

Notes Hartshorn-dale Business Meeting 02MAR2023

Items to note - more details in notes below

Shire Wars is still looking for a host group and event steward for this year.

Most gold key has been sold off or otherwise disposed of, and a workshop to make gold key tunics in various sizes is scheduled for April 23rd, 10:30-4, at the Montgomery County 4 H Center, Oak room (Nova Scola site).

Regular activities changes - book club has resumed, Virtual newcomers socials 2nd and 4th Tuesdays have been added, Dining with Lorenzo resumes in April, all others on going.

Discussion about renting a group storage unit - many opinions were voiced, next steps are a survey for the populace, more research on places that would allow combination locks, and further discussion with hope of a decision by May.

Website - Winter Newsletter was published, and a bid template in the Events section, directions for favors, and a basic Nova Scola site were added.

1st bid for Harts & Horns was presented by Diana & Eleanor, and was approved. Will be presented again in more detail next month.

Coronet news - we've had 2 meet and greets with the baronial candidates, Sunday Feb. 26th in person & virtual, March 8th virtual during the A&S Meet. Maire offered to take charge of getting input from the populace and finding artisans to create the coronets.

Attendance-Officers:

- Seneschal's Office
 - Seneschal: James O'Galleghure
 - Deputy: Alison Wodehalle
 - Drop-Dead: Kathryn Perry
 - Soc. Media: BRANDR BJORNDALL
 - Chanc. Minor:
- Exchequer Staff
 - Excheq: Elysabeth Underhill
 - Deputy: Diana Alene Tregirtse
 - Chamberlain:
- Webminister - Sarah le Payller
- Secretarie - Kathryn Perry
- Chatelaine - Jakob Agnarsson
- MOL - Ivette
- MoAS - Aislinn Ysobel d'Argentan
- Knight Marshal
 - Armored: (not present) Berkhommer Von Nuemburg
 - Rapier: Jacqueline Cross
- Herald - Lillia de Vaux

Attendance-Populace: Bertana of Cissanbyrig, Eleanor D'Astyle, Adelina, Milissent de Hathewait, Naomi, John Marshal, Elizabet Marshal, Julia Szent-Gyorgyi, Arpad Szent-Gyorgyi, Viola Bentham

1. **Officer reports** (please submit written report, which will be included in the minutes)
 - a. **Seneschal:** We're still here.

- i. **Social Media Deputy:**
- b. **Chatelaine -**
 - i. Another month has come and gone and with it, we've actually had some awesome things going on in the Chatelaine's office!
 - ii. So first, the elephant in the room. I am sad to say that in my quest to schedule an in-person newcomer social, I was defeated by the Scheduling Boss. HOWEVER! I have great news!
 - iii. As of February 14th, we officially have Virtual Newcomer Socials every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month! Last night was our second meeting and it went splendidly. So far with only having 2 meetings this month we averaged out about 10 people per meeting, with an average of 4 newcomers and 6 veteran scadians in attendance.
 - iv. As for our Newcomer count, we did add another newcomer this month! So we are back up to 14 total active newcomers (12 adults and 2 children).
 - v. As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or my deputy Orso. See you all at Nova Schola!
- c. **Chronicler** - Winter newsletter is done. Submitted 2022 chronicler's report as well. Now time to start the Spring newsletter ...
- d. **Webminister** - Website updates!
Minor updates to Officer List - pronouns for Orso, added Historian email for Diana (it was working just not on the website), added Kandy as Deputy MOAS and switched that email over to her.

Added a new page for [Favors](#) (several folks have offered to provide visuals to go with the directions). It's under the Resources menu. Added a new page for all the new high-quality [device and badge](#) images Naomi created.

The [Running Events](#) page is now live - please continue to send me advice for running or serving as staff at an event. This page includes sample bid proposals, and has the bid proposal template. This is currently under the Events menu.

Made a very basic page for [Nova Schola](#). As it is a recurring event I think it should have a page. Right now it's just links to the event announcements, but I might add some photos later.

Working on a draft for expanded newcomer pages. Right now we just have one page: my idea is to expand the topics out into their own pages and fill in more details. While it's a lot of information, if we have it recorded it will be easier for us to point newcomers with questions at that information. The brainstorm page is [here](#), please add information you think we should include, or share content or links we can add.

Uploaded January and February minutes.

