

Shire of Hartshorn-dale Business meeting Feb 6, 2020: agenda and notes

In attendance: Officers: Seneschal, Social Media & Chatelaine, Knight Marshal, Chronicler, Exchequer, Rapier, MoL

Populace: Merewyn, Ellesbeth, David, Muirenn, Bruno, Viola

The southern region deputy seneschal, Ellesbeth

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

I. Officer reports

A. Seneschal:

1. Seeking officer-in-training volunteers. Opportunity to learn about the offices without the commitment.
2. Herald position is open, I will be happy to spend time with, and train anyone who is interested.
3. For those attending Mudthaw, I would like to have as many there as possible representing Hartshorn-dale to support Elizabet as she answers the question put to her by their majesties. Please wear your HHD favors, and remain at court to support our recent seneschal.

B. Exchequer:

1. \$6,048.56
2. EOY Report submitted (just finished changes to it)
3. Bank has increased our monthly fee to \$3.00

Secretairie asked if they know we are a non-profit, and response was yes, and this is the type of account recommended by the Kingdom

C. Chamberlain: We have stuff, including Shire favors. The favors that fell out of basket at Yule were returned to Attila by Ian at fencing.

D. Knight Marshal (Berkhommer)

1. Informed us that there is a heavy weapons practice on Tuesdays in Phoenixville, which is in Hartshorn-dale, run by Bhakail. Per Kingdom law, Bhakail should ask for permission, and Alison has started the process to formalize this, and requested that the practices be announced on the Hartshorn-dale channels of email and FB page.
2. Alison will follow up with Vicky Mayer at Royer-Greaves, the site that planned for a Thursday fighter practice, to find out what insurance documentation she needs - whether the general proof of insurance is sufficient or she needs an individual one naming Royer-Greaves. This must be done before practice can begin there.

E. Chronicler (Siobhan): next edition of the Hartshorn comes out at the end of Feb, deadline is February 17.

1. A suggestion was made for write ups of awards - let the populace know what awards and orders there are, what they were created to recognize, , and that anyone can recommend someone for an award. These writeups could go in the newsletter and be posted on our page. We should remind each other that It is very helpful to the royals to submit detailed recommendations with examples; you do not have to be a member of a polling order to recommend someone for it; and if you do not know whether someone has received a particular award, you can check the order of precedence. <https://op.eastkingdom.org/op.php>

F. Social Media (Eleanor):

1. We have 146 likes (up from 141) and 157 followers (up from 152). We had one unlike, unfortunately it does not show me who unliked our page only when (Jan 30-31st). I haven't been as present on social media due to a rough month in regular life. Hopefully I will be able to return to more regular posts/reminders as things calm down.
2. I'm thinking about other social media outlets we could fairly easily develop a presence on, youtube would be great (we could download all the dance videos and post them on a Shire youtube channel). Pinterest would also be good, but requires more legwork to get started (creating boards etc.)
3. The dance posts continue to have the best response. I had scheduled out all the business meetings through August, but they seem to have vanished so I will repost them.

G. Secretary (Kathryn):

H. Webminister (Sarah): Addition of calendar to our website.

- I. Herald (herald at large-Alison, position OPEN): Our recent submissions have been forwarded to the EK Lol for commentary on the Society level. One item was returned for a redraw, the hearts-ease inside a mascle, which I will complete quickly and get sent back in.

J. MoAS (Naomi):

I will unfortunately not be able to come to the meeting today. A major install at the coffee shop went a bit haywire, so I will be stuck here until late.

We will be having an A&S Workshop at my house in Paoli on the 3rd Thursday, Feb. 20th starting at 7pm.

We will be learning and making fingerloop braids. Fingerloop braiding is way to make very long durable cords for lacing or any other purpose. We can also do lucet cord making, if there is interest. Once you get the hang of the motion, making fingerloop braids does not take too much concentration, so there will be lots of time for socializing and anyone who wants to come and work on other projects is welcome.

I am still working on times for Music Evenings, which we will hopefully be starting soon.

We will also be having some other workshops hosted at other locations around the shire. Stay tuned!

