

## Hartshorn-dale Business meeting Notes October 2021

Attendance-Officers: Alison (seneschal), Sarah (chamberlain, webminister), James (fencing) Kathryn (secretarie), Diana (exchequer), Brandr (social media), Elizabet (MoAS), Berkhommer (knight marshal), Milissent (MoL)

Attendance-Populace: Jakob, Aislinn, David, Adelina, Arpad

- I. Officer reports (please submit written report, which will be included in the minutes)
  - A. **Seneschal:** Alison. See new Covid policy below.
    1. **Social Media Deputy:** Brandr:
  - B. **Chatelaine:** Una:
  - C. **Chronicler:** Sarah: The backlog of newsletters have been published! Next one is due out towards the end of this month. You can find them all here: <https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/newsletter/> If you have any ideas for the newsletters -- such as brief summaries of events or demos, or other activities in the Shire -- please let me know. I would like the newsletters to be a resource we can look back on and remember our history.
    1. **Secretarie:** Kathryn:
  - D. **Exchequer:** Diana: Current Balance \$5393.21. Working on 3 rd Quarter Report (due 10/31). One \$50 check outstanding. Need to pay for two months of fencing.
    1. **Chamberlain:** Sarah:
  - E. **Knight Marshal:** Berkhommer:
    1. **Fencing:** James: For the month of September we averaged 9.3 fencers a practice and 1.3 observers/people hanging out. We had 3 practices and collected \$155 of \$120 owed. We had planned to have practice on Labor Day but low attendance convinced us to cancel. We retain two regular marshals, myself and Ian Douglas with MiTs Tally, Albion, Eva, & Viola. Ian and Albion have been starting off practices with guided stretching and warm ups (great for non-fencers too hint hint wink wink.) Moving forward attending practice will require weekly checking of vaccination status/recent negative test results.
  - F. **Herald:** William: nothing to report
  - G. **MoAS: Elizabet:** The Arts and Sciences continue in Hartshorn-dale. Twice a month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) on line gatherings for both A&S and general chat. I have heard that there have been some A&S activities also at Monday night fencing practices. Her majesty needs favors. Information has been posted on the East Kingdom's Facebook pages and is also available through the website (follow links to TRMs' page), or message me and I'll get it to you.
    1. **Dance: Diana:** Met in person in September on 17 th and 24 th . This month in person: October 8th and 29 th (which will be a fifth Friday Halloween Ball). Everyone is welcome. There is plenty of space for crafting.
    2. **Dining with Lorenzo Guild:** Met once in September and made delicious bursews. Next meeting is October 10th. Anyone interested in participating should contact me to be placed on the mailing list and receive site location information. Next recipe we are working on is blancmaunger.
  - H. **MoL:** Milissent:

- I. **Webminister:** Sarah: The activities section in particular could use a look-over, to make sure it's all still up-to-date. I have received an update to the Dining with Lorenzo section. I'm also planning to review the Newcomer sections; I think we have a good introduction to the SCA, but there was a big recruitment conversation on the EK Facebook group which stressed the importance of having very easy to find newcomer info on the local websites.
  
- II. Covid-19 changes to SCA schedule and events
  - A. See below for details of new vaccination/testing policy.
  - 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 October is the (self) nomination for officer roles 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 (James sent a letter of intent)
    - 2. Chatelaine (Jakob sent a letter of intent)
    - 3. Knight Marshal
    - 4. MoAS (Elizabeth sent a letter of intent)
  
- IV. **Baronial polling**
  - A. Polling is complete. Update is that the EK Seneschal has forwarded the packet to the Crown.
  
- 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.
3. Voted to add to EK calendar at last month's meeting
4. Need a small group of 4-6 to go through gold key this winter to pick out stuff for a silent auction at the event.

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. From our webminister, there is a request to please review the activities section of our website, as some of the information is outdated.
- B. **New Policy regarding covid vaccine and testing:**
  1. BoD policy  
<https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/>
  2. BoD FAQ  
<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/20210829-Proof-of-Vaccination-or-Negative-Test-Policy-FAQs.pdf>
  3. Everyone age 12 and over will be required to be vaccinated and show proof, or to be tested for covid with a PCR test within 72 hours of an event and show the negative test result in order to gain entry to any sanctioned SCA activity in the East Kingdom.
  4. Adelina and Alison both attended a meeting given by KSen, and would be happy to answer questions.
  5. KSen is taking questions back to the Board regarding the requirement to show government issued photo ID, along with the proof of vaccine/neg test.
  6. This policy will affect Shire Wars, and our own dance, fence, and cooking practices.

7. A good suggestion was to have folks alternate between activities to check vaccine status: someone from dance practice come to fencing to check vaccine/covid tests, and then someone from fencing go to dance to do the same. The person checking would need to remain at the entry point for the duration of the activity in case people were running late, as no one can enter without being checked.
  8. Also, the information may NOT be recorded in any way, and it is not allowed to NOT check because you 'remember' seeing someone's card last time. It must be checked every time (at least for now). Feel free to write to the BoD if you feel this is not needed, but for now this is what is expected.
  9. The person doing the checking is to sign a form stating that they checked every attendee prior to being permitted to enter the event space (I can send you the forms, or possibly Sarah could make a link to them on the KSen website for the HHD website)..
- C. **Media coverage: KSen** advised us today that there is a verdict in the Luis Rondon trial. There is a statement should anyone be contacted by the media.
1. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/3/?zx=1vkc3ppk2p73#inbox?projector=1>
- D. **Social outing:** From Diana-"I think we should plan a group outing to the Penn Archeology Museum in November. They have just opened a new exhibit "2,500 years of clothing, etc" that sounds quite interesting."
- E. **Chamberlain:** no real updates, but there are two ongoing discussions:
1. Archery equipment
  2. Gold Key and donation being stored by Sarah and Alison
  3. Shire needs tabards for champions
- F. **Possible future event:**
1. End of August next year