

Baronial Officers' Meeting, April 24, 2023

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Thank you to everyone who made Kingdom A&S such a great success. Mastyeritsa Marina ran a great competition, and Their Majesties sent glowing commendations to our Barony.
- Coronation: April 29, 2023 Canton of Northgeatham, in the Barony of Ramshaven. Coronation will take place during feast. Baroness Gema has already posted about seeking donations to bring to the event, and I would exhort our artisans to look to their work and consider making a donation.
- Lady Mary Memorial Tournament - May 13, 2023 at New Hope Church. There is still time to put in an award recognition for a community member!
- Fruits of Our Labour - May 19-22 in the Barony of Ramshaven
- Crown Tournament - May 27 in the Barony of Skraeling Althing
- Kingdom banner project: reach out to me if you'd like to have help in making your banner (9x9)

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Not attending coronation - earlier commitment
- Still planning a kingdom seneschal's meeting - not scheduled yet.

Pennsic Land Agent (Sciath/Trudi)

- Please email me at risingwaters@gmail.com, or PM me through social media to let me know that you would like to camp with the barony before registering. We have a camp group on Facebook all camp members should be part of in order to get information on camping with the barony. Once you in the FB group, you will find the camp policy located in the files section.
- The funds from the silent auction at Lady Mary will go towards funding a new common shade for the Barony
- I have posted a poll to organize a zoom meeting with participants for pennsic
- Land Agent - Murder Melee - Sciath
- Land Agent - War of the Trillium - Abhilin

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- All finances for Kingdom A&S are in, and reimbursed.
- First quarter reports are due on May 15th

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Classes are in the works to be arranged
- Courses - natural dyes
- Already received report for next report
- A&S Competition planned for Lady Mary

Marshal's Report

- Practices are ended at Prince of Wales PS.
- Practices are moving to Thursday nights at 6pm in Thorold.

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Practices have moved to Thursday nights at Lord Michaelis' home in Thorold. If you've never done it before, come try it out. Let me know that you're attending, and I'll be able to bring you some loaner gear.
- There will be a dedicated program at Fruits of Our Labour for fencing!
- Fencing Champion tourney at Lady Mary.

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- We have received the new butts, and need to adapt the new butt stands.
- Propose doing all-martial practices at Michaelis' boss' place a couple of times a month after Lady Mary.
 - Tabled pending discussions among marshals, and property availability is confirmed.

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Still looking for to warmer, dryer weather to organize a practice. I'd like to get a few practices in before Lady Mary (May 13th), since there will be a champions tournament at the event.
- Will need to look at replacing stands, as well.

Herald's Report (Christian/Rhys)

- New badge for Nika Dmitrieva doch'Zvezdina: (Fieldless) On a mullet of six points azure four musical notes in saltire stems outward Or.
- Discussions with clients on name/heraldry submissions
- New submission forms! Changes include:
 - Removal of submitter gender and birth date
 - Change the "no major" and "no major or minor" boxes on the name form to "no changes" and "will accept the following changes"
 - Adding a "neutral" name gender box
 - Adding image fillable areas for the device and badge forms
 - URL of the submissions privacy statement

- Transition to these new forms MUST be done by December 31 2023. New forms can be downloaded from the following link:
<https://ecoheralds.weebly.com/forms--reporting.html>
- I have passed my two-year tenure as Baronial Pursuivant on February 28 2023 and so will be looking for a deputy or replacement for the position. If you are interested in learning about heraldry in its various forms please reach out to me using the email herald.risingwaters@gmail.com or you can reach out to me on Facebook. A description of the duties involved with being Baronial Pursuivant/Herald can be found on the Baronial website. I currently do not have a definite end of service date for the position but am hoping for fall.

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- We have a few scroll orders for Lady Mary.

