

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting September 1, 2005. Minutes

In attendance were: Elizabet Marshall, John Marshall, Michel Wolffauer, Finn Finnegan O'Flynn, Arlyn Bell, Diana Alene, Alison Wodehalle, Shannon Gallowglass, Robin Gallowglass, Samuel Dibianco, Aislinn Ysobel d' Argentan, Khadija bint 'abd al-Rahman, Erik, Sion ap Llyelwyan, Elizabeth of Rivenstar, Tomas Wormwood, Gavan MacBane, Talan Gwyllt, Brynn nic Neachdainn, Stevn de Sheffield, Magnus Sigurdsson, Areusa Salvadorez, Georg Koopman, Palotzi Marti, Kolosvari Arpadne Julia, Kolozsvari Árpád. *(Note that the attendance list is offered in the order the attendance sheet was signed. Only SCA names are given, where available. Reference to people in these minutes will be by their most common name. A more formal list of names or clarification is available upon request. As always, the Secretarie apologizes for any incorrect spellings and welcomes corrections.)*

**I. Officer Reports**

A. Exchequer

Efforts continue to get the Games & Galliards site deposit back. The current plan is to attend one of the breakfasts held at the site, where most members will be attending.

The current bank balance is \$7875.04; total assets \$9094.51.

B. Newsletter

Kathy was unable to attend. She provided her report through Mike. The next issue of the "Herald" will be the Pennsic issue. Submissions are sought regarding this recently passed Pennsic as well as Pennsics of the past.

Shannon will provide information regarding disaster relief donation agencies.

C. Secretarie

Three corrections were made to the minutes and, as revised, they were approved. Approval was expressed for the format of keeping items of business together, even when the discussion may have taken place at different times of the meeting. This format will continue.

D. Arts & Sciences

Gavan reported that there was A&S at Pennsic. The displays at the Barn were "incredible." Gavan asked that those in charge of recent demos provide him and/or Liz with information regarding the A&S that occurred at the demos for their report.

Liz also reported that she hopes to begin a sewing night. It would primarily be a "bring projects and socialize" gathering. She initially suggested Friday nights. Through discussion, this would conflict with both Newcomers Fridays (to which Alison intends to encourage people to bring projects and socialize), and with Dance (which Diana hopes to increase to weekly (see below). Following discussion of available days,

Liz and Sion indicated that the gatherings would be on Sundays, will include open shop, and will be as announced on the email list.

E. Thrown Weapons

Thrown weapons practice will resume soon. Not on 9/6, but probably the following week. Gavan will update on the email list.

F. MOL

There has been no activity for MOL report.

G. Accessibility

There has been no call on the Accessibility office.

H. Chirurgion

Robin reported that he worked at Pennsic and no one was hurt on his watch.

I. Chatelaine

Lilia was unable to attend. Her report was read and opened for discussion by Finn:

Next Newcomers meeting will be Friday, September 2 at Lilia's house. Alison will host the October meeting.

The change over of officer will be after the third quarter report is filed. Lilia will have the letter ready for signature for the October meeting so that it may be submitted with the report.

The Demos all went very well. Lilia thanks the Shire for their support.

There is a potential Demo for September 17 and/or 18 at the Sebastian Riding School. Lilia continues to wait for a call back to determine what the group is looking for. She has made several attempts at contact. There was some discussion about this possible Demo. Concern was expressed about the lack of information and the shortness of time. It was decided that if they are simply looking for some people to attend for flavor, there may be members who can help with that, but that if they are looking for a full-blown demo, we will extend our regrets that we will not be able to assemble such in the time available.

The Delaware Valley Mensa group is also looking for presenters for their gathering on October 15 with the theme "It's Medieval." They are looking for individuals to make presentations. Arlyn was able to provide additional information as to what the coordinator of this meeting is looking for. Primarily, individual presenters are

sought. There is information on the Shire message board if any individuals are interested in contacting the group to provide a presentation.

Burkhardt has also provided information regarding another demo request. This one is from the Pottstown Lions for October 19 and would be a “standard” demo. More information is needed and Alison will contact him.

J. Herald(s)

Alison sent two more submissions in the last couple of months. Julia had nothing to report.

