

Agenda and Notes: Business Meeting May 7, 2020-7pm online via Zoom

Attendance-Officers: Alison, Kathryn, Naomi, Attila, Diana, Siobhan, Sarah, James

Attendance: Populace: Julia, Arpad, Una, William, Viola, David, Aislinn, Brendan, MaryAnn

- I. Online meeting: This is our 2nd entirely online business meeting
  - A. Please wait for others to finish speaking or raise your hand, so that we do not have everyone speaking at once. It is very difficult to differentiate what anyone is saying when people all speak at once.  
**Note** - Sometimes it is necessary to use the Chat feature.
  - B. Consider muting your microphone when you are not speaking.
  - C. **Note:** Alison tried during the meeting to use the 'save' feature for the chat. She was unable to get the file to save, and will have to work on that for any future meetings. Thus some information she was unable to write down during the meeting that had happened in chat was not saved.
- II. Officer reports (allotted 15 minutes)
  - A. Chamberlain: No changes. Boxes of donations still in Sarah's and Alison's house until after the pandemic.
  - B. Chatelaine: Vacant (If interested let the seneschal know) **Discussion:** Alanna and MaryAnn are interested in sharing the office.
  - C. Chronicler:
  - D. Dance: Continuing Virtual Dance Classes with success, 6-9 attending
  - E. Exchequer: Balance (end March) \$5851.56  
1st Quarter Report being submitted
  - F. Fencing:
  - G. Knight Marshal - no report
  - H. Herald: Vacant (If interested let the seneschal know) **Action:** Richard Sherman will serve in the interim as herald, unanimous show of hands.
  - I. MoAS: Naomi will be planning a virtual feast. The menu will be drawn from A Drizzle of Honey, a cookbook based on court records of those accused of being Jews. Naomi will plan the menu and make available the recipes, and set a time. Aislinn has been appointed an MoAS deputy for the Northern Region.
  - J. MoL:
  - K. Secretarie: Minutes were prepared in good time to submit to Kingdom last month.
  - L. Social Media deputy: Vacant (If interested let the seneschal know)
  - M. Webminister: We have a Zoom account. - Benefits: 1) better tiling, so it's easier to see more folks at once; 2) better visuals in general. Cons: if using the maximum security, then only the host can let folks join the meeting. We may decide we don't need that level of security: there are settings for "enable join before host" (anyone can join, regardless of whether the host has started the meeting or not) and "enable waiting room" (this one means only the host can let folks in). There was an option for "alternate hosts" which I had great hopes for, but it seems to rely on the other hosts also having host-level accounts, or be restricted to higher-level paid accounts, or something. The anti-bullying policy needs to be displayed at all virtual gatherings, including practices. Kingdom has released PDFs and other file types of the anti-bullying policy for this purpose.
- III. Covid-19 changes to the East Kingdom's schedule and events
  - A. All events and gatherings are on hold till the end of June.
    1. Please pass this on.

- B. Coronation and Crown Tourney: On hold indefinitely.
  - C. Pennsic: postponed 1 year.
    - 1. All camps will need to register their camp in January 2021
    - 2. Cooper's will either issue a refund, or hold the registration till next year, please go to the Cooper's website.
  - D. Please see the EK Events page for all the online events being planned
    - 1. Next Ethereal court is May 24th, and they are looking for photos of the populace engaged in whatever your enjoy doing in the SCA. Photos can be uploaded to google drive:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-3w5Q4HfCc39W8C-DuAXc7feR3jyIPR1?fbclid=IwAR2YzNNI\\_\\_FT2n0n9adrFvYMWChsVHsWD\\_wb8qbBFxUnr-Ae-uhTfBI3pAU](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-3w5Q4HfCc39W8C-DuAXc7feR3jyIPR1?fbclid=IwAR2YzNNI__FT2n0n9adrFvYMWChsVHsWD_wb8qbBFxUnr-Ae-uhTfBI3pAU)
  - E. The EK MoAS page has all the online happenings in A&S listed there.
    - 1. <https://moas.eastkingdom.org/>
- IV. Hartshorn-dale events/demos
- A. Shire Wars. **Discussion:** We confirmed with the shire hosting this event that we will participate. Could they please let us know how much we need to contribute. No discussion of potential cancellation.
  - B. Commons
    - 1. June 14th: This will need to be on hold due to kingdom level restrictions on gatherings, as well as Pennsylvania restrictions being unknown for that time. We can always put something together quickly in July or August if we decide to do so.
    - 2. Sept 13th: Attila was going to autocrat.
      - a) Did Attila receive the information from Diana with the rates for rental at the Four H club?
      - b) Do we know if the Sept date we had hoped for is open?
    - 3. **Discussion:** We cannot plan anything for June due to in-person activities being on hold to the end of June at least. We are able to put together a Commons with only a few weeks notice, so we will continue to consider whether we can do a commons at any point in the future, whether that is Sept, or perhaps August, or perhaps even later in October. We will not do any formal planning at this time
  - C. Event for next spring. Milissent to autocrat. Is there any news? **Discussion:** no news, will continue to leave on agenda
  - D. GoFourth demo in Pottstown. Eleanor to autocrat.
    - 1. New date: Sept 6th 4-9pm
    - 2. Should we continue to participate?
      - a) Staying with this event will help them to see us as a regular part of this event, and will help us assess the changes we are requesting.
      - b) Sunset is at 7:23pm
      - c) Packing up after dark would be difficult. We would very much need to be near parking and allowed to have our cars there.
      - d) What can we demo after dark?
      - e) How will we light our space?
    - 3. **Discussion:** We discussed each of these questions. We will continue to keep this on our calendar. We would like to be a regular part of this event, and feel that it is important to stay with it if possible this year. We are waiting to hear from

