

## Business Meeting 2 July 2011

### Attendees:

Officers;

Gyles

Eldgrimr

Jahanara

Clancy

Members

Agatha

Melisende

Salonge

Dirik

Ceara

Ursula

### Reports

Seneschal

Gyles apologizes for personal life getting in the way of Senschal's job.

### Exchequer

Nick is unwell, nothing to report, we have money.

### Herald

We have heraldry

### A&S

MoAS not present

### Chatelaine

New member showed up again. We had a scout demo, went very well. Ursula has another Demo lined up, that the scout camp will pay us with a pavilion. Ursula gives details for demo:

Came from first demo

Scout's are having opening house with parents

16 July 1400-1700

First Scout group was really thrilled with the demo. They even commented that the kids had to be torn away from the demo for food, which has never happened before. Adults had an equally good time. Would love to have us back, felt bad for not paying us. Ursula said feeding us was great payment! The day we were there was another group using an adjacent field who would also love to have us, if the group wants to continue on with more Scout Demos. Melisende says we should continue with these long enough to see if we get recruitment from it.

Haverhill Troop has about 80 members (16 July Demo). Likely won't have all 80, but will have 60-70 plus parents.

Agatha can't make 16<sup>th</sup>, but agrees we should do it. Salonge agrees. Need headcount for the 16<sup>th</sup> 8 meeting attendees and possibly Tre. Clancy points without mentioning

any names, that we need more heavy fighters for the demo. No objections to holding demo. Ursula will contact group to let them know we're coming.

This group will be "paying" us for the demo with a pavillion

What to do with the pavilion, possibly donate it to Myndd Gwyn, if they can store.

Tre will send an organizational write up suggestion for the demo to Ursula.

Ursula will also contact the Cumberton group about another demo.

#### Web Minister

Call for corrections for the summer. Melisende sending a list for Raglan Feast, that will be posted asap. Dirik noted that the Members page needs updating, add Expat area under current list, wanted dead or alive section.

We are missing several months of business meeting minutes, everyone how has volunteered to type up past meeting minutes is asked to do so asap and submit them to both the Seneschal and the Webminister.

#### Marshal

Clancy has taken over the ID Marshalate, he is resigning as Flintheath Marshal. We must have a Marshal within 60 days or we will lose the ability to have official practices. We can still have unofficial practices, aka website will need to be changed. These are not official SCA meetings and therefore not covered by insurance. Agatha asks do you have to be a fighter to be a Marshal? No. You have to be willing to enforce rules, be at practices and report. If there is not a Marshal it is not an official practice.

Knight's Marshal does not have to be a Marshal, but you have to have a Marshal present to have a practice. Several questions were asked to clarify. In order to have an official practice we need someone who is willing to do the report, know the rules and be at practice, and an official marshal at practice. They do not have to be the same person.

#### Rapier Marshal

No practices, nothing to report, marshal not present

#### Archery Marshal

Hasn't been reporting. Arinrhod was the MIC at Coronation

#### Non-Report Business

Reporting time soon. Gyles needs to redo his contact list, all officers please contact him individually with Legal name, SCA Name contact information and membership #'s and Expiry Dates.

#### Previous Events

Coronation/BoB- Gyles is waiting on the report, Catherine should be sending a preliminary report soon. We made money on an event for the first time in 2 years, £225-250 is the estimated profit. Salonge points out that several people did donate things without being reimbursed, so it bears in mind that not all possible expenses were asked to be reimbursed.

Future autocrats should budget for things like site tokens, excess for unexpected expenses. Agatha suggested we have a list of possible costs for site tokens, etc. Salonge points out that tokens costs vary, some the supplies costs less and time "costs" more, and vice versa. Gyles agrees these things need to be budgeted for. Ceara suggests that the report notes how much materials donated cost so we have a record to refer to.

Dirik noted that in other groups hold a post event meeting the week after the event, so it is fresh in everyone's mind and that's all your discussing, at a potluck. Agatha asked about using the site again. Everyone agrees that the site is no longer viable, due to prices. Ursula stated that we must find new venues with beds. Dirik recommended looking at Scout camps as potential venues, this is another way Scout Demos will be useful. We may not use one of their sites, but they can give recommendations for us to other groups. Hopefully there will be a more up to date report at the next business meeting.

