

Notes Hartshorn-dale Business meeting September 2021

Summary & highlights:

There are many events and activities going on in our marvelous shire. See below for the weekly practices and get togethers such as fencing, dance, book club, and brunch, and don't neglect the officer reports on the way. We have some archery stuff scattered at various homes that needs to be evaluated to determine usefulness and whether and where it should be kept. Please contact Sarah le Payller at chamberlain@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org. We also have a plethora of fancy garb in our Gold Key collection, and a paucity of easy to wear, everyday, appropriate for a summer event garb. An auction of some of our fancy garb was proposed, to occur at the Scola event in March.

Baronial Polling is complete, now we are in the waiting period. If there are any last minute letters of recommendation, please forward to the seneschal (see email below).

It is election season in the shire - in odd years the offices of Seneschal, Chatelaine, Knight Marshal, and Minister of Arts & Sciences are up for re-election. To put yourself in the running for any of these, send a "letter of intent", which needs just your name, which office you are interested in, and your membership information, to seneschal@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org before the October meeting. If you would like to learn more about being a Seneschal, there is a class for that on Sept. 26 from 10 AM to Noon. Please email the branch seneschal or Seneschal@eastkingdom.org for the zoom link. Look for upcoming classes on being exchequer and an event steward.

Upcoming & possible events:

October 15-17 Shire Wars, the Battle of Kulikova - now includes camping!

details here <https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=3640>

March 5, 2022 - A Scola (Nova Scola?) at the 4H site (where Crown Tourney was held). To volunteer to teach a class, please send a summary of your class with any special requests/requirements to Brandr at 185378@members.eastkingdom.org.

Late summer 2022 - a Hartshorn-Dale themed late 14th C/early 15th C event, in need of a name and an autocrat

Contact the seneschal (see above) or Diana Alene Tregirtse at 25189@members.eastkingdom.org for more information.

Attendance-Officers: Alison (seneschal), William (herald), Una (chatelaine), James (fencing marshal), Diana (exchequer), Kathryn (secretarie), Sarah (chamberlain), Brandr (Social Media), Aislinn (deputy MoAS)

Attendance-Populace: David

I. Officer reports

- A. **Seneschal:** Alison. Seneschal meeting: From EKSen: Cannot use the word/phrase 'By-Laws', 'charter' is fine, as is 'policy'./ Insurance certificate ordering information has been updated./ There will be a training session for DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion). If covid exposure occurs at any of our sanctioned activities, local public health is to be contacted and the contact tracing list to go to them. We can make the contacts **IF** they request we do./ **Officers**, please make certain your memberships are up to date.

1. **Social Media Deputy:** Brandr:

- B. **Chatelaine:** Una:

- C. **Chronicler:** Sarah: Is working on creating newsletters, starting with back issues to fill in any missed time, but still needs to work out the details of what materials require permission forms and which don't
 - 1. **Secretarie:** Kathryn:
- D. **Exchequer:** Diana: Current Account Balance \$5,763.88. Most Crown Related Expenses have cleared. Fencing has been paid for June & July. 3rd Quarterly Report due in October
 - 1. **Chamberlain:** Sarah: No real updates. Two ongoing discussions (see new business below)
- E. **Knight Marshal:** Berkhommer:
 - 1. **Fencing:** James:

For the month of August we averaged 8.75 fencers a practice and 0.5 observers/people hanging out. We had 4 practices and collected \$145.75 of \$160 owed.

We retain two regular marshals, myself and Atilla Soldus with MiTs Tally, Albion, Eva, & Viola. Ian Douglas and Albion have been starting off practices with guided stretching and warm ups (great for non-fencers too hint hint wink wink.)

Hartshorn-dale had a strong showing at Bhakail Commons and is now home to both Bhakail's Rapier Champion and Populace Rapier Champ (Diego and Adelina)! Their EK Wiki pages have been updated accordingly. Albion was put to work as an MiT doing inspections and observing authorizations.

- F. **Herald:** William: also nothing to report. Awfully quiet out there.
- G. **MoAS: Elizabet:** Art happens. Zoom happens twice monthly, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
 - 1. **Dance: Diana:** Hartshorn-dale Dance Practice has gone to in-person sessions. We met for the first time, August 27 th , from 7:30-9 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Norristown. It is a good site and everyone was comfortable with the SCA safety measures in place. Thanks to Kathryn & David for finding this site. Future practices will be: September 17th & 24th, October 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th (a fifth Friday Halloween Ball) November 5th. 12th, and 19th. Everyone is welcome to Dance Class, to dance, or socialize, or craft.
 - 2. **Dining with Lorenzo Guild:** Diana is acting as "voice" to this Guild.
 - a. Please see 'new business' for new event idea.
 - b. Our meeting schedule for the fall: Sundays: September 19th, October 10th, November 7th, all at 2 pm at St. Peter's Church 1193 Clover Springs Road, Chester Springs PA
 - c. We met August 29th in person and had a wide ranging discussion about our goals and future. We discussed future projects, publication of our existing research, and making resources available to the wider culinary SCA community. It was agreed to postpone our existing "Hungarian" project for a year to allow the Szent Gyorgy family to participate.
 - d. The Guild contains members from other shires as well and is open to anyone who would like to explore medieval and renaissance cooking. You may email me if you would like to join us for a meeting. (duchessadiana@verizon.net). Diana has established folders on her eastkingdom.org website for our various projects and notes which will be available to Guild members. Kathryn and Diana have been moving all the existing notes, programs, menus and recipes to this central location.
- H. **MoL:** Milissent: MoL has no new activity
- I. **Webminister:** Sarah: Nothing new