- e. **Secretarie** Feb meeting minutes on the website.
- f. **Exchequer**
 - i. Currently there are \$2243.14 in checks written by H-dale that have not been cashed by their recipients.
 - ii. Checks written in the month of February include money for: insurance request for Bardic and Nova Scholla, fencing site fee, NMR & profit sharing from Bardic to kingdom, bardic food/fabric expenses, site payments for Nova Scholla, heraldry registration fees, and two small site fees for the coronet meeting and sewing meeting.
 - iii. I have deposited the PayPal check for Bardic, for **\$2,247.86**

- iv. Total Balance (once the other checks are cashed by their recipients) = **\$6687.64**
[<--THIS IS THE RELEVANT NUMBER JAMES!]
- v. I have a deputy, Ivette! They are in the process of being warranted. They are going to take over as Chamberlain starting this weekend.
- vi. I am getting Ivette added as a signatory to the bank account. To do that I'm including our legal names below in the minute meetings as proof that we belong to the organization. I'm also including James's information.
 - 1. Group Exchequer= Larissa Gordon (Elysabeth Underhill)
 - 2. New Group Deputy Exchequer= Janis Riccardelli (Ivette of Worcester)
 - 3. Seneschal- Adam Hampton (James O'Galleglhure)
- g. **Chamberlain**
 - i. Do we want to keep track of these items (held by Kathryn Perry). Unsure of what they were used for (12th night event perhaps?)
 - 1. Box full of rose bombs (bean bags) - Diana says she'll keep these
 - 2. 200 safety pins- we will stop tracking but can keep the safety pins with gate stuff
 - 3. 1 roll raffle ticket
 - 4. 10 wooden dual candle stands
 - 5. 8 white wax tapers.
 - ii. E-mail sent out to H-dale list about the chairs. So far no one who responded is in favor of keeping them.
 - iii. It looks like I need to add a loaner feast set to the spreadsheet? Who will be holding onto that and what items should I add? Should I remove the feast gear that Jack and Eryn have, as it looks like those will be given away? [Not sure what happened to previous loaner feast gear, but there is room on the shelf in my garage for one taller and one shorter tote - Kathryn Perry]
 - iv. There was interest in the group about exploring storage options. This will be discussed under new business.
- h. **Knight Marshal**
 - i. Practices continue with regular attendance at the Royer-Greaves School. Several newcomers and some returning to the game make regular attendance. Practice was graced with a Social Call and hosted visiting friends and spectators.
- i. **Fencing**
 - i. Happened
 - ii. 4 practices (2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27)
 - iii. A&S invasion happened 2/13
 - iv. Average attendance = 13
 - v. Donations total: \$192.00
 - vi. Jacqueline (MIC), James, Andre, Ian, Declan, Wentlyanna, Albion, Atilla, Griff, Lissa, Melchior
 - vii.
- j. **Herald-**
 - i. A heraldic education track will be offered at Nova Schola for submitters and for new heralds. We will also have a consultation table. If anyone has issues, questions, etc, stop by and we can see if we can give a hand.
 - ii. Have been in contact with the Chatelaine about joining some newcomer socials in future.
 - iii. The HHD badge and order names have been submitted to kingdom. Thanks to Lissa for mailing payment in timely fashion.
- k. **MoAS:**
 - i. Two A&S virtual meetings were held in February.
 - ii. The A&S invasion of fencing was very well attended this month.
 - iii. March will be a good month for A&S activities.
 - 1. In addition to the regular virtual meetings and fencing invasion, Nova Schola will have several A&S classes.
 - 2. I'm also holding an A&S Fiber Arts day at my house on March 19 starting at 1:30. People are welcome to just come and hang out while they work on projects. I will also have some spinning and weaving equipment available for people to play with.

iv. **Dance:**

1. Dance Class is on hold through March 3rd. We will start up again March 10th, 17th, and March 31st. No class March 24th. We are looking forward to moving to another site which is larger with more parking. Location for classes will be posted closer to each class.

v. **Dining with Lorenzo Guild:**

1. Dining with Lorenzo is preparing lunch for Nova Schola throughout February. We are taking off March and will start up again in April working on redacting the Hungarian Cookbook that Julia & Marte translated. I will send the date to the group and the general mailing list. Everyone is welcome to participate.

- l. **MoL:** Since there were no list fields at the Bardic Champs, I have nothing to report.

2. **Regular activities**

- a. **Dance:** Friday evenings 7:30-9:00, indoor location in Norristown. Announcements by email and Facebook.
- b. **Dining with Lorenzo**
- c. **Brunch with Hartshorn-dale:** Sundays usually at 11am on Google Meet Link is always available on the calendar on the website.
- d. **A&S Night:** 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30PM, switching to Google Meet
- e. **Book club:** is Back!
 - i. [An Ancient Evil: Canterbury Tales 1 by Paul Doherty](#)
- f. **Fencing** will be happening most Mondays in Spring City. Announcements are via email and Facebook.
- g. **Virtual Newcomers' Social:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7-9PM on Google Meet