Eleanor if we can be located near the parking area, on the other side of the food vendors. We need to ask Eleanor if we can have fire.

- a) Current ideas for activities (can they be done in the dark/twilight?), in addition to fencing, dancing, fighting, and A&S demos (ideas not discussed at meeting, but will be brought forth to the June meeting):
  - (1) Heraldry- traceables for people to create/color a small heraldry shield
  - (2) Bestiary- guess that beast (print out pictures of a bestiary and people can guess what actual or mythical animal it is-small prizes for winners?) or coloring pages based on a bestiary
  - (3) fingerloop braids
  - (4) Games
  - (5) calligraphy
  - (6) Selfie throne with some gold key pieces for people to try
  - (7) armor petting zoo

- V. Online activities while in-person activities are on hold. Watch your email and facebook for announcements, and join instructions.
  - A. How does everyone like Zoom vs Google hangouts?
    1. Hartshorn-dale has a zoom account registered through the webminister. Unfortunately, this means she needs to be present for all meetings hosted through Zoom.
    2. Any of our members can create a Google Hangouts using their kingdom email address. No host needed to open the meetings. There is now a Chrome extension for Google Hangouts that allows for a much larger grid, so you can see all participants. <https://support.google.com/hangouts/answer/6127720?hl=en>
  - B. Brunch with Hartshorn-dale. This will be a regularly scheduled social hour, Sundays at 11am
  - C. Dance practice. Friday evenings 7-8:30

VI. Charter updates:

- A. Section 5-7 on officers
- B. Approved at this meeting below:**

**5. Officers**

**5.1.** Officers should attend a majority of business meetings. If an officer or a representative cannot attend a meeting, the officer must contact the Seneschal with an officer's report.

**5.2.** Any problem with an officer's performance that cannot be dealt with on a local level will be escalated to the kingdom level.

**5.3.** Officers filing regularly scheduled reports with the Kingdom superior officer, must also copy the information to the Hartshorn-dale seneschal.

**6. Officer Requirements**

**6.1.** The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that as a representative of Hartshorn-dale and the SCA, an officer is familiar with the ideals and customs of the group and

the SCA. In addition to any Kingdom or Society requirements, to hold an office in Hartshorn-dale a person must meet the following requirements:

**6.1.1.** Have been participating in the SCA for at least one year.

**6.1.2.** For the offices of seneschal and exchequer, the candidate must have been a deputy or served in another office for the period of one year. Service in other SCA groups will also count for this requirement.

**6.2.** However, on a case by case basis, the group may consider a person for an office even if the additional requirements are not met.

**Discussion** regarding Soc Sen handbook for Seneschals VIII.B.1. Alison took the question of whether this was something we needed to change, or if we could retain our current process, to the EK seneschal. The question was regarding this section of Soc Sen handbook:

*From Society Seneschal Handbook: "Six months prior to the end of a local branch seneschal's term, either you or the local seneschal should open the office for applications by advertising the opening in the local newsletter and other appropriate venues (e.g., local meetings, email lists, or social media). The six-month timeframe allows for a three-month application period and a three-month training period for the incoming officer."*

From the EK Sen: "As for the timeline to replace seneschals: I am on the fence. If your process is working for H-d even though it's a shorter timeline, I'm hesitant to make you change that, given that the SocSen handbook says "should" and not "must." If, however, your current process isn't quite suitable, or sometimes results in a too-quick turn-around between candidate and officer, I'd encourage you to adopt the SocSen timeline."