

Barony Business Meeting
October 3, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:05 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Hobbe, Grim, Yoshitune, Lily, Ignatia, Emerson, Toki, Meadhbh, Louise, Deonna, Genevieve, Dave, James Allen, Heather Rose, Jacqueline, Fergal, Macsen.

The next meeting: Nov 7th - Schenectady Library
 Dec 5th - The home of Sheldon and Ruth
 Jan 2nd - TBA

Minutes: September - accepted as written

Officers Reports

Arts and Sciences:

Deonna has agreed to be interim officer until the November election. She is not running for the office.

Crown Tournament: Deonna encouraged displays of heraldry and colors. Also looking for entertainers for throughout the day. See her if you are interested.

Chamberlain: Dismantled old list ropes, keeping the pennants and tossing the rotting twill tape. Will get new tape to remake. Sent request to Earl Marshal for size of lists for Crown. Also sent request to EK Chamberlain to see if anything in regalia (not at Pennsic) could be used to spruce up the event site.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. Report from Seneschal.

Kassir has decided to step down before the end of her term. Her deputies have been notified. Not sure at this point if either have expressed interest in running for office.

Chatelaine: Contact Genevieve if you want to model garb that is already in Gold Key, for the Gold Key Fashion show to take place at Winter Nights. Donations are needed in women's underdresses, men's pants and older children's clothes.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Nothing new to report.

Web Minister: Nothing new to report.

Historian: Added the September, 2007 issue of The Snowflake and the Pennsic article printed in the Newcastle, PA newspaper, to the files.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer:

Sumer Archery event: Request to submit report to Kingdom as is, with amendments to come later as any receipts might get turned in. Its now three months past the event date. Agreed.

Pennsic: Still being processed. Looks like last of receipts submitted tonight.

Finance Committee: Approved Pennsic equipment purchase. Approved \$500 to Incipient Shire de Bermudez, once they get official status.

Balance = \$14,895.67. \$119.06 still encumbered to the Chancellor Minor office. Committed funds are: \$2,000 for inventory storage, \$500 for new Leather Coronets, and \$100 for officer budgets.

Inventory: The medical kit, Autocrat Box, 3 coolers and the archery stands/foam/targets all still signed out to Nicholas.

Clerk of Reservations:

Winter Nights - Site Fees: \$9 adult member, \$6 age 13-17, \$4 age 6-12, under 6 free. NMS \$3 in effect. Additional fees for Feast: \$7 adult, \$6 age 13-17, \$4 age 6-12, under 6 free.

Fall Crown Tournament - Reservations to be sent to Ignatia, not Louise. Deadline is 10/25. Site Fees: \$7 adult member, \$4 age 6-17, under 6 free. NMS \$3 in effect. Additional fees for Feast: \$8 adult, \$5 age 6-17, under 6 free. Limit for feast is 100.

Bjorn's Ceilidh - Site fees: \$10 adult, \$7 age 13-17, \$5 age 6-12, under 6 free. NMS \$3 in effect. Additional fees for Feast: \$7 adult, \$5 age 13-17, \$3 age 6-12, under 6 free.

Knight Marshal: Not present. Report from Yoshi.

Practice: Indoor site still being worked on. 10/8 is a holiday, so practice would be outdoors anyway.

Fencing Marshal:

Practice: Sundays, 5-8pm, until move to indoor site.

MOL:

Crown: As soon as deadline for Letters of Intent is passed, will request list of combatants, to work on Crown List.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Nothing new to report.

Seneschal:

Officers: Those without deputies should really find them. Be available as a resource (also, Concordians - use officers as a resource!). Work to have all Concordians volunteers their talents.

Mentoring/New Activity: support new people to learn the jobs of officer, autocrat, sub-autocrat.

Looking to hold an Autocrat University as a way to let people see what it takes to run an event, run part of an event, work behind the scenes in the administration area of an event.

Meeting Sites: Always looking. Please contact Toki if you have a potential site.

Future Bids: May is only 7 months away. Looking for late spring, early summer bids now.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: None. Offices coming up: November: Arts & Sciences (have received one nomination from Elizabeth Greenleaf), Historian (Louise is running again) and Clerk (Leri is not running again. Nominations being sought.) December: One at-large member of the Financial Committee (have received one nomination from Ignatia).

Demos

Held: None.

Scheduled: None.

Proposed: None.

Events

Winter Nights: October 13, 2007

Site is St. Michael's Episcobel Church in Colonie. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down and kitchen. In addition to Bards, Bards, Bards, there will be a "Bard-Free" sewing circle, and the Gold Key Fashion Show. A short Baronial Court will be held after the Bardic Circle to announce the new Baronial Bardic Champion.