Asked for suggestions for future events:

Agatha do we want to keep challenging Nordmark?

Yes we're happy to keep doing so.

#### Future Events

Coventry 10-11 September Alaric and Robert are helping with Edith & Thomas' wedding, but were replaced. Coventry discovered that another event is possibly happening at Lundt on that date. So the date may need to be changed. Clancy has found it challenging to work amongst 4 shires. If we move the date, we could still include Thamesreach. Clancy can't submit a budget to the group, until the site information is confirmed, but will do so as soon as site is confirmed. Gyles is touching base with them more as well.

#### Raglan/Coronet Feast

A lot of discussion has been happening on the list re: coverage for Raglan Fest. Duarte has confirmed the undercroft will be open. Duarte is measuring tomorrow, there is no electricity, so it will have to be candle/torch lit. Dirik questions ventilation. Duarte will confirm suitability after tomorrow, which means no money to be spent on canvas/canopies. Gyles and Fiona already have lots of candles to lend. The shire has several candles as well. Agatha asked about hanging the chandeliers that shire members own. Gyles did not think that would be possible.

Gyles is thinking about collapsible frames for hanging banners to decorate the hall. Using the decorations we already have. Hopefully this solves that issue. Duarte has gotten the tables cheaper, MG pays 50% we pay 50%. £5 per table for the entire weekend. We need 12 tables, £30. Daurte collects them and takes them back. We should make some money on the feast. Ceara reports part of the feast is planned out. She found wild boar that will be precooked, using a tested recipe, using warming pans again, using her cook stove and potentially Gyles's. Gyles and Agatha offered various cookery. Melisende said any Shire stuff can be brought. There may be a tasting evening. Ceara is also looking various other "wild" game. Salonge recently found a new farmers market with locally produced meat, that has quail eggs, etc. Nikki can get a variety of game.

Unfortunately, our Sheriff will not be able to attend the event. The job includes taking tickets at the door for feast and go to person for the feast. Feast bring your own chair, we will have a small amount of loaner chairs. Has size limits been advertised. Jahanara will send measurement on the savanarolla chairs, since so many ID members own them. 6-7 people per table, which is why sending out a measurement is crucial, so we can ensure we can fit everyone. Gyles does not like to have backs to the Coronet. Ursula points out we may have to do that, but only if we have to. Kids 5 & over pay full feast price 10. Under 4 would need to be on laps, unless paid for. Possibly a kid's table. Jahanara asked about who would be supervising the kids' table. Agatha is concerned about the steps and bringing chairs, make sure we organize people to take chairs for the guests, so they are not having to tote chairs up and down the stairs. Ceara asked about hiring chairs. Group consensus is that there is no room in the budget for the chairs.

Dirik asks what happens if the undercroft doesn't work. We absolutely can not use the bowling green for feast, but could use the other area. Agatha called about the marquis that Ceara had suggested, they have one, they expect it to go. These marquis do not require pegs. 4 meters x 12 meters costs £200, weighs 150 kgs. Questions asked about storage transporting it and why we need something like this in the future. Ursula feels very strongly about everyone having a say and having their ideas heard, and letting the shire solve problems/make decisions.

Ursula provided several other options and other prices. We must ensure that we are careful with our money. Clancy double checked that the base hire prices have not changed, they have always been \$500. Dafydd did rent the larger pavilions. It came to light that much of the information that has been given has been wrong. Ross looked at the large marquis on Mildenhall and they are free standing. The Halford tents are not going to last more than one use. What are the options we have that we can afford? The area for the feast is protected from the wind. How many sunshades can we come up with without buying? Agatha has one, Nick has, Arianwen that may or may not be suitable, that someone would have to collect.

Other suggestions

Clancy, suggested we use one of the gate areas, by the fountain area, which is completely covered, and is over 9 feet wide, plus borrowed pavilions.

Would we be able to put the shire pavilion outside the gate and have Royals there?

No, bridge is there, could potentially cover the bridge and have the Royals there.

