

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 01-07-2016

Total Attendees: 12

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Exchequer, Secretarie, Fencing Marshal, MOL, Chamberlain. Also present was the Seneschal of Archers Ford.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

The date for the March meeting will need to be moved as Kathryn is out of the country. Kathryn suggested March 10th, the second Thursday in March, as an alternative date, and she made sure that the meeting location would be available that day. There were no objections to this date change.

Current officers:

Secretarie - ElysaBeth Underhill

Chamberlain - Sarah le Payllier

MOL (Minister of the List) - Attila Soldus

Webminister - Andrew Schickard

Accessibility Porter - Yvaine Catlin D'AcleY

Fencing Marshal - Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

Minister of A&S, archery - Naomi bat Avraham

Knight-Marshal - Talan - Kep Wood (voted in absentia)

Exchequer - Diana Alene Tregirtse

Seneschal - Kathryn Perry

Kingdom seneschal policies state that local seneschals must have a deputy. Any volunteers?

If any officers have still not given Kathryn an updated membership expiration date, please do so.

Kathryn held a discussion about ideas for ways to get people together to do stuff - is what we are currently doing sufficient? If not, what should we be doing? Social nights? Encouraging non-fencers and non-dancers to come to practices? What works best for our particular shire? Many people were interested in a regularly occurring social/craft night. It was suggested that we rotate the location of the social so more people could attend. A few people volunteered their homes for socials to be held every other month. The first social is likely to be Jan 21st (the third Thursday in January) at Sarah's house. Kathryn offered up her home for March, and Tracy volunteered for May.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Current Balance: \$7,650.74

Shire Wars V reimbursements sent to Buckland Cross & Blak Rose

Still waiting for contact information for Montvale & Owlsherst

December Fencing Payment (November practices) mailed

Working on End of Year Report

Dance Diana Alene Tregirtse:

New Year's Ball held 1 January 2016

Classes scheduled January 8th, 15th, 22nd, & Birthday Ball the 29th

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Payllier: No Report

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham: No Report

It was mentioned at the meeting that Kings and Queens A&S Champions will be held the first weekend in February. If you are planning to enter, please check the registration deadline and details on the EK calendar page.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham : No Report.

Archery practice is on hold for the winter

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

The following is the Hartshorn-dale Rapier Marshal's report covering the month of December 2015.

In December, we met on 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

We collected \$135.00 in donations. 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'Galleguere) with assistance of Berrick Grayveson, Caitrina Fraser, and Baron Alexander from Archer's Ford. Viola Soldus is our shire MIT (Marshal in Training) and also assists with marshalling.

Attendance: we had 8 to 10 fencers each week. We continue to have newer fencers attend and use the loaner gear. Several fencers that have tried fencing after Pennsic have remained active. The loaner gear has enabled fencers to continue to attend while they purchase their own gear. Our Shire has inspired other regional practices to purchase and/or update their gear.

Our 2nd annual Holiday party and "White Elephant" gift exchange was another success. The "Bust of Unknown Man" (aka sculpted head) went to Dr. Wes and his wife this year. They have dressed it up and it's sitting proudly on their mantle. We'll see who gets it next year!

As reported for the past several months, an inventory was taken of loaner gear. A list of gear is being compiled to be put on file with the Shire.

As reported in past several months, I have been in contact with Royer-Greaves School for the Blind for the fencers to do volunteer work representing the Shire. Now that the holidays are over, I will make another attempt at setting up dates with our contact at the School.

MOL: Attila Soldus:

Attila indicated that he will look through the list of authorized fencers/fighters in the shire to remind people of any upcoming authorization expiration dates.

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard

There has been a change in email policy for local branch officers email accounts so that forwarding of emails will need to be turned off. There are instructions for setting up POP3 and IMAP accounts in a mail client that I can help with if people do not want to use the webmail. Additionally there appears to be less spam being caught than places like gmail were catching, and that is being looked into. Please let me know if there are any questions, and the official announcement can be found in the January Pikestaff.

Wording in Pikestaff: *All Officers throughout the East Kingdom should have official emails in the style of office@localbranch.eastkingdom.org and should no longer have emails forwarded to their personal email addresses. If you do not, please contact your Local Webminister immediately*

Concern was expressed about this during the meeting. It is known that many kingdom and regional officers have not been receiving email communications in a timely fashion. During the meeting a question was asked about the reason for this change in e-mail policy. Several possible reasons were discussed, including confidentiality, record keeping, and legal reasons.

