

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 07/13/2017 6:00 - potluck dinner

Total Attendees:

Officer Positions: Seneschal, chamberlain, webminister, exchequer, knight marshal, and more than 30 members of the populace.

Agenda and to do items

Officer Reports

Bards and Rogues - review - see below

Commons July 16

Chatelaine - Shivaun was elected unanimously

KWAR/KWCS - bid submitted, no word yet?

Shire or Barony? - see below for discussion and excerpts of Kingdom law to consider for branch status change.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

1 event, 1 new comer query. Forwarded to Shivaun

Exchequer:

Exchequer: Balance \$5540.66

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

The following is the Hartshorn-dale Rapier Marshal's report covering the month of June 2017.

In June, we met on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

We collected \$165.00 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 (Adam Hampton)].

We had 4 to 11 fencers each week.

Bards and Rogues occurred on June 24th. James O'Gallegure (Adam Hampton) was the Fencing Marshal in Charge for the event. There was youth fencing offered however no youth participated.

Nothing further to report for June.

Lady Jenevieve Fiana Spillane
Rapier Marshal, Shire of Hartshorn-dale

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier: :

* Chamberlain: I've gone through two boxes of the items at my house. One box contains items I think we can use up -- ziploc bags, mostly. One box had some A&S sort of supplies -- candles, wooden candlesticks, ribbons. We have LOTS of thin yellow and blue ribbons, which could be useful for future site tokens. I've pulled out some of the least-useful looking ribbons as a "free craft supplies box" (which I hope to bring to the meeting), on the idea that these items would be best used by individual members of the populace, rather than sitting in a box.

* A&S Nights: I'm going to skip the A&S Night for July, and resume after Pennsic.

Knight Marshal: Talan:

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham,

Archery Marshal: No Report

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Thagn Alexander Makcristyne

Due to weather and a very bad headache we had only two practices this past month. Each practice had 3-4 people in attendance. I will be canceling practice for the rest of the month and the start of next month due to Pennsic prep and Pennsic. The range will reopen again one week after Pennsic is over.

No injuries to report

1-2 adults
2 kids

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Thagn Alexander Makcristyne
HHD TW Marshal

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard:

Mailling list for HHD has been replicated on the EK server, replicating all of the emails for officers as well.

Demo's, Events, and Activities:

Bards & Rogues followup - discussion included adding more diversity in classes, more publicity, more shade near the fighters, and someone in charge of refilling water containers on the field.

Shire/Barony Discussion

Baron Mael Eoin and Baroness Ismay led us in a discussion of what would be involved in being a barony. Last month Aurddeilian from Buckland Cross talked to us about the process of becoming a barony.

Some highlights of the discussion:

We started with some of the why's and the positive aspects of being a barony. The Baron & Baroness provide a focal point for the populace, which helps to unite the populace and encourages participation. A Barony can have their own awards and orders, and recognize people right away, not having to wait for the crown or Kingdom wide polling orders.. A Baron & Baroness can be a voice to the crown, which brings recognition to the area and to members of the populace. This can, of course, create greater interpersonal drama, but also pageantry, which is the useful side of drama. More people tend to participate in Baronial than shire events, which is good because it takes more people to run a barony. All of the required offices are already in the Shire charter, but more of them would be needed to serve at the same time. A barony's champions get Kingdom wide recognition, which benefits them and the barony. A Baron, Baroness, or a Baronial champion has the chance to be an Ambassador from the East to other realms, which brings honor to the Barony and the Kingdom. A Barony is expected to run more Kingdom level events, though as a shire we have run a number of Kingdom events from 12th nights to Crown tourneys. The King & Queen have to show up regularly (for investitures if nothing else).

Becoming a Barony would be change, and change is always hard. People would need to step up and participate more than they are now. The potential for interpersonal drama is higher. Term limits for Barons/Baronesses means that there would be regular polling and investitures. Some people felt it might be a stretch too far, others pointed out that we have a population (on paper) of 115, only slightly fewer than Bhakail, and more than many other Baronies.

I am sure that more was said than I was able to note down, so please continue the conversations whenever you meet together. Next formal discussion will be at the September 7th Shire Meeting.

Society law on branches and changes in status (excerpts)

Baronies and Provinces: Baronies and provinces are large branches within and subject to the administration of a kingdom (or principality, if any). They are alike in status and in the ability to administer other branches within their borders, but differ in that baronies possess a Baron and/or Baroness, ceremonial representatives appointed by the Crown, and therefore have the ability to create and administer awards, while provinces do not. A branch or contiguous group of branches may petition for baronial or provincial status at the members' option, subject to the approval of the Crown and (if applicable) the Coronet, if the resulting entity meets the requirements listed below:

- a. At least 25 members.
- b. A set of officers acceptable to the Crown (and Coronet, if applicable).
- c. A name and device registered with the College of Arms.
- d. Consensus favoring advancement in branch status, and favoring the type of branch (barony or province) specified in

the petition. This consensus is determined by kingdom law and custom. If the branch is to be a barony, arrangements shall have been made with the Crown at the time of application for baronial status to select and appoint a Baron and/or Baroness in accordance with kingdom law and custom.

e. A strong record of activity in a variety of fields of Society endeavor.

4. The members of the proposed branch shall prepare a petition for the proposed action, stating the proportion of their numbers favoring the move, and demonstrating that the requirements are met. The petition shall be submitted as specified by kingdom law and custom. The Kingdom Seneschal shall review the petition to determine whether the proposed branch elevation conforms to Corpora and kingdom law and custom, consulting royalty and other kingdom or principality officers as appropriate for the level of branch under consideration. If the Kingdom Seneschal decides to recommend that the petition should be granted, the action to be taken depends on the level of branch, as follows:

c. Baronies and provinces: The Kingdom Seneschal shall forward the entire petition package, including statements regarding the opinions of the relevant officers and royalty, to the Society Seneschal for review. The Society Seneschal shall determine the acceptability of the petition and either notify the Seneschal that the branch advancement may proceed, or that there are deficiencies which need to be corrected before the petition can be approved. The Society Seneschal will report the change in status to the Board.