

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 10-1-2015

Total Attendees: 13

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Exchequer, Webminister, Secretary, Fencing Marshal. Also present was the Archer's Ford Seneschal.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

The fall election schedule:

October 1st – Nominations for the shire offices due

November 5th – Elections

Jan. 1st – New officers take office

The following offices are up for election in November. Also listed are the names of individuals, if any, who have agreed to run for those positions.

Seneschal- Kathryn Perry (Eryn Utz)

Knight Marshal-

Minister of A&S- Naomi bat Avraham (Naomi Hampson)

Chatelaine-

Demo Coordinator-

Note: this is not an elected post, deputy to Chatelaine

Fencing Marshal- Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

Domesday Editor-

Accessibility Porter - Yvaine Catlin D'Acley (Margaret Thorne)

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

-Current bank balance = \$5896.48

-Received payments from all 5 shires (but one payment bounced)

-Completed August TD Bank Reconciliation

-Third Quarter report due by the end of October

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

We will meet October 2nd, 9th, 30th (for fifth Friday Halloween ball). Classes will not be held on October 16th (because of Shire Wars), or on October 23rd (due to attendance by many dancers at a private house concert for Wolgemut)

Chatelaine: Karl Von Weisboden: No report

Chamberlain: Simon Caspar Joder: No Report

Demo Coordinator: Elizabet Marshall

Encouraged people to participate in Bhakail's demo at the German Society in Philadelphia this Sunday (October 4th from 11-4/5). Anything German related is good to demo, and participants will be fed.

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

K&Q A&S will be held on Feb. 6th in Barren Sands. Anyone who is interested in entering and has any questions or needs any advice, feel free to contact me. I will be doing an online class on ways to present A&S projects for display or competition at some point in November. I am hoping to also organize a series of online classes on documentation.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

Weeknight archery is now over for the season, as we do not have enough light in the evenings. My report to kingdom was sent in on time.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

- In September we met on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.
- We collected \$157.00 in dues. A check for that amount has been written.
- No incidents to report. We maintain 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila Soldus and James O'Gallegure) with assistance of Berrick Grayveson and Baron Alexander from Archer's Ford.
- Attendance: we had 7 to 9 fencers each week.
- There is a new church sexton for Monday night practice. He has been there on Mondays and is very helpful.
- There are now several free rooms at the church adjacent to the gym where we practice. The Pastor has given us permission to use them. They could be used for A&S etc.
- Attila Soldus is heading the fencing activities as Shire Wars.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew of Hartshorn-dale:

- The position of Chirurgeon was removed from the charter.
- Work will be done soon to update the website for Artisan's Village.

There was a discussion about the idea of maintaining a list of contact information for shire members (such as the old Domesday editor officer position would have done). Some feel that this type of list is very important and useful, and would like to find a way to make this happen. There was also a discussion about where such a document could be securely stored online. The EK Webminister's office does not have a solution for this issue yet. Suggested ideas included Google Docs, Drop Box, and other cloud storage sites. The downside with this is that people need to sign up for an account with those sites. A password protected page on the website. On a related note, having shire member's photos and basic information on the public face of the website might also be nice. This could be created on the shire website, or links could be provided to EK wiki pages. No decision about this was reached. The seneschal asked the webmaster to think about some possible options.

Archer's Ford Report

- The group's meeting is next week (the first Wed. of the month), so there is no report from that meeting.
- The group recently had a bylaw meeting, and they are much closer to having bylaws
- There will be an election for the office of exchequer soon (as the previous one needed to step down). However, the deputy exchequer is likely to run.
- The Archer's Ford seneschal (Alexander) is gathering the materials needed to apply for full shire status. He will soon need a letter from Hartshorn-dale's seneschal. One more Archer's Ford officer also still needs to send a letter to Alexander saying "yes" to the idea of becoming a full shire.

Demos, Events, and Activities:

Shire Wars

- The event will take place 15 days from now. All is going well, and everything is on schedule.
- 31 people pre-registered for feast (more than that have registered for the event itself).
- 19 people registered for a cabin, so the autocrat (Alexander) took the large cabin, which fits 20 people. Even if no one takes the last spot, the event will make \$27 on the cabin. Alexander moved the \$150 which was to be used for the other cabin, to dayboard, because now the event is an RP and the cook could use the extra money
- Sadly, the ranger at site had heart attack. He is ok, but he will be on light duty while we are there.
- There will be 2 scout camps at the site during the weekend of the event, but we have been assured that they will stay out of the way of the event.
- The Queens youth initiative will take place at the event.
- All of the marshals have stated their plans for the day, and that information is on the website.
- Kathryn asked if there were pictures of the kitchen. Alexander said that there were no pictures, but he assured her that it was a good sized kitchen.

Archer's Ford Brewing Event

The autocrat of the event told Alexander that she resubmitted the event calendar information to the EK with new directions. However, Kathryn noted that it had not come back to her, as seneschal, for approval. Alexander noted that he would check on that with the event autocrat this weekend.

Nova Scola

- This was the second bid for the event. Autocrat= Alison Wodehalle.
 - The bid updated the fee for children as requested at the last meeting. An additional change to the fee schedule was also made at this meeting. Now all children 5 and under are free, children 6-17 years of age will have a dollar discount off of the adult fee of \$7
 - The names of two people to run gate have been added to the bid (Zhelena and Merewyn)
 - There will be a family area set aside in the hall
 - A question was asked about the starting and ending times of the event. The event will open at 10, classes will start at 11, and the last glass will be at 5 (unless fewer people volunteer to teach classes and the event can end a bit early at 4). There will also be an hour break for lunch.
 - A question was asked about where the classes would be listed. Classes will not be listed on a separate event website, but on the EK calendar event announcement.
 - One person at the meeting asked about the text of the event announcement, as she thought that these things were needed for a bid to be considered. Alison said that the event announcement and directions would be very similar from the last time this event was run, several year ago.
 - Kathryn suggested advertising at least once a month for teachers. Alison said that in the past she started calling for teachers three months in advance of the event, but she would send out a call every few weeks. This has worked for her in the past, so she asked if she could continue to do that.
- The group voted to approve the bid.***

Artisan's Village II

- The event announcement is up in EK Calendar
- Andrew was asked to clear the event website of old information from last year's event so new information can be added.
- We have village heads for several crafts: brewing, lampworking, metalsmiths, cooking, and a paper/book/scribal area. Lissa has an e-mail out to the Athena's Thimble guild. If anyone has suggestions about a village area they would like to see at the event, let Lissa know. She hopes to send out a first call for village heads sometime in October.
- Lissa has been talking with ECU chancellor about the event. The ECU chancellor had a few good suggestions.
- One suggestion made by the ECU chancellor was to have a volunteer at each village wear a sash (to be provided by the ECU). This sash would identify an individual that people stopping by a village can feel at ease to talk to. This volunteer would also welcome people to the village, acting as a "greeter".
- Another suggestion made by the ECU chancellor was to create an event passport. Each village area would have a token to give out. People at the event could walk around, collect all the tokens, and then enter into a raffle to win a small prize (perhaps a basket of gifts made by the different villages). It was suggested at the meeting that these could be called "pilgrim tokens," as if people were going on a pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. Suggestions about the type of tokens and places to buy tokens were also made at the meeting.