II. Covid-19 changes to SCA schedule and events

A. BoD's New Guidance as follows:

1. All modern laws/rules must be followed
2. 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.

III. **Upcoming Officer selections**

A. Per our Charter, in September there is a reminder of offices that are up for selection this year.

1. In October (Nomination): Potential candidates must submit a Letter of Intent to the seneschal prior to the business meeting. The letter should include your modern and SCA names, your membership number and expiration, and your email address (preferably an East Kingdom Members email address)

B. Odd years (2021) We will be selecting the following offices:

1. Seneschal
2. Chatelaine
3. Knight Marshal
4. MoAS

IV. **Baronial polling**

A. Polling is complete. We are sending letters of recommendation to the kingdom seneschal. After that we just wait for the decision from kingdom and BoD. BoD has a meeting towards the end of Oct.

V. **Hartshorn-dale events/demos**

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

1. Theme is Battle of Kulikova: Russians vs Golden Horde
2. It is now a 3 day event for those that wish to camp.
3. Box lunches will be provided in lieu of dayboard, menu selections will need to be made, either roast beef or vegetarian.
4. Masks will be required, even for fighters.

B. March 5th possible schola event: Aislinn and Brandr: "Nova Schola"?

1. Discussion with Brandr and Aislinn. Event bid is being worked on. To be held at the 4-H center, renting 3 classrooms and the gym, cost should be approximately \$15/person, a boxed lunch (if we go that way) would be a separate charge.
2. From Diana: I am also offering our [Dining with Lorenzo Guild] services to the autocrats of the Schola event in March, to prepare box lunches for the event. These would be purchased on registration to the event, thus meeting the SCA food safety requirements and be in either meat or vegetarian versions. Many other events are trying this solution this fall

and it would relieve attendants at the event from having to bring their own lunch. I am hoping that some of our members will teach cooking related events as well.

- C. Demo at 4H Fair: Went very well. They came over and gave us the PA system to have Fum use it when marshalling the fights. We had fencers and heavy weapons fighters. Aislinn brought her spinning wheel and a beautiful fiber display.

VI. Regular activities

- A. Dance: Friday evenings 7:30-9:00, all in person in a new indoor location in Norristown. Announcements by email and Facebook.
- B. Brunch with Hartshorn-dale: Sundays usually at 11am on Google Meet Link is always available on the calendar on the website.
- C. Dame Elizabeth's Wednesday evening zooms 2nd and 4th starting 7:30pm.
- D. Book club: hosted by Millissent
 - 1. Discussion: the next book will be "Royal Witches" for September/October
- E. Fencing is happening most Mondays in Spring City. Announcements are via email and Facebook.

VII. **New business:**

- A. **Thank you to William and Una** for their very generous donation to the shire. We are very grateful! This will help us continue to serve all of our populace and hold future events. Thank you again for your support of Hartshorn-dale.
- B. **Chamberlain:** no real updates, but there are two ongoing discussions:
 - 1. What should we do with the Archery equipment that the Shire owns? I believe Kelly had some, and Naomi has some as well. I propose that we get either pictures/schedule a visit, to get a better inventory of what these things are and then we can have a discussion about whether they're worth keeping and if so, where.
 - 2. There were offers on Facebook for more loaner garb, but our current storage boxes are full. At the same time, we have lots of fancy garb and little garb appropriate for outdoor summer events. I believe there was a discussion about whether we should give away some of the fancy garb and hold workshops to create more basic/summer weight garb.
- C. **Possible future event:** Diana to explain. Seeking an autocrat. Possible date Aug 27, 2022. 'Dining with' group looking at doing a feast from late 14 or early 15 century England. If we are granted barony status this could be Investiture.
 - 1. We have decided to focus on medieval English food/feast. I [Diana] feel strongly that Hartshorn-dale should establish some annual events, and suggest that late next summer, like Bhakail, we have an annual commons, birthday or whatever event. This could become the Investiture if appropriate. We therefore decided on this period because our Shire was founded as a medieval English group. As a group founding Hartshorn-dale we (including myself [Diana] and Hrolfr) studied all the town names in medieval England, looked at the naming styles and choose Hartshorn-dale. We also liked all the good hunting icons that went with this name. Our heraldry, old and new, reflects these references and we wanted to create a feast that does so as well.

