

February 7, 2019 Business Meeting Notes, including seneschal and secretarie annotations.

Highlights:

The Shire has an event coming up May 11th, Dining with Henri II (France, 1547-1559). We need help with all aspects of this event from advertising, activities, ideas to set up and clean up. The menu has been decided, there will be fencing and games and challenges.

The shire has a new Social Media officer, Kelly Smith, who will be setting up new Shire Facebook pages and events.

There are 2 new East Kingdom groups for announcements and discussion – links below.

Next Month's meeting is at a new site!

The Webminister needs content from the shire – written and graphic.

Talks about transition to barony continue – details within.

Have ideas for future events? Bring them to the next meeting.

I. Officer Reports

A. Exchequer

Balance \$4,902.62; EOY submitted on time; Not yet received from Owlsherst money from Shire Wars VIII. One check not cashed for 1st UCC for fencing

POST MEETING NOTE: The shire wars checks came up in the shire wars discussion, and Linette was under the impression that they had all gone out, and if it was not received, contact the Owlsherst exchequer.

B. Dance

Meeting throughout the rest of February, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

Met throughout January, attendance from 9-12 dancers plus 3-5 others

C. Chamberlain

No changes. We still have stuff. Naomi is bringing some items to the Shire meeting to donate to either shire members or the shire gold key. There's also a toy castle of some sort.

MEETING RESULTS - items transferred. Note: We need to address storage.

D. Web Minister

a. January quarterly report was submitted

i. Thanks to Kelly for writing a new introduction for our home/welcome page (this page is still in progress & not yet live). Also planning to move the Activities list on our current home page to its own page.

ii. Thanks to Siobhan for writing the Shire Wars Report!

iii. Next I'd like a report on KWASS! Or several reports! The reports can include: highlights of attending the event (particularly good classes, etc); what it's like to run/be a part of the event. (The idea behind these reports is: 1. Let newcomers get an idea of what an event is like. Hopefully they'll want to come to one! 2. Record our history 3. Acknowledge Shire members for their achievements & work.) I think Adam took pictures at KWASS?

iv. Remember, our website needs YOUR PICTURES and I can't post your pictures without a signed SCA Photograph Grant of Use Form!

MEETING RESULTS Work continues. Notes on Google Drive for updates.

E. MOAS

My family just finished moving, and our house is a mess, so I will not be hosting a workshop this month. In March, I hope to do the first of a series of beeswax workshops that will include processing and cleaning wax from a hive and later making items with the wax.

A thank you to Master Philip White for his years of service to the kingdom as MoAS and a congratulations to Mistress Elysabeth Underhill (Lissa) who will be stepping up as kingdom MoAS at Mudthaw.

Also - a reminder that King's and Queen's Arts and Science Champions will be held at Mudthaw this year. If you are entering and need any help with documentation or display, please let me know. If you aren't entering, I highly encourage you to stop by and see the fantastic work and talk to the artisans.

F. Knight-Marshal

The shire of Buckland Cross has invited us to join them at their practice on Thursday nights.

The address is

200 w 65th ave Philadelphia, pa 19126

With start time around 6:30 to 7:00 till everyone is tired.

While not an official method of communication of the SCA our facebook group below is the best way to keep up with practices and friends.

PHILADELPHIA SCA FIGHTER PRACTICE INFO

We invite anyone to come out and play.

G. Chatelaine [We need one]

It has been a relatively quiet trimester. We have had some new contacts through Facebook. We had some good meetings at Fencing Practice and the Gold Key storage is active.

I am hopefully transitioning out of the office and into a new one. This month has been terrible for being healthy and I've been home a lot trying not to pass on my germs. I will miss you this evening as well. The chatelaine's report has been sent and there will be a new meeting for February.

H. Fencing

The following is the Hartshorn-dale Rapier Marshal's report covering the month of January 2019.

In January we met on the 7th, 14th, 21th and 28th. We collected 183 dollary-doos of \$160 needed in donations. I'll have this cash at the meeting.

We maintain 3 marshals as regular attenders [myself, Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) and Jenevieve Spillane (Jen)] along with MIT, Viola Soldus (Alanna Jones).

We had 6 to 10 attendees each week including one youth. Most weeks there are people joining us for A&S.

(Old) We have to fix or replace our failed loaner mask though we believe simply gluing she closed-cell foam over the fail point will make it serviceable again. Need to pester Jen about this as she has the mask. And since I've emailed this to everyone, hopefully she'll see it.

Nothing further to report for January.

MEETING RESULTS: Will talk up Dining with Henri

I. Domesday (Nothing)

J. Herald (Nothing)

K. Chronicler (Nothing)

L. Secretarie

Reminder to officers to send reports to both Seneschal and Secretarie (secretarie@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org).

