

Barony Business Meeting
September 5, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:10 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Hobbe, Grim, Sheldon, Yoshitune, Lily, Ignatia, Emerson, Angus, Ruth, Toki, Meadhbh, Louise, Deonna, Alfonso, Genevieve, Dave, Connie.

Welcome again to newcomers Dave Ogsbury and Connie Carter, and kudos for making the trip up to Hagaman!

The next meeting: Oct 3rd - Jonesville Methodist Church (tentative)
 Nov 7th - Schenectady Library (pending confirmation)
 Dec 5th - Albany area, site TBA

Minutes: July - 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.

Chamberlain: Nothing new to report.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. No report.

Chatelaine: Nothing new to report.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Nothing new to report.

Web Minister: Nothing new to report.

Historian: Added the July and August, 2007 issues of The Snowflake to the files.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer:

Roses: Final event report submitted. Net income = \$2,508.01 + \$13 misc donation to the Barony.

Mid-Year Report: Filed. Caught double booking of NMS for Crystal Snowflake Ball. Alters the final report for that event. Now net income = \$30.76

Sumer Archery event: \$260.00 income. So far \$52 paid to site. Need rest of receipts to finish report.

Pennsic: Need receipt for the sideline support purchases. Received \$56 in donations for the Pennsic Day Books.

Crown Tourney: Sheldon, as regional deputy Exchequer, is looking to hold Exchequer Review

and Training at his house during the event.

Finance Committee: Kingdom approved the use of the new members names on the Mid-Year report, as they are they committee "going forward" from this point.

Officers Budgets were passed: Rather than separate officer budgets, with the associated reporting requirements, an overall \$100 was committed for all officers to use for small office expenses.

Larger expenses will still be reported directly to the Barony Business Meeting. The printing and postage already approved for the Chronicler's office is not part of this budget, because it was approved before the budget went into place.

Balance = \$15,160.13. \$119.06 encumbered to the Chancellor Minor office has reportedly been spent, but receipts not submitted yet. Committed funds are: \$750.00 for Pennsic (need receipts!), \$2,000 for inventory storage, \$1,000 for new Leather Coronets, and \$100 for officer budgets.

Coronets: After a report on the progress and projected cost for the coronets, a motion was made to reduce the amount of committed funds for this project from \$1,000 to \$500. Motion passed.

Bank Account: Deposit slips will be ordered.

Clerk of Reservations:

Sumer Archery Shoot - Income was \$260. 43 gentles attended.

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:

Practice: Holiday practice at Angus' lightly attended. Indoor practice site permission form signed by Toki, will be submitted by Yoshi. Until then, practice is still outdoors in Scotia.

Fencing Marshal:

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

Quite a few new fencers are showing up, off-setting the loss of some of the regulars.

MOL:

Pennsic: Leri helped to run the Ealdomere Unbelted Champion 15 man melee tournament. Lily ran the East Kingdom Youth Combat Tournament. Both were enjoyed by all who participated.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Nothing new to report.

Baron: Discussed Laurencia stepping down as Baroness and moving out of Barony, what effect this will have on barony.

Seneschal:

Officers: If you cannot make it to the monthly business meeting, please make sure you email your report, so that it can be read out at the meeting. Even if you have nothing new to report, send an email to that effect. Thank you.

Future Bids: We are 8 months out from Wars of Roses. Time to think about autocratting, ask questions of former Roses autocrats. Now accepting bids for events in March and April.

Office Vacancies: There are three vacancies to be filled as a result of Baroness Laurencia

moving out of the Barony. Deonna has agreed to be the interim Arts & Sciences officer, but she is not running for the office when the term ends in November. Ignatia has been appointed to the Financial Committee for a period of three months, to give time for our regular election process to run. Nominations for both positions are currently being accepted. Lastly, Laurencia was the autocrat of Bjorn's Ceilidh. Her deputy autocrat, Meadhbh, has agreed to step up to autocrat. Potential Incipient Shire: To be discussed under new business.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: Seneschal - One nomination received, from Toki. No vote needed, Toki will take a second term. Vivat! Offices coming up: November: Arts & Sciences, and Historian December: One at-large member of the Financial Committee

Demos

Held: No report on July 18th library demo.

