

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 02-04-2016

Total Attendees: 10 (note: our regular meeting site was locked, so we held the meeting at TJ's Restaurant.

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretary, Exchequer, Chamberlain, MOL

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Kathryn kindly asks officers to get their reports in to her no later than 4pm the day of the meeting. She leaves work at 4:30, and having the officer reports in before then helps.

March's shire meeting will take place one week later, on the second Thursday of March, the 10th, as Kathryn will be out of the country.

Naomi is official seneschal deputy, but we need another who will be in the area Feb. 20-Mar 4 as both Naomi and Kathryn will be away. Lissa agreed to be the deputy for that time period. We will need to ask Andrew to forward the seneschal e-mail address to her e-mail for that time period.

A brief discussion was held at the meeting about the idea becoming a barony. This discussion started because Kathryn was contacted by someone who wanted to raise the issue of ways to get the Western Shires more attention from Royalty and the Kingdom, ideas such as becoming a principality, or individual shires becoming baronies. The response to this was generally positive. People discussed the idea that becoming a barony could help motivate more people to become more active in the group, and increase the group's sense of community. We would, however, need people to express a lot of interest in the idea, and we would need a volunteer to organize the process and paperwork involved, and we would need people interested in running for Baron/Baroness. One initial first step that people seemed interested in pursuing was to survey the shire. This can be done informally, through e-mail or social media, but a formal mail polling/survey of the members also seems necessary for the results to be official and representative of the members of the shire. Kathryn will look into this. Alyson will ask the polling deputy for a list of members addresses to help gauge interest in this idea.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Balance \$7,312.27

EOY Report Submitted

December Bank Reconciliation ready for signatures

All checks for Shire Wars (except Silver Ryll) written and delivered.

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Classes 2/5; 2/12 (George will teach); 2/19; & 2/26

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier. No Report

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

This Saturday is K&Q A&S in the shire of Barren Sands, in the southern region. I encourage everyone to attend as the art will be fantastic.

Bhakail is running weekly A&S workshops on Monday evenings with details on their Facebook page.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

John and Elizabeth Marshall have graciously offered some storage tubes to the shire. I am still trying to find time to pick them up.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

In January, we met on 4th, 11th, and 18th. We cancelled practice on 25th due to the weather. We collected \$122.00 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'Galleghure) with assistance of Caitrina Fraser, and Baron Alexander from Archer's Ford.

Attendance: we had 12 to 15 fencers each week. We continue to have newer fencers attend. Volunteering at the Royer-Greaves School is pending.

Loaner gear is being cataloged. More loaner ghost jackets and hoods are being made by Yvaine D'Aclely (Maggie Thorne). A list of gear for shire records is pending.

A possible Shire Champions competition has been discussed. Any further plans will be reported.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard: No Report

Archer's Ford Report

None given. Meeting minutes from the group are usually available on their website.

Demo's, Events, and Activities:

Social

The first of several planned by-monthly was held in February at Sarah's house. Attendance was light, but those who attended had fun. The next social is planned for March at Kathryn's house. These socials take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Over time, it is hoped that we can get more people to attend and keep these socials as a regular event.

Dining With Lorenzo

Dining with Henry II workshops were held on January 26th & February 2nd
Next Sessions: February 23rd & March 1st

Archer's Ford Brewing Event (Feb 27th)

The event has a new site. Information has been updated on the EK calendar.

Nova Scola (April 16th)

There are problems with the site, St. John church. An orchestra practice was scheduled for the same day, and because we do not pay for this site, we have to share with the practice. The practice needs 40 of the 70 parking spaces available at that church, which will not leave enough for attendees at our event. Discussions were held about alternative sites, with

members of the group offering suggestions. Our site contact at St. John's (Vicki) is even calling other churches for us to see if there is an opening on the 16th. If we cannot find a new site, we can change the date of the event to April 30th, and still hold it at St. Johns. Alison will talk with the site contact from St. Johns about the possibility of signing a formal rental document if we change the date. We are also willing to pay for the St. John's site if needed to secure a date.

Alison noted that sites which would work for Nova Schola need the following:

- Bathrooms
- Changing Rooms
- Kitchen
- Large Hall
- 3 to 4 classrooms

Some alternative sites that were discussed are the church fencing is currently held at, and churches that are known to friends and family members of the group. Attila will inquire about use of the fencing practice church, and others will reach out to individual contacts.

Knight in the Garden, Demo (June 12)

We are doing a joint demo with Bhakail at the Highlands that is geared to families. Crafts & activities teaching kids knightly virtues & skills will be the focus of the demo. Baroness Philadelphia is heading up coordination of demo activities

Artisan's Village II (June 3-5)

Several people have offered to help and it looks like we will have a formal children's area with classes in addition to the villages which may have activities appropriate for kids.

While I have a backup in place, I am still looking for someone to run gate. I have sent some emails off to people in Bhakail to see if there is anyone there who can help.

Lissa and I did another site visit and have figured out some nice spaces for formal indoor classes.

The deadline for Challenges is March 1st. If you are interested in submitting a challenge please get in touch with the appropriate member of the event staff listed on the website.

Shire Wars VI

Working on setting up a site visit to Kempton Fair Grounds

Working on a basic event proposal