

Lions Gate Council – November 27th, 2013

Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Seneschale Report – Caitrina inghean Aindriasa

- Discussion on whether to switch Heavy Practice to Cyneric & Arianna's.
- Proposed solution is to stay at the Cloverdale Agriplex until April, spend the summer months (April through October) at Cyneric and Arianna's, then decide what to do next. It doesn't look like we can afford to stay at Cloverdale. Task the current committee (who were investigating cost and alternatives) to find a new place for Heavy Practice by Oct.
- Motion to keep fighting practice at the Agriplex until April, and then move to Cyneric and Arianna's until Oct. Passed.

Past Events

Imaginarius Fantasticus Demo // November 16 – 17

(See Attached Report)

Upcoming events:

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament // November 30 // Duke Ulfr

Requesting a float of \$400 for gate. Passed.

Bring your own food

But there's a tavern, so no outside alcohol.

Langley Fundamental Middle School (LFMS) Demo (Feb. 24, 2014)

- 18:00 – 21:00

Other Business

Recruiting newbies

- More demos?
- Street festivals?
- PNE?
- Just have people dress up and walk around and hand out cards.
- Fan Expo?
- Three – to four demos a year.

Moving SYGC?

- Conflicts with Sport of Kings
- Table for more discussion.

Library

- Ylas extended.

Thank the Outgoing B&B

- Thank you for coming to your last Council.

Business cards for SCA

B&B's Report

James will be taking back Chronicler; Margaret wants to focus on classes.

Offices Seeking Application:

- Baronial Bard (Vacant)
- Baronial Archer (Vacant)
- Baronial Rapier (Blades) (Term ending Feb2014)
- Dance (Vacant)
- Deputy Exchequer (Term ending Nov2013)
- Family Activities Coordinator (Vacant)
- Games (Term ending Dec2013)
- Gold Key (Vacant)
- Librarian (Term ending Nov2013)

Exchequer – Fiona the Archer

The bank balance, as of today, is: \$8772.35

Public storage cheque has gone out for December. The invoice was for \$219.45. The November cheque (mailed on Oct. 24th) got lost in the mail and was replaced on Nov. 9th with a new one. Since then the original cheque arrived at Public Storage, though in a different envelope than it was originally mailed in (some calamity at Canada Post?) and adorned with an odd manual postage mark. I asked Cheryl at Public Storage to send the whole thing back to me and I have it. It should be noted that ours was not the only cheque to arrive at Public Storage in this fashion, this month.

Justice Institute of BC cheque for the October invoice has been mailed. The invoice was for \$157.50.

Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition cheque for the October invoice has been mailed. The invoice was for \$892.50.

I attended the Tir Righ Administrative Retreat, and enjoyed the experience. Among other great bits of information I also learned that we sponsored the Incipient Shire of Fjordland last year (before my time). It has been brought to my attention that, as their sponsor, we are expected to administer their finances until such time as they acquire a bank account. I am awaiting specific instructions from the Tir Righ Exchequer.

Put the \$100 down for Baroness' (Mariner's Hall)

Chamberlain – Johanna van der Velde

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Garet Doiron

There was Heraldry this month - we manned a table at the Imaginarius Fantasticus Demo, and answered questions - we did a semi-mock court - I did field heraldry and described what happens with the fighting.

One injury to report, myself, while marshalling said fighting.

A good month was had. Next demo please!

There is a court at the end of the month, I am told, and I am looking forward to that.

Master of Stables – Miles FitzHubert

Firstly I wish to thank Sir Griffin for all that he has done for this office. A job well done. So with that, I would ask your indulgence with this new master of Stables. I also wish to thank Mistress Caitrin for running lists and hope that she will continue doing so. Please note that I will consider all counseling available with regards to this office. My regrets at not being able to attend council for November 27th due to a prior engagement.

This will be my first report as Master of Stables. No fighting events have taken place in the last month within the Barony since the last report. The Tuesday night Fight practice has now taken place indoors for some time and while our heavy fighter attendance fluctuates from week to week, the increased attendance is due to classes and other disciplines Rapier, Arts & crafts, Target archery, thrown weapons & combat archery, cut & thrust practice and anything that we can think of.. Duke Paul will continue to come up as long as he has dedicated students, otherwise he will not attend. Currently he has students.

My hope is to continue the practices at this site pending finances.

Archery – Thérèse de Merc

Practices

Practices are no longer running regularly outdoors at Burnaby Butts, due to the early sunset. Please join the official Lions Gate archery list if you wish to keep informed of changes. An unofficial Lions Gate Archery Facebook page may show when

people are going out to shoot and invite others to join them. There are occasional practices jointly held indoors with the heavy fighter practice in Cloverdale. Some practices are target archery run by Baron James; some are combat archery run by Lady Elora.

Events

No injuries to report. No local events this past month.

Miscellany

I would like to send a special thank you to my predecessor, Jacqueline Lefleur, for setting such a wonderful example. And more thanks to His Excellency James Wolfden & Her Excellency Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire, Seneschale Banamhaighstir Caitrina inghean Aindriasa, the Tir Righ principality Archery Marshal--Arcos Kenneth of Shaftesbury, and all the prior Baronial Archers who are helping me grow into this role and make sure archery stays alive and well in Lions Gate.

