

Minutes - Baronial Meeting, January 26, 2020

Officer Reports

Baroness (Trudi/Sciath)

- Plans to attend: Tournoi (Feb. 1), Step Spritely (Feb. 8) and Winter War (Feb 29)
- Regularly attending Rising Waters fight practices, and keen to get a carpool together to attend practices in Ben Dunfirth and Rhydderich Hael
- Attended Blue Dragon. It was a great event, well attended given the weather. A pop-up court took place at lunch, where lady Gellaia received an Award of the Spider.
 - Pop-up courts may also happen at fight practice, as long as there are people in attendance (and a herald, of course!)
- The moot is scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2020 to take place following the regular baronial meeting. Thank you to Gema for allowing the meeting to be rescheduled so that anyone attending the moot could also attend the baronial meeting. Countess Arlette has agreed to act as the facilitator.
- The next social evening is planned for Tuesday, January 28th at Mugs N Meeples. It is Toonie Tuesday, so the cost for gaming is only \$2!
- The Lady Mary trophies have all been updated. Unfortunately, the state of the trophies has deteriorated over time.

Trophy Replenishment Project - Request for proposals for new designs for the Lady Mary Trophies. We are looking for proposals to create trophies to honour our tournament champions and the history of the Barony. The recipient plates on existing trophies will be transferred to the new trophies. The deadline for proposals is Lady Mary, May 9, 2020.

- The successful proposal should include: sketches/renderings of the new trophies for all tournaments at Lady Mary (armoured combat, fencing, archery, thrown weapons, and arts and sciences), a cost estimate for materials (may be approximate), a schedule for the project over a two-year period, plans to document progress. The proposal may also include further details on how the trophies will be made, and who will be involved.
- Submissions will be reviewed by the Baroness Sciath and predecessor Rising Waters Barons and Baronesses for feedback. The final decision will be made by Baroness Sciath.

Land Agent (Trudi/Sciath)

- We are planning to return the baronial pavilion to Rising Waters from the Pennsic storage unit. This will allow baronial members to utilize the pavilion as a community pavilion at events leading up to Pennsic War, including FooL, Murder Melee and War of the Trillium. In order to reserve a spot in the pavilion, members must be available to assist with set-up and take-down.
- The visit to the storage unit will allow us to reassess our storage needs, and determine whether we should move to a smaller unit for barony-specific gear and equipment.

Exchequer (Joey/Jowan)

- The Baronial bank account is in the black (and there was great joy)
- Joey has been working to change the signatures on the account, and Gema is now a signatory. The form has been sent to April/Jane, as Kingdom Exchequer.
- Please provide receipts to Joey in a timely manner to ensure you are reimbursed for expenses related to baronial activities and events. Your name must be on the receipt.

Seneschal (Jennifer/Gema)

- Jennifer sent the officer reporting form to most of officer email accounts. Please use this form to make a report for a baronial meeting, if you know that you will not be able to attend in person. This will allow your report to be read into the minutes.
- Please check your email account regularly.

Signet (Trudi/Sciath)

- Jessica has agreed to become Deputy Signet
- The January scribal gathering featured Magistra Nicolaa walking participants through making their own painting pigments. It was great fun, and mostly non-toxic. Thank you, Susan for teaching us!
- The February 20 scribal gathering will be led Jessica
- The March scribal gathering has been re-scheduled to March 26, so that our guest, Nic, can teach us brush technique.
- The ink experiment is ongoing.

Herald (Sam/Dmitri)

- Sam will update the Order of Precedence to reflect awards granted in Sciath's baronial pop-up courts. If you are heralding in a pop-up court, please email me your court report to herald.risingwaters@gmail.com.

Deputy Herald (Sue/Ragnheiðr)

- Liadin will be available for a heraldry submission and research workshop at Sue's home. Date to be confirmed.

