

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting December 7, 2006 Minutes

APPROVED JANUARY 4, 2007

In attendance were: Elizabet Marshall, John Marshall, Michel Wolfffauer, [Arlyn Bell] Gavan MacBane, Sabatina deValle, Kolozsvari Arpad, Finn Finnegan O'Flynn, Kolsovari Arpadne, *(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. Some reports were made via proxy or by emails which were read in meeting.)*

A. Archery

Archery is on hiatus for December.

B. Arts & Sciences

Report was submitted on time.

C. Chatelaine

Next Newcomers is January 5. There have been no new contacts. Diana mentioned that there were 2 newcomers at dance last Friday.

D. Chronicler (Incoming)

Plan for 2006 is to have one issue each month. Odd numbered months (Jan, March, May, July, Sep., Nov.) will be short "highlights" issues and even numbered months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) will be more content. Monthly deadline will be the 20th of the month. I will want contact information for during the proofreading/editing process. Email is fine, in fact preferred. Word or text format, double space is best preference, but as long as I can read it, I'll take it any way.

There will be several permission forms. I am waiting for Society level approval and then I'll start getting those out to people who need to sign them (the Web ones are not sufficient).

Per current Kingdom law, there will be no advertising. There will be a place for "Volunteers needed" and "Free to good home" type listings.

Warranting information has been submitted. Finn needs to send confirming email to Shannon.

There was a suggestion that the newsletter be re-named. A re-name the newsletter contest will be held during the first few issues of the newsletter.

Elizabeth also presented a proposed letter to be sent to all members of Hartshorn-dale. She proposed requesting the membership list, with addresses, from corporate and would like to send the letter to all of those people as well as all persons in the Domesday. The proposed letter is appended. The purpose is to introduce the new Charter as well as to encourage subscription to the newsletter. It was recommended that a pre-paid return post card for updating information be included. Because this is an expense of over \$100 final approval will be held for January. Officers who would like information to be included on the return card should contact Elizabeth prior to the January meeting (by the end of December, please), and a proposed card will be presented at that time. Finn will contact Corporate to determine whether the address list may be obtained.

E. Dance

There will be no dance on December 8, as has been announced on the Email list. There will be practice on December 15, 22 and the 29th. The 29th will be the "Yule Ball."

F. Demo Coordinator

Osgrim reported on some contacts he has received from Cub Scouts requesting demos.

1. The Council Jamboree is May 4, 5, 6 at Green Lane Park. The day will be a cross between last summer's Cub Scout day and the Scottish Irish festival. 8,000 attendees are anticipated. 2,500 are already signed up. There will be a Viking ship and the "Nessie" will be out. One troop builds trebuchets as a "hobby."

2. Expanding on the success of Cub World day, they will be holding similar days every Sunday in July. They are anticipating 2,000 people per Sunday and they would love to have SCA there any and all of the days.

3. The time traveling story that winds through the activities has expanded. There are six characters who write letters to the Scouts. They are looking for someone to play a pirate throughout the year. If anyone is interested, contact Finn and he'll put you in touch.

G. Domesday Julia reporting

Because of the mailing and post card discussed under Chronieler, the new Domesday will be put on hold pending responses from those cards. Everyone is encouraged to provide updates whenever they have them, however. Julia will see that Elizabeth has the most up to date addresses before the letter goes out.

H. Exchequer

We have \$6,243.68 in bank accounts (earned \$12 in interest since the Money Market was opened). \$1,569.47 in other assets. Among the "other assets" is the deposit for the church in Paoli. Elizabeth will see if she can find out if that is something that can

be refunded, or how long they will hold it as an open deposit. On track for end of year report to be on time.

I. Heavy Weapons

There has been fighting, but low attendance. Note that the new Society policies went into effect on December 1.

In January there may be discussion of changing practice to Monday evenings. If you're a fighter or want to be a fighter and want input on scheduling, contact Sion.

J. Herald(s)

There is a new submissions form on the EK website. Marcelle's name and arms have passed.

K. Secretarie

The October (as revised) and November minutes were approved.

