

Agenda Hartshorn-dale Business Meeting 6 APR 2023

Attendance-Officers:

- Seneschal - James
 - Social Media: Brandr
- Webminister - Sarah
- Chronicler - Sarah
 - Secretarie - Not present
- Chatelaine - Jakob
- Exchequer - Not present
 - Deputy Exchequer: Ivette
- MoAS - Aislinn
 - Dance - Diana
- Knight Marshal - Berkhommer
 - Fencing: Jacqueline
- MoL - Ivette
- Herald - Not Present

Attendance-Populace: Alison, Bertana, Adelina, Milissent, Elizabet, Eleanor, Blue

Meeting began at 7:10 pm (19:10)

1. **Officer reports** (please submit written report, which will be included in the minutes)
 - a. **Seneschal:** Just submitted quarterly report. Waiting on mailing labels.
 - i. **Social Media Deputy:** sent a survey on behalf of the Chamberlain.
 - b. **Chatelaine**
 - i. Unfortunately, we had a couple of newcomers move to the inactive list. But not to worry! We actually had two newcomers email my office! One is a transplant from the Mid realm who's still very new to the SCA. That brings us to a total of 13 active newcomers to date.
 - ii. We had our two regular virtual newcomer socials on 3/14 and 3/28 and will be continuing to host them this month. Our next Newcomer Social on 4/11 will actually be a Name Heraldry workshop/talk with Lillia de Vaux, Scolastica la souriete (the Elder), and possibly Arpadne Julia. So keep an eye out for that reminder coming soon.
 - iii. Demo season is soon to be upon us! I have not yet heard anything regarding the Go Fourth Demo which we need to start organizing people for this soon because July will be here before we know it. **(It's happening - James)** If there are any other demo ideas/plans in the works, please send my office an email with the information and we can discuss those during the business meeting.
 - iv. As always if anyone needs anything from my office, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my Deputy, Orso.
 - c. **Chronicler:** Spring newsletter is due next month. **Need photos, please send photos of Bardic, and Nova Schola to Sarah le Payller**

- d. **Webminister:** No major updates to the website this month. Uploaded minutes from last month + copy of the Harts & Horns bid presentation. Webminister reports due on April 15th; will be submitted soon.
- e. **Secretarie** Last month's notes are on the website.
- f. **Exchequer**
 - i. March ending balance= 9,648.61.
 - ii. Outstanding checks to be cashed include ones for SCA heraldry, NMR fee for Novice Schola, Food for Novice Schola, and stamps for the Exchequers Office. Total amount outstanding = 538.27.
 - iii. Deposits for this month include: Bardic and Novice Schola Pay Pal income, NS Gate Income, NS Rummage & Bake Sale, and February Fencing gifts.
 - iv. Checks cashed for this month include: Bardic profit sharing to kingdom, bardic decoration fabric, site fees for two meetings, the Novice Schola Site fee, a refund for Bardic, feast gear purchase, and hunting horns for champions regalia.
 - v. Ivette added as signatory. All signatories needed to be present to add signatories, so, the only current signatories are now Ivette, James, and Lissa.
- g. **Chamberlain:** Nothing to report.
- h. **Knight Marshal:** Berkhommer is willing to continue to hold the office until a replacement is found.
 - i. Need to find someone to take over running heavy weapons practice Thu nights at Royer-Greaves.
 - ii. Ellie may be able to marshal once practice is outdoors.
 - iii. Everyone agrees it is important to keep it going
- i. **Fencing**
 - i. 4 practices (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27)
 - ii. A&S invasion Mar 13th
 - iii. Average attendance = 14.25
 - iv. Donations total: \$199
 - v. Jacqueline (MIC), James, Andre, Ian, Declan, Wentlyanna, Albion, Atilla, Griff, Lissa, Melchior, Eva
 - vi.
- j. **Herald**
 - i. We had a full day of classes and a consult table at Nova Schola. Both seemed to go well, and we had a steady stream of people coming by to talk to us. Now I'm just getting through the submissions from that and an event in Bright Hills, Atlantia.
 - ii. Jakob invited me and Scolastica to the Newcomer Socials this month.
 - iii. The order names, badge, and badge associations that we submitted are on the March 6th East Kingdom Internal Letter of Intent in OSCAR. Their 1-month kingdom commentary period ends on April 6th, then they get decided at kingdom. If they get passed, they will get another 2 months of commentary by the Society College of Arms, then the decision meetings, and lastly the release of the decisions by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. (Plus data entry/authoring, extra research if needed, and proof reading.) Assuming they pass kingdom, I expect a final decision around August.
- k. **MoAS**
 - i. **A&S Fencing Invasion** - happened on 3/13, next one planned for 4/17.

