

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting April 6, 2006 Minutes

In attendance were: Elizabet Marshall, Gavan MacBane, Osgrim Schröckeisen, Michel Wolffauer, Katharine Tuscher, Bricia de Neubold, Rainillt de Bello Marisco, Sion ap Llyelwyan, Finn Finnegan O'Flynn, Diana Alene, Scolastica la souriete, John de Lithia, Georg Koopman, Kolosvari Arpadne Julia, Palotzi Marti (*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 and only those offices reporting will be listed.*)

A. Archery

During Gavan's report on thrown weapons (see), Diana asked if there is room at his place for Archery. There is, but there were questions about practicality because of the woods. Mike noted that Severio hopes to start up the practices at his parents' house again soon (to be announced on email list). Elizabet reported that she and John hope to be able to make arrangements at their mundane archery club for practices to be able to take place there.

B. Arts & Sciences

Gavan reported that a Braggart (beer/mead) class will be announced on the email list. He and Liz are working on the Shire's A&S website. He is working on scheduling a "random A&S" class for May.

C. Chatelaine

Report by proxy: The April 7 newcomers meeting was moved to Lilia's house. Alison is working on the booklet she is preparing. She will have handouts by the Demo at the school. It was reported that Alison has been in the hospital, but is home.

D. Chronicler

The first quarter edition was skipped. Kathy reported that she has the draft and is close to finishing the second quarter issue. She is waiting on some information from some people. She hopes to include a copy of the charter.

E. Dance

March had a fifth Friday on which a "mini event" dance practice was held, with about 30 people. It went well. The next fifth Friday will be in June (June 30).

F. Demo Coordinator

See discussion of Demo below.

G. Exchequer

We received a note from the company we made the post-hurricane relief donation to, it is a flyer showing what they did.

Current balances: Checking \$932.65, Savings \$4701.36, approx \$1500 in assets.

Mike has a letter that needs to be signed by several people to update the bank's signatures file and he will see to that.

Mike requested the budget for Alls Fair.

Donations from the fighters was made and Sion requested a check for the next month's fees for the fight practice location.

H. Heavy Weapons

Fighting continues, currently still at the Spring City site and still sharing space with the fencing practice. There were no injuries and no new authorizations in the last month.

The request for insurance has been sent to corporate for the move to the school in Paoli for practices. The form will go directly to the school and we will be notified when it has been sent.

I. Herald(s)

See selection of new Herald below.

J. Secretarie

The March minutes were approved.

K. Seneschal

Quarterly report will be submitted within a week. The charter will go with it for regional and Kingdom approval.

L. Thrown Weapons

Gavan reported that thrown weapons practice will begin again soon. He has to finalize some details and then will post to the email list.

M. Web Minister

There was not a report, but during discussion of Alles Faire, it was noted that Talan's computer has been down. It was suggested that anything that has been provided to him in the last few weeks for the website be re-submitted.

II. Old Business

A. Siege Engine Proposal

Osgrim's proposal of last month was raised. His request is for \$400 for materials to build a Shire-owned siege engine. He has several people interested in assisting and some wood has been obtained. He thinks it likely that the total will be less. It was moved and unanimously agreed.

B. Pennsic Campsite

It was noted that the deadlines for registering for Pennsic are quickly approaching. If anyone is interested in heading up a Shire campsite, they should contact Finn.

C. Demos

1. Royers-Greves School for the Blind – Sunday May 7, 2006

Sion had just left a meeting with the school. The demo is shaping up. They went on a walk through of the area where people will be set up.

There will be two groups providing fighting demos – us and the Live Steel Academy. They will be in the same area, but not against each other (they will alternate).

Dancing will be in the gym. There was a question about the sound system. Diana said she will bring sound equipment to be sure.

There is not a lot of indoor space for A&S, so tenting outside will be needed. There are currently four tents committed to being there. Anyone who wants to set up a display should contact Sion. We will need to bring our own tables and chairs.

This is a school and the strict no weapons policy is enforced. This means no steel, including belt knives, etc. Blunted are ok. Only "stage props" and "sporting equipment" items may be brought on the grounds.

