

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 03-10-2016

# Total Attendees: 16

Officer Positions: Exchequer, Secretarie, Seneschal, Chamberlain, Webminister  
*Visitors from Buckland Cross and Bhakail also attended!!*

### **Officers Reports**

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

We need good event sites for low prices! Let us know if you have ideas.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

- Account Balance \$5,542.27
- St. Aegir's Event Report & NMS Report completed
- The event made \$311.28
- Archer's Ford now has \$784.31 in our account
- Awaiting new exchequer form to complete 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report

*New policies:* Fees for events must be represented as follows:

Event Registration Fees:

- Adult (X + \$5)
- Adult Member (X)
- Minor (Y)

It was mentioned that kingdom may be making this change for us for events currently posted, but we have no information about that, so autocrats of H-dale events should change their calendar announcements to reflect these new rules.

*New Monthly reconciliation procedure:* This change will make things easier, as we don't have to scan, and send these to kingdom every month.

- Exchequer & Seneschal review bank statement & sign both sides
- Exchequer & Seneschal retain copy for their files

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Dance will be held through March except for March 25<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier: No Report

During the meeting Sarah asked if we could use google docs to share documents with multiple people. This would help with keeping a list of shire materials. Mael Eoin noted that we can use this, especially since the kingdom does not have a set solution to this issue yet. We can invite people to edit a document, and have a web link set so people with the link can see the document.

Eryn noted that she should record what shire items from Saby's basement have been moved to her basement now.

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

Lissa was elevated to the order of the laurel at K&Q's A&S. She also became queen's champion at that event.

Outdoor A&S workshops will resume as the weather is improving. Naomi may do a class on bronze casting again. Let her know if you have other ideas.

Sarah suggested that a class on research and documentation be organized. The group supported this idea!

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham: No Report

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

In February, we met on the **1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th.**

We cancelled practice on 15th due to the weather. We collected \$145.00 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'Gallegure) with assistance of Caitrina Fraser, and Baron Alexander from Archer's Ford.

Attendance: we had 12 to 14 fencers each week. We continue to have newer fencers attend.

Volunteering at the Royer-Greaves School is still pending.

A list of Loaner Gear has been compiled. Thank you, Yvaine D'Aclely (Maggie Thorne), for making additional small gear for some of our petite fencers (not cataloged yet).

A possible Shire Champions competition has been discussed. Any further plans will be reported. (*Note: See discussion at the end of the meeting minutes for more details about this*)

Andrew has been contacted to update the shire's web page. The current Fencing Marshal and Deputy need to be listed. The email also needs to be redirected to my email. It is still being forwarded to Lillia.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard: No Report

### **Archer's Ford Report**

The meeting minutes from the Archer's Ford shire meeting can be found on their website:  
<http://archersford.eastkingdom.org/>

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

#### Shire Socials

March 17<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled date. The social will take place at Kathryn's house. Kathryn was wondering if the fact that this was St. Patty's day would be a conflict for people. No one said that this would be a problem, and Kathryn cannot move the social to March 24<sup>th</sup>, so we will keep the date of March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Dining With Lorenzo

We met February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the class Sam & Diana taught on Dining with Lorenzo at St. Aegir

We met March 1<sup>st</sup> and prepared Palats of Beef Confit with lots of scallions & gooseberries, "gnocchi" like dumplings, and made two batches of cheese using an acid reagent.

Diana proposed that Lorenzo meet on the following dates:

March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Nova Schola- (April 16<sup>th</sup>)

The church site fell through due to management changes discussed during the last shire meeting.

*Stage One-* a Bhakail site is a possibility. However, it is will cost money (our previous site was free), especially since we would have to use multiple classrooms, and the site takes 5% of gate fees. The

kitchen is also not the best (no fridge, only one stove and oven). We also don't know for sure if our date is available. Using this site would cost an additional \$730, making the site fee \$15 per person

***In light of the above, it was decided to cancel the event.***

Mael Eoin suggested that H-dale could collaborate with another group to run a schola event in the future (to share costs). Bhakail's Canton is interested in running a service schola, and other groups may be interested in working together as well.

There is also a potential site in Lansdale we could use in the future (the site was just not available on the day already planned for Nova Schola).

Alexander said he could also look into having H-dale collaborate with Archer's Ford and the St. Aegir's event.

#### Archer's Ford Demo (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

Location: Gov. Mifflin Intermediate School (6<sup>th</sup> grade sendoff)

Time- 9-4

There had been some concern as the principle said that all adults would need clearances. However, the principle contacted the school's lawyer and was told that the SCA demo would fit into a clause in PA stating that if you don't have direct constant contact with children, you don't need clearances. The school's lawyer is writing a letter for the shire stating the above. Everything is ok now and the demo can continue.

Alexander had 9 people express interest so far. He plans for 1 hour classes (50 min with a 10 minute break). There will be 2 shifts for lunch and demonstrators can bring or buy their lunch.

7 tracks are planned so far: Activities planned include fencing, weaving, polearm, thrown weapons (with a double safety range), an archery equipment demo, cold blacksmithing, cooking. Other activities are welcome. Any activities involving fire must take place outside.

