to Saratoga. He is looking to start a fight practice in the area, maybe at Skidmore for indoors and Congress Park for outdoors. Hopefully to start up in April. Maybe on Fridays.

Lorita - Is authorizing in Epee' this month.

Macsen - Has become EK Lt. to the Captain General of Archers. To warrant as an archery marshal, contact him. Hobbe has been warranted as an Archery Marshal. Vivant!

Pennsic - To be put onto the agenda for the April meeting. There are only a couple of spaces left in the Concordian encampment. Ignatia, Angus and Laurencia will be going down for Land Grab. Leri is the new Land Agent for With Emerson. She will be registering that group in the next week. Angus and Laurencia plan to hold a small court at Pennsic.

Barony of Concordia of the Snows  
Bi-annual Policies & Procedures Review Meeting  
March 18, 2007

Present: Toki, Ignatia, eLeri, Genevieve, Sheldon, Louise, Lily, Hobbe, Yoshi  
Absent: Angus, Laurencia, Kassir, Kananbala, Emerson, Lucia, Caine, Heather Rose, Brid,  
Grim, Deonna, Alfonso, Domhnall, Lilith

Meeting opened: 5:08pm

The Policies and Procedures manual, dated April 1, 2006, was read out loud in its entirety, by those assembled. The following were issues that were raised, during and after the reading was completed.

**Part III. L. Results of a vote shall be determined by a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.**

Issue: What if there are more than 2 candidates/possibilities, and none get a clear majority? Should we have a run-off policy? Much discussion ensued about being pro-active about this. However, in the end it was decided that we would address this at such a time as it becomes necessary to do so. Most likely with a re-vote. We often have trouble finding one candidate, let alone more than 2.

**Part IV. J. 1. a. Officers - Specific Responsibilities - Required Officers - Seneschal**

Issue: Should Curia Regis attendance be added to the Seneschal's duties? Each branch Seneschal has a seat on the Curia Regis, and is supposed to report back to the branch any changes to East Kingdom Law. Perhaps an amendment is needed to add this into the responsibilities of the Seneschal.

**Part IV. J. 1. c. Officers - Specific Responsibilities - Required Officers - Chancellor of the Exchequer**

Issue: East Kingdom now requires all branch exchequers to have email and internet access, which can be through the library if necessary. Should we restate this in our P/P? This was a very important change to the Kingdom Exchequer Policy and might effect the choice someone makes to run for the office. Yes, it should be restated in our P/P.

**Part V. Finances**

Issue: The current method for selecting the "at-large" members of the Financial Committee involves a potential turn-over of all members at once, reducing the ability of the committee to function smoothly. Also, the process is not clear. A two year term is specified, but not how many terms, or when to change them. Perhaps an amendment is needed to clarify this.

Issue: Should a default branch refund policy be added here? Does East Kingdom Law or the Kingdom Exchequer's Policy require this? Not as of the latest published Law and Policy. Sheldon will look through old list discussions. Should guidelines toward creating refund policies be added to the Autocrat Handbook instead of making a policy?

**Part VI. Events**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sentence: For the purposes of these policies, events are defined as activities which are listed in the Pikestaff and/or The Snowflake, as an event.**

Issue: This doesn't mention if an event is planned so late that it only makes it onto the EK website. Would there ever be an instance where it wouldn't make it into The Snowflake, if only as an entry in the regularly scheduled business meeting minutes? Why is this sentence here? Insurance? Membership definition found in Part II? Toki will look into the insurance question.

#### **VI. C. Traditional events and their customary dates are as follows:**

Issue: Should Winter Nights be added to this list, since Baronial Bardic Champions Competition will be held there this year? It has only been held one year so far, and although Their Excellencies have requested that Their Bardic Champion be chosen at it, perhaps its not a tradition until its done more regularly.

#### **VI. H. An event bid should contain, at a minimum, the autocrats name, potential events date(s), potential site(s), budget, supporting staff (i.e. cook, marshals, troll, etc.) and proposed activities.**

Issue: The discussion about a refund policy actually started here. There has been confusion at some recent events about refunds, either site or feast. Sometimes the autocrat has been aware of these questions, but not always. If a refund policy, created by the autocrat, were to be requested as part of an event bid, the Barony will function more smoothly at events, and not potentially look foolish to our guests.

### **Part VII. Baronial Functions**

#### **A. Meetings.**

##### **3. Policy Review Meetings**

Issue: The purpose of these meetings is not discussed in the P/P. This has caused some confusion in the Barony regarding what to do at these meetings. Perhaps a sentence should be added before "a." to explain.

### **Part IX. Awards and Polled Orders**

Issue: There was some confusion over which Awards are Precedence Bearing Awards. Our Founding Baron made the Order of the Silver Snowflake a Precedence Bearing Award. Our second Baron and Baroness did not make or elevate any existing Awards to Precedence Bearing. Will check with our third Baron and Baroness to see if They did.

Meeting Closed: 7:40pm