

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 7-9-2015

# Total Attendees: 10 (9 adults, 1 minor)

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretary, Exchequer, MoL, MoAS, Chamberlain

## **Officers Reports**

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

The next shire meeting will be the first Thursday in September. There is no meeting in August.

### *Highlands Demo*

Kathryn talked to Meg from the Highlands about the demo. Meg is still very interested in moving ahead with planning a program with SCA. She is looking at dates in October, possibly either the weekend of the 3-4 or the 24-25th.

Looking at the Kingdom, shire and personal calendars it was determined that that Saturday the 3rd would not be good for the dancers of the shire, but the 4<sup>th</sup> would work. October 24-25 would work also, but there are concerns that weather might be more of a factor, which would make outdoor activities, such as fighting/fencing, impractical. Kathryn will get back to Meg about the dates and issues discussed at the meeting.

### *Message from Bhakail*

Lady Zhelana of Bhakail contacted Kathryn to discuss an idea for an event- *Barter Day in Bhakail*. Her goals for the event are to help people exchange goods and services for goods and services! More details from Lady Zhelana's e-mail are listed below:

“The idea for this event evolved out of a tradition from another barony, where folks who need help with projects offer tokens of appreciation and/or offers for some service in exchange for help. Sometimes, it is quite intimidating to ask for help and other times, you might not know who to ask. This event will bring skilled artisans together in one place, and folks can barter for their help. The intention is to give people a forum to approach skilled artisans for work and/or advice about projects, while acknowledging the help and work that the skilled folks provide. I'm hoping no money will be exchanged. I'd also like to have people mingle more – when we go to events; we often hang out only with our friends. The event will encourage or force people to communicate with those they usually wouldn't.”

Bhakail is asking Hartshorn dale for:

- A low-cost or free site. She hopes to borrow St. Johns (where Bhakail held their El Cid event a few years ago)
- A site liaison from the shire (who Zelena also would like to be Deputy Autocrat).

Bhakali would give Hartshorn-dale a 50/50 split of any profits made.

Zhelana would like to hold the event in the fall, but before Bhakail Yule. She is not planning a full dayboard, but some munchies for people to walk around with. She expects the event to last 4-5 hours, not all day. If a Saturday is not available, Sunday is an acceptable alternative for them.

Lady Zhelana's idea was discussed by the shire. Multiple officers suggested making this event a donation only commons. It was also pointed out that the date they wish to host the event is too late for our formal bid process anyway, so we can't co-sponsor it. However, Kathryn is still willing to be the site liaison (even if she can't be co-autocrat due to our bid process). Looking at the kingdom calendar it was noted that Zhelana's proposed dates would possibly be up against a kingdom level event (but we don't know which day, as the kingdom level event is not on the calendar yet), so perhaps Sunday would work

best. Kathryn will talk more with Zhelana about what was discussed at the meeting.

Kathryn is also thinking writing about the issues involved with scheduling events in her seneschal report to kingdom. It is hard to do when the dates for major kingdom events are not known in advance.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Current Balance \$5,320.57

Working on 2nd Quarter Report due 31 July

Working on Event Report for Artisan's Village

Naomi received receipts from Katya for the Artisan's Village feast, but there is an irregularity, so she will have to contact Katya about it. Naomi will also contact the kingdom exchequer and the EKV chancellor about EKV funds that will be used to reimburse a few expenses from Artisan's Village.

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Classes will be held throughout July including a fifth Friday ball on July 31st

Chatelaine: Karl Von Weisboden: No report.

However, there was discussion at the meeting about new member contacts that other members of the shire had made. Naomi reported that she met someone outside the SCA who then came to archery practice. Kathryn noted that the shire headed from someone on Facebook who asked permission to join the group and who asked if the shire meeting was open. Sarah noted that she has interest from two fencers at West Chester University. Sarah is looking into the idea of an SCA club at the university. It must be student initiated, but Sarah can be an advisor. The group would need to find 5 people in the first year to run. It was suggested that hosting a demo at the university might help, as would getting involved in a club day, activities fair, or community day event at the university.

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

Weather permitting, Naomi will be holding a cuttlebone mold making and bronze casting workshop at her home on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday). This will be an open house style of workshop, and she will be ready for people starting at 5pm. If people are still making molds and casting, we will go until dusk. She is asking for \$5 for each small mold and \$10 for each large mold to cover the materials. This workshop will take place outside, so it will be rescheduled if it rains. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner. Naomi will advertise this workshop very soon to the shire Facebook and e-mail lists.

