

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting August 3, 2006 Minutes

Approved September 7, 2006

In attendance were: Elizabet Marshall; Michel Wolffauer; Sion ap Llyelwyan; Elizabeth of Rivenstar; Eleanor; Alison Wodhalle; Lucrezia Dell'Acqua; Finn Finnegan O'Flynn; Diana Alene Tregirste; Linda Daly (*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.*) *Welcome newcomer!

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. Archery

SEE BELOW

B. Arts & Sciences

Gavin (via email/proxy) reported nothing to report. Reminders that the A&S display at Pennsic is well worth checking out. It is the Monday of War Week.

C. Chatelaine

No August New Members meeting. Has had a couple of email contacts. Report was filed on time.

D. Dance

Dance continues. Attendance is up and down. There is a variety of people and new people attending often. September has a 5th Friday which will be a "Harvest Ball." There will be no practice the day before Green Lane.

E. Demo Coordinator

SEE BELOW

F. Exchequer

\$802.96 in Checking; \$5513.57 in savings. Other assets \$1634.47 (mostly T-Shirts and the deposit for the church in Paoli for Fields of Gold II). 2nd Quarter report was in on time. AFIL&W report has been submitted. The Credit Union has recommended that we move some of the savings into a money market account. Concern was expressed about liquidity and penalties should we drop the money market account below a given leve. Mike will get more information for the September meeting.

G. Fencing

(By proxy.) Lilia is now a marshal. Practices still happen on Mondays in Spring City, watch the email list for changes. There will be no practice through Pennsic.

H. Heavy Weapons

Fighting continues. Kep is now a marshal and is the deputy. No practice during Pennsic. Probably no practice Labor Day. Sion noted that he may have limited availability on Mondays due to Liz' school schedule.

I. Herald(s)

Via deputies. Submissions were solicited. There were two submissions for the shire which passed at Laurel.

J. Secretarie

Reminder that the minutes are now on the Shire's website. There is a link on the home page. The July minutes were approved.

K. Thrown Weapons

(By proxy.) There will be practice 8/8, but not 8/15 or 22. Will resume 8/29.

L. Web Minister

No report. Mike noted that he hasn't heard anything from the Web Minister. Alison noted that some people have reported having difficulty using the email link.

II. Demos and Events

A. Demos

1. Boy Scout Demo:

(Reported via Email) There were about 20-25 SCA at the demo. Approximately 1500 cub scouts and family attended during the day. It went well. It would have been well to have more fighters, but they made do. The site's castle looked great. Photos will go to the web minister. The Scouts were happy with us and would like us to come again. They are looking at having the event four weekends in a row next year (with less attendees each weekend), they know that's a lot to ask and this will need to be discussed. A donation has been sent, but had not been received at the time of the email. There were no injuries. It was noted that the site is available for events – possibly it would be good for a commons.

2. Montgomery County Community Day.

Alison noted that Mont. County Community College holds a community day. This year it will be 10/7. This brings out the community, not so much students unless they're there with family or a club.

The school would be happy to have us there for a demo at the Community Day. Fighting would be good (if there are fighters available, it is against Kingdom Crusades). They would give us a shady area and room for pavilions.

The public time is 11-3 though some usually show early.

There is usually hired entertainment on the main stage, a DJ, kids activities (bouncing tent, petting zoo, fire engines). Other community groups often have booths/displays at the event.

Alison sees this as more of a recruitment opportunity than the Boy Scouts. She'd like to see a student group at the school and this would give the school a chance to see what kind of club it would be. If a club starts up there, we would be able to have an event there without the cost of security. It would also possibly give us an alternate place to have Shire meetings.

Alison can do the pre-arranging for the shire to be present, but is not available for the day off.

This will be brought to the September meeting for final decision and planning.

B. Events (listed individually)

1. Commons:

There's nothing new at this time for a commons. It was noted that Arlyn is working with "the Shire known as 'Fred'" on a possible idea of a commons at Ridley Park at the mansion.

2. Green Lane

There was a planning meeting recently. Alison met with the woman now in charge of the park ("Trish") who has some issues, mostly involving the turn over there at the park. We will be in the same spot, although "Trish" hadn't been told of that in the past. Apparently Frank, the prior contact, had made promises to us about merchants then not told her (she was in charge of merchants in the past). Alison now has a handshake promise regarding no merchants being in front of us on the road.

The budget for the event is \$400 which includes food, embroidery supplies and other projects, such as a "fighting starts at" clock.

Shire members are requested to bring water with them, although some will also be bought from the budget.

Potatoes will be the ammunition for the trebuchet. Oz is going to move the trebuchet a bit.

There have been a lot of people who have said they will be there.

There was discussion on the email list of a “storyline” for the event. It is more along the lines of simply having some “pomp and circumstance.” Fighters will process with ladies to the list field, for instance. There will be a Herald before each demo. This is meant more as a “flourish” – not meant to change the relaxed attitude about the event.

George is looking into portable power for the sound system for dance.

3. Alles Faire

A revised proposal is submitted, pursuant to discussion of last meeting. Fencing has been dropped and the fee structure amended.

Sion noted that he is not likely to be available for marshal.

Initial planning meeting is scheduled for August 31.

Finn recommended holding the vote until next month, noting that the meeting is very lightly attended.

There was lengthy discussion regarding concerns about sufficient resources to staff the event. There were recommendations regarding changing some of the activities, such as dropping fighting as under-attended. Diana was concerned there would be negative reaction to not having the siege of the tower of love, for instance. It was suggested that the event should go with its strengths.

Diana asserted that most of the staff from last year say they want to do the event again this year. It takes 20-30 staff (at various levels of involvement) to run the event.

Finn requested a comprehensive staff list, showing at least the numbers of people needed, for the next meeting. He recommended proceeding with the planning meeting to solidify plans and to have the approval vote in September.

III. Old Business

A. 20th Anniversary

Diana is chairing a committee to consider ways to acknowledge/celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shire. Mike, Alison, Brynn and Arpad are also on the committee. (Finn requests to be on the committee as well.) The current plan (after Pennsic) is to begin gathering information and material and thoughts of projects. There will be an announcement on the website and email list. If you have material to share, contact Diana.

B. Archery Marshall

Last month Mike was proposed as Captain of Archers. Approved by Unanimous vote. He next made the Archery report. There are approximately 10 archers regularly shooting at one or both of the Shire’s practices. There is a practice on Tuesdays (at Limerick Archery Club) and most Wednesdays (at Severio’s parents’ home). Watch the

list. Tuesday practice has a 20 yard indoor range so practice can continue into the winter. A challenge was hinted at for the winter months.

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

A. A&S

Liz announced that she will be stepping down as co-A&S minister due to her school schedule. She will continue to work on the A&S website.

B. Awards

Congratulations to Lord John Marshall atte Ford, for his induction into the Order of the Maunche, and to Lord Saell, the shire's newest armiger.

Congratulations, also to neighbors Mistress Sara the Lymner (Laurel) and Baron Loran and Baroness Sherazad of Bhakail (Pelican)

V. Calendar

Let Mike know if you have any changes. September meeting will be at Sion and Liz' house.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabet Marshall
(Kandy Fling)