L. Seneschal

At the Royers-Greaves school open house, Sabatina asked about the possibility of holding Shire meetings at the school. This was good timing as the people who would decide such a thing will be meeting 12/7. Sabatina will report when she hears.

Finn noted that he has had no response regarding the charter.

M. Web Minister

Osgrim reports (via email) that things are going well. He is specifically interested in updating the picture galleries. There was discussion about the size of photo files – anyone with photos to submit should contact Osgrim for information.

There was a request regarding removal of the “no span” from email addresses. It was noted that it makes it difficult for people to make contact, and it was questionable whether it is reducing spam.

II. Demos and Events

A. Demos

1. Last month there were two demos scheduled, though one did not happen because of weather. The Cub Scout demo in the Lansdale area went well. The participants received badges.
2. A question was raised regarding coverage in case someone gets hurt while at a demo. SCA insurance would not cover such an event. In fact, the SCA coverage is only a liability policy to cover the SCA in the event of lawsuit.

3. Royers-Greaves will be looking to us for a demo again this year. There is no date yet, and they will work with us to figure that out. Finn reported that Sion expects to be the liaison, but that was not determined.

B. Events (listed individually)

1. Alles Faire: A general meeting will be held in January. There will also be a separate Cooks' meeting. Diana will be contacting Galleron's group to see if they would like to participate. The announcement is on the EK website.
2. 20th Anniversary. Diana is mulling over a Fall 2008 event for a 20th Anniversary celebration. She also will be seeking space on the website for sharing material.
3. Nova Schola. Nothing new to report. Alison will begin to recruit teachers around the end of December or beginning of January. If you have already expressed an interest in teaching, please email Alison to confirm.
4. St. Sebastian's Fair. Nothing new to report. The announcement is on the EK website. Work will begin in January on making targets and designing the roving range, etc.

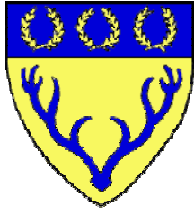
III. Calendar

The December calendar is posted. Let Mike know of any changes to the January calendar. He has removed the Bardic and A&S entries. Brewing is now the 2nd Monday and in January will be at Gavan's house.

IV. General Discussion

A question was raised regarding whether membership number has to be taken at Gate. Mike said that his interpretation of the new rule is simply that the sign in or attendance sheets (which is different from the waiver forms) now have to be submitted. There does need to be a notation of whether someone is a member, but he did not interpret it as having to collect membership number.

Respectfully Submitted
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Dear [name]:

You are receiving this letter because you have a listing in the Shire of Hartshorn-dale Domesday [and/or are on the rolls from Corporate as a paid SCA member living in the boundaries of the Shire]. I write to you to bring you news of the Shire's doings.

In 2005 the Shire went through the process of preparing a Charter. If you haven't had a chance to see the new Charter, take a moment to go to [web address?] to look at it or contact me to obtain a copy. Currently the Charter is being reviewed at Kingdom level and it is hoped it will be finalized soon.

Following the policies in the Charter, I was selected to be the new Chronicler, effective January 1, 2007. I have exciting plans for the *Hartshorn-dale Herald*. Our newsletter has been in hiatus, but will soon be returning – I hope it will be even better than ever. Did you know that the Herald is now available in two formats? It can be mailed to your home (without charge), or you can sign up on an email list to receive a PDF format copy. To Subscribe to the email list version, send an email to newsletter-subscribe@hartshorn-dale.org. To subscribe for mailed copies, just send me an email, give me a call, drop me a line.

Naturally, your submissions of articles, stories and photos will be greatly welcome. I'll be looking for both short and long articles, book reviews, reflections on events – almost anything you can think of. There will be some simple guidelines posted before long on the Shire's website, or feel free to contact me directly.

I look forward to seeing your name on the circulation list of the *Hartshorn-dale Herald* – and maybe even in it! Thank you.

In service,

Kandy Fling
(Lady Elizabeth Marshall)

NOTE, following the meeting, this letter will be revised to include request that the enclosed postcard to update information be returned... contents of that post card to be determined)