Alexander sent call for volunteers to some shires already, he will send out a call for volunteers to more groups soon.

#### Artisan's Village (June 3-5)

- The deadline for Challenges has been extended to March 15<sup>th</sup>. After challenges have ended, more recruitment for teachers will happen.
- Mael Eoin is working on recruiting cooks for the event and planning the food.

#### "Knight in the Garden" Demo at the Highlands (June 12<sup>th</sup>)

This is a Bhakail/Hartshorn-dale joint demo taking place from 12-4 on Sunday June 12th (this the day after SRWC)

The demo is still looking for volunteers!

Planned and desired activities include: heavy fighting, silk painting, dance, fencing, and activities based on the knightly virtues. Diana has some riding hobby horses she could lend. A coat of arms coloring activity was suggested. Lawn Billiards was also proposed as an activity, and Aurddeilen has a set he can lend.

#### Shire Wars (Oct 14-16)

A meeting was held at Kingdom Bardic in Owlsherst on March 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the current plans, clarify the decision process and discuss the charter. Diana chaired this meeting, the notes thereof are on the shire wars yahoo mailing list account.

Hartshorn-dale will be the sponsoring shire of Shire Wars VI.

Three items came out to be voted on by each shire. **All three of the items listed below were voted on and approved at the meeting.**

- 1. Will Buckland Cross be the sponsoring shire of Shire Wars VII?**
- 2. Shall we have a Charter Committee to develop a Shire Wars Charter?**

The Autocrat of the current Shire Wars is the Shire Wars Committee leader and the Autocrat of the following years Shire Wars is the deputy Committee leader. The prior year's autocrat is also expected to help the committee and provide advice.

- 3. Alexander will be the Head of the Charter Committee until such time as the committee chooses an alternate?**

The next Shire Wars Meeting will be in Owlsherst on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Viking Thing.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Hrolfr & Diana visited a suggested alternate site for Shire Wars VI, the Kempton Fair Grounds. While the land is attractive the buildings and facilities are not pleasant or appropriate for our usage.

This week Diana has been in phone contact with Matt Adams, the new CEO of the Dutch BSA Council. He has contacted Bayshore about our previous rentals and has given his approval to us renting as an outside group. It does not sound like the date will be an issue although Diana won't know for sure until she speaks with their reservation clerk who is currently on vacation until Friday. He was also going to contact her and let her know he approved us. Matt would like to meet us over the summer and Diana also indicated that a number of staff members for the event would like to tour Bayshore and work out the layout etc. July is probably the best time. There were some minor concerns from last year about cars on the site and cleanliness that we certainly want to address.

Diana doesn't want to present a formal proposal for Shire Wars VI without a definite site commitment.

Sam is currently the Executive Chef

Sarah is taking reservations

Shire members who want to volunteer for other role need to contact Diana fairly soon. She is looking for people to fill:

- fencing, heavy, thrown, and archery marshals. (Alexander said at the meeting that he could recruit a thrown weapons marshal)
- several people for gate

Since the theme is the anniversary of the battle of Hastings, we might want to do some melee and group fighting events.

Sarah proposed a Bardic/A&S activity related to the theme of the event.

We need to figure out a way to assign people to sides related to the event theme.

It was suggested that we create an informational booklet about the Battle of Hastings. Last year, information was handed out during feast.

Questions:

- Will this be an RP? We don't know. Last year several groups wrote to the royalty asking them to attend the event. We will have to do the same this year. Hopefully, over time, this could become a regular RP.
- Could move the event website so it is hosted by the Kingdom. Andrew said probably, but he did not know what to do to make that happen. He will look into it.

Diana will create a Facebook event page, and at the suggestions of others at the meeting, the event in

the EK and Aethelmark Gazettes.

#### Potential Joint Commons with Buckland Cross

Representatives from Buckland cross attended our shire meeting to discuss the idea of a joint shire commons where fencing/heavy champions could be determined. They are planning to rent a park pavilion in Tyler park. No date is set, but during the meeting Sunday afternoon April 10<sup>th</sup> was suggested.

The idea was raised that perhaps other local groups could be invited.

Mael Eoin also suggested that in the future, we could have championship fights on Sunday at Shire Wars. This would allow groups to create banners, champion regalia, and to show group colors.

#### **Other Local Events:**

Bhakail is planning to participate in the Philly Renaissance Faire again this year (the event reached out to them asking for them to participate again). Last year the Renaissance Faire was one weekend, this year it will run for two weekends, the last weekend in April/first weekend in May. Sadly, their previous contact person with the event left, so they need to get a new contact person. 30 Scadians participated last year.

Bhakail Bardic champions and Court of Love will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> this year. There is one challenge for the Court of Love already, to prove that your language is the most romantic.

Both Silver Rylle and Buckland Cross have very fun and entertaining gaming nights, which are run once a month. Silver Rylle's game night is next Thursday in Lititz, at an atmospheric "speakeasy". Buckland Cross meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Newportville Inn (a German restaurant with great Schnitzel)