

Shire Meeting Notes – March 4, 2010

Attendees: Diana, Julia, Naomi, Arpad, Kep, Kris, Brendan, Meryke, Colleen, John, Michel, Siobhan, Elizabet, Scholastica, John Marshall

### **Officers' Reports:**

Seneschal: I will be turning over the calendar duties to Bertana and Siobhan sometime this month as soon as I get the chance to teach them how to use the interface.

Chatelaine: We have had no new contacts. Newcomers' Night is scheduled for March 5 at our house; we've had a couple of responses. We're covering "what to expect at your first event", and "basic garb". Gold Key: If you have gently used garb you're not wearing any more, please consider donating! Bring donatable items to Nova Schola, where we will be going through our current Gold Key stash.

Chronicler: no report

Demo Coordinator: Still looking into places we can proactively set up a table and provide information about the SCA. Phoenixville has a Celtic Faire, but we haven't been able to find a website or contact info for it, just that it will be happening this year.

Bill from the Boy Scouts would love to have us back this year for a fighting demo on 4/16. We had three fighters last year and Rose did her Medieval medical expo.

Tavia from the Indian Museum is interested in having us do an archery demo on June 19-20. The museum is in the Shire of Eisental, so if we are interested Brendan will contact Eisental and ask for permission. The museum was also interested in blacksmithing demos, dance, or other performing arts. They will allow blacksmiths to sell items as long as they donate a piece for a silent auction.

Exchequer: End of Year report submitted. Warranting still in progress! Preparing to switch the account over to Diana's name and change names on the account. Account status: We are solvent.

MoAS: Dining with Lorenzo is ongoing, with a meeting or two interrupted by snow. Events available for artisans this month: Noisemakers Schola in Bhakail, EK Arts and Sciences in Carolingia (Boston), Nova Schola, Mudthaw (Settmour Swamp/North Jersey).

Knight Marshal: We are still having Wednesday night practices when attendance permits. No injuries.

Archery Marshal: The search for a new site continues. We are especially looking into an intergroup practice at Wapiti archery club.

Fencing Marshal: We are averaging 6-10 fencers a week! The new youth fencer and her father are attending when they're available. Magnus (Tim) has authorized in single rapier! Congratulations Magnus! Fencers from other practices are offering to come down to play with us and teach. We have had no injuries or other incidences.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: No report.

MoL: I helped run the round robins at K&Q fencing this past weekend. As the new fighting season starts I will be reminding people to renew their authorization cards! Check your cards, martial people! If you need paperwork or anything else pertaining to the MoL office please contact me.

Herald: We're running heraldic consultation at Noisemakers and Nova Schola, Mudthaw, and Ducal Challenge in June. Changes to the SCA College of Arms' Rules for Submission are under discussion. Any at-large heralds are welcome to view the comments in OSCAR (<http://oscar.sca.org>) and either add comments there – if the user has an OSCAR account with posting privileges – or at [rules@heraldry.sca.org](mailto:rules@heraldry.sca.org) if they don't.

Dance: Snow cancelled all but one dance practice in February. We are looking forward to better weather in March.

Chamberlain: Still working on an inventory for Shire supplies.

Accessibility Porter: No report.

Chirurgion: Office vacant

Domesday Editor: Add a listing to the Domesday Boke through the Shire website. If you'd like to make changes to your current listing, please contact me.

Webminister: We gave the deputy seneschals access to the calendar and announcements sections, and created and updated a page with the Nova Schola class list.

Secretarie: She will not be at the meeting this month. Last month's notes were sent out to be put up on the web.

### **Events -**

Nova Schola: Classes are scheduled. Information is out on the list, and the budget is confirmed.

Lillia was trying to put together an event bid for SS&MM since Theo can't run it this year. However it looks like the only date we can hold it is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and the church can't guarantee the date this far out. Since Elizabet is trying to put together her A&S event in November – should we pursue it or let it go for this year?

In the discussion, the Shire decided to not hold SS&MM this year in favor of the A&S event in November.

Siobhan and Meryke are thinking about either putting together a bid for a K&Q Fencing or a Kingdom A&S event, since Silver Rylle is bidding for K&Q Bardic next year.

Dining with Lorenzo: We continue to meet! This week we will be learning techniques of stewing and planning to redo the compote recipe. Next meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> will cover omelets. Everyone is welcome.

### **Artisans' Challenge, Display, and Workshop**

Autocrat: Elizabet Marshall  
Head Cook: John Marshall  
Date: November 13, 2010, 2-8 PM  
Location: St. John's Church

Fees: \$7 adults, \$5 under 18, under 6 free. NMS applies to adults.

Staff is needed for set up, clean up, and gate.

Budget: \$260 with break even at 38 adults. If we get more than 60 reservations, budget will go up proportionally.

The seneschal was asked to check and see what other events are being planned for that time frame; 100 Minutes? And report back.

Naomi mentioned that she is interested in bringing back a **Games themed event** with game creation classes and lots of gaming, food, and fun. Jan-Feb 2011 time frame.