

Lions Gate Council – May 22th, 2013

Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Seneschale Report – Caitrina inghean Aindriasa

- We still need applications for Baronial Archer, Seneschale, Master of Stables, Lists, Dance and Bard. If you know anyone interested in any of these please send them our way. Our Barony cannot survive without volunteers.

(Discussion of what you need to volunteer – some knowledge of given area, authorization in given area if relevant, and enthusiasm!)

- We also still need an Event bid for Baroness' Tourney this year. We have a venue reserved but no interested parties have come forward to volunteer to steward the event.
- A little thing happened at Crown. The Event Steward for ToA is now the Crown Prince of An Tir. Ieuan Gower will be stepping back as Event Steward and one of his team will be taking over the role so all is well.

From the Crown Seneschals meeting:

- Many events are happening without an MIC (Marshal in Charge). A reminder to any Event Stewards that without an MIC named insurance for the event is voided. Make sure if you are going to have combat arts at an event that you arrange for an MIC.
- Also, a reminder that children do NOT pay NMS.
- If there will be any fire demonstrations or entertainment, for example pyrotechnics, fire eaters, fire jugglers, etc. Additional insurance needs to be acquired as well as a variance (written permission) requested from the SCA Seneschal BEFORE the event can take place.
- A reminder on Guilds. Guilds need to send quarterly reports like any other office to Kingdom or their Principality equivalent if there is one.
- There is a new Family activities Coordinator and a project for more youth activities at events. This system will work much like the Scouts program with earning badges, etc. but is broader than the Pages program. We presently do not have a Family Activities Coordinator (previously Pied Piper) but if anyone knows anyone interested please get them to contact myself and the Baron & Baroness.

Past Events

Antioch – worked well as a demo.

Upcoming events:

Baroness' Tourney still needs a bid!

Other Business

Discussion of Archos Kenneth's request for funds towards two York butts (See Archery report). James has contacts for more free materials.

- Warning about Crown: found a tick, reminder it's flea and tick season
- Investiture bid – mostly likely will be accepted, so long as tavern is removed from the bid.
- Renn music for sale (add buissness card)
- Stich and Bitch: Friday June 21st 19:30 – 22:00 #24 – 825 Salisbury Dr. (1 block East of Commercial Dr, between Venables and Adanac) Enter in court yard, look for arrows. Contact: (604) 215 – 4164 Niall
- June 8th (Cornet) 19:00 There's a wedding!

B&B's Report

- Adding to TOA a cut-and-thrust tourney (pre-cursor to creating a cut-and-thrust defender)
- Equestrian competition at SYGC. Not 'testing', pre-cursor to creating a level of SYGC.

- Decide what to do about stepping down. Preference has always been to only do one term. Seeking opinions on whether or not to extend.

Other discussion

Offices Seeking Application:

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| - Baronial Archer | - Lists |
| - Seneschale | - Dance |
| - Seneschale Contingency Deputy | - Bard |
| - Master of Stables | - Watch |

Exchequer – Fiona the Archer

- Bank Balance (as of May 1st): \$6283.96
- The \$750 deposit for Island 22 has been returned by the Fraser Valley Regional District, and deposited to the Lions Gate account.
- Public storage has been paid up to the end of June.
- Justice Institute of BC has been paid up to the end of April
- Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition has been paid up to the end of April
- The first quarter kingdom report has been sent to the Tir Righ Exchequer. Thank you to Anika for helping me make the report balance.
- I would like approval to purchase a few \$1.10 stamps (for mailing reports and NMS cheques to the US and more \$0.63 stamps for paying monthly bills. (Approved, and told to get extras to hold her for a while)

Discussion of giving notice to the storage locker. We only need two days notice. We lose remaining balance for the current month, but would get following month reimbursed. Discussion about whether we're going to change lockers? Still undecided as we have not performed an inventory.

Ulliam: 75% of our settlement money returned; LG taking the hit, other branches in Tir Righ will get 100% back.

Chamberlain – Johanna van der Velde

The locker has been inventoried and results forwarded to the officers. No requests for further detail have yet been received.

The locker is full, but I estimate one shelf could be eliminated from the possessions of the barony with some more aggressive condensing.

Items included in this assessment: waterbearing, pumps, water purifier, slide projector, assorted gold key, tables, bard in a box, decor. Additional suggestions welcomed.

Callouts to populace for further items not yet inventoried, currently in personal homes are upcoming.

After Antioch, articles were not able to be returned by Gareth to the locker due to a late cheque. I am not sure what the resolution of this was, but the last update indicated they were in Baron James' garage and the cheque was enroute. Key is still with Gareth, to my knowledge.

Suggestions:

Protocol of emailing a list to chamberlain of items moved out and in, for convenience and tracking. List can then be transferred to living inventory, and can be done from any smartphone. Feedback from event stewards requested. Would this be effective for them?

Next event is ToA 4

Discussion about new sign-out system. Various ideas are being explored.

Garet: Returned exchequer key, and the stock pot is back in the locker.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Gareth Doiron

Purple. Simia. Acetabulum Fullonibus.
Ahem.

The Sable Loat Pursuivant reports great success at Antioch, with an Heraldry table manned (and monkied) by two and a quarter brave assistants. Court was fantastic. I have a deputy now. All does indeed rock. I am tired.

Master of Stables – Griffin

All is well. Attendance at practice down a little. We have not held practice at Cloverdale for the last two weeks due to the rodeo but there has been heavies attending the Thur. rapier practice. We will be starting outside next month.

Archery – Jaqueline Lefleur

Grene Wode practice is on hiatus in May due to a very busy weekend schedule for the site this month. Practice there will resume in June.