Minister of Arts and Science (Kate)

- As everyone is aware, Christian and Angie have gotten the bi-weekly A&S programs up and running. Congratulations! It was recommended that Angie or Christian send reports on these sessions to let Kate know how many participated, and what activities were included.
 - Sciath has designed signs for the drop-in sessions (and fight practices). She will order them in the new few days.
- If there is a continued interest in the A&S gatherings at the library, I'm wondering how people feel about having actual classes once a month. Perhaps we can talk to the library and make them open to the public - this would allow us to use a larger room, perhaps at no charge. There is some interest in leatherworking, hand-sewing and embroidery.
- Kate has learned that there is some interest in a (spoon)carving and "painting" class. She is planning on talking with John Spooner about leading one, or a series of them. We need to get

a feel for how many people would be interested to be better able to determine the site we should use and the physical requirements. Christian will post a poll on Facebook.

- Kate would like to try a dry run for a songwriting class.
- I've been talking to some people about setting up some bardic competitions as suggested by Stephen, including the requirements for running a primarily bardic event. More information to come.
- Andrew Lowry has started opening his garage for armour making. Nine people attended the session on January 24, 2020.
- Sciath had a successful scribal night on January 23, 2020 with seven people in attendance.

Marshal (Andrew/Richard)

- Fight practices have been well-attended. They are currently held in the small gym at St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School. We had practices on January 17 (with three for armoured combat, three in fencing) and January 24 (with three for armoured combat, three in fencing and four attending to socialize). The group visited Mahtays for lovely beverages after the January 24th practice. The next practice will be on Friday, February 7th starting at 6:30pm.
- The Society Earl Marshal has released the newly revised SCA Marshal's Handbook. All fighters must read this:
http://www.ealdormere.ca/uploads/2/4/1/5/24151324/sca_marshals_handbook_january_2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1fDtOwGF9O8rd74h7qUHjAwogyKa1zBuY708NI6d_Fg2NeRfNM36Blqdc
- The mega practices will start up again in March, with the date to be confirmed once Gillian/Runa has a chance to speak with New Hope Church.

Archery Marshal (Dave/Gunther)

- We still need to locate a good source for Etho-Foam. We might also consider using coroplast, as it is a cheaper option that is also commonly used. Gillian/Runa said that she would investigate coroplast sources.
- Angie/Bera is nearly completed her MIT, and has received the test to become an Archery Marshal.

Thrown Weapons Marshal (Trudi/Sciath)

- Practice has been scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd at the Crumphold (166 Russell Ave). Limited loaner gear will be available thanks to Gillian/Runa. We will run through Royal Rounds, and MITs will have the opportunity to run the range and inspect weapons.
- Rhys and Ragnheiðr have both received their MIT forms from Trudi/Sciath

Chronicler (Angie/Bera)

- The next issue of the Cataract will come out in April. Angie did not receive a good number of articles for the last issue. If you have ideas for an article, talk to Angie/Bera about it.

Webminister (Angie/Bera)

- The Spring Coronation event site is active, and connected with the Kingdom Calendar.
- Angie/Bera has also put local activities on the website (A&S drop-ins, fight practices, etc...).

- Held teleconference with Sciath regarding creating a more user-friendly way for members to use the Baronial Order of Precedence that is connected with member heraldry and wiki profile pages. Kingdom Law requires Baronies to maintain their own order of precedence, and connecting this with heraldry and profiles will help those who wish to nominate folks for awards, design scrolls, and participating in Trillium Exchange.
- Officer email accounts seem to be in order, and everyone has access to them. Since the seneschal maintains a record of all officer email accounts and passwords, these should be sent to Jennifer/Gema at seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com
 - If anyone wants help in forwarding their officer email account to an email account that they more regularly use, please contact Angie/Bera at webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com
 - As per the motion approved in the December 2019 meeting, all officer email accounts should have the webminister's email set as the recovery email address.
- Angie/Bera is planning to renew/update the 'new to the SCA' resources on the Baronial Website.

Social Media Deputy (Christian/Rhys)

- I would like to take more pictures for our website and publications of Baroness Sciath, her champions, and officers.
 - Sciath indicated that she hopes to have all champions named by Lady Mary.

Chatelaine (Sue/Ragnheiðr)

- Sue has begun taking pictures of the garb. Mistress Rachel donated five dresses to Gold Key, and Sue would like to offer some of these to other baronies for their use. Jennifer/Gema suggested that she reach out to Mistress Rachel to confirm that she approves of this plan.
- Should we have Known World Handbooks" for our new members to use as reference?

