

# FLINTHEATH SPARKS

(Meeting Notes from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2008)

## Welcome:

Welcome to Katherine and James, who attended Kingdom University and are stationed at RAF Molesworth.

## Officer Reports:

- **Reeve (Absent given by Dirik):**
  - Agatha has deposited funds from Viceroy Tourney.
  - Cheque given to Ursula for Yule Ball site payment.
- **Chatelaine (Dirik):**
  - We have grown exponentially this month. We have Katherine and her family that have returned, Jason and Lindsey will be getting their membership, and a family of 5 have recently PCSed in and will be out soon.
  - Need deputy who will step up in January.
  - Etienne told Dirik at Kingdom University that we are to be commended for giving a permanent status to the Shire. For the first time Flintheath has British members and those members are taking up offices.
  - The Shire needs to use the Yahoo Groups more effectively. We need to put out information of who is going to be at fighter practices and other events.
- **Knights Marshal (Dirik):**
  - Fighter practices are continuing at Studlands.
  - We need to find another site. Please look for sites that are off base, have parking (free preferred), and has foot traffic.
  - Dirik will get with Odo about the indoor site and maybe the fighters can pay ahead for week night practices. Would the Shire pay for part of an indoor site? Clancy mentioned he did not like the idea of the Shire paying.
  - Dirik will be at practices more often and would like to start structuring the practices toward melee fighting.
  - There will be fighter practice November 22<sup>nd</sup> for those not going to Thamesreach.
- **Rapier Marshal (Nicholas):**
  - Nothing to Report.
- **A&S Minister (Absent)**
- **Historian (Absent):**
- **Herald (Nicholas):**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Webminister (Ursula):**
  - Informed of several issues with the website, so Ursula will make corrections and updates.
  - Ursula would like feedback on how the website looks and works.
  - Nicholas would like to see people's real name on the website for herald report purposes.
- **Seneschal (Nicholas):**
  - Nothing new to report.

## Events:

- **Yule Ball** – December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Bidwell Scout Camp in Thetford. Melisande has 21 reservations. Giles will be serving duck instead of goose. Clancy is putting together a schedule and need Dirik to give him a fighting schedule. Margaret de May is trying to get minstrels together.
- **ID Protectors/University** – Ursula has 5 reservations and 3 are paid. Ursula needs help

getting Shire stuff from her house to the site. Katerina offered the tables from the archery club for the hall at Norwich. If we could rent a trailer off the base, then we could use the tables. Everyone agreed that was a good idea. Ursula will check into the cost of the trailer.

- **War of the Roses** – Tabled.
- **Battle of Brothers** – Event is drawing a lot of interest. There are already 2 reservations. If the tables work for Protectors, Ursula would like to do the same thing for the Battle.
- **Yule Ball** – Tabled.
- **Midwinter Coronation 2010** – Giles is putting site bid together this weekend. Bid must be submitted by June 2009.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Advertisements** –
  - Nicholas has not checked any further into the ad for the British Base papers.

#### **New Business:**

- **Roving fighter practice** – Clancy and Alaric are going to start traveling to other groups for training fighters. West Dragonshire will be the first location on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>. This is also West Dragonshire's Christmas Party. It would be nice if others would like to go as well.

#### **Attendees:**

Ross Taylor, Clancy/Deb Fairchild, Nick Adams, Jason/Lindsey Burke, and Tonya Woldridge.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

No Meeting in December

January 24<sup>th</sup> at Studlands at 2:30pm