

Lions Gate Council – July 24th, 2013

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Seneschale Report – Caitrina inghean Aindriasa

- I've received the Insurance Certificate for SYGC as well as a receipt from Violante for the Equestrian Insurance for ToA and SYGC for \$100 USD. Passing to Exchequer for reimbursement. I also have a VISA receipt for the Insurance Certificate for August Investiture for reimbursement to myself.
- Ariana Freemont is our new Fight Practice Coordinator. She will be collecting the money at practice and keeping track of waivers.
- As Ariana is in Surrey and cannot attend Council as often as she'd like, she has offered to host Council at her home on occasion so that those who would like to attend council but cannot due to distance and the toll bridge will have the opportunity to do so. <For further discussion and consideration>
- I am having difficulty getting rental info for the Union Hall where Baroness' is to be held this year. Right now all I know is we have the date and a \$500 deposit is needed hold the date.

From Kingdom Seneschale meeting at Coronation:

- there is a new dropdown form for Crier Event Copy coming online soon. I'll post the link to the email list once I get word it's gone live. This is going to make the job of event copies for the Crier much easier and can be completed in minutes instead of guessing what info needs to be included.
- there is also a new Event Steward Handbook that is almost complete that will make the job of being an Event Steward much easier and user friendly.
- with Social Media now being an approved method for passing information within the SCA there has been a new officer position created. The Social Media Deputy is the person who acts as the Admin for any FaceBook group or Twitter account for the Branch and would be a direct deputy to the Seneschale with Quarterly reporting requirements to the next level up to Principality. Lions Gate does not have a Social Media Deputy and presently I am the Admin for our FaceBook group. I don't see a need for myself to have a deputy to do this at this time but the next Seneschale may want to put one in place if they are not used to FaceBook.
- An Tir is holding an Admin Retreat for Seneschales and Exchequers September 27-29 in Lacey, WA. The Cost is \$80 per person and Branches are authorized to pay for their Seneschale and Exchequer or a deputy. I highly recommend our Exchequer be registered to attend as well as my Contingency Deputy. Being this late in my term, I don't feel the Branch would benefit from paying for me to go. If we decide to send more than the two we can split the cost between them and they would have to pay the difference, so long as the Branch is not paying for any more than \$160 total.

Past Events

None.

Upcoming events:

- **ToA IV // August 2 – 5**
 - Things are coming together, with exception of heavy scenarios.
 - Briana is doing baric.
 - Aelana is doing A&S
 - Rapier Marshal in Charge, and Elora doing thrown weapons (if she gets time off).
 - Programs almost ready to go for print.
 - Might go over on biffy budget, because need more pumping for extra day
 - Monday for Equestrian
 - Motion for float for incidentals, etc. Asking for \$1,000. Motion passed.
- **SYGC // August 16 – 18**
 - TOA changed the contract to remove clauses that were untenable; will send copy to SYGC
 - Everything else coming together. Needs to figure out getting access to storage locker. Needs to confirm Yeoman candidate.

- Motion for \$300 float for SYGC gate. Motion passes.
- **TR August Investiture // August 23 – 25**
 - Motion for float up to \$500 (and will adjust accordingly). Motion passed.
 - Games contest (Master Ullium) Request for Children's Contest?
 - Heraldic Scavenger Hunt
- **Baroness' Inspirational Tournament // November 30**
 - bid in the works by Duke Ulfr (by next week)

Other Business

New Demo opportunity

- Large Christmas event, two-day affair. Split it between fighters and heraldry, A&S.
- In Tinseltown. Noon to 20:00.
- Nov. 16/17
- Danielle leading.
- We've agreed to go for it.

GSA Camp Demo

- Demo conflicts with SYGC, but woman is really interested in checking out the SCA. If accompanied, and only want to stay for an hour, don't have to pay, but make sure they sign the waiver.

New Chatelaine Deputy Officer - Duchess Kievra

B&B's Report

- Meeting about changing the TOA date.
 - Not having to having every event every year (alternate TOA & A/T War?)
 - Don't have events that require a Kingdom presence, during Pensic.
 - TOA needs a long weekend
 - Still in discussion about the date change.
- Need to look at the locker. Get a small locker, and cram things in by order of priority, then ditch the rest.
- Margaret and James are going to step down; at Baroness'. Electronic pulling.
- They request that whoever next becomes Baroness, pays close attention to the sergeanty.

