

Notes Hartshorn-dale Business meeting July 2021

Highlights:

POLLING - A POLL is being sent out this week on whether to move to Baronial status or not. In order for the poll to be **VALID**, forms must be filled in completely. Polling forms with blanks will not be counted, and will not count towards making the polling a valid polling. Details of how to fill out the poll are in section I V below - please read carefully, and please return all pollings. 50% must be returned with all required items filled in and a selection made in order for the polling to count.

CROWN TOURNEY - Hosted by Hartshorn-dale & Bhakail in Skippack, PA July 17th. Please see event announcement for the latest details, including attendance caps and safety measures. It will include the first in-person court in a very long time.

GoFourth - Thanks to everyone who came out for the demo - there were people there from all over the known world, including neighboring Kingdoms!

Next Ethereal Court: July 11, 4PM, EK Youtube channel

Regular Activities - Fencing has resumed; Dance practice will be alternating weeks in person and on Zoom; Artisan chats on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as well as Sunday Brunch are on Zoom.

Attendance-Officers: Alison (seneschal), Sarah (Webminister & Chamberlain), Una (chatelaine), William (Herald), Millissent (MoL), Diana (Exchequer), James (Fencing), Kathryn (Secretarie), Berkhommer (Knight Marshal), Brandr (social media)

Attendance-Populace: Warin, Ian, Jakob, Aislinn, Elinor, David, Bertana, Julia, Talan

- I. Business Meetings - we will meet online again in August, then will begin to seek meeting places with wifi, so online and in person may be possible for future meetings.
- II. Officer reports
 - A. **Seneschal:** Alison.
 1. **Social Media Deputy:** Brandr:
 2. **Event Autocrat:** Millissent - see below in Events section
 - B. **Chatelaine:** Una: 12 kind souls came to the newcomers event. We danced two new dances. We spun yarn, had individual lunches and visited. We shared ideas for new events and new business cards were given to Jakob for GoFourth for the 4th of July demo.
 - C. **Chronicler:** Sarah:
 1. **Secretarie:** Kathryn:
 - D. **Exchequer:** Diana: Current balance: \$4,674.06. Three checks written but not cashed. 2 nd Quarter Report due in July. Following the Crown Tourney, we will need to review our finances and consider fund raising.
 - E. **Knight Marshal:** Berkhommer: I took a quick Facebook poll to see who would be interested in a fight practice. I received one response. I know the consensus at the Bhkail practice is that they are not ready for two practices a week.
 1. **Fencing:** James: In the month of June 2021 we met 4 times and collected \$216 of \$160 owed (we had a lot of visitors.) I still have cash from our last few pre-COVID practices as

well. Most of our regulars have returned and Clark Gaynor, who found us during the pandemic, has made it out at least twice.

F. **Herald:** William:

G. **MoAS: Elizabet:** A&S only really new is there are Zoom chats 2nd and 4th wednesdays of the month.

1. **Dance: Diana:** Dance met 3 times in June and participated in the Newcomers. Event teaching several round dances. Dance will begin alternating between virtual and in-person in July. The current plan is for July 2nd & 23rd to be virtual July 9th will be in Diana's backyard (will email address to list) July 16th there will be no dance due to Crown on 17th. July 30th will be a Mid Summer Ball at an outdoor site. I am actively looking for sites in Upper Merion Township. Other outdoor sites might include either David & Katherine's home or Eleanor's backyard. August will follow this pattern with virtual dance on August 6th & 20th. In-person dance will be on August 13th & 27th. Sites to be announced. I do not know if we will be able to return to Park House in the fall. They are very slowly reopening and I am also considering other options.

2. **Dining with Lorenzo:** I have located a free kitchen and site for this group. I have contacted the group to see when they would like to resume. We were working on the 16th century Hungarian cookbook translated by Marti and Julia.

H. **MoL:** Milissent: nothing new to report. Online reauthorization is now available through the kingdom's MoL webpage. <https://mol.eastkingdom.org/>

I. **Webminister:** Sarah:

III. Covid-19 changes to SCA schedule and events

A. BoD's New Guidance as follows:

1. The BoD has decided to loosen restrictions beginning July 1st.
2. All modern laws/rules must be followed
3. No shared drinking containers, or buffet style food
4. Rosters of attendance are required, and must be maintained for 60 days

B. Their Majesties and the EK seneschal would like to set an example, and encourage staff at events to wear masks

C. Please see the EK Events page for all events being planned, including ethereal events.

1. Ethereal Courts, and EK online events will be posted to the Hartshorn-dale calendar.
2. Next **Ethereal court** Sun Jul 11th at 4pm via the YouTube channel
3. There is an East Kingdom ethereal event calendar (<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/ethereal-event-calendar/>)
4. East Kingdom Arts & Sciences online class listing (<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/list-of-online-webinars/>)

IV. Baronial polling

A. We will be mailing a polling prior to the Crown Tourney event. This will be sent to all paid members. If you do not receive a polling, but are a paid member contact the seneschal to receive a copy. We want everyone's voice heard! It must be filled in completely. You will need to return it as soon as possible.