It was mentioned that the mail program on smart phones could be set up in such a way as to make receiving communication easier by removing the need for the officer to remember to check a secondary e-mail account. The kingdom IT help page has information on how this can be done.

Archer's Ford Report:

Given by Damiano Vitallie della Fonta. Highlights are included below. The full report can be accessed from the Archers Ford website.

Elections were held. A new seneschal and exchequer were elected. The herald stepped down, but the current MoAS continues to hold her office, meaning that the shire continues to have the officers it needs to be an official group.

A drop dead date of the April shire meeting was set for the completion of the shire bylaws.

The student run medieval club at Kutztown University is having a Renaissance Faire the first weekend in May. They are looking for vendors and for the SCA to do a demo including fencing, fighting, and A&S. The club is also interested in having classes held at other times on various topics. Damiano will put out a call for volunteers for the demo and get a list of topics the students are interested in learning about.

Damiano also noted that he has talked with the University and the Kingdom Seneschal to develop rules about how the shire should interact with the students at Kutztown, as the SCA was kicked off of Kutztown's campus two times previously. Several members of the SCA in the shire are alumni of Kutztown, and they are trying to repair

the relationship between the campus and the SCA.

Archers Ford is trying to get together an intershire mini golf social (in Garb?!?), with a picnic. The time frame is April-May.

Archers Ford is looking to get a group of people from area shires to go up to Spring Coronation in Massachusetts together (perhaps renting a bus to make the trip).

Alexander is taking the lead on another possible demo at a junior high school in Shillington, PA. It is a daytime demo that will take place during the work week (Tuesday May 10th, from 9-4). No clearances are needed to demo at the school, but there are some restrictions on what can be demonstrated. Alexander has 6 people from Archers Ford committed to the demo, but he is looking for more volunteers. The demo is a medieval graduation send off for the 6th graders who attend the school. Previously the school hired a troupe of actors to run this event. The school is willing to donate some money to the SCA instead. Please contact him if you have questions and are interested in helping out by late March.

Demos, Events, and Activities:

Dining with Lorenzo:

Resumes January 26th at the home of David & Eryn Utz

Book for this season is The Most Excellent Book of Cookery, by Ken Albala and Timothy J. Tomasik, a French cookbook from the 1550's, in preparation for a future event, "Dining with Henri II"

Archer's Ford Brewing Event

Sadly the site for this event was lost. The church where the event was to be held is a free site, but as part of that arrangement, it was understood that we could lose our date if a paying customer wanted to hold an event at the church.

If the event cannot secure another site by Jan 20th, the event will be canceled. The shire does not want to change the date of the event. Alexander has leads on two possible sites (one in Reading, one in Spring City). If the event needs to pay for a site, the gate fee will be raised 1\$ per person.

Nova Scola – no update

Artisan's Village II

Naomi and Lissa went on a site visit last month. They set locations for each village, and contacted the village heads to introduce them to the space they would be using if it changed or if the village leads were new. They found space for 3 classrooms.

There are 3 confirmed classes, and 1 possible class. All classes are on Saturday so far. Confirmed classes include:

- 4 hour Stained Glass Class (will get its own classroom)
- 2 hour woodcut & block printing class
- 1 hour naalbinding class

Lissa plans to advertise for teachers/challengers again next week. Naomi plans to find volunteers for Gate and Setup/Clean up. We should also touch base with the head cook about the menu for the event.

Shire Wars VI - working on event proposal

Other Business:

A representative from Markland attended the meeting to invite shire members to a 15th century French feast and bardic competition the group will be holding on January 30th. The location of the event is Upper Salford (near Harleysville). There is a Facebook group for the event. Shire members only have to pay the Markland fee of \$15 dollars if they attend. Please bring your SCA membership card if you attend, and remember to bring feast gear.

Attila raised the idea of holding a shire fencing championship. People at the kingdom level have been encouraging all groups, not just Baronies, to have martial champions. The people at the meeting were supportive of this idea. The goal is to have a champion by Pennsic. The regular shire fencing practice and Nova Scola were both raised as a possible location for a championship. A representative from Buckland Cross also suggested that Buckland and Hartshorn-dale have a joint champion's event. Possible dates were discussed and March 5th

(Saturday) and 6th (Sunday) were chosen as possible dates. These dates will be brought back to Buckland Cross to be discussed at their meeting. It was also noted that a champion's event could also be turned into a social event.