

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 11-03-2016

# Total Attendees: 14

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

## **Officers Reports**

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Highlights from the seneschal meeting at Shire Wars:

Event scheduling issues were discussed. Conflicts, overlaps, and near clashes all affect local events and local groups negatively. His Excellency suggested that the Seneschals hold a "Calendaring Day," where the likely schedule for the coming year or so is hashed out, taking traditional regional events and Kingdom events into consideration. This idea was received positively by all at the meeting. The Seneschals' email list will be used to discuss the when & how.

The need for better outreach within the region was discussed, and the idea of a "Demo Team" proposed by His Excellency. This team might consist of people who are enthused about demos and interested in helping to organize and participate in them. Drawing from strengths in various areas of the region may allow local shires to have better demos and hopefully recruit more active participants to the SCA. This idea was received positively but no solid actions were decided upon.

The idea of the region becoming a Principality, or of individual groups going Barony, was discussed at length. Mostly the discussion was about the perceived benefits of either option, and most at the meeting seemed interested in the possibilities. It was stated that the Kingdom Powers-that-Be are generally in favor of more groups in the region becoming Baronies, and noted that compared to other, similarly populated regions of the Kingdom, we have very few Baronies. Baronies in general have more active members than the shires in our region, but it is not clear whether some of those Baronies started out the same size and grew because of the advantages a Barony confers.

Benefits of a Principality include the ability of the Prince and Princess to administer Kingdom AoA-level awards to their citizens. Instead of the King & Queen trying to know about more than 3500 subjects, the Prince and Princess would oversee, consider, and reward from a populace of only around 600. Additionally, new Principality awards could create more opportunities for recognition. Twice-yearly Coronet Tournaments and Coronations would ensure pomp and circumstance that may be missing when Kingdom Royalty do not travel to the Region. The process to become either a Barony or a Principality is neither simple nor short, and would require dedicated champions committed to the legwork. For now, it seemed that folks agreed to take the conversation back to their respective groups for discussion.

Doing things more as a Region - events such as Shire Wars, demos such as the Wrightstown Village Fair, and even practices - was discussed. Linette brought up Owlsherst's intent to start Regional Gatherings on the third Wednesday of the month, and this was received with interest. While it is likely that few can make this month due to the late notice, folks said that with more notice it may well draw from several local groups. The fact that we can add activities in addition to fighting and fencing - A&S, Bardic, dancing, and regional meetings were specifically mentioned - is appealing to many. Linette promised that a Facebook event page for the Regional Gather (or Fighter Practice & Gather), would be set up.

*Shire officer positions up for election and nominations:*

Exchequer - Diana is willing to run again, but really needs a deputy

Dance Master/Mistress - Diana is willing to run again

Webminister - Andrew is willing to run again. Sarah will be his deputy

Secretarie- ?

Archery Marshal- ?

Thrown Weapons Marshal- ?  
Minister of Lists- Atilla is willing to run again  
Chamberlain- Sarah is willing to run again.  
Chancellor Minor - ?  
Herald- ?  
Chronicler - ?

Lissa has volunteered to become the deputy A&S officer

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

- Bank Balance= \$5605.93\*
- Finalizing Third Quarter Report
  - \*Doesn't include deposits or expenses from Shire Wars.

Dance: Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

- Classes will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> (in the Chapel), 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no class on November 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>
- The schedule for December will likely be the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup> (a yule ball)

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

In October, we met on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

We collected \$136.00 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'Galleghure).

We had 4 to 9 fencers each week with visitors from Buckland Cross and Endless Hills of Aethelmarc.

Each week at practice, there is a "challenge" or goal presented (such as hand or leg shots). We have a scoreboard tracking how many times each of us accomplish the goal for the evening. It has been named Dale's Challenge, named after our mascot Dale the Jackalope. The results get posted on Facebook. It has been a lot of fun and a way to practice specific targets.

Fencing was held at the Shire Wars event on Saturday 10/15/2016. Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) was the Fencing Marshal for the event. Excerpts from his report are as follows:

On October 15, 2016, I was the Marshal-In-Charge for the Fencing activities at Shire Wars VI at the Bashore Scout Reservation, 16 Moonshine Rd, Green Point, PA 17038.

Fencing activities for the day consisted of a Shark Tank (Reverse Bear Pit) Tournament and a Capture-the-Flag melee. 15 fencers took part in the tournament, which was won by Draco Athene (Andrew Girton). 6 fencers took part in the melee.

There were three authorizations conducted on this day. Two other fencers expressed a desire to be authorized, but a family medical emergency forced them to leave before we had time to run that authorization.

There were no incidents and everyone expressed that they enjoyed the day.

The East Kingdom's Kings and Queen's rapier champion event was held in Iron Bog. James O'Galleghure and I attended and represented the Shire. We fought gallantly but did not make it to the top 16. Over 90 fencers were part of the event.

