

Harrowgate Heath Canton Minutes *9 February, 2014*

Held at The Gathering House, Chesterville
14:00

Members in attendance: Catherine, Cennédig, Gina, Gwendolyn, Jane, Kaðlín, Magnus, Michel, Morag, Nathaniel, Niki, Richard

Officer reports

Seneschal: Lady Gwendolyn

Their Excellences announced that this year's Baronial Taxes will be "personal heraldic display". They are encouraging the members of Skraeling Althing to design and submit heraldry if they have not done so, and to present their heraldry on banners, shields, and anything else. They are resurrecting the shield tree, and would like everyone to paint a shield with their heraldry to announce their presence at events.

Lord Michel has a template from Their Excellences and has offered to make shields for the Canton. A vote was called on buying materials.

- Vote to reimburse Lord Michel for the board needed to make shield tree shields; passed.

Exchequer: Lady Jane

Q4 and Doomsday reports have been submitted.

Armored Marshal: Lady Morag

Fighting is happening. Lady Morag is working with Christine to put together a demo this spring.

Rapier Marshal: Lord Dafydd

Absent. Lord Michel has been going to fencing in Ottawa.

Webmaster: Lord Cennédig

- Lots of updates have been made to the website.
- It was briefly down but Lord Cennédig called them right away and it is back up again.
- He is donating a laptop for webminister duties; Lord Michel is now his deputy.
- Please submit content to the website!

Persuivant: Magnus

Hand-over of Persuivant materials happened at the meeting, he is talking to Lord Nathaniel about the role.

Chatelaine: Christine

- Compiling a list of community papers that I can contact to post practices and A&S nights.
- Started making the format for business cards
- Making arrangements to centralize the Gold Key at our place, should be completed over the next few weeks
- Contacted Media relations in order to confirm what type of notice they have for posting

community events. there is no restriction on advertising our practices in community calendars but it is strongly recommended not to invite the public as we may not be able to handle influx of people and their expectations may not meet the format the events are held in.

- Morag suggested possibility of participating in trade shows at the last fighter practice, will look into this as an option
- Started working on social media advertisements that canton members can post on their sites
- Started the plans to create signs that can be put up in the school to direct strangers and newcomers (purchased blue tac to stick up paper signs).
- Making flyers with pictures from our group.

MoAS: Lady Kaðlin

- Three events in the next 3 months have A&S focuses: Practicum in Caldrihtig, A Day in the Life in the Dark Ages in Northern Outpost, Break the Back of Winter in Greyfells
- Reminder: the Canton is entering a group entry in the Break the Back A&S Largess competition. Theme: "Things for Little Hands"
- Canton A&S Competition in December – theme is Canton Regalia. There will be three prizes.
 - March 1st the MoAS report is due, so send you're A&S activities to Lady Kaðlin

Archery Marshal: Lord Terrant
Absent.

Business Items

Deputies

Lady Kaðlin has already announced that she is looking for a deputy who will work with her for a year and then succeed her as Canton MoAS. Lady Gwendolyn and Lady Jane announced the same. As these people will be stepping into officer roles they will need to be voted on. The vote for MoAS was supposed to be at the March meeting but there have been no interested people yet. The votes for Seneschal and Exchequer will be at the April meeting. Contact Lady Gwendolyn if you are interested in any of these three positions.

Thrown Weapons and Archery

Lord Nathaniel has access to wood for thrown weapons targets. He needs someone with a truck to help pick it up.

A friend of Lord Nathaniel's has offered his land for archery and thrown weapons practice come summer. We would need to bring our own targets.

Lord Cennèdig is interested in acquiring archery butts for the Canton. He will bring a budget proposal at a later meeting.

Boarder Spat

Lady Gwendolyn has brought this event to the attention of the Baronial Council, and it will be discussed at the next Baronial Council Meeting at Practicum.

Upcoming Events we are Hosting

Summer Siege (Lady Kaolin,)

- The canton has been working on site tokens, we now have enough
- Competitions

- The person who stays in persona the longest
- A&S
- Armored
- Archery – possibly a Royal Hunt?
- Archery – Marshal will be Lord Cennèdig who should be warranted by then
 - Baronial championship will include a standard Royal Round, vertical and horizontal posts, and a ‘charging barbarian’ challenge
- Armored combat – Marshal will be Lady Morag
 - Possibly do a Royal Hunt in the woods
- Thrown Weapons
 - Need a marshal – Lord Nathaniel will look into it
- Children’s activities
 - Schedule a piñata and ‘Easter egg hunt’ with pouches to find
 - Niki offered to provide the piñata and the candy inside it
- Gate – rotation like last year
- Food
 - lunch will be vegetable soup and sausages
 - dinner will be a pot luck feast

Event Reports

Tourney du Coeur de Glass – Lady Avelyn, Lady Gwendolyn and Lord Michael fought in the heavy list, and Lord Michael in particular did well. Lord Dafydd fought in the rapier list, and advanced to the semi-finals. Lord Michel was also there.

Birka – Lord Nathaniel and Lady Catherine went to Birka. They bring back tales of a fabulous event with lots of merchants.

Step Spritely and **A Game of Queens** were both unattended by our Canton.

Upcoming Events

February 22, Practicum – The Canton of Caldrihig

March 1, Winter War – The Shire of Trinovantia Nova

March 15, Break the Back of Winter – The Canton of Greyfells

March 22, Late Winter Shoot - The Canton of Petrea Thule

Around the Room

Lady Kaolin – Other groups (Kingdoms and Baronies) give fighters points to show up to fight practice and events. Maybe we could start something similar?

Lady Gina – is bottling mead

Lady Jane – is doing wire weaving

Lady Morag – made another bench box; Martin lost a batch of mead

Lady Catherine – Scribal is happening all over the Barony; she was in armor last Thursday

Lady Gwendolyn – was in Scotland, which was fantastic, if brief. Then she was in Toronto and went to Ben Dunfirth fight practice, where she learned a lot.

End of Meeting

Minutes scribed by Gwendolyn