

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 10-06-2016

# Total Attendees: 11 adults, 4 youth

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretarie, Chamberlain, Exchequer/Dance, Webminister, MOL

## **Officers Reports**

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Many shire offices are up for election. Nominations must be in by the November meeting (3<sup>rd</sup>). Elections will be held at the December meeting (1<sup>st</sup>). Elected officers will take office in January.

- Diana will run again for Exchequer, but would love a deputy.
- Sarah indicated that she might run for chatelaine
- Attila is willing to keep the MOL office
- Andrew is willing to stay on as webminister, but will happily turn the office over to someone else if they are interested.
- We may need a new Archery marshal, as our current one may have to cut back on activities.

The group agreed that maintaining an archery practice was important, as it is attractive to newcomers to the SCA and an activity youth can participate in. Youth fighting would also be desired, but there were concerns that PA laws make becoming a marshaling difficult. Several individuals in the shire looked into it, but decided against becoming youth marshals.

Reminder: Hartshorn-dale needs more event ideas. If you are interested in running or proposing an event, let Kathryn know. We also continue to need more sites, so if you have an idea for a site, e-mail Kathryn about that as well.

Bids for Spring Crown are due Dec 1st, which is a Shire meeting night.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Bank \$4900.00

We have received three checks for total of \$1200 from Montevale, Buckland Cross & Owlsherst to help run Shire Wars. They are not deposited yet. The smaller Shires are not in position to contribute financially (Silver Ryll & Blak Rose). The Kingdom Seneschal has dictated that Archer's Ford, who does have the money, not participate because of the unsettled state of their group.

The 3rd Quarter Report is due at the end of October

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Dance: There will be dance October 7th, (not on the 14th due to Shire Wars); October 21st; Oc 28th - see below:

The dance site is holding their first fall festival for children and their families on October 28th from 5-8 pm. They would appreciate our dressing up and teaching some dances. I suggest we try to participate from 6 or 6:30 until 8 pm. We could hold a regular practice from 8-9 in the chapel if all would like that as well. They provide this awesome site to us for free every week

and I would like to see us give back. Diana will send out more information about this by email to the shire list.

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

In September, we met on the 12th, 19th, and 26th. We did not meet on the 5th. We collected \$81.00 in donations. A check for that amount has been written.

No incidents to report. We maintain 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) and James O'Gallegure). We had 5 to 7 fencers each week.

Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) is the Fencing Marshal in Charge for Shire Wars. Fencing activities will have a Battle of Hastings theme.

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier:

The shire owns stuff! However, this stuff needs to be chronicled and stored in a new location. After Shire Wars, I can go over to Saby's and get the rest of the stuff for a full inventory. Saby does not live close to rest of shire, which makes storing stuff there hard, and which is why we are trying to find new locations for shire items. Once we know how much stuff we're talking about, we can decide whether we can keep it in various basements or if we need to rent a storage unit. From what I've heard, the wooden walls (last used in 07) are in poor condition, and possibly the trebuchet (last used in 2009-10) as well. I'd propose a vote on whether we want to continue to keep the walls and the trebuchet. If we don't, Saby is willing to dismantle them for parts. Saby said there were another 8-10 bins of items at her house. Saby is willing to continue storing the smaller stuff, but if we're not using it, then I'd vote for either not keeping it, or finding a more convenient place to keep it.

During the meeting Atilla suggested that we vote to empower Sarah as chamberlain, and anyone else who visits Saby's with her, to make decisions about what to keep, what to throw away, and what to relocate. There was unanimous agreement with this proposal. This will be easier and faster than having Sarah report back to the meeting on the status of items and having everyone vote on each item. During the meeting it was also agreed that the group would like to avoid renting a storage unit.

Currently Sarah has the Gold Key (she can't keep it for long though), Diana has the game bins, Sarah has a bin of banners, and the rest of the serving dishes, banners, and tablecloths are at Eryn's.

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham:

Sarah reported that she held an A&S night recently. Diana came over and together they both prepared the site tokens for Shire Wars. Sarah will continue to hold A&S nights at her house on the last Thursday of each month

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham:

We are no longer having evening archer practice as it is getting to dark to see during practice time. However, there may be a Sunday archery practice, as someone from Bhakail wanted to use the site to hold practice.. If that happens, it will be announced and posted to the list.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard:

Shirewars has a website, hosted on the EK servers, and all that needs to be done is to warrant a new person as web minister to change ownership and access as the counsel appoints a webminister.

During the meeting Kathryn asked about the possibility of updating our shire website, it is looking a little outdated (“from the 90’s”). Andrew noted that the best way to do that would be to create a Wordpress site. A shell site could be created and then permissions given to multiple shire members to update basic information. The webpage itself would need to be hosted on an EK server, and only the official webminister can log into the EK servers. However, once a shell is created by the webminister, multiple people can then edit information, so the burden is distributed and not just on the webminister to keep the site up to date. Everyone at the meeting agreed that this would be a great plan. There is no set date when this will be completed.

**Archer’s Ford Report**

No update.

*Note: The kingdom seneschal said updates needed to be given only every three months.*

**Demo’s, Events, and Activities:**

Dining with Lorenzo (Henri II): On Hiatus

Shire Wars Oct 14-16

Tokens, programs, banners are in progress. Merchants have been relocated in the main hall. A Viking game has been located in the grassy area next to the hall. Sword dance will be taught but not performed. Menus are finalized, but have not been provided to the event steward. Anyone wanting to sing a song, tell a poem, or lead a sing along after the feast is encouraged to contribute. We will need help with set up, clean up, and gate. Please let Diana know if you can help. You can also help by encouraging people to attend and spreading the word!

There are currently 32 reservations in, including 3 unpaid. There are 30 adult reservations for feast, 9 reservations for cabin camping (22 cabin slots are still available). 51 people have said that they are coming on Facebook. The lack of an online reservation system is likely hurting our numbers with regard to advanced reservations.

Shire Commons

Shire members are still interested in the idea of holding a Commons event in the Spring or early Summer. Kathryn checked on the rules for events like this. If it is a free event, the only requirement for it to be covered by insurance is for the seneschal to approve the event, and for

the event to be publicized to the local group. We don't need to put it on the EK calendar, but, it would be good to do that anyway.

Sarah is willing to take the lead on this event. She was envisioning renting a pavilion at a county park, holding A&S, dance, and rapier (assuming rapier is allowed in the park- we can ask a park ranger about this), with possibly a dayboard (or potluck dayboard) and a donations jar. She thinks that it would be very welcoming for newcomers, and especially if it's garb-optional. Sarah will work on this after Shire Wars is over. This event may not need to go through the official proposal system the shire has in place, but it might be good for it to do so anyway, if just to get feedback from shire members.

#### Possible Music/Fencing Event

Shivaun attended the meeting to float an idea for an event by the group. She would like to hold an event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June. It will be a half musical schola/half fencing tournament event. She thinks she has site, a school in Westtown. She will be going on a site visit soon and will know if the site will work for the event after that visit. The kitchen can only do warming/staging, it cannot be used for food prep. Shivaun will talk with the site representative to see if they will allow us to do more, but she already has a very experienced cook (Mistress Annetje) to run dayboard. If the site works, Shivaun will bring a formal bid proposal to the group next month.

At the meeting Diana mentioned that Known World Dance and Music is the same weekend as Shivaun's planned event. It is being held in Baltimore, which means it will be a potential conflict. Shivaun will take this into consideration.