2. **Old Business**

- a. Shire Wars committee
 - i. Notes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jBstE1iXDqvyvCKGlv0o8RfasndQBKLHtlm0qsTxilc/edit?usp=sharing>
 - ii. Seeking 2023 Event Steward and hosting group
- b. Gold Key
 - i. Discussion Thread created in A&S Discord Channel: [A&S Channel](#)
 - ii. Liquidate what we have
 - iii. Workshops to make super basic tunics of various lengths
 1. [Update: plan to rent room for 6 hours Sun Apr 23rd, 10:30-4 at the 4H club, Oak Room](#)
 2. [Fabric purchased \(very good sale\)](#)
 3. assembly line with folks cutting, pinning, and sewing
 4. plan out in advance how many tunics we need in each size, and have cutting plans ready so we are ready to start cutting once we get there
 - a. plan for tunics to fall to about mid-calf
 - b. blue and gold colors
 - c. trim around the necklines if we can
 - d. tags inside with the size and "Hartshorn-Dale" - iron on? Alison will make it with her Cricut
 5. belts (we have weavers!)
 6. maybe if we're feeling fancy make some loaner fabric pouches
 7. We have at least \$200 from the first Rummage Sale, which specifically said the funds would go for new Gold Key. (rental of room is \$125)
- c. Ian Douglas and the College of Performers
 - i. Seeking to host their multi-kingdom Bardic Challenge Assembly, usually around April

1. HHD can't commit to 2023 but maybe 2024?
2. Send Ian HHD bidding process.
 - a. James will send this to him.

3. New Business

- a. Gold Key Workshop 23APR2023 10:30 - 16:30
- b. Discuss finding a storage location to rent for group storage. Do we feel that we need this as a group?
 - i. Questions to ask:
 1. Are people currently holding Shire inventory not willing to hold it anymore?
 2. Would a storage area just be that much more convenient to be worth the cost; would it make coordinating getting stuff to events a lot easier?
 3. Would a storage area help make sure the group does not lose track of stuff?
 4. Are we still interested in this if we can't use a combination lock?
 5. Would a storage area cause us to accumulate more stuff than we need?
 - ii. Note: Neither of the three baronies bordering us currently have storage units. Bhakail did it 10 years ago, but then gave it up.
 - iii. Initial investigations: The first site asked cost 44\$ a month for a 5x5 climate controlled unit, and would not let us use a combination lock (a preference expressed by several officers during a group discussion). The second site cost 20\$ a month and also would not let us use a combination lock. The units that could use combination locks on at that site are sold out (and would cost about 30\$). Any unit would also likely require insurance, which for one of the sites was \$10 a month.
 - iv. Moving Forward: Do we want to explore this idea more? If we are interested in moving forward with this, we can bring a conversation to the group e-mail list so everyone can participate, and then try to find a site that actually works. Brandr will put out a survey to the email list, and we hope to vote on the issue by June.
 - v. **Lets send a survey to the email list. We've got time to think about this one. Decide by May.?**
- c. Do we want to keep meetings on Thursdays?
 - i. Rattan is also on Thursdays

4. Events and Demos

a. Bardic wrap-up

- i. Attendance 174
- ii. Income after everything is paid ~\$1000 (Lissa?)
- iii. Much positive feedback from attendees
- iv. Biggest problem was that a smoker left cigarette butts outside of where the vigil was held, and the site was unhappy with that.
- v. See notes from wrap up meeting for details
 📅 agenda: post Bardic event wrap-up
- vi. **There was a wrap up meeting. Minutes will be available on the website.**

b. Nova Schola

- i. Set up at 09:00
- ii. Gate opens 09:30
- iii. Some teachers are unable to come to the event due to weather north of us.
- iv. \$7/person for lunch
- v. Staff meeting early February

- vi. Ivette handling Rummage Table
 - 1. Let neighbors know about it
- vii. Plushie Display?
- viii. Gold Key/ Rummage sale; whatever doesn't go may be donated to Green Drop or the FIRE!!!

c. **Harts & Horns/Investiture**

- i. Bid being presented this month by Kelly & Diana:
 - 1. Champions (marital) - Consensus was to hold this before the investiture, at an event such as River Wars or a Sunday afternoon Commons
 - 2. Investiture
 - 3. Nov 11th
 - 4. Powerpoint version of bid - 🟡 Harts and Horns Bid
 - 5. Form version of bid - 📘 Bid for Harts and Horns 2023
- ii. Current Bid Approved, Final bid to be presented in April.

5. **Baronial Stuff**

- a. Coronet Updates - schedule something about designs and artisans
- b. Virtual Meet and Greet March 8th probably in place of A&S night.
- c. Polling - Ranked Choice, Amarie and KSen emailed, awaiting response
- d. Purchasing of Horns for Champions.
 - i. Jacqueline found cool hunting horns that would cost about \$57 for a pair.
 - ii. <https://www.etsy.com/listing/1240259625/battle-sound-bugle-horn-medieval-viking?ref=cart>