

## Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting June 2, 2005 Minutes

The June, 2005 meeting was held on June 2 at Alice Leber's house.

In attendance were: Diana Troxell (Duchessa Diana Alene Tregirste); Gene Troxell (Baron Hrolfr Hrafnsen); Alice Leber (Lady Bronwen Rose of Greyling); Kandy Fling (Lady Elizabet Marshall), Sam White (Lord Samuel de Bianco); David Szent-Györgyi (Lord Kolozsvári Árpád); Julia Szent-Györgyi (Lady Kolosvari Arpadne Julia); Martha Palotoy (Lady Palotzi Marta); Arlyn Bell; Mike Knauer (Lord Michel Wolffauer); Marcus Johnson (Lord Gavan MacBane); Alison Choyce (Lady Alison Wodehalle); Steven Choyce (Steuens de Sheffield); Bethany Oesting (Lady Doucette de Verdun); Robin Leber (Lady Avice of Greyling); Lee Ann Posavad (Baroness Rainillt Leia de Bello Marisco); Sheree Krasley (Baroness Brynn Eilionoir nic Neachdainn); Dennis Higgins (Lord Finn Finnegan O'Flynn), Sean Powell (Lord Sion ap Llyelwyan), Eliz Ives (Lady Elizabeth of Rivenstar), Bill Stout (Lord Veljahelm), Denise Stout (Lady Katerina La Bisbetica), Ariel Leber (Lady Zoe the Chatoyant), Amy Knauer (Lady Violet Coleson), Sandra Stephens (Lady Sabatina da Valle); Rick Greene (Lord Tomas Wormwood), George Tolton (Lord Georg Koopman), Triste Elliott (Dame Cateline la souriete); John Elliott (Lord John FitzArnulf de Lithia); Becki Lanigan (Lady Lilia de Vaux); Dave Weiner (Robin Gallowglass), Penny Troxell (Lady Helena Hrolfsdottir), Ann Golian Weiner (Lady Shannon Gallowglass), Sean Bowles (Lord Liam O'Cormick).

The agenda was introduced and agreed upon. (Copy attached)

### Demos

June 4: Sean is the coordinator for West Chester Public Library, taking place 10-2. Sean reported on the plans and listed items/areas still in need. Volunteers spoke up.

June 16: Upper Perkiomen. Mike K. is the coordinator and is in the planning stage. He has several volunteers lined up.

June 18: Tredyffryn Library. This demo coincides with Landsknecht, so fighters may be a problem. Julia suggested that an A&S presence may still be possible. More discussion will take place on the on-line discussion board.

June 25: Norristown. Mike and Lee Ann are the coordinators. Sean asked what kind of demonstrators are wanted. Denise (who is the library contact for this demo) said that they would like all types, fighters, A&S, etc. She also placed a request to borrow board games both for this and for a game day at a later date; she will coordinate with Mike.

June 27: Easttown library. Mike K. is the coordinator and is in the planning stage. He expects to have received information from contact at the library this week.

Overall: Specifics and discussion will take place on the on-line bulletin boards. People without access to those should contact the appropriate coordinators.

Discussion of the July, August and later demos was tabled for the July meeting, other than to encourage people to sign up on the boards.

## **Officer Openings**

Policy: Diana stated the current policy regarding officer openings: The Shire meeting is the official forum for officers to announce intention to resign, that they are looking for deputies, etc. Following an announcement, a month is allowed for people to express interest to the announcing officer, and for all those to discuss it. Then they (announcing officer and the person(s) interested in the position) come to the Shire meeting for discussion/approval. This has been the policy by practice, not a written policy.

Demo Chatelaine: This position was created for Osgrim, it is not necessary to re-fill it. At this time, no one has expressed an interest in taking the position. Denis expressed that his wife (Mary Higgins) may be interested, but not until the fall. It was decided to leave this position open for the time being.

A&S: Sheree K. gave a run down of the requirements for the position. As a part of this discussion, it was discussed that the Demos are reported by several of the officers to their Kingdom superiors (A&S, Knight Marshall, Seneschal).