- ii. **Fiber Arts Day** - 3/19, was attended by at least 20 people, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I will plan some more focused gatherings, such as spinning, weaving, etc.
 - iii. **Virtual A&S** - we only met once this month on 3/22. The earlier date was given over to a Baronial Meet and Greet. Planned for 4/12 and 4/26. Suggestions for discussion topics are always welcome.
 - iv. **Dance** - Dance met 10th & 17th and then 31st at our new site. Dance will meet at our new site throughout April except the 7th. The new site has room for people to come and do A&S or just hang out. I would like to encourage people to do so (It's very lit, and projects could be worked on).
 - v. **Dining with Lorenzo Guild** - Dining with Lorenzo handled the lunch for Nova Schola. Dining with Lorenzo will meet on April 23rd at St. Peter's UCC Church from 2-5 pm. We have a lot of new people coming and everyone is always welcome to join us. We are taking up an exciting project working with a Hungarian cookbook translated by Julia & Marte. We had done some recipes pre-pandemic and are just getting back to this unique project.
- I. **MoL**: Nothing to report.
2. **Regular activities: Please continue to check the calendar on the Hartshorn-dale website for our regular activities**
- a. **Dance**: Friday evenings 7:30-9:00, indoor location in Norristown. Announcements by email and Facebook.
 - b. **Dining with Lorenzo** is usually monthly.
 - 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 via Zoom at 7:30PM using Google Meet
 - e. **Book club**: No plans for discussion yet. Current book: [An Ancient Evil:Cantebury Tales 1 by Paul Doherty](#) When would be good for those that read the book? Looking for suggestions for the next book. Get in touch with Milissent 150800@members.eastkingdom.org
 - f. **Fencing** will be happening most Mondays in Spring City. Announcements are via email and Facebook.
 - g. **Armored Combat**: Thursdays at Royer Greaves School for the Blind from 19:00-21:30 (7 pm to 9:30 pm)
 - h. **Virtual Newcomer Socials**: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 19:00 (7 pm)

2. Old Business

a. Gold Key Workshop

- i. April 23rd at the 4H center 11a -4p. Email was sent.
- ii. Bring sewing machines, and scissors.
- iii. Newcomers are welcome to bring their own fabric and make a tunic for themselves, however priority for time will be to make Gold Key tunics. See email that will be put out about 2 weeks before the workshop.
- iv. Bring a lunch. If Kate Turnipseed attends, we will request no one pack fresh fruit in their bag lunches due to her severe allergies.
- v. Jakob, Bertana, and Sarah plan to attend.
- vi. Dining with Lorenzo is meeting at the same time as they needed to get into session to be ready for the Investiture in the fall. So finding folks to come out to help is particularly important, since there are a number that cannot attend this workshop.

3. New Business

a. Storage Locker Survey

- i. 21 responses
- ii. 66% yes we should
- iii. Subject dropped, and needs to be discussed at next meeting, with decisions.

b. Commons at Milissent & Talan's 11JUN2023. If fighting/fencing is requested then an insurance certificate will be needed.

- i. Put on shire calendar-done
- ii. Will be advertised shortly

c. Knight Marshal - Berkhommer has moved and is willing to continue in this position until we find a replacement. **This is a mandatory position for Baronies.** He's working with Ellie still to keep it running. To hold the position, one does not have to be a fighter or a marshal. You need to be willing to file reports, and make certain marshals are present for all combat related activities, and familiarize yourself with the policies of the Earl Marshal.

- i. KM doesn't HAVE to be an actual fighter.

d. GoFourth Demo!

- i. We've been invited back 4JUL2023 is a Tuesday
- ii. Unanimous yes vote to participate
- iii. Eleanor to confirm we will attend with organizers (yes)
- iv. Eleanor states she is willing to run it. Jakob (chatelaine) will need to connect with Eleanor.
- v. Eleanor De'Astlye asked whether we were interested in participating with the parade, and we declined as it would be too exhausting to both the march and get everything set up for the demo piece.
- vi. Heritage dancers also invited to participate, discussion should occur as to how costuming and timing might affect the SCA piece of the demo.
- vii. **Reminder** to copy the Chatelaine on any emails about demos

e. Medieval Games Night

- i. Would be held at a local game store, play period and/or modern games, attract new people. Maybe garb.
- ii. Discussion sparked by this post:
<https://www.facebook.com/alexander.macandrew.3/posts/pfbid0358WvZaGfiq5ZRvKNicXjQ2k644CzoytZDNsXXh1SG6ZYvW4DaKG44TF16LknhP6il>
- iii. Everyone thought this is a good idea
- iv. Who is interested in helping? Committee forming?:
 1. Brandr, Sarah, Milissent, Jakob, possibly Rue, possibly Blue
- v. Plan: Visit some of the local game stores to check out their space + talk to them about whether they could host.
 1. Options include Games Keep in West Chester or Gamers Heaven in Phoenixville, Palladium Games in Phoenixville, Nerd Merch on Bridge Street of Phoenixville, New Wave in Skippack, or other suggestions.
 2. Note that Gamers Heaven has previously charged \$5 per person to play at the tables.