K. Dance

Diana has noted that there are five months a year that at least one of the two practices is cancelled due to event or other conflicts. She would like to take the practices to being scheduled for once a week, with cancellation as required by conflicts. This would ensure at least two practices each month, even those months when there are conflicts. She will contact the site to determine if this is possible. Details will be announced.

L. Fencing

Marie was unable to attend. Tomas reported for her that practice has started again on Monday nights at the same time and location as heavy weapons practice. There will be no practice on Labor Day.

M. Heavy Weapons

There will be no practice on Labor Day. Practices will resume the following week.

N. Web Minister

Talan had nothing to report.

**II. New Business**

A. Disaster Relief

Shannon, as Kingdom Chronicler, has been assembling information regarding places to donate to disaster relief. She provided a list of people who are individually collecting donations.

Finn reminded the group that as a Shire, we can only donate to 501(c)(3) organizations, not to any individuals specifically. Personal donations that do not go through Shire accounts may be used to aid targeted individuals.

Mike recommended an organization which focuses on distributing needed medications. He noted that this organization has a very high percentage of donations go to relief.

It was asked if a box can be set up, for instance, at Green Lane, to accept donations. It can be done. It must designate that it is going to Katrina Relief. Again, if the funds collected in this manner are to go through the Shire, they must go to a 501(c)(3) organization.

Following further discussion regarding possibilities for disaster relief donations, both as a Shire and as individuals, it was moved that the Shire approve a sum. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The sum of \$1000 was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Shire policy, this expenditure would normally wait for next month for ratification, however, because of the emergent nature of this need, it was agreed that this falls under the clause in the (soon to be ratified) Statement of Purpose that "emergencies can come up and Shire officers may act accordingly." Therefore, the information will be posted to the email list, with a request for comments by Thursday, September 8. Following that time, and barring opposition, the donation will be deemed approved and will be sent.

B. Possible Workshop

Aislinn has noted an interest among Shire members in spinning and would like to host a workshop. She will post to the list seeking input on timing.

**III. Official Notice**

Pursuant to Shire policy, official notice was given that the following offices are open for selection this year: Seneschal; Knight-Marshal; Minister of A&S; Chatelaine; Chirurgeon; Fencing Marshal; Demo Coordinator; Domesday Editor; Accessibility Porter.

It was noted that some of these positions have only recently been filled. Finn suggested that this would be a good time for the new holders of those positions to make a presentation at the November meeting (when candidates would normally make presentation) regarding their thoughts and plans for the office.

All those interested in being a candidate for the above positions must make their interest known to the Shire at or before the October Shire business meeting.

**IV. Events**

A. Green Lane

Green Lane is September 10-11, 2005. Alison is the Autocrat. She reported on her plans to be at the site early on Friday morning, September 9 to mark our area. She

hopes to be there before the merchants arrive and begin to set up so that we will have sidewalk frontage. Per her contact, the merchants are simply told to set up “in that area” so she hopes to beat them.

There was general discussion of details for the event

B. Schola

Brynn reminded that there will not be a Schola this year, possibly there will be one next year. Elizabet reported that she had contact with one of the people from the church (on an un-SCA related matter), and learned that the church was very happy with us and we are encouraged to approach them for a date next year earlier in the year.

C. Spring Event.

Neither Sabatina nor Bethany were in attendance. Finn gave a short report regarding the discussion about the possible spring event from the August meeting. Mike passed on that Sabatina and Bethany do not have an official proposal yet and are still interested in hearing from possible cooks.

D. Alles Fair

Diana reported that the early plans for Alles Fair continue. Finn reported that Margarete will be one of the autocrats. Diana reported that someone is still needed to run troll, and that there are other positions open. She expects that there will be an announcement to circulate for approval soon. She expects to call a staff meeting in the fall.

E. General

There was a general discussion of ideas for events. Alison reported regarding information she has obtained at the college where Steven works. She is interested in doing a novice schola at that site.

Brynn reported that the Kingdom A&S Minister asked about the possibility of the Shire finding a site for another Fields of Gold event. Brynn will follow up on determining what is sought.

V. Calendar

Mike reported that the website calendar is up to date through October. It includes area events. As always, anyone noting errors or omissions should let Mike know.

Archery: Archery is expected to begin again. An announcement will be posted to the email list.

Brewers' Guild: September meeting September 14 at Mike and Violet's house; October meeting October 12, location to be announced.