*Note: the workshop was to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but a few newer people at the meeting could not make that date, so it was moved back a week to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

There will be an A&S war point this year at Pennsic on Wednesday of War Week in the Aethelmaerc Royal Encampment. Anyone with a kingdom or society level A&S award is able to vote. All are welcome to come and see the wonderful arts displayed there. Hartshorn-dale has a very impressive showing with 2 of the 7 eastern competitors being from our shire, Lady Lissa Underhill and Lady Naomi bat Avraham.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

Archery has started again, although the group has already missed 2 practices due to fierce thunderstorms. There are several new people and the practice is in need of more arrows. Arrows unfortunately do not last forever, and there are no longer any full sets owned by the shire. Naomi asked to purchase around 3-4 new sets of arrows while at Pennsic. She believes she can get them from a merchant there for around \$60/dozen. New arrows were last bought 2-3 years ago. *A vote was held to approve the purchase of new arrows as requested by Naomi. Her request was approved.*

One of the roommates who lives at the property we use for archery has requested that the group limit the number of cars in the driveway. For people who are able, he has requested that they park across S. Gulph Rd. in either the shopping center parking lot, the insurance agency parking lot, or the apartment parking lot. The apartments are the closest, and are accessible via Shoemaker road.

Laura (whose house is the archery practice site) has recently started beekeeping. Naomi is trying to raise some money to help with her expenses, particularly after there was some damage to the hives after the first of the Tuesday thunderstorms. Funding will go towards safety equipment, tools, and consumables (such as sugar and smoker fuel) for Laura and Naomi, as one of the hives is now Naomi's. Anyone interested in donating in should contact Naomi. They can't promise honey, and they won't be able to harvest any this year at all, but they can give tours and updates on the bees and beeswax candles. Laura has bought hay bales and done yard work for the archers in the past, so this would be a nice way to say thank you.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

The practice met on June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Jenevieve collected \$177.00 in dues for June. A check for that amount has been made for deposit. No incidents to report. The practice maintains 3 marshals as regular attenders (Jenevieve Attila and James O'Galleghure) with assistance of Berrick Grayveson.

Attendance: there were 7 to 11 fencers each week. The practice is maintaining a regular crowd along with visitors from the Bhakail practice and from the Aethelmearc Kingdom.

Gorgetts have been ordered for the shire's loaner gear as per shire approval. They should be received within the next week. The receipt for reimbursement should be available for the next shire meeting.

James successfully ran the fencing at East Kingdom War Camp. Maggie, a regular attender went for authorization, and passed. Congrats Maggie! Melee tactics were taught by Baron Larry who will be on the command staff at Pennsic. Attila, Jenevieve and James have attended and assisted Alexander at the Archer's Ford practice. The shire's loaner gear was put to good use with several new fencers. They look forward to assisting Alexander in the future.

Web Minister: Andrew of Hartshorn-dale

The shire site remains up and stable and the EK servers are getting more features and logins for the webminsters to use. The group needs to discuss mailing lists, especially with the thought of how new members get added to it.

Officers at the meeting noted that Andrew (since he cannot attend shire meetings) should write up something about the differences between our e-mail list and the EK one to help with discussion about this issue during a future shire meeting. Officers may also try to have discussions with Andrew about this outside of the shire meeting.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Chamberlain: Sarah le Paylor: No Report

Demo Coordinator: Elizabet Marshall: No Report

See info on demo request above.

## **Archer's Ford Report**

No Report

### **Demo's, Events, and Activities:**

#### Dining with Lorenzo:

A meeting will be held on July 18th to discuss menu and plans for Shire Wars. The meeting will be held in the late afternoon somewhere in West Chester... more info to come.

#### Shire Wars

Alexander reported to Kathryn that a list of the A&S challenges and classes should be on the website next week.

All shires know about the Sept. first deadline for them to hand in their checks with payment for their share of the event. Diana noted that sending every group a reminder after Pennsic would be a good idea.

The budget for feast is \$800 for the 80 seats currently allocated, but if the event becomes an RP spaces will be added and the budget will be raised accordingly.

#### Artisans Village

Updates from the event in June: The event had 4 children under 6 years old, 9 children ages 6-17 years old, 116 adults, 67 people for feast, and 30 campers. The event seemed to go very well, with a number of people attending from up north, and a number of people saying they are hoping to see it run again next year. The EKU chancellor thinks the event will get more people next year.

Naomi presented the first draft of the bid today. A few notes about the discussion of the bid are listed below.

- The number of attendees to break even was increased as was the number for feast.
- It was suggested that feast be a buffet style event to allow more time for music/dancing. Since the hall is small, it was suggested that the outside pavilion where dayboard is held could be lit up and people could take food out there as well as eat in the hall.
- Classes are being added to the A&S activities, and the EKU chancellor will help coordinate A&S activities
- There will be a deputy autocrat this time to help with event planning.
- Positions that need to still be filled are: gate/pre-reg, kitchen head and cooks, and someone to lead set up and clean up (a site manager).
- It was suggested that the event end a bit earlier on Sunday to allow for cleanup (3pm)
- Naomi hopes to make this an RP event.
- The amount spent on dayboard for Sunday was upped \$.50 per person at the suggestion of members of the group to allow for more/better food to be provided to attendees on Sunday. Naomi will knock the "other/misc." portion of the event fee per person down to \$1.75 from \$2 to minimize the overall site fee increase.

*A vote was held to accept this first bid. The vote passed.*