M. Chancellor Minor Nothing to report

N. Seneschal

- Quarterly report in. Shire seems to be running well. I need a deputy. Really. Doesn't have to be someone thinking about running this fall, but a deputy would be excellent.
- **MEETING RESULTS** - Reported on Curia - Change of name in the law of Order of Courtesy to "Consort's Order of Courtesy", new youth award, and 20% share of the profit of all RPs to Kingdom

II. Events, meetings, activities

A. Dining with Henri

Now May 11; event announcement has been posted and one planning meeting has been held. Sara will be working on developing challenges.

MEETING/POST MEETING NOTE: A facebook event will be created and shared to the various EK groups, and all shire members are encouraged to share about it in person and on line.

B. Crown -- our neighbors to the south are holding crown May 4. I already have it on my calendar and will try to claim a space for the Shire to meet (though it might be shared with Athena's Thimble...) I have reached out to the autocrat to see if they are interested in volunteers from HHD to help.

POST MEETING NOTE: They will be putting out feelers for assistance and I will forward them. They have asked if any local groups have indoor list field markers.

C. Barony Petition progress. We had a second meeting which was very productive. Progress was made on our recommendations for the proposed Bylaws for the Barony petition, and we discussed more about possible awards and heraldry for those awards. Watch for announcements of the next meeting. When the Barony Committee (which is open to anyone who wants to participate) has assembled the proposed Bylaws or Charter and "Policies" documents, they will be presented to the Shire with time for commentary and discussion Aislin offers her house for future meetings, we can also see about the Coventry Mall Community Room (see below).

- D. The East Kingdom has two new lists – an announcement list and a discussion list. From the EK gazette announcement:
The announce list is locked down pretty tight at the moment, only the Great Officers of State and the Royalty can send announcements to it directly, everyone else who tries will be moderated.

<https://groups.google.com/a/eastkingdom.org/forum/#!forum/east-announce>

The discussion list is pretty unrestricted, and we would like to keep it that way. Currently, we have no active moderation controls in place, please do not make us put them in. The risk with a list such as this is the same as the risk on Facebook: behind the protection of keyboard and screen, courtesy seems to ... wane. Remember that this is a society founded upon Chivalry and Courtesy when you post, please.

<https://groups.google.com/a/eastkingdom.org/forum/#!forum/east-discuss>

In either case, just click the "Join Group". If you're already logged in to a GMail account, East Kingdom or otherwise, it will sign that account up for the lists.

III. New Business

- A. We have an offer for a Social Media officer. Query: do we want to make that a charter listed officer position, or make it a deputy of Web? If charter listed, we need to write it tonight, then vote it next month, if deputy, we can just go with it tonight. It is a position under the Office of the Webminister at the Kingdom level.
MEETING DECISION: New office set up, it will be a deputy position of Seneschal, not charter listed - As a deputy position, we were able to approve new officer right away, who is Kelly Smith. We will proceed with an announcements page in addition to our discussion page. First step will be to get her warranted.
- B. Meeting locations. I have two possible locations :Coventry Mall and Montgomery Township Rec Center. Coventry Mall is free. We cannot bring outside food (the community room is in the food court), but we could have cooking classes. I have taken the step of scheduling the room for March, May, August and November meetings
Aislinn contacted Montgomery Township Rec Center. Their fee is flexible for 501(c)(3) groups. I have called to check on availability for April, July, October, January. I spoke with the person in charge, he needs some paperwork, etc. Looks like we're looking at \$20-\$25 an hour, so this may not be our best option.
So, we need to look some more. I would love something more Northeast. A 4th location well south would also be productive. I think Paoli is pretty good for the middle/eastern corridor.
MEETING RESULTS: Coventry Mall is a go for March, May, August (pity party) and November. Given Montgomery Township Rec Center's inability to give me precise pricing, we will continue to look for a north to north-east location.
- C. Diana asks Who is sponsoring Shire Wars next year.
MEETING DISCUSSION: The group right now is Montvale, Owlsherst, Black Rose and Buckland Cross. Katherine will seek more information.
POST MEETING: Blak Rose or Montvale should be hosting it. Blak Rose' seneschal was willing but they did not get a quorum for their monthly meeting. Montvale is willing to do it with help from the other shires.
- D. Diana asks Did we decide against a bid of KW Arts (Background, Society MOAS inquired if we would be interested in bidding for KWArts (only, not science), but wanted a very quick turnaround. This would be for 2020.
MEETING DISCUSSION- Those of us who had been on the discussion have not heard further. There was reluctance absent more information.
- E. Diana asks Planning for events in the fall and next winter
MEETING DISCUSSION: Several ideas were discussed, possibly a Games and Galliards type event. Several locations were suggested. **RESULT:** Please be looking for possible locations for events. If you have an idea for an event, bring it up. If you do not feel ready to autocrat, maybe someone can run with your idea....