Practices continue at Burnaby Butts. Attendance at Burnaby Butts practices is steady between 8 and 12 archers. Two more new target archers have joined. Archos Gareth ran one weekend shoot. I'll be running an IKAC or York the last Sunday in May.

The Grene Wode contract has been arranged. The fee will be \$5 per head, invoiced once per quarter. I'll prepare the first contract for the months of March, April and June 2013 at the end of June. It is delayed one month due to May's hiatus.

Archery Equipment Request

Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury is requesting the barony to contribute towards making two new York butts (4' x 4') and frames that can withstand crossbow use. These are to be used at Tir Righ Coronet. Kenneth is researching costs. I think I have enough wood to donate for one frame, but it will require hardware.

Missile Combat – Elora of Spain

Nothing to report. Upcoming: Sealion War which is hosting a Combat Archery Workshop & war scenarios.

Thrown Weapons: Nothing to report.

Master of Blades – Mattias Blennerhasset

Attendance has been slowly on the rise as event season is starting up. Right now we're getting between 8 and 12 per night.

\$710 was collected at gate between Mar 28 and May 16 (plus the \$50 float which lives in the cash box), which will be turned in to council on May 22nd.

There was one rapier related injury that happened at a Tuesday night Cloverdale practice, the incident report is attached.

Lists & Heavy Practice Co-ordinator – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

Nothing to report.

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

North Wind (a very sorry excuse for one) and Minutes are up-to-date as of tonight. Deadlines for remaining issues of the year have been posted on the LG website.

They are:

- June 23rd, 2013
- Sept. 22nd, 2013
- Dec. 15th, 2013

Library – Ylas

Not a lot of activity in the library. I was in Dragon Space last week and purchased some great medieval coloring and activity books. There is not much in the library for kids. I will bring the books to council.

Arts and Science – Aelana Cordovera

Not much to report on A&S this month, I've been immersed in grad show preparation at VCC.

Attended Scribal and Newcomers and setting up Stitch and Bitch classes with Tamsyn.

Have arranged with Mistress Meresighia to teach Pewter Casting at Coronet, so looking forward to that.

Bardic – Azure

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

- Dance practice: Nice turn-out, eight people showed up, eventually. Nearly left because first couple was late.
- Dance Practice is now 2nd Monday of the month, 19:00 – 21:00.
- There was a request to have an extra dance practice for this coming Monday (May 27th)

Scheduled Dance Practices are:

- May 27th
- June 10
- July 8
- Aug. 12
- Sept. 9
- Nov. 11
- Dec. 9

Still in discussion whether to hold Dance Practice on Oct. 14 (Thanksgiving) or Nov. 11 (Memorial Day)

13352 Old Yale Road, Surrey, BC

(A 15 Minute walk from Surrey Central Skytrain Station. Walk South (towards the Mall), keep the Mall to your left. Walk to and cross Old Yale Road. Go up the small set of stairs into the parking lot. Walk to the short building (13352) Go to the main doors, to your right is a patio, with the doors open for the meeting room for the dance practice.

Games – Uilliam MacAndrew

No report.

Chatelaine – Tamsyn le Rous

Excerpt from Quarterly Report:

This year has seen the building of a pretty solid core group of newcomers and a number of interested drop-ins to newcomer night.

I have held newcomer meetings once a month except in December when no one showed up. I have also held a number of informal project nights halfway through the month.

At this juncture, I have received an average of 2 - 4 new enquiries a month through the baronial website, have gotten 10 people to come regularly to events, a couple of them have already begun to move into leadership and junior officer positions and go to practices. I have a mail list of 26 people, most of whom have attended at least one newcomer's meeting. Meetings have been fairly informal Q & A sessions with a few visitors attending from the populace to introduce newcomers to fiber arts, heraldry and camping.

In addition to holding monthly meetings I have been available as chatelaine at baronial events. I did this by leaving the gold key at gate and introducing myself to all the folks robed in our green tabards. Having a very obvious garb for newcomers at events has been useful not only for myself, but has been a great identification tool for the many friendly members of the populace in Lionsgate. I have seen many members giving special attention to green tabard clad newcomers. The barony has held a couple demos this year but they were organized by other people.

Several of our events have been newcomer friendly, with a few classes geared especially for newcomers. One of our bransles gifted first time newcomers with a set of feast gear. While most of the populace is friendly, I sometimes wonder if it might help to organize some sort of icebreaker. Next week we hold Antioch - a shared demo/event and also an invitational tourney. 3 of my newcomers are volunteering.

So all in all, it's been a successful year. I feel very pleased and excited to get people going into the SCA and I look forward to the summer camping season.

I heard an interesting story tonight - one newcomer told us she remembered some SCA fighters doing a small demo at the camp she went to as a teen, since then she has always been interested in the SCA.

Scribe – Marie de Cheriseye la foret

This month's scriptorium took place at our usual location, Tamsyn's common room, on Saturday, 4th May, with the attendance of Aelana, Tamsyn, Eithne, Marie de Mont (the Principality Scribe), Katie and Mary (two newcomers) and myself, with Ylas keeping us company. We worked on various items for future presentation. I have set two challenges for the scribes in the barony to be displayed at various events upon completion. At Antioch Medieval Fair/Lions Gate Defenders we had a scribal display to show what is involved in creating a scroll from start to finish, together with some small projects for people to try; three adults and approximately seven children tried calligraphy or painting.

Our next scriptorium will take place on Sunday, 7th July.

Webminister – Solveig

I have updated Home page per Baron James, the picture has been removed of the Baron and Baroness and the newest Event (Sealion War) has been posted in its place. The next Lions Gate events will be posted on the Home page as they happen. Also, due to mundane problems I have not had ready access to my computer or website over the last few days, hopefully in the next few days. Please continue to send requests and emails and I will get to them as quick as I can.