Dance: There will not be dance practice the night before Green Lane. Practices will be 9/23, 10/14, 10/28. Diana will post to the list if the practices move to weekly.

Fencing: Continues on Monday nights.

Heavy Weapons: Continues on Monday nights.

Newcomers: 9/2 at Lilia's house; 10/7 at Alison's house.

Open Shop: Sean reported that there won't be official open shops, but to call and see if he is available.

Sabatina's A&S: The meeting on September 21 will also be the meeting of the Iron Needle (embroidery guild of neighboring groups) as well as "what we learned at Pennsic" show and tell. October meeting will be October 19.

Shire Meeting: October Shire meeting will be 10/6 at Ursinus. The room we use at Ursinus has been reserved for us through the December meeting, then again for the February through May meetings.

Thrown Weapons: There will not be thrown weapons on 9/6; it will probably begin again the following week. Gavan will post to the email list. When they resume, practices will be on Tuesdays.

## **VI. Charter Discussion**

The meeting next moved to the continuing discussion of the Charter.

### **A. Sections for Ratification**

#### **1. Statement of Purpose**

Finn read the "Statement of Purpose" section as approved at the August meeting. Following discussion, the section was moved, seconded and ratified by unanimous vote, as follows:

#### Statement of Purpose

This is the Charter of the Shire of Hartshorn-dale. These guidelines are an unofficial publication of the Shire of Hartshorn-dale of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies. Moreover, in any case where this Charter conflicts with East Kingdom Law and Policies or with Corpora, those higher laws take precedence.

This Charter will be reviewed by the Shire every two years to ensure that it still reflects the practice and intent of the

Shire. The review will consist of distributing a copy of the Charter at the Shire business meeting and inviting commentary from the populace for discussion at the following meeting. Any changes must be approved by the Shire.

Note: At the time of the writing of this Charter, Shire business meetings are conducted at the beginning of each month. Timeframes for officer selection and any Shire decisions are based on this once per month meeting timeframe.

We recognize that emergencies can come up and Shire officers may act accordingly

## 2. Membership

Finn read the section as approved at the August meeting. Following extensive discussion, the section was moved, seconded and ratified as follows:

### Membership

Membership requirements for the SCA are clearly delineated in Corpora; privileges pertaining to that membership are not the business of the Shire.

For Shire business only, any SCA member who resides within the boundaries of Hartshorn-dale or anyone who actively participates within the Shire, is considered a member of the Shire. Any member 14 years old or older may vote in elections and on proposals

## 3. Officers

Finn read the section as approved at the August meeting. Following extensive discussion, the section was moved, seconded and ratified by unanimous vote as follows:

### Officers

Officers should attend a majority of Shire business meetings. If an officer or a representative cannot attend a meeting, the officer must contact the Seneschal with an officer's report.

Any problem with an officer's performance that cannot be dealt with on a local level will be handled in accordance with Kingdom law

B. Sections for Discussion

1. Shire Meetings.

Finn read the proposed Shire Meetings section of the Charter. Following discussion, the following was moved, seconded and approved by Unanimous vote. The section will be presented to the Shire for Ratification at the October meeting.

Shire Meetings

In order for an official Shire business meeting to take place, the Seneschal or a representative needs to be in attendance and at least 4 other Shire members, two of whom must be Shire officers or their representatives. If circumstances occur that would prevent a large number of Shire members from attending, the meeting should be rescheduled by the Seneschal.

The date, time and location of all Shire meetings must be announced with as much advance notice as possible in order to ensure that any Shire member who wants to attend is aware of the meeting.

2. Officer requirements.

Finn read the proposed Officer Requirements section of the Charter. Following discussion, the following was moved, seconded and approved by Unanimous vote. The section will be presented to the Shire for Ratification at the October meeting.

Officer Requirements

The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that as a representative of the Shire and the SCA, an officer is familiar with the ideals and customs of the Shire and the SCA. In addition to any Kingdom or Society requirements, to hold an office in the Shire, a person must meet the following requirements:

- Have been participating in the SCA for at least one year.
- If the office is one of those required by Kingdom Law, the candidate must have been a deputy or served in another office for the period of one year. Service in other SCA groups will also count for this requirement.

However, on a case by case basis, the Shire may consider a person for an office even if the additional requirements are not met.

The time being advanced, discussion of remaining sections was tabled and the meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabet Marshall  
(Kandy Fling)