Crown Tournament Bid: November 3, 2007

Site is Midway Fire Department and Banquet Hall in Colonie. Volunteers are needed for set up and tear down. Some set up may occur on Friday, if you can volunteer then. Otherwise, set up starts at 8am, site opens at 10am. Their Royal Majesties have agreed that archery may take place at the event. Nicholas to run. Deonna is taking care of entertainment. Jolanna is the merchant liaison. Tokens are being spear-headed by Fergal. CIC is Elizabeth Reed (EK Chirurgeon). Volunteers interested in serving at feast should contact Lorita. She would like to be able to meet before the feast or organize. The feast hall will host two officer meetings during the day. A Seneschal's meeting and an Exchequer Training. The schedule from His Majesty is Court at 4pm and Feast at 6pm. This site has two kitchens so lots of volunteers are needed for both sideboard (contact Mum Sabina) and feast (contact Deirdre).

Bjorn's Ceilidh: November 17, 2007

Site is Ukranian Club in Cohoes. Plans proceeding well. Traditional games of Sheep Toss, Haggis Hurl, Arm Wrestling, Kuub, to be joined by an Armored Pas, and Fencing Tournament. Also in schedule is a Bardic Circle, Court, Auction and feast. See announcement for more information.

Old Business

Proposed Amendment: Read at the June business meeting. See July Snowflake for exact wording. Last month of discussion, then vote. Yea-5, Nay-9, Abstain-3. Failed.

Event Bid: Brawl - The Dance of the Three Dons, March 15, 2008. Site is Ukranian Club, ok to fence indoors. Would submit event announcement to Aestel, to see if Aethelmearc fencers are interested. Toki to autocrat, Caine to be his deputy and liaison to the fencing. Cook is Mum Sabina. Site open 10am to 10pm. This is a new event, so budget made on extrapolation of numbers. 48 for feast. 65 overall for day. Site fees: Adult \$7.00, Youth 13-17 \$4.00, Children 6-12 \$3.00, and under 6 are free. \$3 NMS in effect. Feast Fees: Adult \$7.00, Youth 13-17 \$6.00, Child 6-12 \$4, under 6 free. Projected income = \$721.00 Projected expense = \$720.00
Vote: Bid Approved. Moves to Financial Committee next.

Event Bid: Crystal Snowflake Ball, February 23, 2008. Site is Ukranian Club. Grim to autocrat, Collwen as deputy. Brother Antonello is the cook for the sideboard. No feast. Proposed Site Fees: Adult \$8.00, Youth 13-17 \$4.00, Child 6-12 \$3.00, under 6 free. \$3 NMS in effect. Bhakaili Branslers are tentatively scheduled. Sending out feelers to Dance Masters. Question: Only \$25 budgeted for prizes. Looking for donations? Agreed to increase Prize budget to \$100. Vote next month.

Event Bid: Feast of St. Nicholas, December 15, 2007. Site is St. Michael's Episcobel Church. This is a free event, with donations accepted to help cover the \$300 site fee. Feast is Pot Luck. Traditional games to be played. Short Baronial Court. Baron Angus to autocrat.

Vote: Bid approved.

New Business

1) Event Bid: Wars of Roses XXVIII. May 23-26, 2008. Toki to autocrat. Deputies are Deacon and Meadhbh. Working on getting someone to run troll.

Discussion of budget - costs to amend include increase for van rental, archery supplies need to be added, will there be site tokens?, and recommendation to increase prize budget to \$400. Toki will re-work costs and Barony will vote on bid next month.

2) Royal Request: The Royal Travel Fund is very low. Baron Angus reported to Toki that His Majesty is asking Baronies to donate. Baron Angus proposes Concordia donate \$200, and he has challenged the rest of the Baronies to match this. Lots of discussion. Macsen moved to approve the donation of \$200. Second by Toki. Vote: Yea-12, Nay-2, Abstain-4. Approved. Moves to Financial Committee next.

3) Consort Roses: At some Crown Tournaments, Her Majesty hands out roses to the consorts of the combatants. Rather than have Her transport dozens of roses up to the site, Leri proposes that the Barony purchase these roses for Her. Sean mentioned that silk roses might be cheaper, and what colors would Her Majesty want? She would be asked before the purchases would be made. Leri made a motion to spend up to \$200 to purchase roses for Her Majesty to give to the consorts. Second by Lily. Vote: Yea-13, Nay-2, Abstain-1. Approved. Moves to Financial Committee next.

Socials

1) Garbed Pot-Luck: October 28th, 2-8pm 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. Can hold dancing in hall, too. Garb encouraged, but not mandatory to participate.

Announcements

1) Bardic Workshop: 10/12, 7:30pm at Toki's. Circle outside around fire, as long as weather holds, bring chairs and snacks if desired. Theme: Steal someone else's piece and perform it.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: 12/9, 7pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: TBA. Contact Kelton at afisher@nycap.rr.com

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

4) Dance: Thursdays, Academy Hall, RPI. 7-9pm. See Sheldon for details.

5) Athena's Thimble: 10/21, 1:30pm at Sheldon and Ruth's house.

6) Knitting: 10/28, 11/11, and 12/30 at Irene's home, 1pm. See Louise for details.

7) Organ Concert: 10/6, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7:30pm. Free.

8) Fergal is available to teach knife making. Contact him to schedule.

Meeting closed 8:57 pm.