

Minutes of the Hartshorn-dale Business Meeting June 18, 2020

Summary:

We had a very well attended meeting June 18th, postponed because of lack of electricity across the Shire on June 4th. Baron William (Richard Sherman was voted in as Herald, and Baroness Una (Wendy Sherman) has volunteered as Chatelaine, which will be voted on at the July 2nd meeting. Talan has been appointed deputy Seneschal. Naomi has published recipes for a virtual feast (date TBD), and if anyone would like to try one of the recipes Sunday June 28th for 2:30 social before a 4 PM Ethereal Court, there will be plenty left to try for the feast. There are rumours that members of Hartshorn-dale may be mentioned at that Ethereal court. There were discussions of how events and practices might resume (details in the minutes) and a lengthy discussion of the section of the charter concerning officers and deputies. This has been moved to a separate document. If you would like to be a part of that discussion, please contact Alison for the link to the shared document. That part of the charter will be discussed at the July meeting.

Attendance-Officers: Alison (seneschal), Sarah (Webminister), Kathryn (Secretarie), Diana (Exchequer), Naomi (MoAS), Siobhan (Chronicler)

Attendance-Populace: Tancred, Milissent, Una, Aislinn, Mokurai, Brandr, Erin Anderson, MaryAnn, Julia, Scolastica, Eleanor, Arpad, David U., Talan, William

- I. Online meeting: This is our 3rd 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.
 - B. Consider muting your microphone when you are not speaking.
- II. Officer reports (allotted 15 minutes)
 - A. Chamberlain: Sarah: nothing new
 - B. Chatelaine: Vacant - **Discussion:** Una (Wendy) volunteered and introduced herself. Vote will be at the July meeting. Most gold key is in Eleanor's basement, and various other people piped up to say that they have donations. There was discussion as to whether a rolling rack would be helpful, this will be assessed after Gold Key is transferred to a new chatelaine. Una and Eleanor will coordinate moving stuff, and Kathryn & David volunteered their van if needed.
 - C. Chronicler: Siobhan:
 - D. Dance: Diana: Moving to 7:30pm on Fridays via Zoom, Held virtual every week, average about 8-10 people. **Discussion:** Diana mentioned that she might follow the lead of the fencers, and take an informal poll of the dancers to see how they wish to proceed with regard to holding practice in the near future.
 - E. Exchequer: Diana: Bank balance \$5445.56, Quarterly Report due next month, No outstanding business
 - F. Fencing: James: Fencers are looking into the viability of holding practice as the new kingdom and mundane rules come into place regarding Covid-19.
 - G. Knight Marshal: Berkhommer:
 - H. Herald: William: Voted in unanimously. Alison will set up meeting with William to transfer ongoing heraldic activities.
 - I. MoAS: Naomi: Has all the recipes typed in for the virtual feast, will send out soon, There will be enough recipes that if people want to try some for the June 28th social at 2:30, before Ethereal court that day at 4, there will be plenty more to try for the virtual feast. She will be doing a survey to get a Sunday date for the Virtual Feast.
 - J. MoL: Atilla:
 - K. Secretarie: Kathryn: Minutes were prepared in good time to submit to Kingdom last month.
 - L. Social Media deputy: Alison Introduced Lord Brandr, who will assume the duties.
 - M. Webminister: Sarah:
 - N. New Seneschal Deputy - Alison introduced Baron Talan as new seneschal deputy
- III. Covid-19 changes to SCA schedule and events
 - A. All East Kingdom events and gatherings are on hold till the end of June.
 1. Their Highnesses and the EK seneschal have created this plan going forward.
Do not attend any meetings, practices, or events if you are ill, and consider carefully if you are in a high risk group

Modern government requirements must be followed
Gatherings must be outdoors
Space for 6 foot distancing
Face coverings of mouth and nose if 6 feet distance cannot be maintained
No shared food or drink
Sign in sheets with contact information (phone or email)
Plans to have the gathering must be submitted to the local seneschal.
Respect choices of everyone to attend or refrain from attending gatherings.

