Baronial Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023

# Call to Order

# Attendees: Seamus na Coille Aosda, Sherrie of Endewearde, Lilla aet Sceaphylle, Gwillim Kynith, Constanzia Melisaunde de Vianne, Sylvia du Vey, Ane du Vey, Anne Wyecliffe, Njall Godriksson, Moire Browne, Thomas de Marr, Lijsbet van Catwiic, Eoin an Doire, Godric of Hamtun, Brita Mairi Svensdottir.

# Baron & Baroness Address

# Attended curia and expressed concerns about proposed changes to requirements for the Silver Crescent & Maunche. The proposed changes have been withdrawn.

# They are going to Coronation, is anyone else?

# They are proud of Nathan Hartman for participating in, and scoring well in, the Crown’s Arts and Sciences Championship.

# Officers Reports.

# Seneschal:

# As of 3/1/2023, the count of paid members in Endewearde is 84 as reported in the latest East Kingdom census which is the same as Nov. 022. This number may actually be higher since there have been problems with the Society membership website and some memberships may not yet be showing up in the census.

# The East Kingdom Seneschal had a virtual Seneschals meeting at which the following issue was brought up:

* Demos & Waivers – waivers are now needed for anything someone is “trying out”, basically need one for anything hands-on. The Kingdom Seneschal is seeking clarification from Society and asking if “good judgment” can be used.
* Those present at the Endewearde Business meeting discussed this new.

In summary: This policy will present a very poor look. It’s unwelcoming. It’s the ability to try things out that excites people about the SCA, if you require a waiver up front, they simply won’t try things out. Would a waiver be required for playing a board game or trying on garb?

* An informal polling of the members present resulted in unanimous supported for having Seamus communicate these concerns to the Kingdom Seneschal the
* SEE CLARIFICATION FROM EK SENESCHAL BELOW.

# Deputy Exchequer: Nothing to report tonight.

# Herald: Analeda Falconbridge has noticed a discrepancy between our award records & the Shepard’s Crook Herald’s data. It’s being reviewed.

# Chatelain: Two new contacts since the last meeting, a new fighter & Alan; Thomas de Marr reports 2 high schoolers near them are attending practices.

# Archery: Coming soon, the range still has some snow. Hoping to open for the end of April; he’s working with Analeda Falconbridge on updating website, will be able to post information on Facebook.

The request was made for Marshalls to submit the report, MITs don’t have to submit reports.

# Combat Archery: Have 5 dozen bolts for loaners, as the weather gets warmer, looking at gathering places. Vey mentioned they might have access to the EMCC soccer fields.

# Youth Combat: No youth currently participating but if we get any, Thomas is happy to teach; 16+ can practice with adults.

# Youth Rapier: Marshal position Vacant.

# Thrown Weapons: Marshall position vacant. Seamus has a thrown weapons range in Hermon and plans to hold practices when the weather allows.

# Chancellor Minor: At St. Sylvester’s had the youth brewing competition, there have been discussion in the Forestry guild about youth participation resulting in a decision not to have a separate youth forester program but to welcome and encourage any youth wanting to get involved.

# Web Minister: Analeda left a report brief report: “archery things are in the works” on the baronial website.

# Cantons: Thomas de Marr for Basingstoke: 4 new members & 2 youth, very interested, but need new officers by November, may have to fold as a canton if none of the newcomers feel up to the task of being an officer so soon.

Moire Browne for Wyndriche: Floating along with a quorum of only 3 members, also may have to fold.

Seamus: If there is any way the Barony at large can assist the cantons let us know.

Ane du Vey requested that everyone impress upon canton members, they are Barony members as well, still can “play” in the Barony.

# Events (Recent)

# St. Sylvester’s: Small turnout but a good event; his newcomers did the cooking. The event lost a bit of money, as some folks dropped out at the last minute. The venue was cheaper than pre-Covid.

# Tourney of Love: Our first big indoor event post-Covid went very well, not a lot of snafus, lost a bit of money. Need to re-think not prepaying for the feast. The feast itself was wonderful, the tournaments all went well.

# Events (Future)

# Fort Knox Demo: The Fort folk are super excited to have the Barony back, site rental is only $100. An A&S component is being added, there are a few roles where they need help: (i) door guard; (ii) fire guardian in the officers’ quarters; (iii) prizes being lined up. Event announcements are going out, but word of mouth is always best.

# Jehan’s (6/17): Need commitments for fighting, would like a kids’ scavenger hunt, need more events. It was suggested we revive the golden apple tourney – not planned, but perhaps it could happen. Also, may want to move it to The Hunt or Heavy tournament. Need more promotional materials? Query as to how many business cards are available and make sure the information on them is correct. No food is currently being provided, if anyone wants to take that on, let Vey/Michelle know. The event is scheduled for Sat., it can continue into Sunday, but no events are currently planned for Sunday.

# New Event – Pilgrimage of St. Corona : Thomas would like to make this an official event so that it can be advertised as an official Barony event – May 13-14. (King & Queen’s Archery is the following weekend)

# Annual Budget Meeting (Feb.): Set aside discretionary funds for the Baron & Baroness, Seneschal, Polling. Discussed some committee issues. Came up with numbers, have the annual budget for recurring expenses, not events, since don’t know what may come up.

# Baronial day-shade/pavilion project: Approx. $1,200 was set aside specifically for the sunshade. Originally Otto had offered a couple of sources for pavilions but, prices are much higher now, $4,000 at Tent Smith, $3,500 at another vendor. A merchant that attends brings a new pavilion every year, then sells it rather than taking it home. Proposed to come up with a budget and authorize members of the finance committee attending Pennsic to make an offer if the opportunity arises there.

# Other: Godric of Hamptun reported that he & Andrea have shop project night Mondays 6-8:00, folks should come, even if they don’t have current projects, get ideas.

# Next Meeting: Venue proposals will be discussed, then determine the dates, can be someone’s home, Jae’s classroom may be a possibility.

Adjourned: 8:13 p.m.

NOTE: Since the business meeting of 29 March 2023 the East Kingdom Seneschal sent the following message to branch seneschals clarifying the issue of waivers at demos.

“Good evening all,

I've finally gotten some clarity regarding demos and waivers.

**The end result is: Let common sense prevail.**
Ultimately, if it involves putting on armor / swinging weapons ... sign a waiver.

If it is a supervised situation, i.e. dance, calligraphy, spinning, etc ... waiver is not required.

If you are going to leave a person alone with toxic ink or paint they could consume, for example ... first, please don't. But if you have to, then please have them sign a waiver.

If you aren't sure if you should get a waiver, your default answer should be "Please sign a waiver."

For the most part ... in the East, we are back to "business as usual" regarding demos and waivers.

I would just ask that everyone be a bit more cognizant of the activities and whether or not the risk of the activity is high.

Thank you!

~Audrye”