Buckland Cross has begun having fencing practices on Tuesdays in Langhorne starting in October. They have been working on finding a site for many months. I assisted once with marshaling and offered our loaner gear as support. They appreciated the help. I was able to become a youth marshal last year. I plan on attending their practice several times a month to assist with a youth fencer that will be regularly attending.

At the meeting it was also mentioned that there is a fencing practice in Black Rose that people are encouraged to attend. Jen and other local fencers intent to visit the practice to help with authorizations.

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier

Sarah is still waiting for a free weekend when she can go to Sabby's to inventory items. She has one helper, it was suggested that she might want to recruit others.

Knight Marshal: Talan

No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham

No report

At the meeting Sarah reported that 2 silk banner painting workshops were held last month at her house. Those went very well. A date for the A&S night at Sarah's house for Nov/Dec is being discussed.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham

No Report

MOL: Attila Soldus

No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard

No Report:

Sarah indicated that she may become the deputy web minister. Kathryn suggested that Sarah talk with Mael Eoin who is doing online training for web ministers, and may be able to offer her advice and training.

Archer's Ford Report –

No formal report.

The group wants to do event in April. They will contact Kathryn with more information. A question was asked at the meeting about how far in advance Archer's Ford needs to get an event bid into us. We believe their bylaws say 6 months.

Demo's, Events, and Activities:

Dining with Lorenzo: Will meet in November to discuss scheduling their next event. Diana will propose a date. We will include fencing in the activities

## Shire Wars VI:

- Working on event report & financials
- Working on meeting notes
- Planning a meeting with Aurddelien to advise him on his proposal
- The NMS report did get sent in

## Homeschool co-op demo- t

This is technically in Archer's Ford, but Kathryn was contacted personally about this demo, and she has notified Archer's Ford in case they wish to be involved. The demo invitation is below. Kathryn received some interest in this demo from people responding online, and a few others volunteered at the meeting.

*We are a group of 24 children and 13 adults who gather weekly on Wednesday to learn together in the classical way. In thinking further about the possibilities, I wondering if you would have some people available on **Wednesday, December 6th from 10 to noon** to share their trades/dances/costumes with us. We will be having a Christmas party for the children with a Medieval theme. Some things I'd like to include are:*

*Food (the families will bring food, but we'd love recipes to use if you have them. We could also have demonstrations with someone)*

*Games and/or Singing Christmas Carols possibly (I can lead those)*

*Program - that could include dancing, "how to" demonstrations, etc. OR stations the children could rotate to with about 6 kids at a time.*

*Gift exchange - children will spend 20 minutes of the 2 hours in their classrooms with each other sharing small gifts*

*Would you have any people who might be willing to come and set up and/or help with this type of event for us? I have a budget and could give around \$75 for something like this. I know that isn't much for the time, but it's something.*

## Demo at our Dance Practice Site

Sally Hawk would like us to do a Saturday afternoon demonstration at the nursing home to include A&S, dancing, martial arts, etc. We need to look at good dates in February and start planning.

## Artisans Village

Genevra from Buckland Cross is currently still looking for sites, and no event date is confirmed. As a reminder we asked Buckland Cross to work on this even with us, and Genera is the Event Steward. She said it is hard finding a camping site that will allow both alcohol and open fire. The group agreed that non-camping sites could also be considered.

Genevra also still needs a volunteer to run food at the event. Diana said that the Dining with Lorenzo group may be able to help out if no one else steps forward. A few names of possible people who might be interested in cooking for this event were also suggested at the meeting.

The group also reminded Genevra that Known World Dance and Music will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June in Baltimore, MD. So- we should try to schedule around that event.

The group reminded Genevra that per our bylaws we need an initial event proposal by next month, but it does not have to be complete.

### Fencing and Music Event (“Blades and Buzzies”)

Shivaun presented the first bid for an event she would like to see run. It will be held at the West Town Concept School in Westchester on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion about the proposal occurred. Lissa asked if the event would be open to other A&S activities other than music. Shivaun said she wanted to keep the focus of the event on music. Diana expressed concern with the projected number of attendees for this event (150) as it was the first time it was being run. Diana suggested 120 would be a more reasonable number, and that we could raise the site fee from \$12 to \$15, giving us a break even number of 100 people. The group agreed that this seemed more reasonable. All voted to approve this initial bid.

### Other Thoughts About Events

- Resurrect older events that we have stopped holding, such as Games and Galliards (maybe include fencing?)- This was a gaming focused event that was run for a number of years at a time when there was less knowledge of games in the SCA.
- Find other sites. Sarah’s parent’s church might work. It is located in Berwyn. Features of the site were discussed at the meeting and Sarah wants someone more knowledgeable about event sites to come look at it too. A church in Lansdale is also still a possibility. After January would be a good time to look more into this site due to internal changes in the churches’ board.