

Harrowgate Heath Business Meeting

Sunday, July 8, 2012

These minutes must be distributed to all canton members.

Members in attendance: Catherine, Nathaniel, Gwendolyn, Cennèdig, Kaðlín, Fulke, Shanna, Richard
Two new members: Tracey and Kim

Chaired by Deputy Seneschal: Lord Richard

Upon arrival at the Masonic Hall there was a baby shower in progress. A call to Lady Catherine and she offered her place for the meeting. THANK YOU!!!!

A note was left on the door for the relocation but no one needed it as they were all at Lady Catherine's and Lord Nathaniel's by the time I got there. The meeting took place on the front porch to take advantage of the breeze.

Officer reports:

Seneschal: Lord Richard (for Lady Gina)
Semi-annual report completed and received by Kingdom.

Chatelaine: Lord Martin
Absent.

Pursuivant: Lord Nathaniel
Quarterly report completed and sent in.
Have made five submissions for names and heraldry with two more coming soon (+ possibly Fulke's)
Added agenda items for business section (tabard and regalia for Herald and Canton geography/boundaries).

MoAs: Fulke
Quarterly report completed and received by Barony. The most recent Scribal night in Winchester had 14 people in attendance!

Exchequer: Mistress Siglinde.
Absent but had sent report by email. Quarterly report completed and submitted to Barony (copy to Canton Seneschal). One cheque left to clear.

Webminister: Lord Richard
Cennèdig is looking into adding our Yahoo groups to the web site so members and new comers can find them easily. He is also backing up the Summer Siege web pages onto the Harrowgateheath.com website.

Armoured Marshal: Lady Kaðlín (for Lady Morag)
We have three new Authorised Fighters: Lord Nathaniel, Martin of Alexandria and Wayne of Cornwall.
This was made possible by the attendance of Lord Baldric and Lord Shahid!

We also have a new fighter (the younger) April and a new boffer from Massena.

Rapier Marshal: Lord Dafydd
Absent; no report sent.

Archery Marshal: Lord Terrant
Absent. Lord Nathaniel mentioned that the kingdom is planning a push for getting new Marshals in Training with a possible course being offered at the next FOOL event.

Business items:

Autocrat reports:

- Summer Siege, June 23rd: event report from Lord Cennèdig for Lady Morag.

The event was a wonderful success thanks to all!

The use of the toilet paper 'rocks' thrown at the fighters was received very well by both the peasants and the fighters. This may become an annual activity.

Final number of attendees is around 86 adults and children. With \$100 in expenses and the most generous donations we may have net around \$450 (final numbers will come from the event report by Morag).

There were five merchants there and although sales were light for most they may be back again next year.

The pre-gate guard was most appreciated by Her Excellency and Lord Nathaniel enjoyed doing it.

Lord Vodnikov may stand guard with him next year!

The water leaks (broken pipes, missing end caps, opened taps) were all reported and gratefully received by our hosts as they now have time to fix them before the Chesterville Fair this month.

Upcoming events:

- Baronial Muster in Eganville is on July 13-15 (camping)

- Pennsic starts on July 28th with Land grab and ends August 11 at Cooper's Lake Campground in Pennsylvania.

- Dragon Dormant is having a Scribal Event on August 25th.

Demonstrations:

- fighter demo at the Chesterville Fair on July 29th, 2-4 pm, organised by Lady Morag. Please show up earlier to get dressed in armour!

Next meeting in August:

- Discussed cancelling the August meeting and/or getting together just for an in-garb pot-luck. It was decided to cancel the August meeting.

Kannina is organising a Pennsic Pity Party on July 27th at her farm between Kemptville and Merrickville. Weekend/overnight and horses are welcome! See her emails on the Harrowgate list under the subject "Informal In Garb Pennsic Pity Party July 27th weekend"

Pursuivant Tabard and Regalia:

- Lord Nathaniel brought forward a Kingdom request for the Canton Pursuivants to have a Tabard made for themselves. As well, it is recommended that they have a staff and a scroll/notes binder. After a short discussion on the details and the volunteers that have already stepped forward to give their time to this effort, Nathaniel put forth two motions:

1) a funds request of \$150 for the material and embroidery of a tabard of office.

2) a funds request of \$50 for a staff and a leather bound case/binder for notes/scrolls.

The motions were seconded by Lady Kaðlín and the vote was unanimous in favour. (Note: only card-holding SCA members can vote on financial matters.)

NOTE: This vote is pending the Seneschal's review of our quorum requirements. If we did not meet quorum at this meeting we will bring forth the motions again in September.

From February 2008 minutes under Quorum Voting:

"The group decided that quorum would be two officers (including deputies) plus at least three paid SCA members present, where an officer or not.

Any issue requiring a canton vote must be tabled during one meeting, and then reviewed and voted on in the following meetings, thus giving the canton time to consider an issue. Voting can be postponed if the canton feels that further discussion is necessary. Voting on issues may only occur during a scheduled, announced, BUSINESS meeting. Announcing via the web site is acceptable. The Seneschal has the right to veto a decision if it is made inappropriately or illegally.

Richard reminded the group that a Financial Committee has been established, and that all decisions around finances are passed by the committee. In this case, quorum would not fall under this purview. The Financial Committee is the Seneschal, Exchequer and all other paid SCA members at the meeting on hand."

Addendum: As a technicality, we will vote on this financial matter at the next meeting that the Exchequer is present.

Around the room:

- Lord Nathaniel had attended the A&S evening last Thursday at Lady Catherine's and Lord Shahid's.

He brings Greetings from all in attendance! Two of the topics the discussed concerning Harrowgate Heath was:

1) Expanding our borders to include Cornwall vs. creating a new Canton. This is probably due to our membership increasing so well. If people would like to discuss this at a business meeting please contact the Seneschal to add it to the agenda or bring it up at a meeting. As this would affect all of the members it would need to be distributed to all. Growth is good!

2) Recruiting efforts. It is only recently that we are seeing new members from demos over the years. Most newcomers are from word of mouth, events and posters with rip-tags around Cornwall. And speaking of new members ... Welcome Tracey and Kim! They found us through Upper Canada Village demo, came to Summer Siege and now in attendance at our meeting. Kim is already looking at an SCA name of Amycia Harte (she will be researching 15th century English persona).

With no other items from around the room the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm so we could start the pot-luck!

Next meeting will be on Sunday, September 9, 2012 (skipping the Labour Day Weekend)