

## Shire of Hartshorn-dale Business meeting Jan 2, 2020: agenda and notes

In attendance: Officers: Alison (seneschal), Kathryn (secretarie), Elizabet (deputy MoAS)

Populace: Brandr, Aislinn, Milissent, Arwen, David

(We must have the seneschal and four additional people, two of which must be officers, to hold the meeting)

### I. Switch over of seneschal

This included a discussion of holding an officer's meeting to discuss how to decrease time spent on reports at meetings while still communicating the necessary information.

### II. Officer reports

#### A. Exchequer:

1. Balance is \$6051.56
2. Deposit include fencing gifts, and the check from Owlsherst for for our contribution to Coronation.
3. Working on EOY report and expect submit it shortly.
4. Copy will go to Alison and some brief version to our website for populace viewing

B. Chamberlain: We have stuff, including Shire favors. Favors fell out of basket at Yule, hopefully the favors will make it to fencing practice.

#### C. Knight Marshal (Berkhommer)

1. No report, so no update on when heavy weapons practice in Paoli will begin.

D. Chronicler (Siobhan): next edition of the Hartshorn comes out end of Feb.

#### E. Social Media (Eleanor): Facebook updated with rules for participation

1. We have 141 likes (up from 139) and 152 Followers (up from 148).
2. The group rules were updated, the Officer's Guidelines for Social Media was created in the group drive (under the Social Media folder), a document about our social media presences and why we choose to do social media the way we do was created ('institutional knowledge'), and the Society Social Media Policy was uploaded to the Social Media folder.

#### F. Secretary (Kathryn):

#### G. Webminister (Sarah):

1. Updated officer email aliases for Seneschal and Domesday.
2. Updated officer list on the website -- we were trying to add photos, but the process of getting all the paperwork in order for the photos was getting overly complicated. I've updated the list without the photos, and will try to work on getting photos and all the paperwork later.
3. Backed up the website
4. Updated WordPress and all plug-ins.
5. Uploaded minutes from last two Shire meetings

H. Herald (herald at large-Alison): Hunting horn badge is not registered as a populace badge. Would we like to correct that registration? Show of hands-yes

1. Badges that we submitted are in the commentary period.
  2. Herald position open: I am happy to help someone learn heraldry if they are interested in serving.
- I. MoAS (Naomi):
1. The pomander workshop was a lot of fun. We made a fantastic smelling spice mixture for our wax pomander balls.
  2. There will be no monthly A&S workshop this month at Naomi's.
  3. I am working with Mistress Sabine to find dates for music gatherings at my house. We may be able to get one scheduled this month. These will be approachable gatherings open to all who want to participate or just listen, regardless of experience. If this is something you are extremely interested in, and want some input on possible dates, please email me.
  4. The Artifacts of a Life event will still be held. Enough competitors have entered.
  5. Aislinn is interested in doing a fiber arts day at her house, on a weekend.
- J. Dance (Diana):
1. Met throughout December with a Holiday Ball on the 27th that was attended by most of our active dancers as well as a number of visitors from the Kingdoms of Atlantia & the West. Great response to our video of Goddesses danced with my daughter carrying my granddaughter.
  2. January classes: 3rd; 10th; 17th; 24th; and Birthdays Ball 31<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting
- K. MoL (Attila):
- L. Chatelaine (Eleanor): Two contacts came in this month, both were responded to.
1. Report is due the 15th and will be sent out shortly.
  2. To Do: Gold Key photos
- M. Fencing Marshal (James):
1. In December 2019 we met 3 times and collected \$110/120 needed. No one died, nothing broke.
- III. Western Region: a meeting was held at Bhakail Yule, and they will continue to hold informational meetings at events in the affected areas.
- A. If you have questions or just want to be part of the discussion, please join the email list, which is called EK-Southern-Principality. From your members Gmail, search for that group and request to join it.
  - B. The first step to a principality is to create a western region, which could be beneficial even if the Southern Principality does not materialize. In order to become a separate region, we need to have volunteers to be regional deputies for all the Kingdom level officers, and it will require a poll of all the paid members of the groups becoming a region. For the poll to be successful, word has to spread to as much of the populace as possible.
  - C. One of the questions raised at the meeting was if the new Region would be automatically included in the rotation for Crown Tourney, and the answer was

that it is not automatic. Once the region is created, a change to the law about the Tourney rotation could be brought up at Curia.

IV. Events:

- A. Fall Coronation-funds received
- B. Shire Wars 2020. Blak Rose asked about our interest. Show of hands for intent to be part of Shire Wars. - Participation was approved.
- C. Service Schola Jan 11th in Iron Bog.
- D. HHD possibly hold schola in Fall Colleen may be willing if Eleanor isn't.

V. Next month we will begin work on the charter.

- A. This Charter will be reviewed by the Shire every two years to ensure that it still reflects the practice and intent of the Shire. The review will consist of distributing a copy of the Charter at the Shire business meeting and inviting commentary from the populace for discussion at the following meeting. Any changes must be approved by the Shire. Email announcing this for the next meeting has already been sent.