- vi. Would be officially a Demo since would be open to the public
 - vii. Advertising through the game store as well as usual channels
- f. **Possible new site** for meetings/practices: St Andrews Lutheran in Audubon
- i. Small group did a walk-through
 - ii. On Egypt Rd across from Chadwick's
 - iii. You may request access to the document which is located on the shared officers drive. Photos are included.
 - iv. Might be best for multipurpose meeting space
 - 1. MASSIVE room with **small** kitchen
 - 2. Would be excellent for ongoing social time which can be flexed to fit our needs, including sewing and embroidery (good lighting), newcomer meetings, test kitchen cooking, dance (carpeted area), any other non-fire related crafts. And because the room is so large, multiple activities could be at the same time
 - v. HhD residents attend there
 - vi. We are waiting to hear back from the church.
- g. **Survey regarding** demo at a Thy Geekdom Con.
- i. Got 12 responses with 4 "yes" a couple maybe's.
 - ii. It's Memorial Day weekend
 - iii. Good idea to find a con that shares interests with many SCAdians, but not on a holiday weekend.
 - iv. Keep watching the calendar at Oaks Expo Center.
- h. Future business to keep in mind: 2023 is an odd-numbered year so Seneschal, Knight-Marshal, MoAS, and Chatelaine will be open for nominations in November. **These are mandatory positions for a barony.**
- i. **Purchase business cards???**
- i. Alison is willing to order the cards. She suggests that all of us should carry a small handful of cards to give out as we meet people who might be interested. This might be more effective use of the cards than to give away hundreds to people at a demo, who are only interested in watching the 'show' we are putting on for them.
 - ii. Sterling would like some
 - iii. The cards do not specify Shire or Barony, they say "Hartshorn-dale, a chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism"
 - iv. Ordering 1500 cards for about \$110 plus taxes and shipping
 - v. Post meeting update: 2000 cards were purchased, as a discount was able to be applied. The total cost was less than the projected cost for the 1500 cards without a discount.

4. Events and Demos

- a. Geekfest in NJ this weekend. Reach out to Iron Bog if interested.
- b. Owlshurst demo 17JUN, Glen Rock, PA
 - i. Celtic Fling
 - ii. Do we want to help?
- c. **GoFourth**: see full discussion above.

d. Harts & Horns 2023

- i. [Proposed Bid](#)
- ii. Discussion on the cost of dayboard: proposal was \$15 included in the \$30 site fee (non-member costs)
- iii. Please bring up for discussion for Harts and Horns the cost per person for day board and how many to break even. I think the cost for dayboard is way too much.
What is being served? There is no feast, day board is just that. Light lunch and/snacks.
The costs really needs to be discussed and reworked. I can't vote for this bid as is.

Thank you.
YiS,
Ivette

- iv. Discussion:
 1. Many things were pointed out, and many people expressed concern about the cost. Ivette noted that Dayboard and feast cost less at the last H&H event than is being proposed for just dayboard for this event. Milissent mentioned that some might prefer to pack their own lunch due to either dietary financial reasons.
 - a. Comparisons were made to the upcoming Balfar's Challenge that has \$30 site and dayboard fee, however we do not know the cost of their site or other factors that determined their costs,
 2. Alison suggested not charging the site fee at all for kids 17 and under. We do not get many kids, it will not impact our revenue much at all, but will make it much easier for families to attend.
 - a. Teens could still be charged for Dayboard if it is separate.
 - b. It would eliminate the need to create a family cap that is fair.
 - c. Diana liked the idea.
 3. Conclusion of the costs discussion was to keep the dayboard cost at \$15 BUT have it optional/separate
 - a. This allows our cooks to prepare a worthy meal
 - b. Cooking has long been a key part of Hartshorn-Dale
 - c. But keeping it separate allows for those who need to skip the dayboard (due to either financial or dietary concerns) the ability to do so
 - d. Consider calling it a "daytime feast" to help folks understand that it's going to be a fancy and significant dayboard
 - e. Maybe pre-reg only? (this was left undecided)
- v. Discussion of activities continued.

1. We had decided at the March meeting that we would not want to run our heavy weapons and rapier champs at the Investiture event.
 - a. Eleanor suggested River Wars. Jakob stated River Wars was too busy. Others pointed out that would be rather far, and for our first Baronial Champs, we should probably hold it at our own event
 - b. Elizabet pointed out that our new Coronets should be there, thus we should hold it at an event they are confirmed to be able to attend.
 - c. A Commons was proposed. The discussion ended here without a decision.
- vi. Schedule for the H&H event:
 1. An open list field was proposed since we will not be holding our champs tourney. It could follow morning Court.
 2. Open lists should not interfere with any royal or official activities, as there would be no tourney. It would be the same as having an area set aside for medieval games, or a place for stitchers to gather and stitch together.
 3. Jacqueline pointed out that courts cannot be scheduled until we know who will wear the Royal Crowns.
 - a. Coronets will likely sit in state for a few hours
 - b. Some attendees might not be interested in court.
 4. Schedules should be left until we know who the Crown will be and until the Coronets are selected.

5. Meeting concluded at 10 pm (22:00)