

Shire of Flintheath January 2011 General Meeting

Meeting opened by Gyles Rochester, Seneschal

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Gyles)

Thanked Nicholas for being seneschal the past two years.

Rainer received a going away gift of a period glass case.

Exchequer (Agatha)

Domesday report completed and submitted.

Held 4 events in 2010

Beginning balance was £1899 and closing balance was £983.

Compared to other branches, our fees are a bit low. Need to raise site fees to avoid losses.

Nicholas is receiving the books as incoming exchequer on January 23rd.

Reimbursement forms have changed. All event staff is requested to review forms and address questions to Agatha.

Chatelaine (Eldgrimr)

Demo at Lakenheath High School on March 10th at 100 pm. Need volunteers – both fighters and non-combatants. Would like non-fighters to supervise students/maintain a buffer zone around the fighting field.

Found 1 new contact on RAF Feltwell. They have been away from the SCA for 6 years but are interested in coming back and kept their kit. Met contact at a Blacksmithing workshop in December.

History Boot Camp invited SCA. We could teach some classes as well as attend. The camp is for all re-enactors, not just fighters. Scheduled dates are during April 2011.

The family in Girton that Matthew Baker introduced has not responded to any communication attempts by various shire members.

Knight Marshal (Clancy)

Not present and no report given.

Rapier Marshal (Cedric Floppy Hat)

No fighters so no practices being held.

Archery Marshal (Kathryne)

No archery during winter due to weather. Starting April, monthly practice at Liberty Archers or St. Neots, date and time TBA.

New competition sponsored by Kingdom Archery Marshal. More info can be found on the kingdom website.

Per Exchequer, Liberty Archers never cashed any cheques given to them in the past two years. Outstanding debt is £140. Will address before holding May revel at Liberty Archers.

Herald (Kathryne)

Still trying to figure out who will step up as herald. Shire requested permission from Schwartzdrachen for Nicholas to fill both shire herald and Edelweiss. No response received to date.

1 badge 1 name and 1 device in submission process and 2 more are in consultation stages.

The Shire device is currently with Laurel Queen at Arms for decision.

A&S (Ayesha)

Not present, but sent report.

A&S nights are held in the east of the shire on Tuesdays at J/Eldi's house or Ursula/Clancy's depending on week.

A&S nights in the west of the shire are on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at Kathryne's.

Web minister (Jahanara)

Please complete a release if you think you may be on the website. Need permission for all photos/work published.

Junk mail issues with some of the officer emails. To protect members' inboxes, she will look into settings/spam filters.

Regarding new website host, the shire needs an option that makes for 30 minute updates that are hands-off and user friendly.

Google sites offer 50 officer emails and shire forums, but unsure of price.

Current host gives 200Gig storage and 50 emails for £48.00 per year.

Word press offers 8Gig storage and unknown emails for unknown price.

Historian (Arianwen)

Did not attend and did not send report.

Old Business

Past Events

Yule Ball

It was a great feast, only complaint being too much good food. Overall, went well with no serious problems. Attendees overall had a good time.

For future Yule Balls - Event is the last one on the calendar before Coronation, so it could evolve to a larger event and have Crown presence, if there is court business to get done before the end of the reign. Need to have contingency plans in place for sever increases in numbers.

Event reported a loss of £220.00, mostly due to additional complimentary tickets and the need to rent the upstairs of the hall when the Crown/Coronet decided to attend.

Remanded discussion of event fees to next meeting.

New Business

Upcoming Events

Boot Camp (18-20 March) Steward: Dirik

Alaric is encouraging the northern fighters to go to Coventry in early March, so possible conflict.

Dirik had a big email snafu and while some emails got out, not all were delivered and not all replies made it to him. Communication issues could affect attendance.

Flyer distributed now and will post more reminders on the email lists.

Also event will be announced in Coronet Court in February.

Event budget is £450 - £300 for site and £150 for food.

Site fee is £15 per person, expecting 30 attendees.

Snailwell Demo (1st weekend in May) Steward: Ursula

Site announced no event in 2011.

A Maying (21 May) Steward: Ayesha

Liberty Archers reserved for the weekend so camping available Friday and

Saturday nights.

Information sent to Baelfyr and on ID calendar.

Shire discussed holding a potluck feast or a catered feast. Nikki had mentioned cooking a feast, so will discuss options with her.

Summer Coronation/Battle of Brothers (17-19 June) Steward: Kathyne

Hall reserved. Calendar updated to reflect Flintheath receiving the bid.

Information sent to Dragons Tale & Baelfyr.

Will start advertising on mailing lists and at events and flyers.

Raglan Coronet (20 August) Steward: Gyles

Feast capped at 50 people plus High Table. Ceara is feast cook.

There are some logistical issues Gyles is working on such as hiring a van, tables, and chafing dishes.

Flintheath will host all activities on Saturday, starting with Coronet and ending with the Grand Ball. Kathyne will organize the ball portion.

Woods Hunt (11 September) Steward: TBA

Reservation made with Liberty Archers.

Looking for shire members wanting to steward this event.

Yule Ball (2-4 December or 9-11 December) Steward: Solange?

Site will be the Scout Camp in Thetford Forest that was used in 2008.

Ceara is cooking the food.

Shire Tent

Will be at Lakenheath High School next Tuesday to sketch the design and prepare the tent for painting. Anyone is welcome to help!

Shire will schedule a painting day this spring.

Equipment Purchases

Chafing dishes – worked well at Yule Ball to keep food warm. Suggest purchasing instead of renting. Suggested DRMO/NAF sales or discount catering stores. Everyone asked to investigate purchase places and bring info to next meeting.

Food Processor – money already allocated so Gyles will go buy one for shire use.

Bigger Shed – current shire shed is bursting at the seams. Gyles is preparing inventory and then will look to cull broken/unusable items. Possibility exists that a larger shed will need to be purchased.

Meeting adjourned.