Webminster Report (Bera/Angie)

- No word on changing the baronial website to be hosted with the kingdom website

Chronicler (Angie/Bera)

- New issue of the Cataract has been published.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys/Christian)

- No new membership requests this past month on FB, Our membership actually declined by 2 People.
 - No policy infractions
- Top contributors:
 - Baron Valdr
 - Baroness Annabelle
 - Sir Richard
 - Thank you for your continued contributions
- Discord is quiet but still active. I would like to offer a standing class for any who are interested in using Discord but are unfamiliar with it. I may also schedule a specific time if there is interest.
 - Will likely post a poll on the Facebook group.

Chatelaine (Rhys/Christian)

- Pride in the Park demo has been confirmed with the organizers and we will be located in the same place we were last year. Lady Bera Oddsdottir will be a merchant right next to us!
 - We still need volunteers to sign up for various positions including Rattan fighters

- You can sign up using the following form:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cB3XXVfK1JNg0NYb7Hs_Dyt3dwOV7Ta9
- We currently have a lot of empty spots especially for fighters so please reach out to any people you know who might be interested in serving in this capacity. We want to make a good showing in our local area and invite more diversity into our hobby
- I will be putting an order in for flyers that we can hand out at the demo through Lady Jowan.
 - Pricing (unless it has changed since last year) is:
 - 100 flyers - \$38.79
 - 250 - \$93.93
 - 500 - \$186.09
 - Last year we purchased 100 flyers and we ran out rather quickly. I propose getting 250 this time to be safe.
 - Vote to order generic flyers to be used at multiple demos and events to promote the barony.
 - Sam proposes 500 flyers; Sciath seconds; everyone voted in agreement.
 - Proposal approved, design to be posted to Facebook Officer's group for review (but maybe to the main community group, too). Ultimate decision/approval in the FB officer's group.
- I would like to begin arranging for the Rising Waters Drop Ins to begin again and possible locations include the library in Niagara Falls (where we were before) or the St Catharines' library. I will be reaching out to the Minister of Arts and Sciences to create a schedule of activities/seminars that we can hold and offer publicly.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- No report

Calendar Secretary (Abhilin/Leslie)

- No updates

Old Business

- . Kingdom Arts and Sciences, March 25, 2023
 - Nika and Sciath and co-stewards
 - Event report and NMS report submitted
 - Cheque for NMS and Kingdom profit share (\$771.67) sent to Kingdom

- The barony made \$771.67 profit
- Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, May 13, 2023
 - Crespin and Sciath are co stewards.
 - Valdr, lunch purveyor - and has been testing his menu
 - Annabelle, feast steward, has posted the menu -
 - Sciath met with Anita, Silent auction coordinator - identified donations that have been made, and are pursuing contributions
 - We have applied for the SOP license, but will need a barkeep.
 - All bar staff must have smart serve
 - Gema would like to perform a puppet show for youth in attendance
- 3. Pride in the Park (June 1, 2023)
 - Planning stage now.
 - 10am set up, starts at noon
 - Coordinating completing the cheque requisition form, from leuan for reimbursement of the \$50 registration fee. - Done
- 4. Niagara Comic-con (June 9-11, 2023)
 - Baron Brand is coordinating efforts, and registration payment

New Business

1. Next event in the kingdom rotation - Kingdom Arts & Sciences, 2024
 - a. Need event steward - bid submission to Baronial Council for approval, then once approved submitted to Privy Council.
2. Rising Waters is sponsoring an incipient Shire of Hawksbridge, part of the Middle Kingdom - but because they are in Ontario, they must be sponsored by an Ealdormere group.
 - a. The only support we have been asked to provide is access to banking.
 - b. Middle Kingdom policies will allow the group to become full status in 1 year. After which time they will be able to open their own accounts.
3. Abhilin discussed suggestion of accessibility entourage to support members who need support at an event.
 - a. How to promote it
 - b. How to recruit volunteers, not PSW level of support
 - i. Arwyn suggested some accessibility steps we can include in events. Check out Accessibility Canada to look for resources and ideas to include in event planning.

- ii. Arwyn will send a powerpoint for a class she taught on accessibility planning.
- 4. Sciath indicated that we are looking at planning a Baronial Moot. Date TBD

Next meeting date to be determined by FaceBook poll, posted by Sam