Liz and Gavin have both expressed an interest; and would work together either as co-ministers or one the minister and one a deputy. After discussion, it was decided by hand vote that they will be co-ministers of A&S. Liz asked that if anyone is interested in a deputy position at any time, he or she should approach one or the other of them.

Chatelaine: Becki L. is stepping down as earlier announced. She described the duties. Alison has expressed an interest in the position. Lee Ann noted that she remains “drop dead” deputy, though she cannot step into the position because of residency. By hand vote Allison was confirmed. She and Becki will work out timing and details.

Chirurgion: [Robin] noted that the position of Chirurgion is open for the Shire, necessitating obtaining coverage for events where there is fighting. Since he is already a warranted Chirurgion, he offered to fill the position on the Shire’s roster. By hand vote, this was accepted.

Scribe: The new position of Scribe was discussed. The specific duties are to take and disseminate minutes of official meetings (meetings at which decisions will be made), specifically Shire meeting and specific event planning meetings. There was some discussion of the method of dissemination of minutes. The specific methods were tabled until discussion of communications, and by verbal agreement, will probably be worked out on an ongoing basis.

Kandy F. has expressed an interest. It was noted that another person had expressed an interest on the email list, but he was not present.

By hand vote, Kandy F. was selected as Scribe, with Marti as Deputy.

## **AFIL&W Debrief:**

Reports were made regarding several areas (Fighting, Fencing, Archery, Troll, A&S, Merchants, the History Quiz, Communications (voice heraldry and booklet), Hall Steward,

Liaison with Boy Scouts, Chiurgeon, Cooks). On each area discussion was held regarding what was good and what needs improvement. (The scribe has more complete notes, available on request.) Further discussion of all points was tabled to the AFIL&W Debrief/first planning meeting, scheduled for June 29 at Alice L's house.

**Green Lane :**

Discussion was tabled for the July shire meeting and the planning meeting. The planning meeting was scheduled for July 17 at Alison's (the autocrat for the event/demo) house.

**Schola**

Discussion was tabled to July meeting

**Selection of Officers:**

Discussion was tabled to July meeting. Diana handed out a summary of the April shire meeting discussion (copy attached).

**Communications**

Discussion was tabled to July meeting.

**July Meeting** Will be July 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Knauers'.

Respectfully submitted, Kandy Fling and Marti Palotay

## Agenda – June Shire Meeting

### Demos:

June – sign up and discuss

July – review list and sign up on boards

August – likewise

### Officer Openings:

Mistress/Master of Arts & Sciences

Chatelaine – newcomers/hospitality

Chatelaine – demos

### New Office:

Scribe: Responsibilities

Volunteers

### AFILW XIII Debrief:

What went right? Suggestions for improvements?

Each person will discuss briefly their area, with comments from group.

Schedule formal debrief for staff

Schedule first planning meeting for next year (July)

### New Events:

Green Lane Demo

Book of Days/Anniversary Event (Shire historian)

Schola

### Other business:

### Policy and Procedures:

Comments on officer selection by persons not at April

Shire Meeting

Communications

## Selection of officers

Announcement of openings in officer positions must be made at a shire meeting. Once such an announcement has been made persons interested in that job should contact the officer before the next shire meeting to indicate their interest in the position.

The outgoing officer, or seneshal if necessary, will meet with the candidates after the second shire meeting to determine their basic qualifications and whether all the candidates can be accommodated in some manner.

Approval of new officers must then come before the third shire meeting, or resolution of conflicts if agreements are not reached. The seneshal signs all official officer paperwork as a guarantor of the consensus of the group.

Information on the available position and the change in officers shall be communicated to the shire in whatever other manner is directed, such as publication on website, publication in Herald, publication of shire meeting notes and announcement in the listserv.

Suggested change to this procedure would include a three year term length for positions. Details on this have not been worked out. In addition, it has been suggested that persons new to the shire, members for less than a year, not serve in a position except as deputy for their first six months. Current officer holders are welcome to continue in their position if they are interested.

Consensus of the April Shire Meeting was 1) officers should be selected by consensus whenever possible; 2) elections are to be avoided; 3) term limits are a bad idea; and 4) term lengths might be okay with above stipulations.