Offices Seeking Application:

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

Exchequer – Fiona the Archer

Chamberlain – Johanna van der Velde

The bank balance, as of today, is: \$5,369.39

Public storage has been paid up to the end of August.

Justice Institute of BC has been paid up to the end of June.

Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition has been paid up to the end of June.

The Albion Fairgrounds site deposit has been sent for Tir Righ August Investiture.

A request for a \$40 reimbursement for the "Town Hall" meeting site fee has been made by Baroness Margaret.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Gareth Doiron

Alas, there was not much Heraldry in July - no fair events in far lands or near, to hold a court or shout the news.

It was also a quiet month for devices. No deaths or injuries to report.

Master of Stables – Griffin

All is well. Fight practice continues and numbers seem to be steadily increasing. A few new people have been coming out as well.

Ariana Freemont (Dawn Malin) has agreed to take on the practice gate keeper position. I have had a couple of people interested in my job but no formal applications yet.

Have not received any reports from my deputies as of yet.

In Lions Gate fighter news, Stienarr was knighted at July Coronation and Sir Arminius is the new heavy Champion of An Tir.

Archery –

Missile Combat – Elora of Spain

Missile combat: Several members of Lions Gate journeyed to An Tir/

West War and participated on the war field.

3 members of the Barony competed for the honour of Kingdom Protector at July Coronation.

Thrown Weapons: nothing to report.

Upcoming: there will be a thrown weapons prize tournament at

Tournament of Armies.

Master of Blades – Mattias Blennerhasset

Attendance is still decent, seeing between 8 and 16 fighters a night... We've been collecting \$5 per fighter at pretty much every practice which more than covers the cost of the JIBC rental.

\$530 was collected between May 23 and July 28th, and will be turned in to the council at the July 24th meeting.

No reportable injuries or incidents.

Lists & Heavy Practice Co-ordinator – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

May and June Minutes have just gone out tonight; I'll try to get July's minutes out by the end of the week, and put out the North Wind next week.

Library – Ylas

Librarian report: more items checked out and a few returned, usual library stuff.

Arts and Science – Aelana Cordovera

Lots going on for A&S this month. People preparing for TOA and Principality and Kingdom events.

I attended Scriptorium on July 7th and Clare Weymis's Arts BBQ that evening as well. Met some people who were new to me, showed me how to do chain mail, make candle lanterns out of wire and jam jars, and also heard about the Vancouver Hackspace which might be a resource for SCA folk, so I went along to visit on Tuesday Open House. They have just moved and will be setting up in the summer, might want some Pewter and Bookbinding classes to get me involved.

Tried to organize a Metal Decoration Workshop on Saturday the 13th, but people are just too busy in the summer for this kind of thing, so postponed it to the fall. I went to a stone setting workshop at Mountain Gem as a consolation.

Now I am working hard to set up classes for TOA and also Investiture. Its a different venue so I will be looking for volunteers and voluntolds at Council Wed night.

What can you teach ? What do you want to learn ?

Bardic – Azure

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

Games – Uilliam MacAndrew

No report.

Chatelaine – Tamsyn le Rous

This has been a very rewarding last few months. Three of the newcomers I've been grooming have settled on personas, names and are working on getting arms passed. They have come to events, volunteered and one has taken on a deputy office. One is hosting a regular monthly "stitch and bitch". Two additional newcomers have been to Antioch and attend newcomers regularly. I have high hopes for all of them continuing their journey into the society and breathing a little life into it with their enthusiasm. Sadly, one couple are probably leaving town for a job opportunity but I think they will now always be SCA.

Scribe – Marie de Cheriseye la foret

Our scriptorium took place on Sunday, 7th July, with the attendance of Aelana, Tamsyn, Eithne, Dreng, Solveig, Marie de Monte (who gave us a class on face and figure drawing), Ylas and myself. Several of us are working on charters and scrolls for presentation at events in August. There will be no scriptorium in August as the month is too busy with events.

It is my intention, with the assistance of the scribes of the Barony, to offer more classes in the fall, focused on specific aspects of the scribal arts. In September we are intending to have a Scribal Arts Day open to all who are interested.

Webminister – Solveig

I would like to report that I have a new Deputy Webminister Dreng.

The two of us are going to upgrade the website to a more user friendly version. As it is now on all pages there is not much usable space to add or update information, the site will look much the same as it is now just more space on the pages.

There is also discussion for the future, of a Photo Gallery and Populace page for those who would like to send a photo and a little bit of information about themselves.