Missile Combat – Elora of Spain

Thrown weapons:

Practice has been well attended. Scores were submitted for 6 people to the Thrown Weapons Inter-Kingdom Competition which will be included in the 2014 standings.

During practices my personal equipment has become damaged. I am hereby submitting a request for a budget for the office for next year.

Combat archery:

Combat shooting has gratefully been run with target archery at practice. Warwick and I ran the first trial of a new tournament format called The Gauntlet at practice and will be running another one for the final practice of the year on December 3rd.

- Budget of \$70 for thrown weapons improvement. Passed.

Master of Blades – Mattias Blennerhasset

Lists & Heavy Practice Co-ordinator – VACANT

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

December 15, 2013 – North Wind Submission Deadline

Minutes up to date.

Library – Ylas

There has been no action in the library for a couple months now. I did get a box of Tournaments Illuminated and The Compleat Anachronist that will be added to the library list shortly.

Arts and Science – Aelana Cordovera

A&S Classes continue at Tuesday Night Fight Practices

Anglo Saxon Book Class on Sunday November 10, made four books.

November 16 and 17th, Demo at Tinseltown Aelana attended for two days, see Danielle's report. A joyous time was had by all.

Populace Mystery project begun and will be shown at Baroness's Tourney.

Aelana's book and bracelet display opened at Deer Lake Gallery, will be on until December 7th.

Attended Scribal meeting to brainstorm for new B&B charters, very exciting to have new charters under way.

November 25, make up class for Ylas for One Year Bookbinding Program, two more books completed.

November 30 Make up class for Introduction to Bookbinding cancelled due to illness in October. I will be selling books and jewelry at the Tourney too.

Bardic – VACANT

Dance – VACANT

Games – Uilliam MacAndrew

Chatelaine – Tamsyn le Rous

Scribe – Marie de Cheriseye la foret

At our October Scriptorium, attended by eight, we practiced Gothic calligraphy with the aid of HL Marie de Monte and learned Celtic interlace (knotwork) from Lady Myrrim de Lancaster. Our November Scriptorium on 24th November, attended by seven, was devoted to brainstorming for ideas for new charters for the new Baron and Baroness, with some of us practicing Uncial calligraphy and some doing some illumination - all in all it was very satisfactory. Solveig and I attended the demo Imaginarius Fantasticus on Sunday and a good time was had by all - the public seemed interested as well.

Our next Scriptorium will be a "Twixt Christmas and New Year's" Revel; we will be working on more charter design and will conclude with a celebratory feast of sorts. Dec. 29th (at Tamsyn's)

Webminister – Solveig

Site is working fine have completed a few small changes and additions, along with adding new Awards page for Warrants originated during the reign of Baron James and Baroness Margaret.

Report: Imaginarius Fantasticus Demonstration

November 16th and 17th, 2013

Submitted by: Eithne Rose (Danielle Sharp-Bell)

November 25th, 2013

On Saturday November 16th and Sunday November 17th the populace of the Barony of Lions Gate participated in a demonstration at Imaginarius Fantasticus at the International Village Mall in Vancouver.

Overall, this was a successful event as the target audience has a genuine interest in our activities and is seeking an entry point into the Society. We have been invited to return next year and those who participated expressed interest in returning.

Statistics

Number of pamphlets created: 100

Number of pamphlets distributed: 100 (we ran out by mid-day Sunday!)

Number of signups: 30

Number of SCA demos: 9

Number of SCA merchants: 2

Number of stage performances

Saturday: 6 (Court, Heavy x3, Rapier x3, Belly dancing, Singing, Court)

Sunday: 1 (fighting only)

Number of SCAdians who participated: 20

Number of people passing through entire event: Approximately 3,000 – 4,000

Although, the event went well, there were some suggestions made to assist in making this demonstration better.

1. Separating our merchants from those solely doing demos.

There was some confusion among visitors as to what was for sale and what was just for show.

2. Ensure that officers – specifically to our fighters – are spreading information that is being shared at council.

3. Heralding in a mall does not work.

We will provide a microphone to our Herald and to Their Excellencies so that the audience may hear them better.

4. Make our area more medieval-y.

We had the wall hangings, the Baronial War Banner, and the Kingdom banners; however, having a way to create a more medieval village atmosphere is needed. Brainstorming for this issue will occur in January as planning for 2014 begins.

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It would also be nice to have more displays of activities that cannot be done in that location, such as Thrown Weapons, Archery, Smithing, etc. (see point 7).

5. Print more pamphlets.

6. Promote this demonstration at other SCA events.

More promotion of the demo at both SCA events and other demos will improve Imaginarius Fantasticus overall, while getting more SCAdians involved.

7. Need video and photos from events

Video and photos of our events spark interest and add to the overall feel of the demo. Photos and video also allow for a better display of activities that cannot be shown in the event space (see point 4).

8. Have a separate list of upcoming events for newcomers to attend

In addition to the pamphlets and signup sheets, we should have collateral for attendees to take regarding our upcoming events.

We could also have a large sign with these events and their dates noted, enabling those with mobile phones to capture the information.

A note from Eithne:

I will be organizing this event again and will be maintaining the Facebook page I set up. Anyone interested getting involved can send me a private message or email me at sharpbellsca@gmail.com.

A massive “thank you” to everyone who was involved. This event would not have been as great without everyone’s hard work and contributions. Thank you!

In Service,
Eithne