

# FLINTHEATH SPARKS

(Meeting Notes from 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2007)

## Officer Reports:

- **Reeve (Solange): Report not given.**
- **Chatelaine (Dirik): Report not given.**
- **Knights Marshal (Dirik): (Odo gave report)**
  - Doomsday report went in to the ID Marshall.
- **A&S Minister (Jahanara):**
  - Stepped up as ID MOAS so this office is now empty.
  - March 11<sup>th</sup>, pennants will be painted at J's house.
  - Trying to schedule a weaving workshop in April. **Let J know if you are interested.**
- **Herald (Nick):**
  - Vote on device done. Argent device won. Petition has been signed by officers and Nick will submit the paperwork for changing the device.
  - Nick is working on his own device.
  - If you want help with names or devices, please let Nick know.
- **Seneschal (Malachi):**
  - There is a form for requesting to Autocrat an event. These will be due to the seneschal 2 months before the events.
  - Malachi is looking for new sites for fighter practice and events.
  - Group should be focusing more on A&S at events and not just fighting and feasting.
  - Bardic circles would be a great addition to our events when site allows.

## Old Business:

- **Yule Ball:**
  - What Worked:
    - Fighting was good.
  - What did not Work:
    - Dance Classes were not arranged until that day.
  - What to see next year:
    - More dancing.

## New Business:

- **Bootcamp:** March 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. Autocrat is Odo. Flyers have gone out. No budget yet.
- **Archery Club Work Party:** March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Snailwell Medieval Faire:** May 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 6:00pm. Malachi is the autocrat. We will NOT be paid for this demo. We have been given two times each day to fight on the field. **Need someone to coordinate fighting and A&S demonstrations. Would like to have classes in the afternoon.**
- **WOTR** – August 16th. Autocrat is Katerina. Clancy will waracrat and the fighting scenarios will be just like last year with a few changes. Site fee will go up £1 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to be provided. **Need someone to do food and people for set up/tear down crews.** Dirik will work to become an archery marshal for this event.
- **Fresher Faire Demo** – October time frame near Parker's Piece park in Cambridge. This is similar to an activities day at the colleges. **Need Autocrat.**
- **Yule Ball** – December 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. Autocrat is Malachi. Site needs to be found. Giles is head chef. Will be Masquerade. Possible site is Audley End House

## Other Issues

- **Possible Demos for this year:**

- **Lakenheath Middle School** – Host Nation Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May at RAF Feltwell. Would like A&S and fighting demonstrations. Malachi will try to get the English Heritage to show up as well.
- **Bungay Demo** – Malachi would like to do at demo for the castle's re-opening. – date unknown, expected late Spring or early summer. Group requests date before decision to do demo is made. Malachi will keep group updated.
- **New location for fighter practice:**
  - **Bury St. Edmunds** – Malachi would like to move fighter practice in hope of recruiting from larger towns.
  - Dirik would like all the fighters to go and scout for a new site, making sure to take Nick for a British perspective.
  - Lutr wants to make sure the site is feasible for fighter practice not just for any visible place to be used for recruitment.
  - Consensus is that fighter practice needs to be moved in hopes of gaining lasting members.
  - Idea was tossed out about doing one fighter practice a month in garb with A&S demonstrations.
- **Advertisements for Newspapers:**
  - **Cambridge Evening News** – Malachi would like to place an ad in the Cambridge Evening News.
  - Jahanara has volunteered to write the advertisement.

**Attendees:**

Greg/Michelle Fleming, Travis/Erica Hume, Ross Taylor, Sarah Shuss, Sarah's Mom, Matthew Wheller, Clancy/Deb Fairchild, Dean/Dawn Tiger, Nick Adams, Kay Ellis, Alison Barker, and Lauren Scott.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at Studland's Sports Bar