2. We need to consider a plan for Hartshorn-dale:
Currently Montgomery and Chester counties are in PA's 'yellow' phase as of June 5th. Yellow phase will allow gatherings of <25 people. We are scheduled to go to green phase June 26th. <https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>
'Green' phase will permit in-person gatherings of **less** than 250 people.
It is unknown how long we will need to remain in the 'green' phase, but there are predictions that it could last for years rather than months.
- B. Coronation and Crown Tourney: Their Highnesses are seeking bids. They are hoping to hold Coronation no later than Oct 3rd. If an in-person event is not possible, then Coronation will be online by that final date. **Discussion:** Hartshorn-dale is not comfortable trying to put together a large gathering at this time.
 1. They are also looking at how to hold championships, and possibly seeking bids for championships
- C. Please see the EK Events page for all the online events being planned
 1. Next Ethereal court is June 28th at 4pm, I am hoping there will be a number of people from Hartshorn-dale mentioned in this court. **Discussion:** We will plan on having our Brunch with Hartshorn-dale in the afternoon prior to court, in garb.
- D. Hartshorn-dale events/demos
 1. We should consider some temporary guidelines for gatherings and/or events that will help us as we move forward. This would apply once the EK is open, and our area is 'green' phase per PA government.
 - Should we ask people to pre-register for all activities?
 - Request temperature checks? (per kingdom guidelines this would need to be voluntary)
 - Supply hand sanitizer?
 - (1) What activities would be difficult to do with a mask?
 - (2) What activities are likely to cause greater spread of droplets (like singing)?
 - Other thoughts?
 2. Shire Wars.
 - Black Rose is hosting
 - HHD is participating, along with Caer Adamant, Bhakail, Buckland Cross, Eisental, Montvale, and Owlsherst. Diana pointed out that this is the first year that every group in the region has participated.
 - Site cancellation is fully refunded if the state has kept the site closed, alternatively the reservation fee can be held for the next event if we cancel this year.
 - Diana sent the check to Black Rose for our portion.
 3. Event for next spring. Milissent to autocrat. **Discussion:** Milissent explained what type of event and mentioned some dates for about a year from now.
 - Fencing/martial academy planned for May or June 2021, possibly with Iron Bog, at the 4H site. No other details yet.
 4. GoFourth demo in Pottstown. Eleanor to autocrat. **Discussion:** Eleanor explained that under the Pennsylvania Green phase, this event might not be able to be held. She also expressed concern over how to demo if we cannot have the public handle items that we are also handling. Decision to wait to see how everything goes with the planners of GoFourth, as we can put it together fairly quickly. Since we will hold a meeting in August, we can decide then.
 - New date: Sept 6th 4-9pm

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.

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

How will social distancing effect activities? What should we plan for to minimize direct contact with the public?

- IV. 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.
 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
 1. Brunch on Sunday Jun 28th, will start 2:30pm, we could dress in garb, and gear up for court.
 - C. Dance practice. Friday evenings 7:30-9:00
- V. Charter update - **Discussion**: this section brought on a lengthy discussion about different types of officers, those required by Kingdom law and those not, and do we need to choose all of the officers in the same manner, and it was pointed out that there was a Kingdom hierarchy for some offices which were deputy positions to other offices. There was a long discussion about nomenclature, hierarchy, and different methods for choosing officers. Decisions are deferred until the July Business meeting, and a large group of shire members present will continue to discuss unofficially prior to the meeting to try and come to a consensus that can be presented at the July business meeting.
- Questions included What are the expectations of these offices? what reports would they be responsible for? Can we do this without making some officers feel unappreciated?

The idea will be to highlight the 8 offices needed if we were to become a barony, with the addition of webminister, since that office is clearly absolutely necessary to the functioning of the branch. Also to decrease the responsibility of those offices we will no longer be voting on, so that those offices are no longer required to attend business meetings (although they are still encouraged to).