K. Dance (Diana):

1. Met five times in January, including a fifth Friday Birthday Ball that was well attended.
2. Classes scheduled February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

L. MoL (Attila):

M. Chatelaine (Eleanor):

1. No newcomer contacts were made this month. The Chatelaine report went out on time. I will be looking at the new reporting form and demo form for Chatelaine reports, and the reporting dates have changed, so the next report is due March 1st.
2. We got an email from a Librarian who was interested in a possible demo/visit from us. Due to a crazy month in regular life I was unable to respond promptly but Allison was able to respond. The library is in Shire of Eisental so we redirected them to Eisental but also offered our support for a possible demo/visit.

N. Fencing Marshal (James):

In January we met 4 times and collected \$139/160 needed to cover the site. (I also have the \$110/120 from December)

Jan 2020					
6	8	5	49	40	
13	8	1	20	80	
20	9		35	120	
27	8	2	35	160	
			139	160	0.86875

We have three marshals in regular attendance and averaged 8 fencers a week. Most of us are looking forward to Adult Swim on the 15th and 16th.

- II. Western Region : a meeting was held at Bhakail Yule and Owlsherst 12th Night, 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.
 - D. Nothing new was raised at the Owlsherst meeting that hadn't been raised at Bhakail.
 - E. Ellesbeth, regional deputy seneschal, mentioned that if we want the royals to attend local events, it is necessary to ask them as early in the reign as possible, preferably right after they win crown tourney.
- III. Barony process:
- A. Would the populace like to have me ask if we can do a soft poll? This would allow us to know where our populace is with the question. It would be up to the EK Seneschal to decide if we can do this. Please let Alison know if you think this would be beneficial
 - B. Ellesbeth, regional deputy seneschal, explained the process of moving from shire to barony, emphasizing the importance of having a healthy group. The first few steps of the process, indicating our interest and writing a petition, have been made.
- IV. Events:
- A. HHD possible schola in Fall, Milissent may be willing to autocrat if Eleanor isn't.
 - B. Dining with Lorenzo: Organizational meeting held in January, first cooking meeting held February 2. Tentative date for next cooking meeting March 15th. Place TBD.
 - C. There is no bid as yet for K&Q Equestrians champions, and that if we think the 4H site that was toured a while ago would be viable, they are entertaining bids.
- V. Charter. Revision. Seneschal's commentary before we begin. We endeavored, when we originally wrote this charter to keep the language open ended, to not be restrictive. This was purposeful and intelligent. We should consider changes that are needed to the language of the charter, and there are sections that need to be completely redone, as time has changed things such as how we communicate. We should strongly consider open language, that avoids controlling details that do not need to be controlled. Some items will clearly need more detail than others, but please keep in mind that remaining fluid has served us well for the last 13 years, and will make it easier for officers and populace to function in the future. We want to encourage involvement, not discourage

through a maze of rules. Ellebeth pointed out that if we are open to people from outside our borders serving as officers, we must explicitly state that in our charter.

- A. Section 1. Statement of purpose
- B. Section 2. Membership
- C. Section 3. Shire Meetings
 - 1. Last month we were barely able to hold the meeting because we had to decide if Elizabet counted as an officer when she had not been tasked by the MoAS, for whom she is deputy, to attend the meeting. We need officers to come to meetings.
- D. Section 4. Decision Making Process
 - 1. We will first cover what is proposed.
 - 2. Discussion of voting by proxy:
 - a) This was suggested when the charter was first written.
 - b) While we want to give everyone a voice, it was felt that those attending meetings are most aware of the needs of the group, as well as knowing or having familiarity with the people running for office.
 - c) A suggestion may be that if a certain percentage of meetings are attended by an individual, that individual may vote by proxy, perhaps quarterly meetings?

Addendum:

Approved language Section 1 charter:

1.1 This is the Charter of the Shire of Hartshorn-dale. These guidelines are an unofficial publication of Hartshorn-dale of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies. Moreover, in any case where this charter conflicts with East Kingdom Law and Policies, or with Corpora, those higher laws take precedence.

1.2 This charter will be reviewed by the members of Hartshorn-dale every two years to ensure that it still reflects the practice and intent of the group. The review will consist of distributing a copy of the charter and inviting commentary from the membership for discussion. Any changes must be approved by the membership as set forth in Section 4: Decision Making Process.

1.3 At the time of the writing of this charter, business meetings are conducted monthly. Timeframes for officer selection and any decisions are based on this once per month meeting timeframe.

1.4 We recognize that emergencies can come up and officers may act accordingly. [*this section's language is approved, but the section will be moved to Section 4, on decision making*].