

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 2-5-2015

Total Attendees: 13

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretary, Exchequer, MOL, Fencing Martial, Archer's Ford Seneschal

Officers Reports:

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

New order of Chivalry for Rapier instituted 2/2/2015. Inductions into the order can start on May 1st.

3 upcoming events - Archer's Ford Brewing (2/28), Artisan's Row (6/5-7), Shire Wars (October)

Alice Leber (B'Rose) formerly of Hartshorn-dale, is being invested as Baroness of Dragonship Haven on 2/21. Anyone who would like to come and help the members of the shire who are traveling up to the event to work in the kitchen is more than welcome come along.

Dining with Lorenzo: Resuming meetings on Tuesday February 10th (Michael's Deli in King of Prussia, starting at 6:30). The topic for the meeting was going to be the Artisan's Village dayboard, but the conversation might be about what the group is cooking on the 21st when they travel to Dragonship Haven's Investiture.

Kathryn needs to give the site where we hold our monthly meetings an updated insurance certificate, as the cite can't find ours (and it is probably outdated anyway).

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Balance as of 1/31/2015 = \$5,962.07

1. With payment for January Fencing, June 2014 Fencing and August 2013 Fencing we will be completely updated with our payments to UCC Church where we have fencing.
2. New Report Form created to accompany all fencing checks including information on sessions being paid for and payments for the current year
3. EOY Report submitted
4. TD account now has online access
5. TD account needs new checks ordered but I will need to go into the bank to order them as we can't do it online

Dance: Sarah Le Payller

Dance will be held on 2/6; 2/13; and 2/27

The dance practice for 2/20 is still up in the air. Sarah will poll attendees to see how many will be attending, as many are likely heading up to Dragonship Haven's Investiture.

Winter Birthday Ball was well attended.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

The following is the Hartshorn-dale Rapier Marshal's report covering the month of January.

We met on January 5th and the 19th. We cancelled practice twice due to inclement weather.

We collected \$81 for dues in Jan. A check for that amount has been made for deposit.

The practice site (UCC church) informed us of some possible missing payments to them from 2013 and 2014.

Diana is doing an excellent job of checking our records and resolving any missed payments. She has also started a spreadsheet to help with future payments and communication with the church. Thank you Diana!!

We have 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila and James O'Galleghure) with the much appreciated assistance of Alexander from Archer's Ford. There is a reportable incident which was

mentioned in last month's shire report. There was a sword and a buckler failure. There were no injuries. The appropriate fabricators of each piece have been notified. A report was sent to the regional marshal.

For January attendance: we had 6 fencers one week and 13 the other week. We're excited to have a new fencer. He has been attending over the past 6 weeks and just purchased his own sword! Welcome Dr. Wes Snyder!

On January 19th, a "marshal's stick" was presented to James O'Galleghure on behalf of our practice. The stick is used by marshals to assist in marshalling a fencing bout. The stick was a beautiful orange tinted wood (to reflect his favorite color). A Rampant Rabbit was carved into it from his code of arms along with a rabbit pelt. Thank you James for being our backup "Marshal in charge" over the past several years. Vivat!

As reported last month, we are in need of loaner gear for adults. A list of needs/wants is being put together.

Attila and I are interested in becoming Rapier Youth Marshals, as previously reported. We are planning a visit with a Youth Marshal at Buckland Cross's practice. Inclement weather has delayed the visit.

Note: There was no report, or no new information, from the following offices: Chatelaine, Chamberlain, Demo Coordinator, MOaS, MOL, and Web Minister. Archery Practices are still on Winter Hiatus.

Archer's Ford:

Alexander Makcrystine, Senechal, reporting. 10 people attended the meeting on Feb 4th.

Officer Reports

Herald: no report

Exchequer: 3 pre-registrations were sent in for the Brewing Event

Web minister: The website is still running, and in compliance with Kingdom rules

Chatelaine: One person contacted her who is interested in the SCA. The contact came because the Chatelaine hands out SCA business cards to people she meets.

A&S: This officer (who was also the event steward of the brewing event) had to drop participation in the SCA for a little while because "real life" happened. Alexander, who was the deputy event steward is taking over as event steward for the brewing event. Three people were nominated to be A&S minister. The shire will vote in March.

Old Business

Brewing event- Alexander is starting to write up the class schedule. He has almost two complete tracks. He only needs two more classes.

The Bylaw committee started looking over possibilities for shire bylaws.

New Business

No new business. There is a possible demo in the works, but it is still up in the air.

Demo's and Events:

Archer's Ford Brewing Event: See comments in Archer's Ford Report

Artisan's Village: Challenges are still needed for the Artisan's Challenge

Shire Wars: Shire Wars needs event staff. Alexander, who is the Event Steward, has a list of open positions. He will begin trying to fill them.

Some people had commented to Alexander that the price for the event seemed high. He talked to everyone at the meeting, and everyone told him they felt the price was reasonable. He has sent out budgets to shires giving various options for lowering the price.

Under our charter we need to see the formal event bid at the April meeting, 2 months from now (6 months before the event).

At the last Shire Wars group meeting, the group agreed last time to hold the event, but to and discuss the price among the shires, so the autocrat does not need to travel to every shire meeting to present the bid. At tonight's meeting Alexander was encouraged to put together a formal bid proposal e-mail it to all the seneschals and ask them to arrange for their groups to approve the bid.

The event sites is asking for Alexander to sign the site contract soon. At the meeting, it was proposed that we vote to allow him to sign the contract without confirmation from the other shires, and that Hartshorn-dale will agree to pay the down payment, if any is needed. The vote was held, and approved unanimously. However, we need to find out if Alexander can sign a contract, as the shire of Archer's Ford is still an incipient shire.