

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting September 7, 2006. Minutes

APPROVED OCTOBER 5, 2006

In attendance were: Gavan MacBane; Michel Wolffauer; Arlyn Bell; Finn Finnegan O'Flynn; Diana Alene; Millicent de Heathwaite; Kolosvari Arpadne Julia; Kolozsvari Arpad; Sion Ap Llewellyn; Elizabeth of Rivenstar; Eleanor; Sabatina; Elizabet Marshall; Scolastica la souriete; John de Lithia; John Marshall atte Forde; Alison Wodehalle; Steun du Sheffield; Arelinda Poincelin; Georg Kopeman; Bricia de Neubold. *(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. Accessibility

B. Archery Michel reporting

Archery continues to be scheduled for two times a week; Tuesday nights at Limerick Bowmen and Wednesday nights at Sevario's parents' house (weather permitting). The Wednesdays will be moved to Sundays as announced soon because of the loss of light.

There are about 10 archers regularly practicing at one or both practices. Eight are on the rankings list and more to come.

Elizabet noted that she will be issuing a challenge to the attendees of the Tuesday night practices for the winter season.

C. Arts & Sciences Gavan reporting

Recent report to Kingdom was filed. A&S at Pennsic was well attended. The kids' display on Tuesday was also well attended. Hartshorn-dale was represented at both.

Gavan is in the process of rescheduling the enameling class. Carowyn is still willing to do a glass beads class and that will be scheduled, too.

D. Chamberlain Arelinda reporting

Storage has been purchased and items have been placed in bins which are of a size "anyone over 10" can move. There are also protective sheets between layers of items in the boxes. Arelinda will now proceed with the inventory.

E. Chatelaine Alison reporting

There have been some changes in the Society Demo policy. They are mostly minor. Alison will review and report anything significant, particularly if we need to change anything.

Meetings have been held. Two new families, one a transplant and one new, at the last meeting. Both are getting involved in activities.

F. Chirurgion Vacant

G. Chronicler Not present

H. Dance Diana reporting

The site will not be available on September 15. A note will go to the email list and it will be removed from the calendar. This month is a fifth Friday. It will be a "harvest ball."

I. Demo Coordinator By Proxy

See below.

J. Domesday Julia reporting

Will begin process for updating. Currently swamped from Pennsic submissions (Herald), when that is caught up, will begin.

K. Exchequer Michel Wolffauer reporting

\$6,320.04. Raising again the topic of a money market as advised by the Credit Union. There would be no fees and transfer of funds can be done by normal means. There are no restrictions on what we can do and when. There must be \$2,000 in the money market account for it to receive interest. Since the next level of interest is \$25,000, there is no concern about using the money in the money market account. Following additional discussion it was decided unanimously to proceed with a money market account and Michel will do so.

The Society Exchequer is stepping down and distributed a list of the "Top 10 SCA Exchequer myths." Mike can make the list available to anyone who wants it.

The Shire's Exchequer policies are being evaluated (this is one of the things suggested by Southern Region Seneschal in regards to the charter).

L. Fencing (not present, no proxy)

Fencing continues.

M. Heavy Weapons Sion ap Llewellyn reporting

Practices will be on Mondays through the end of September, then, beginning on October 4, they will move to Wednesdays. It is possible it will be held that Monday, watch the email list.

There has been an update to the Marshal's Handbook. It is in effect now in that marshals will inspect to the new standards, however, they will not fail anyone who meets the old standards but not the new standards until December 1. At that time, the new standards must be met. One major change, there is no more light combat archery or siege. In order to do combat archery or siege one must authorize heavy, however, they are independent authorizations – a combat archery authorization, for instance, does not require a sword & shield. See Sion, Talan (Kep) or Finn for details.

There is no marshal yet lined up for Alles Faire.

Sion's deputy Talan will be running the remaining Monday practices.

N. Herald(s) Scolastica la souirete

Nothing to report.

O. MOL Not present, nothing to report

P. Secretarie Elizabet reporting

Despite no hard copy having been brought, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Q. Seneschal Finn reporting

Received a note from the Southern Regional Seneschal with some suggestions on the charter. Will review and make proposals.

R. Thrown Weapons Gavan reporting

Hasn't been able to have practice because of weather, but it does continue on Tuesday nights when possible. See the email list for last minute announcements.