1. There are 4 items to fill in completely in order for the form to be valid:
 - a) Legal name printed (NOT SCA name)
 - b) legal name signature (NOT SCA name)
 - c) membership number
 - d) year of birth (to prove 14 or over) -

2. Forms must be filled in completely. Polling forms with blanks will not be counted, and will not count towards making the polling a valid polling.

3. Please return all pollings. 50% must be returned with all four items above filled in, and a selection made, in order for the polling to count.
 - a) You may abstain, fill it in completely, **and** still return the polling.
 - b) Children under 14 should fill it in completely, marking the under 14 option, **and** return the polling.
4. There are four options, you must select one of the following:
 - a) Under 14 years and returning the polling in order to make the polling valid
 - b) Abstain. You may choose not to give advice to the majesties, but still return the polling so the polling will be valid
 - c) Yes, I want Hartshorn-dale to become a barony
 - d) No, I do not want Hartshorn-dale to become a barony
5. You may, and you should, write in the comments section. The entire point of a polling is to give advice to their majesties regarding the question before you.
 - a) This is not a vote. Their majesties will review the talley, and the comments. They do not need to choose the option with the highest votes. The comments are very important in letting them know what exactly is happening here in this group, and whether we are truly ready for this change.
 - b) Take whatever space you need to comment, write legibly, or consider typing it.
6. After the polling is complete and their majesties have reviewed the results, they will then advise the BoD as to what they think is in the best interest of our group. For group status change, the final decision rests with the BoD, upon the advice of their majesties and our kingdom seneschal.

V. Hartshorn-dale events/demos

A. **Shire Wars.** Oct 15-17, 2021

1. Theme is Battle of Kulikova: Russians vs Golden Horde
2. Berkhommer has been contacted about shire wars and may be needed to martial.

B. **GoFourth Demo.** Eleanor. Pottstown High St July 4th.

1. Dancers will be ready to participate with music.
2. Fighting at GoFourth! Sir Fum has offered to marshall. Berkhommer will be there ready to fight, he is hoping to get a few others that might be last minute. He will be bringing bottled water, but it is encouraged that each fighter supply their own.

C. **Crown Tourney:** Milissent & Chana. July 17th

1. Current reservations 125. Paypal has been an amazingly smooth experience. Let's never hold an event without it again.
2. It is happening. It is hard work. The rules have changed at least twice since we sent in our bid and even since the bid was accepted. Kevin, the 4-H site manager has informed me that the bathrooms will be stocked but that if we need to resupply that we must bring the necessary supplies with us. Also His Majesty, TIndal, has indicated that he would like us to go over the 150 so that more of the populace may attend. Now we have capped for 200 spectators plus staff. While we initially had an influx of registrations, they seem to have levelled off. After the feeder tournneys we will get another influx as many of the fighters and consorts have not registered. Diana where are we with mail ins? As of now

we do not need any more staff, so if you are not already on the staff team please register as a spectator.

3. Elizabet (Kandy Fling) is coordinating largess basket for their majesties along with Eleanora the Tilemaker (Ellen Leone) from Bhakail. Let's make Hartshorn-dale proud! Elizabet can collect items at Crown, or if you won't be at Crown, we can work something out the week leading up to Crown. Bought (or out of stash) items are welcome as well as made items.

VI. Regular activities

- A. Dance: Friday evenings 7:30-9:00, transitioning to every other week in person in an outdoor location, every other week online
- B. Brunch with Hartshorn-dale: Sundays usually at 11am on Google Hangouts
- C. Dame Elizabet's Wednesday evening zooms 2nd and 4th starting 7:30pm.
- D. Book club: hosted by Millissent
 1. Next book is 'Lady of the Ravens' by Joanna Hickson probably August. Date TBD
- E. Keep an eye out for announcements on resuming Dining with Lorenzo!

VII. **New business:**

- A. Three yellow/gold pop-ups were bought. Milissent and Talan can store them between uses.
- B. **Business cards:** Una created a basic business that looks nice and will work very well until we come up with something else.
- C. **Commons:** Proposed commons at Milissent and Talan's house on August 14th. Time to be decided. We have room for fighting, fencing and even dancing. Not sure what the rules for shared food will be at that time so for now everyone should plan to bring their own. Bottled water will be provided.
- D. Storage of shire owned items: Eleanor has a few boxes and a bunch of archery equipment that need to be re-homed. Discussion: talked about offering archery equipment to another shire, though we don't know the value of what we have.
- E. Possible future event - Una & Aislinn are in the early stages of planning a Nova Scola, an event of classes for everyone but geared toward newcomers. March 5th and early February are being considered at the 4-H center we are using for Crown, or a potential free site that is smaller. The availability of either site has not been determined.