



CANTON OF HARROWGATE HEATH

Meeting Minutes - Summary

March 2, 2008

LOCATION: Winchester Old Town Hall TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

CORRECTIONS

It was erroneously reported in the previous minutes that quorum was passed at three members; it should be five. Therefore, **quorum has been adopted as:** two Canton officers plus three paid SCA members from the Canton of Harrowgate Heath. Also, proxies can be submitted to any canton member, not just the Seneschal. The February minutes were passed with corrections.

OFFICER REPORTS

2. Exchequer: Richard related that the Domesday Exchequer report was submitted on time. The current bank statement has been received. Vod's cheque has not yet been cashed.

Note: Richard is still looking for a replacement Exchequer for 2009, and if anyone is interested in learning about the position may contact him.

3. Herald: Reinhart confirmed that he wishes to step down as soon as possible. Gina has agreed to step up in his stead. The Herald's Domesday is still outstanding due to some mundane time constraints, but Reinhart is optimistic this will be completed shortly.

Action: If any canton member received an award in 2007, please send word to Reinhart as soon as possible.

4. MoAS: Gina and James have created a tentative schedule of classes. The classes still need to be confirmed with teachers, however. To kick off this year's A&S days, a Hoodmaking class will be held hosted by Gina, and possibly Countess Susanna.

Period Hoodmaking Sunday, March 16, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Winchester Town Hall

****Please bring** a minimum of one meter of pre-washed wool, linen or good quality cotton for this hands-on class. Gina will be providing patterns.

Gina also suggested that perhaps one of the days there could be a period garb display, almost like a "round the table show and tell". (March 30th?)

James also suggested he could run a Tuesday night A&S in April with a "Pennsic Primer" theme and Qs & As around getting ready for Pennsic. Members from Caldrithig could be invited as well. The group thought this was an excellent idea.

6. Web Minister: Dafydd has been making routine updates to the web site. It was discussed that we should put as many people's arms online as possible. He is also in the process of revising the look of the web site.

Scribe's Corner: Avelyn asked to add a few comments for the group.

- The canton membership database is now complete, and the data entry is done for those who have submitted forms. [Get your form here.](#)
- Avelyn moved to provide an executive summary of the minutes online, which she will provide with the minutes package. **MOTION PASSED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Demos

Barrhaven School Demo – March 2008 (TBD)

Emelote was approached to do an in-school demo for some kids learning about the Middle Ages.

Osgoode Demo – July 13, 2008

Emelote contacted Dame Helen in Caldrithig to let them know a demo in Osgoode has been requested. Helen specified that she would like the Osgoode organizers to continue to work through Hawise. The Osgood organizers require our response/plan by **April 1**.

2. Events

Archery at Marshal Meadows

Gina has tentatively settled on the date for this event as **May 31, 2008**, although she needs to confirm this with Sperry.

2008 Canton Yule Potluck

Reinhart has suggested to the group that on **Saturday, November 29** the canton hold a potluck Yule feast and dance class, possibly at the Kemptville Church. This would be an in-garb event and barony friends would be welcome to join us. The group thought this is an excellent idea.

Summer Feast and Class Day

The summer might be an ideal time to host a great Feast event based on summer availability of fresh produce. Reinhart suggested this might also be a nice time to have some outdoor classes, games or other activities. If this event were to be held during Pennsic, it might give folks who aren't going an alternative to look forward to. However, given we're already into March, this may have to be postponed until next summer. The idea will have to be discussed by the group further.

Other Event Discussions

Other possible events were discussed that could be planned long-term to help improve links and relationships between Harrowgate Heath and our neighbouring groups.

Event Reports

FEAST OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: Barony of Delftwood, in the Kingdom of Æthelmarc (Syracuse, NY). February 16.

Nine people from HH attended this event. It was excellently planned and took place in a beautiful church with lots of wooden walls for ambiance. Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves, and was welcomed with outstanding hospitality from our Æthelmarc cousins. Highlights included:

- Lord Vodnikov represented the canton and Kingdom with distinction, and was the winner of the baronial bardic circle with a stirring rendition of his song "March On" and other poetry.
- Dafydd has submitted a review of this event for the next *Tidings*.

PRACTICUM: Caldrithig, February 23.

Eleven members participated in Practicum this year. There were mixed reviews of the classes, although some highlights were noted: the Italian Renaissance dance class, the Harp class, the Hood class and especially the Leatherworking classes.

EAST KINGDOM WINTER WAR: Potsdam, NY. February 23

Gina reports that the event was small but friendly, and that five HH members attended. There was a lot of food, fighting, a merchant, some A&S classes and a competition. Gina volunteered as a Chirurgeon-in-training at this event. It was an enjoyable way to spend a day!

Upcoming Events

BREAK THE BACK OF WINTER: Greyfells, March 8
 SNOWED INN!: Ard Chreag/Petrea Thule (Cobourg), March 15
 LATE WINTER SHOOT: Petrea Thule (Peterborough), March 29

3. Recruitment Strategy

Due to time constraints, the group decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Calendar Quartermaster

Avelyn brought forward another idea that she, Emelote and Dafydd hatched: a canton event coordinator. This would be a mundane, non-officer position whose role would be to keep tabs on all of the events coming up for the next year and possibly into years ahead. The objective is to enhance the canton's ability to do forward planning around events, and make it easier to book good venues well in advance (possibly months or years) of events. The group generally supported this idea and agreed to bring it forward for further discussion. Gina suggested the position could be the "Calendar Quartermaster".

AROUND THE ROOM

- Reinhart announced that he has applied for a new job in Collingwood, Ontario but this is still early in the process. He also shared with the group that an associate of his is a peacock farmer and has lots of extra peacock feathers to give away (or at a small cost) if anyone would like some.
- Gina is taking orders for www.cheeptrims.com and if anyone would like to add to her bulk purchase, please send your order to her by **March 16**. The bulk order will save us all on shipping fees and time. ☺
- Emelote has quit her second job and will hopefully have more time to devote to the SCA. Huzzah!
- Dafydd has a full name now: Dafydd ap Alun (Welsh).
- Isabella reported that the Naalbinding session went very well, and that Fiona and Emaline have requested sessions as well. She is offering to teach people the art on a one-to-one basis, so pupils have a very good understanding of the process, not just an overview. She is also knitting some period socks with authentic stitching (a Coppergate sock).

ADJOURNMENT

Emelote adjourned the meeting around 4:00 PM. Minutes scribed by Avelyn.

Next meeting:	Sunday, April 6 Winchester Old Town Hall 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
	All Canton members are encouraged to attend. Newcomers and walk-ins always welcome!