Scheduled: None.

Proposed: None.

Events

Sumer Archery Shootoe: Not present. No wrap up report.

Winter Nights: October 13, 2007

Site is St. Michael's Episcobel Church in Colonie. The site deposit has been submitted and the insurance certificate has been ordered. In addition to Bards, Bards, Bards, there will be a "Bard-Free" sewing circle, and the Gold Key Fashion Show.

Crown Tournament Bid: November 3, 2007

Site is Midway Fire Department and Banquet Hall in Colonie. The event announcement is out on the EK website. The site deposit has been submitted and the insurance certificate has been received. Site is open 10-10, with set-up beginning at 9am. So far, there are 16 reservations that are either paid or comps, and one verbal reservation from Bermuda.

Bjorn's Ceilidh: November 17, 2007

Site is Ukranian Club in Cohoes. The event announcement has been written. We are able to rent the outdoor area of the Pavilion for only an extra \$50, so we have covered space for outdoor activities. Perhaps a Bardic circle in the evening. Site is open 10-10. Set-up time TBD.

Old Business

Proposed Amendment: Read at the June business meeting. See July Snowflake for exact wording. Second month of discussion.

No additional comments made.

New Business

1) Crystal Snowflake Ball: Grim is working on a bid to hold this annual event in late February or early March.

2) Event Bid: Toki submitted a bid to autocrat a new event, "Brawl - Dance of the Three Dons" on March 15, 2008. A fencing event. Proposed site is the Ukranian Club. Mum Sabina is the Cook. Projected attendance is 65 on site, 48 for feast. Proposed pricing is: Adult member: On-Board \$14, Off-Board \$7. \$3 NMS in effect. Youth 13-17: On-Board \$10, Off-Board \$4. Child 6-12: On-Board \$7, Off-Board \$3. Under age 6 is free.

3) Sponsorship Request: The folks from Bermuda who camp with us at Pennsic have contacted the East Kingdom Seneschal about becoming an incipient Shire of the East. Edward's advice to them was to find a sponsoring group. So, we have been asked to be their sponsor. Some discussion of what this would entail followed. Topics included mentoring, resources, reporting. In the past we have loaned money as a start up fund, with repayment before the group moves out of incipiency. A motion was made to: When incipiency is granted to Shire de Bermudez, Concordia will loan \$500 US, to be paid back without interest at the time that full status is approved. **Motion passed.**

4) Pennsic Equipment: Leri stated that there are several items that the Barony needs and uses at Pennsic, but does not own. They are: Shovel, hand saw, sledgehammer (for portable holes, etc), 100 feet of industrial hose, hose nozzle with on/off, and a Y-connector with vacuum. A motion was made to allot up to \$200 to purchase the above, along with a container to keep them in (or at least keep the hose in). **Motion passed.**

Socials

1) Garbed Pot-Luck: Rescheduled from August to 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.

2) St. Nick's Social: Angus looking for a site. Prospective dates are December 1, 8, or 15. Games, food, small court, and more.

Announcements

1) Bardic Workshop: 9/7 (first Friday), 7:30pm at Toki's. Circle outside around fire, as long as weather holds, bring chairs and snacks if desired. Theme: Polish a piece.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: 9/30, 6pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Brewing ale that has been under discussion.

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: Have tentatively set 10/14 or 10/21 as date to start up again.

6) Knitting: 9/23 and 10/28, at Irene's home, 1pm. Will be making stockings and twining. See Lady Louise for information.

7) Fall Thyng: 9/21 - 9/23 in Duanesburg. See Toki for details.

8) Arts/Sciences: Deonna will not be able to make it to business meetings, so please contact her with projects you've been working on so that she can include them in her quarterly report to Kingdom.

9) The awards lists have been updated on the website.

Meeting closed 8:54 pm.