Clancy can potentially make canopy out of old parachutes.

Mentioned needing pavilion for the kitchen, it has been in the buttery in the past, but that is not covered. Eldgrimr and Jahanara have an old scout tent donated by Catherine and Cedric Crispin' that could be used somewhere for the kitchen. Clancy has a plan for setting up the Shire pavilion up on the bridge. Gyles will ask Duarte to check the dimensions of these areas. May have to split tables.

Yule Ball

Feast, £300 budget. Post meeting correction £300 is for food for the entire weekend.

Salonge will have budget next meeting. It is on the Kingdom Calendar, but not ID Calendar. Gyles will get that corrected. Ursula will have a theme once there is a

menu and will send announcement to the Baelflyer. Tre is doing pomanders for site tokens, cloven oranges that dry.

Agatha would like to do the Holly King again. Agatha is happy to make a new red sash, attendees agree. Estimate that we have 30 people, King and Queen may be attending. Gyles had a recommendation that if we have a small event, royalty don't have to be comped. However most members are not happy with charging Royalty. It was clarified that the loss on last Yule Ball was not due to comping the Royalty, but the need to hire the extra space for crash space. Site is organized and paid for, Bidwell. Agatha asked about Archery there. Ursula will check with site.

Agatha, if there is a competition at Yule Ball she will make a greenman something as a prize.

#### Other Business

Demo for the scouts, brought up that we don't have a local event before December. Need to get revels working, so new people have a way to come see what we do. Suggested once a quarter, no dissent. Weekend things where someone teaches something and folks do it.

Dirik said he's seen groups where the Chatelaine sets up things for new people. We had talked about a handbook with lists of where to go, etc. Liberty Archers is a good potential site for this type of thing.

Can also invite someone from somewhere else to teach something.

Salonge made the offer for up to 2 people to come make beads at a time. Potentially as an A&S Night/Saturday thing where people swap out spaces. The portable torches can potentially be used for glass beads and have more people going at once.

If Lundt is moved, we can have the Sept Revel that weekend again. Revels do not need a lot of organization, group agrees at a meeting what will happen, then you only need someone to book the site. Revels are not advertised in the Baelflyer, DT, etc. We'll see what happens with the Lundt demo to decide what is going to happen with possible September Revel.

Meetings need to be published, not having rumors that it has been moved, populace not being informed of where it's at, last minute changes, etc. Needs to be published to potential new members know where to go. Previous moves of meetings has been due to not being able to be outside and hearing/communication issues of inside Studlands. Clancy wants to make sure that the group members are making decisions not one person making decisions. He would like us to vote more often.

Would the lake possibly be a good meeting site? No more information from Ayesha. It's close to the A1, A14, easily accessible.

Meeting and Fighter Practice needs to either be in the same place or on different days. Other groups often have meetings and FP on different days. How do people feel about having meetings on an evening? Dirik pointed out that if we use another day it means we're fighting schedules more, holidays, etc. Evenings means you run into work times, having people coming from areas that are so far removed from each other, etc.

What about having business meeting before fighter practice? Clancy suggested finding a central location where we can have both practice and meetings.  
The Blue Lion in Fendenton that has a large field we might be able to use for practice  
The Ferry in Hollywell  
There are ploughman's hall and recreation pavilion in Willingham, could be used for revels, practices, etc.

Per the ID Seneschal, the Shire needs to decide if it needs to keep the amount of land it is currently assigned. The next meeting needs to include discussion of shire boundaries.

Current contact list would be nice. Gyles will ask for everyone to send information. Ursula is happy to compile the information.

Shire event budget form  
Is on the Seneschal Page on the Shire Website.

Agatha would like to discuss making Shire wall hangings as a Shire A&S project.

When do we want to finish painting the Shire Pavilion?  
Melisende decided no more motto needs to go on the back  
Can schedule an A&S Night at Gyles and Melisende's to finish the poles and ropes  
17 July 2011 have a Revel/BBQ to finish the Pavillion, all present agree.  
Start any time after 10 am

Next Meeting 30 July 2011 start at 11 at Studlands subject to approval of the group on change of start time.