

# SPARKS

(Meeting Notes from 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2008)

## Officer Reports:

- **Reeve (Solange):**
  - £1507.32 and \$107.75
  - Odo is to check into possible overpayment for Bootcamp.
  - Lutr has decided to not be the deputy.
  - Agatha has agreed to be deputy.
  - Report sent in.
- **Chatelaine (Dirik):**
  - 6-8 new recruits, 6 of which are from Malachi, 2 new ones at fighter practice today. Lets encourage them to attend WotR
  - Lots of positive growth
  - Need a list of all the paid members.
  - Need to reach out to other areas of our Shire, such as Norwich.
  - Report sent in.
- **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.
  - Shire loaner armour needs to be gone through and patched up.
  - On July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Archery Club work day, Clancy, Deb, Kay, Chaz, Minos, Art, Nick, and Malachi turned up to help. Fighter practice was also held there.
  - Report sent in.
- **Rapier Marshal (Nicholas):**
  - Rapier practice is happening on Saturdays at Studlands.
  - The Shire could use more loaner armour, such as jackets, gloves, epees, etc.
- **A&S Minister (VACANT):** Anyone interested in this position should contact Ursula.
- **Herald (Nicholas):**
  - Nicky has sent in her name. Gyles' was passed.
  - The Shire device has now been sent to society level – should have answer about January time frame.
- **Seneschal (Ursula):**
  - Checked into rapier jackets, they will cost \$29.99 plus shipping. I will order 2.
  - Officers who sent in your reports and did not copy them to me, please do so.
  - Special thanks go out to the new guys Chaz, Minos, and Art for showing up to the Archery Club Work Day.

## Events:

- **WotR** - August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Please read the announcements Katarina has sent out on the egroup. Site will open at 10:00. We still need an Archery marshal. Dirik will try to get authorization for WotR.
- **Yule Ball** – December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Bidwell Scout Camp in Thetford. Malachi has been removed from autocrat and will be replaced by Clancy. Gyles has idea of menu and is looking at the food for the event being £14/pp. Menu will be very vegetarian friendly.
- **ID Protectors/University** – Tabled to next meeting.
- **Battle of Brothers** – Tabled to next meeting.

## Old Business:

- **Fresher Faire** – Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-6. Article in the Baelfyr by Guy about doing these kinds of demos.
- **New Fighter Practice Location** – Not looked at since Bury turned us down. Odo has

looked at Moulton Hall for the winter. It will be approximately £15/night. He will get an accurate price by next meeting.

- **Advertisements** – We need to quit talking about it and do this. Jahanara will put together an ad. The stars and stripes will cost us \$450 for a year if put in business listings. Dirik recommends this course of action. Ursula will look in to prices in Cambridge Evening News. Dirik suggests the Bury Free Press as well.

**New Business:**

- **Viceroy Tournay** – Flintheath is putting up the financing for this event. Maredudd is the Autocrat. The event is in Oxfordshire.
- **Making events more Period** – Table cloths and runners would be nice for the Shire to have. If you have some suggestions of things to make the atmosphere at events better, please bring them forward, we have the money to spend to make things better.

**Attendees:**

Anne Buckner, Sarah Shuss, Ross Taylor, John Scerri-Headley, Clancy/Deb Fairchild, Nick Adams, Travis/Erica Hume, Greg/Michelle Fleming, and Kay Ellis.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Was not discussed.