

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 9/4/2014

Total Attendees: 11

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretarie, Demo Coordinator, MOAS/Archery Marshal, Fencing Marshal, Archer's Forde Seneschal

Officers Reports:

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Proposed charter changes written up for discussion & voting on 9/4/14. See new business.

We've been asked to do a demo - see demo coordinator report

Election of new Fencing Marshal - Jenevieve has been nominated, and Attila has volunteered to be the new deputy Marshal. See new business.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

No report

Chatelaine: Karl von Weisboden

No new contacts this month.

Demo Coordinator: Elizabet Marshall

We have been approached by local boy scouts about doing a demo/presentation on October 4 at Green Lane. This is a group we did a demo for a number of years ago (though I wasn't involved with that demo) and they remember us well. They are using the castle venue at the park and would be open to having a number of us there to talk about period life. If we can have fighters and/or fencers I'm sure that would be welcome as well.

Some details: Expecting about 30, mostly boys (some sisters attend), ages 7 through 11 as well as about 20 adults. They'd like us to talk about daily life, perhaps a bit about our individual personae and what children's life was like. Some armor and other items that the kids can look at would be good. If we have fighters or fencers able to attend, a little show off would be excellent.

Elizabet posted this information to the H-dale e-mail list, but no one has stepped up yet to volunteer. After discussion at the meeting, it was decided that the group would like to do this. Suggestions of people to contact for help were made. Elizabeth was also asked to clarify how long the Boy scouts wanted the demo to be, and how they might want to organize it. Elizabeth will be the point person for this Demo, and Atilla volunteered to help her. It might also be worth talking to Bhakail to see if anyone there would be interested in helping.

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

Allison is leading a 2 day silk banner workshop on Tuesday evening 9/9, and Saturday 9/20 at St John's Lutheran Church in Blue Bell. The first day will be for design transfer and the second will be for painting.

I will be leading a cuttlebone mold making and metal casting workshop on Sunday, October 19th at Michel Wolffauer's home in Norristown. The fee will be \$5. You do not need to have any experience

carving or casting to come to this workshop. Cuttlebone is very soft and easy to carve. Tools will be provided, although feel free to bring picks, gouges, or other tools of your own. The cuttlebone will not dull metal tools.

Cool A&S Events coming up:

- Voyages of Discovery will take place on Oct 25th in Boston. This event will be run like an academic conference. People will wear mundane clothes and make presentations.
- K&Q A&S will be on March 8th in Montreal at the investiture of the local barony.
- St Eligius will take place in November. This includes Master Alexander's challenge to try something new and display the results!
- There is also a Pentathlon event coming up in May. More details on the nature of the challenge will be forthcoming.

Knight Marshal: Talan Gwyllt

No report

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

We have had generally good weather this year on Tuesday evenings. Practices have been well attended with about 8-10 people each week. We did have one minor injury, some fletching embedded in an archers hand and he had it checked by a doctor. The archer was fine and has continued attending practice since the incident. This was reported to kingdom.

We are running out of light and likely only have a few weeks left.

One of the people who lives where we have practice has requested that fewer of us park in the driveway. Those physically able to walk from a parking lot nearby are asked to do so.

Fencing Marshal: Lillia de Vaux

No incidents or injuries to report. We hosted an invasion from our friends in Endless Hills during the month.

Practice dates in August: Aug. 11, 18, 25

Thanks for letting me serve as rapier marshal for the past few years. It's been a lot of fun, and I will be glad to hand over the reins so I can concentrate on the Society office.

As of Sept 1, Jenevieve is effectively running the practice, even if the official handoff is later. The church has been notified, and Jen has all of the info needed to hit the ground running. The final check for funds collected in my tenure will be sent to Diana by next week. (I was waiting for the end of August.)

MOL: Attila Soldus

I have not been called upon to manage the list for any tournaments recently. I will be reviewing the lists of authorized fighters and fencers in the Shire next month to determine if there are any whose authorizations are about to expire.

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

No Report

Web Minister: Andrew of Hartshorn-dale

The EK server work has been completed and we are now dual hosted on both the EK servers and our ones. After a bit of a checkout I will switch our old site to a redirect to the Ek servers.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: N/A

Chamberlain: N/A

Herald: N/A

Accessibility Porter: N/A

Chirurgion: N/A

Domesday Editor: N/A

Archer's Forde Report: *Lord Alexander Makcrystine- Seneschal*

A&S: new projects have been starting, to name a few, brewing ,sewing, woodwork, & fiber arts.

Herald: A personal name, device, & badge was submitted at war this year for a member of the shire. I also consulted on a few names and devices with other people.

Exchequer: Still no money officially, \$60 unofficially

Webmistress: Our web page is up and running still, changing it off and on to support local events in our announcements.

Chatelaine: A few returning to SCA people have contacted us since they live in our area and we gave them information on when our meetings are.

Seneschal: No meeting was held in August, due to Pennsic. I have sent in our ideas about running Shire Wars to the Shire Wars yahoo group. Alexander also plans to talk with the other shire seneschals at Shire Wars about running the event next time.

When asked, Alexander reported that things are on track for Shire Wars. Alexander said that there were a few bumps, but those were ironed out.

New/Old Shire Business:

Vote on new fencing Marshal – Jenevieve was unanimously elected. Atilla will serve as her deputy.

Vote on proposed changes for charter. The changes were reviewed at the meeting and approved with two small changes (changes in bold)

- 8.4 Messages posted to the official shire e-mail list can be considered official communications, if they are designated **as such** by the shire officer.
- 9.3 says “Early in the bid process the seneschal should post the event information on the Seneschal’s list in an attempt to minimize event conflict. Add the following text: ***The bidding autocrat should provide the seneschal with the text of an e-mail for this purpose.***

The vote to approve the charter as modified was unanimous.

We will start putting old charters on the server for archival purposes (not on the public website). On the server we will have a clean copy of the 2011 charter, a copy of the charter with changes indicated in red from 2011-2014, and a clean copy of the 2014 charter (which will be also on the public website)

Events:

Archer's Forde circulated their bid for the Brewing Festival of Saint Aegir.

Discussion: The group may increase food expenses if preregistration numbers indicate there will be more people than anticipated. The group has a larger/more central site, and hopes to attract more people to the event than in previous years. When asked about related expenses (which was left blank) the group said that they don't anticipate any of those, as they have things left over from last time. When asked who was running gate (as two names were listed) the group said that Maryam would be the lead person running gate, assisted by Lady Erna. It was suggested that this event get posted in the EK gazette, and send out multiple posts calling for teachers to e-mail lists, as this is another way of advertising for the event.

Naomi provided updates on the Artisans Village Event (June 5-7 at the Willow Grove Day Camp)

- One challenge has already been offered, another was offered at the meeting.
- We need to get the word out quickly to people, especially as Metalsmiths Symposium will be against our event.
- It was suggested that Naomi create an event facebook page.
- She is still looking into whether it will be a wet or dry or discretely damp site.
- There will likely be informal bardic on Friday after set up, and maybe some informal dancing too.

Other local upcoming events:

- Sep. 27th is Owlsherst's Summer's End Schola II event
- Bhakail is holding a commons event on Sunday Sept. 28th