

FLINTHEATH SPARKS

(Meeting Notes from 23rd August, 2008)

Officer Reports:

- **Reeve (Solange):**
 - War of the Roses event report is finished and will be sent out next week.
- **Chatelaine (Dirik):**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Knights Marshal (Clancy):**
 - Fighter practice is still going on at Studlands.
 - 3 new fighters have been fighting on Tuesdays at Clancy's and on Saturdays at Studlands.
 - Still looking for new practice site.
- **Rapier Marshal (Nicholas):**
 - Rapier practice is happening on Saturdays at Studlands.
 - Fencing jacket has been ordered for the loaner gear.
 - Will look at the kits on Ebay and see if they are SCA legal.
- **A&S Minister (VACANT):** Anyone interested in this position should contact Ursula.
- **Herald (Nicholas):**
 - Shire device may not pass. The flame-on-flame is the only issue.
- **Seneschal (Ursula):**
 - Officers – please let me know who your deputy is and when you want to step down.
 - Nick will be holding the meeting in September (unless he is out of the country).
 - Discussion and decision to have a Historian office. Will ask Arianwen to hold this office.

Events:

- **WotR**
 - What worked – site is good, food was good
 - What did not work – weather was bad, timing was bad
 - Things to change – Change the time – next year will be 1st weekend in June, change the name, possibly theme the event, possibly make this our bootcamp.
- **Yule Ball** – December 12th – 14th at Bidwell Scout Camp in Thetford. Melisande did a good job with the flyer and it has been sent to the Baelfyr and Dragons Tale. Gyles has prelim menu. Clancy will arrange a trip to site soon.
- **ID Protectors/University** – Tabled to next meeting.
- **Battle of Brothers** – Tabled to next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Advertisements** – Have not seen an ad from Jahanara. The Cambridge Evening News. has small ads under the Hobby section in the classifieds. The website says they cost £149 per year. Ursula will write up an ad for the Cambridge Evening News and get an accurate cost. Solange and Dirik will donate a mobile phone for the Chatelaine office so we can put a phone number in the advertisement. It is a pay-as-you go phone plan.
- **Leaflets** – We will purchase 1000 flyers from OfficeMax like before.

New Business:

- **Flagship Events** – There is a new policy in ID to have a planning calendar. Each Shire is supposed to look at the planning calendar before planning events to see what events might conflict. Each Shire will be allowed to designate 2 of their events to be “Flagship” events. That means that when a “Flagship” event is put on the calendar, no other “Flagship” event from any group can be placed on the calendar within a week of

the event. There must be at least one free (no flagship) weekend between “Flagship” events. War of the Roses (whatever it will be called) will be one of our “Flagship” events. We will reserve the right to name another one at a later date.

- **Revels** – Dirik suggested having a monthly revel at the Liberty Archery Club. Food could be potluck. This would open up the archery draw since we seem to be acquiring quite a few people interested in archery.
- **Snailwell Demo** – The planners may or may not host the Medieval Faire at Snailwell next year. If they do the Shire will attend. More info to follow as soon as dates are established.
- **Yule Ball** – December 4th - 6th 2009 – Solange will autocrat.

Attendees:

Sarah Shuss, Ross Taylor, John/Fi Scerri-Headley, Clancy/Deb Fairchild, Nick Adams, Alison Barker, Nicky Daily, Art Arellano, and Kay Ellis.

NEXT MEETING:

Was not discussed.