

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting February 2, 2006. Minutes

In attendance were: Elizabet Marshall; Alison Wodehalle; Steuen de Sheffield; Michel Wolffauer; Finn Finnegan O'Flynn; Sabatina da Valle; Osgrim Schrockeisen; Annya von Nuenberg; Kolosvari Arpadne Julia; Kolozsvari Arpad; Palotzi Marti; (Linda Daly); Katherine Tuscher; (Arlyn Bell); Talan Gwyllt; Sion ap Llyelwyen; Georg Koopman; Bricia de Neubald; Scolastica la Souriete; John Fitzarnolf de Lithia (*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 (*In continuing effort to make the Minutes a clear and logical document, the Secretarie offers the following format for the Officer Reports. The reports will be listed in the Minutes in alphabetical order each month, regardless of the order in which they are offered at meeting.*)

A. Arts & Sciences

Liz, by proxy via Sion, reports that she would like to gather photos of Shire members' work for a website. Let Liz know if you're working on anything new or exciting so she can include it in her report.

B. Chatelaine

Alison is assembling a booklet for newcomers.

C. Chronicler

Kathy is working on the newsletter and acknowledges that it is late. She reminds all to get material to her.

D. Demo Coordinator

(Via Finn) Nothing is coming up. See below.

E. Exchequer

Mik reported that the end of year report is in, with Diana to sign (as she was Seneschal for the year it covers). If anyone would like to see the report, Mike has it available. Current balance is \$6225 with \$1500 in assets, the majority of which is T-shirts. We need to sell the T-shirts. The Shire received \$200 from the Royersford school for the demo there.

F. Fencing

(Via proxy). Nothing new to report, but be sure to check the email list for last minute changes in practice.

G. Heavy Weapons

Fight practice continues at the church in Spring City. A possible move will be discussed. There have been new fighters and no injuries.

H. Herald(s)

Julia is now the Eastern Crown Herald (submissions). Alison, as deputy, will hold the position until the selection process is complete. Scholastica has said she will do it, but would prefer someone else come forward. Krystaleve is reported to be willing to deputy. Names should be submitted at the March meeting with selection/confirmation at the April meeting. This will be for completing the term which ends this year.

I. MOL

(Via proxy) Nothing to report.

J. Secretarie

Elizabeth apologizes that the January minutes were not done, an email will go out when they are available.

K. Seneschal

The year end report is in to Kingdom. Finn puts out a call for anyone interested in being his deputy to contact him.

II. Demos and Events

A. Demos

1. Royers Greaves School for the Blind

This is the demo request raised by Anya last month. Finn and Sean visited the facility (as part of evaluation for possibly moving practice to it). It is a nice facility. The posited demo would be to replace their "Fall Fair" fundraiser which is now one of five in the area around the same time. They would like a full day demo in the Spring, possibly a Sunday. Sion thought it would be akin to a "one day Green Lane lite." with fighting, fencing and dancing along with other stations with A&S etc. Our efforts would be supplemented by other activities the school would arrange such as face painting, pony rides, etc. The dates of May 7 and May 21 were suggested and, following discussion, May 7 was agreed upon. Anya, Sion, Magarete and Alison will get together to discuss details and plan.

2. Royersford Elementary School.

This demo went well and was very well received. The kids particularly enjoyed the fighting. Anya reported that word is strong in the community about the event and that other schools in the area may be contacting us. Bricia reported that she was told by the coordinator of the demo at the school that it was the best Family Fun Night ever.

B. Events (listed individually)

1. Alles Fair

Diana and Margarete were not present. A planning meeting is scheduled for February 12 at Finn and Margarete's house. Planning is progressing. The announcement was posted and will be in the March Pikestaf.

2. Green Lane.

Allison has the contract and will take it to Finn for signature.

3. Fields of Gold

This event is being cancelled due to low registration for the competitions. The Golden Quill and Golden Needle aspects will be moved to Alles Fair. Bricia will request that the church hold our deposit against a future event, possibly Schola in the fall.

