

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 1-8-2015

Total Attendees: 9

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretarie, Exchequer, MOaS, MOL, Chamberlain. Also present was the Seneschal of Archer's Ford

Officers Reports:

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Welcome to our new officer, Sarah (Chamberlain)

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Account Balance= \$5893.07

The fencing practice site admits that payments are current in 2014, but Diana is still checking on the payments from 2013. The site feels that they are missing a few payments. Diana is also working on her annual report for kingdom, which is due at the end of January.

Chatelaine: Karl von Weisboden

No report

Chamberlain: Sarah

Sarah discussed the need to create a database for the items held by the shire. This would help the group keep better track of what it owns. She chatted with Andrew (the web minister) in December, and they discussed using either a google document, or having Andrew create a database. The site would also need to be password protected or editable only by a few people.

It was suggested that Sarah meet with Andrew sometime this month to discuss the issue in more depth.

It was also suggested that we avoid creating our own database. This would make it easier for others to take over and manage the technology should a web minister come into office who is less skilled than our current one.

Demo Coordinator: Elizabet Marshall

No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

The first *Craft and Kvetch* will occur on Thursday February 12th at Naomi's house, starting at 5:00. It will be a potluck.

Naomi is talking with Muin, from Bhakail, who is interested in doing a workshop (or several) on metalworking. These workshops will happen in a few months when it gets warmer.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

Practices are still on winter hiatus.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

We met on December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

We collected \$158.00 for dues in Dec. A check for that amount has been made for deposit.

No injuries or incidents to report for December. We have 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila and James O'Galleghure). There is a reportable incident for the first practice in January (2015). A sword failure and buckler failure occurred. There were no injuries. The appropriate fabricators of each piece have been notified. A report will be sent to the regional marshal.

In December, attendance was 4-8 at most practices. The week after Christmas, we had 18! That week we had 5 people trying it for the first time, 4 visitors from the Buckland Cross practice, 3 "onlookers" and 5 regular attenders. We also had a holiday party that evening involving cookies, eggnog (nonalcoholic) and a white elephant gift exchange. Great fun was had by all!

We are in need of loaner gear for adults. There is gear we either do not possess or in need of replacement. A list will be made of our needs/wants to be presented to the Shire for possible assistance.

Attila and I are interested in becoming Rapier Youth Marshals, as reported last month. It is our goal to start the background check process this month.

MOL: Atilla Soldus

No Report

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

There are 5 Friday's in January, so the last Friday, Jan 30th, will be the winter birthday ball.

Web Minister: Andrew of Hartshorn-dale

Andrew is setting up the website for Artisan's Village. There is a placeholder site up at the moment, but the site will be fully functional in a few days.

The current plan is to move the shire's website over to word press. The feeling is that we have to do this so that A) it's easy to update, and B) its compatible with the Kingdom server.

Archer's Ford: Alexander Makcrystine, Seneschal

There is not much to report for December as there was no meeting due to illness.

Archers Ford indoor archery practice starts up this Sunday. Fencing practice for the shire starts up again on Thursday.

Demo's and Events:

Archer's Ford Brewing Event- Feb. 28th

Artisan's Village- June 5th-7th

- Naomi talked to someone at Yule about doing plaster casting at the event.
- The Archer's Ford seneschal offered to bring people to do brewing at the event if needed.
- Naomi has not heard back from royals yet as to their attendance at the event, although the royals did said they would like to try to attend.
- The web minister will have the website for the event active in a few days
- ACCEPS is up.
- Lissa is now the deputy for the challenges. There are only two challenges so far, so Lissa should

start advertising this.

Shire Wars- The third weekend in October

- Alexander and Diana (autocrat and deputy autocrat for the event) spent some time discussing the costs of the event and the event fee structure.
- The fee for the site is \$1500 (if we end up needing all three cabins)
 - Feast hall= \$600
 - Upper Cabin= \$350 (20 bunks)
 - Lower Cabin=\$300 (16 bunks)
 - Brown Cabin= \$250 (10 bunks)
- The current proposed site fee structure is:
 - A \$10 entrance fee for the weekend
 - A bunk for the weekend in a cabin would cost an additional \$20 for the weekend
 - Camping in a tent would cost an additional \$5 per night (\$10 for the weekend)
- Dayboard is included in the entrance fee, and those camping will receive other meals as well
- The charge for feast will be between \$8-10 (cap. of 120 people)
- Alexander challenged Bhakail at Yule to encourage people from the Barony to attend the event. He is also working on getting the Royals and people from out of kingdom to attend the event.
- He is trying to get bardic “war” going; sadly the site is dry, so brewing will not be possible.

Misc:

Mike brought a box of t-shirts to the meeting. These were t-shirts depicting an illumination of knights storming the tower of love. The shirts were made for an event a while ago. He wanted to know what people wanted to do with the t-shirts. It was suggested we could give them away at events to people that helped. They may still be on our financial books though that was not confirmed.