Motion by Trudi/Sciath: The barony purchases two copies of the Known World Handbook out of the general baronial account.

Motion seconded by Jennifer/Gema

All ayes

Motion Approved

Community Liaison (Gillian/Runa)

- Planning to meet with New Hope Church to schedule the March Mega-Practice
- Rhys/Christian is the lead for the Value Village Fundraiser
 - There will be a time frame when items may be donated at a central drop-off point.
 - Suggested time frame to begin shortly before Spring Coronation, and end shortly after Lady Mary. This would allow any attending those events to do a Spring cleaning, and bring donations
 - Drop-off point: The fundraising coordinator suggested that many groups approach storage businesses that may provide free storage for donations. Rhys/Christian will approach local storage businesses to determine if this is possible.
- Storage for Baronial gear

- An initial weeding and partial inventory were completed for the items currently located in Andrew and Sabrina's garage. There was some urgency to complete this process. The partial inventory has been shared with Jennifer/Gema.
- Gillian conducted research for costs in renting a storage unit. She found that the cost would be approximately \$720/year, which would bite into too much of our revenue/funds.
- After speaking with Sciath, Runa proposes purchasing a solid-body shed to place at the Crumphold. This would allow for a one-time cost (rather than an ongoing cost), and would still be portable, should Sciath move or if the baronial council decides to move the baronial equipment to another location.
- Sciath recommends that Gillian/Runa provide the specs (cost and dimensions) for the sheds. The baronial council, having discussed this at the meeting, may vote via email on the selected shed.
- With the baronial storage at the Crumphold, Joey/Jowan would be interested in applying for the Quartermaster role.

Old Business

Spring Coronation (Angie/Bera as Event Stewart / Leslie/Aibhilin as Feast Stewart)

- Menu has been approved, and is on the event website
- Gillian/Runa, as Community Liaison, has the Merchant Liaison role. We are planning to include a listing of merchants on the event website, including Pure Linen Envy.
- Sabrina/Annabelle is going to host a scriptorium
- Marshals include: Richard (armoured combat), Hamish (rapier), Gunther (archery) and Eithne (Thrown Weapons)

Lady Mary Memorial Tournament (Sue/Ragnheiðr as Event Stewart / Sabrina/Annabelle as Feast Stewart)

- Sciath to send Sue details for the A&S Tournament

New Business

The next Kingdom event that we need to consider a bid for is for the 2021 Kingdom Crown event, proposed for May 22, 2021. The bid is due to the Privy Council in September, and should be reviewed by the Baronial Council at the August 2012 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm to celebrate Baroness Gema's birthday!

Action Items

1. Sue to confirm date for heraldry workshop with Liadin
2. Angie or Christian send reports on these sessions to let Kate know how many participated, and what activities were included.
3. Christian to create a poll in FaceBook to determine how many people are interested in the spoon carving workshop
4. Kate to provide more information on the proposed bardic event.
5. Sciath to order signs for A&S drop-in sessions and fight practices.

6. Gillian/Runa to confirm the date for the March Mega Practice.
7. Gillian/Runa to investigate sources for coroplast at etho-foam for archery targets
8. Jennifer/Gema to submit cooking article/recipe to Angie/Bera for the April Cataract
9. Sue to reach out to Mistress Rachel to confirm whether she approves of her donated dresses offered to other baronies in Ealdormere.
10. Sciath to coordinate the purchase of Known World Handbooks from SCA Publications. If anyone would like to order a copy, please let Sciath know so that they might be ordered at the same time.
11. Rhys/Christian will approach local storage businesses to determine if this is possible.
12. Gillian/Runa to provide Jennifer/Gema with the specifications on the proposed shed for baronial storage
13. Jennifer/Gema to call for voting via email to baronial officers to purchase a shed for baronial storage.
14. Sciath to send Sue details for the Lady Mary A&S Tournament
15. Bids for the 2021 Spring Crown Tournament due to the Baronial Council at the August meeting.

Approved Motions

1. The barony will purchase two copies of the Known World Handbook out of the general baronial account.