III. New Business/"For the good of the group"

☞ There has been some discussion on the web bulletin board about siege weapon safety at Green Lane. Anyone interested is encouraged to join the discussion.

☞ The question was raised whether there will be a Shire encampment at Pennsic. If there is going to be one, someone has to be the land agent, and someone has to be the on site coordinator. It doesn't have to be the same person.

☞ Speaking of Pennsic, it was noted that Grimms is no longer renting tents. The website Pennsicwar.org has a list of alternates.

☞ There was a discussion regarding money donations to the Shire (such as that received from Royersford Elementary School). Last year, the donations from the libraries were returned to the libraries. It was noted that the one from the Elementary School came from a specific fund for the family fun night. It was moved and seconded that the money be kept.

☞ Osgrim would like to build a new trebuchet for the Shire. He will prepare a proposal and bring it to a later meeting.

☞ It was noted that the first weekend of November our neighbors the Shire of Silver Rille will be holding Convivencia 2 at Camp Ware (site of Alles Faire).

IV. Calendar

February and March have been updated on the system. February 5, 26 and March 26 there will be Heraldry commentary meetings. March 15 A&S will be a class in Caer Adamant, on either pewter casting or wine. Sabatina will carpool if anyone is interested in attending. It was noted that March 31 is a Fifth Friday and dance practice will probably be a garbed social.

V. Charter Discussion

A. To Be Ratified

1. Shire Property

Finn read the proposed Shire Property section of the Charter as approved at the January Shire meeting. Following corrections to typos, the section was ratified by unanimous vote as follows:

The office of Chamberlain is responsible for keeping track of all Shire property. If the office of the Chamberlain is vacant, the responsibility will fall to the Exchequer. Shire property includes, but is not limited to, supplies such as toilet paper and garbage bags; cooking equipment; pavilions and group camping equipment; craft supplies; books; equipment; regalia and gold key. The property does not include food items left over from Shire events.

The Chamberlain will maintain an inventory of all items and their locations. An inventory review should take place semi-annually to coincide with Exchequer reporting as required by Kingdom law. Additional inventory reviews are encouraged after events or other significant use of Shire property.

Anyone storing Shire property is holding it in the Shire's name and is responsible for storing the property safely and accessibly. Property must be relinquished when the person is no longer an active member of the Shire.

Any property that is damaged, lost, etc., should be reported to the Chamberlain.

Anyone in possession of property is responsible for damage or loss due to negligence or misuse and will be expected to reimburse the Shire appropriately.

Items that are "lost and found" after Shire activities and events shall be itemized by the autocrat or officer in charge of that activity and turned over to the Chamberlain. The itemized list shall be appropriately published. Any items unclaimed after 12 months become the property of the Shire. Anyone who approaches the shire after this point with a rightful claim to an item will have the item(s) returned if it remains in Shire inventory.

Shire property which is deemed no longer needed may be disposed of by any method agreeable to the Shire..

- B. For Approval

1. Communications

Finn read the proposed Communications section of the Charter. Following discussion, the following was approved, for ratification at the March meeting.

Official Shire communications/announcements/decisions take place at Shire meetings.

Formal e-mail correspondence with a Shire officer is acceptable and official only when the officer has offered to communicate electronically by placing his or her e-mail address in SCA publications, by releasing it for individual use, and by initiating e-mail correspondence for official business.

Formal e-mail correspondence from an officer is appropriate only as a reply to incoming e-mail where electronic communication is clearly invited and welcomed by the recipient.

No messages posted to bulletin boards or general email lists can be considered official communications. E-mail lists or bulletin boards may be used to post clarifications of policy if it would help clear up a topic under discussion on the list.

The use of non-official communication methods (such as e-mail, bulletin boards, practices, etc.) is encouraged to help disseminate information..

The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabet Marshall
(Kandy Fling)