Some of the students may be present, but it is primarily for the people of the surrounding towns, to encourage them to support the school. Most of the students have additional handicaps beyond blindness.

There will be other entertainers, etc, such as juggling, face painting and someone with games.

Set up will be on Saturday, times to be announced. The fair is Sunday. Our hours Sunday are 10-6, the public hours are 11-5.

2. Unitarian Church -- June 3, 2006

This was a request that was posted to the email list. There was not a lot of information. They apparently would like some members to help add flavor. No fighting is needed. It was noted that this is opposite "Something Fishy" and is traditionally a date for the Heritage Dancers to be at the Daniel Boone Homestead. More information will be sought and a decision will be taken next month.

D. Events

1. Alles Faire

Plans for the event proceed. A site visit was scheduled for Sunday, April 9, and will include a planning meeting.

Volunteers are still needed for many areas. Someone is needed to run the Saturday dayboard.

Many details have been submitted to the Web Minister, but not yet posted (including the reservation form). Talon's computer has been down and anything recently submitted should probably be re-submitted.

Margarete will be the merchant coordinator. Some inquiries have come in and will be passed on to her.

There are already some reservations.

III. Officer Selection

The office of Herald is to be filled.

Candidate: Scolastica

Presentation/Q&A. Scolastica briefly listed (some of) her history in SCA and Herald experience specifically, including that she was the name commenter in Trimaris, and was on Laurel staff. She helped write some of the current policies. She noted that she only wants to complete the current term and will be seeking deputies. She would like to encourage anyone who doesn't hold an office, or who would like to get more involved, or who has an interest in the area to contact her. There were few questions.

Discussion: Scolastica left the room and discussion was short. It was noted that Alison does not have time with her position as Chatelaine and did not want this position. She will continue to be of assistance. She does a lot of the device work, while Scolastica will focus on names.

Scolastica was approved as Herald and called back into the meeting. She reiterated that her first act would be to seek deputies.

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

A. Queen's Favors

By proxy, Sabatina extended thanks to Marti and newcomer Maryanne for Queen's favors.

B. Bhakail Commons

Mike asked if the Shire wants to share a Commons with Bhakail again this year. It was agreed that we do, and he will look into dates and locations, etc. If anyone is interested in organizing the Commons this year, please contact Mike.

C. Equipment Purchase

Georg brought a recommendation for a purchase of knives and cutting boards as Shire-owned equipment. The prices he has are \$10 each for 8 inch chef knives, \$4 each for paring knives and \$13 each for cutting boards. The recommendation is for six of each, for a total of \$162. He has not been able to find pitchers at both a price and style that are appropriate.

This will be brought again to the May meeting for final approval on the knives and cutting boards.

It was suggested that area "dollar stores" might have pitchers that are ceramic or otherwise not plastic or metal.

D. April 1 A&S Submission

Bricia (Brynn) read out an April 1 "report" submitted for the Shire for A&S. The report purported to describe a 1:1 scale map being embroidered by Shire members.

E. Shire Maps

Mike reported that he has been playing with Google maps. He has created several which show interesting data about the Shire. He will post links to the Shire email list.

F. Another Siege Engine

Sion has a neighbor (7th grader) in need of help building a trebuchet for a school project. If we assist (financially) it would become the property of the Shire after the project is over. The plan is to build an SCA combat-legal engine.

Unfortunately, the project is due at the end of this month (setup on Sunday the 30th, actual contest on Monday May 1st), so there's no time to request money formally. Osgrim noted that he might be able to save enough on his project to pitch in.

Discussion: This would be good PR for the shire: the school record for the trebuchet contest was set by a weapon donated by the Home Depot. Following the discussion, the shire approved funds on an emergency basis.

Sion thought it would be nice if some fighters in armor could show up on the Monday of the competition.

V. Calendar

The usual meetings and practices continue with the following changes: There will be no dance on May 26. There will be a Heraldry meeting for commenting on April 30.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth Marshall
(Kandy Fling)