S. Web Minister By Proxy

Millicent reported that changes should be sent to Talan. It was noted that the activities page needs badly to be updated. Talan is not the editor of the website, only the maintainer, data must be sent to him to make changes.

II. Demos and Events

A. Demos

1. Montco Community Day 10/7

This is a table or two at the Community Day held by Montgomery County Community College. Set up is 10:00 with public 11-3. Seeking artisans, fighters, whoever. A group such as did the demos at the libraries would be good. Alison is able to be there for the start, but will have to leave, so someone else will need to be responsible for closing down. Her pavilion will be available.

2. Viking Theme Party

There has been a request for demo for a party for a ski club with a Viking theme. This is 10/1, the day after coronation. Following discussion, it was decided that if individuals wish to attend, they may do so as individuals, but not as a Shire.

3. Boy Scout request.

Recent Email request from some boy scouts. Finn had no more information than that. More information will be sought.

B. Events (listed individually)

1. Green Lane

There are at least 55 people RSVP'd. We have a large camping area, the pavilion space is filled. Alison will be on site Friday by noon for set up. This year is the addition of a "playlet" which will be a procession around the lake and a mock court. This will be comedic. The procession/court will be once each day, in the afternoon.

Saturday the public hours are 10 am to 6 pm (set up 9 am). Sunday Noon to 6.

Our setup will be in the same area as before, with an "artisan's row." The merchant which has blocked our access to the path in the past should not be there this year.

Repairs to the castle walls have been completed. They have been reinforced, made more stable and will now nail into the ground. This project went over budget, and approval was unanimous to cover the overage. There are also "demo starts at" signs being made – they will be ready in time.

Talan will be the marshal in charge as Sion is not available. The trebuchets are being presented as A&S.

Alison is preparing site tokens to encourage SCA people to sign the roster waiver.

The blacksmith has requested reimbursement for charcoal used for his demo, \$90.00. Approved unanimously.

2. Event at Ridley State Creek Park

Arelinda is considering putting together an event to be held at Ridley State Creek Park. She is seeking a partner from the Shire of "Fred" to proceed.

3. Alles Faire in Love and War X

During the late August planning meeting, it was decided to orient the event towards its strengths, Archery, A&S, classes. A novice track is to be added. There will be space available for a “guild hall” where any guilds may have table space. Classes for archery are sought.

Arelinda suggested Long Ball (a game recently seen at Convivencia).

It was noted that the site is now pet free.

The required staffing is now in place. There are specific people for each of the meals.

Following additional discussion, the event proposal was approved. Moneys pursuant to the budget will be available, contract may be signed, and event announcement may be submitted.

III. Officer Selection

It being September of an even numbered year, the Shire is reminded that the following positions are up for selection: Exchequer, Herald, Chronicler, Web Minister, Archery Marshal*; Thrown Weapon Marshal; Minister/Mistress of the Lists; Chamberlain*; Dance Mistress/Master and Secretarie (*Note that these positions have been recently filled this year).

Next month, all those interested in running (or re-running) for these positions should come to the meeting, or let Finn know before the meeting. Persons holding these positions and wishing to continue should also come to the October meeting or let Finn know before the meeting.

Elizabet suggested that anyone interested in running for a position should contact the current holder who might be hoping someone wants it.

IV. Old Business

A. 20th Anniversary

Diana has no specific updates. There are a lot of ideas and the committee members have been talking to people. Call goes out to think about what items, stories, etc. might be able to be incorporated in the celebration. Diana will be setting up a meeting.

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

A. Site Search

Arelinda suggested having a “site search group.” Michel noted that he has information about a lot of sites, ones we’ve used in the past as well as ones he’s obtained

information about. Anyone who develops information about a site (for meetings or for events), is welcome to give Michel the information for his data.

B. Camp Ware

During the recent event at Camp Ware it was noted that the Alles Faire plaque is still up in the hall.

VI. Calendar

To note for the calendar: Change of fighter practice to Wednesdays beginning 10/4; No dance 9/15; A&S night moving to Sion and Elizabeth's house, 3rd Wednesday.

Sites will be needed for Shire meetings as the Ursinus group has disbanded. The October meeting will be at Michel's. Several possibilities were discussed. Alison will check with Montgomery County Community College and if space is available for free, will schedule. Anyone know of a possible place?

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth Marshall
(Kandy Fling)