

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: April 3rd, 2014 *Quarterly Social*)

**# Total Attendees:** 14

**Officer Positions Present:** Seneschal, Secretarie, Exchequer, Minister of the Lists, Webminister, Demo-Coordinator, A&S  
The seneschal of Archer's Forde was also present.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

We need someone to coordinate future school clean up time.

- It was suggested that we could continue to work at the school before shire meetings, as people are already committed to attend.
- Kathryn with ask the school if they have anything that we could do before next months meeting.

The "ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOK : Including Corpora, the By-Laws, Corporate Policies, and the Articles of Incorporation" was "Revised January 18, 2014". Here is the link to it: <http://www.sca.org/docs/>

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirste

No report at time of meeting, will send.

Rapier Marshal: Lilia de Vaux

No injuries/incidents to report. We had some guests from Buckland Cross this month, and they hope to invade in future.  
Practice dates in March: Mar. 10, 17, 24

MOL: Attila Soldus

Nothing to Report

Webminister: Andrew of Hartshorn-dale

The website is still running, and I heard there was lots of talk about what was wanted from a new one last meeting. Topic discussed at the last meeting were reviewed.

- More Pictures!
- A Who's Who
- Having a competition for Designing the Banner for the site. Andrew will send an e-mail out about this.

Chatelaine: Karl Von Weisborden

No new contacts this month.

Minister of A&S: Naomi bat Avraham

Garb workshop: Sunday April 27th starting at 2pm at St. John's Church in Bluebell. Kathryn will be helping people make easy Elizabethan garb in preparation for the Dining with Liz event.

The Regional A&S social went well. There were rooms in the Giant separate from the main store, and they were nice. They will ask for a larger room next time. Food can be bought in the Giant and taken to the social room.

Possible glass bead demo at St. John's Church in Bluebell. Date TBD.

Knights Marshal: Talan Gwylt (Kep)

No Report

## **ARCHER'S FORDE REPORT**

Given by: Alexander Makristyne

Well we are gearing up for the spring!

*Exchequer:* we have \$0 officially should have \$60 unofficially being held if correct.

*Chatelaine:* Working on a few contacts that approached me at work, and nothing from the colleges, going to resend out emails the end of this week when I get a free moment.

*Herald:* Forms sent in to Kingdom dealing with shire name and device, let the long wait begin!

*A&S:* Stitch & Bitches are starting up early next month, after the first one had to be canceled due to crazy weather March. Talk is starting for a random A&S night where the stitch and bitch will be one week music classes/dance another week, brewing, and whatever on the 4th. More to come on that.

*Seneschal:* Had our business meeting in March, which minutes will be attached, and we discussed the starting of the Inter-shire practices again, dates will be given below. Demo's have been brought up and have sent Kandy the info on the one we are doing.

*Important dates:*

-26th of April 2014 Inter-Shire Practice @ Reading Archery Club 12-5 (Archery, Thrown Weapons, Fencing & Heavy list (if Marshal will come) & A&S)

-3rd of May 2014 PA May Faire Demo @ Berks County 4H center County Welfare Rd, Leesport 11am -7pm  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/461128127347791/?source=3&source\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/events/461128127347791/?source=3&source_newsfeed_story_type=regular)

-16th of May 2014 Union Canal Demo As mentioned on Kingdom event page

## **EVENTS**

### Dining with Elizabeth Update

Our shire's next event, Dining with Elizabeth, is June 28th.

*Website:* The website still needs to be updated but I did get an event created on Facebook. Kathryn will send Andrew information for the website.

*Site Preparation:* Diana and I (Kathryn), are autocrating this event, and we need a lot of help. We've talked to various people individually over the last few months but now we need to firm things up.

We would like to put up enough canvas to house tables for 80 people under roof - sides not required. HELP IS WANTED FOR THIS. That would be 10 tables in a U shape of 4 across and 3 on each side. The site does not have 10 eight foot tables so if anyone else has either 8" folding tables, or the makings of trestle tables (8 foot boards and saw horses) please let me know. The configuration suggested means at least 32 ft along the bottom of the U and 28ft along each side

We will also need help taking down all the canvas, which I will try to arrange to be done on Sunday afternoon when there is light.

We will also need Decorating help, kitchen help, and cleanup help. This is not event that can be done by just a few people Set up will likely start Friday, and take the place of dance on that day.

*Canvas Donations:* People that have considered donating canvas. Having many tents can help create visual interest, as the site is at a big space.

- Toltons - have an 18X20 roofed structure and a 20 X 20 canvas structure
- Alison Choyce - a beautiful pavilion whose dimensions I do not know
- I have a memory of a few other people saying at one of the meetings that we voted on the event that they had canvas also but no notes have appeared with names or dimensions.
- Discussed at the meeting
  - it was suggested that we ask Sabine
  - Diana 16x10
  - Kathryn 10x13
  - Naomi 12ft round.

*Proposed schedule and activities:*

Diana asked about other ideas for activities. Gambling was mentioned.

The site is large, large enough that if martial activities in keeping with the Elizabethan 1560-1580 theme had a marshal willing to direct them, those activities could be given space. Things that spring to mind are Fencing and Archery.

-Naomi is running games, so it was suggested that we call for a marshal if this is desired

Site opens 1 or 2 PM

Afternoon activities: Lawn Billiards - Andrew Hampson

board/ card games: Naomi Hampson (also volunteered for advance reservations)

A first buffet course of food is scheduled for 3 PM with tarts, jellies, fruit & toast, salads.

There are 2 more courses to the feast, starting at 5. The first is followed by a commedia del arte performance (Baron Sir Fum), the second by a madrigal performance (Baroness Sabine),

There will be a sweets buffet table afterward.

Following the feast will be dancing with live music (Baroness Sabine)

Please let me (Kathryn) know what you are willing to help with - all donations of time and loans of materials are graciously accepted!

#### Artisans Challenge: Closing out the Event

The event went well. 49 people attended. The event made 37.57. The event was up against another A&S event to the North. More demonstrations of A&S are need for the event next time.

Posting pictures from this event and past challenges might help inspire others to accept challenges.

An idea was presented for us to try to raise money to help service the stove at the event site (the fire alarm went off during the event ). Kathryn will inquire as to how much this cleaning/servicing would cost.

#### Artisans Village (and Challenge): First Bid

Naomi will be taking over the job of autocrating Artisans Challenge, but she wants to combine it with an Artisans Village (similar to Artisans Row at Pennsic)

It will be a weekend long event in June of 2015. She is checking dates with the seneschals list.

The site is in Bhakail. It is Willow Grove Day camp, a sister site to the Tall Pines camp that Iron Bog uses for River Wars. The Willow Grove site talked with Tall Pines, and will give us the same site deal IB has. Naomi will be visiting the site on Tuesday.

The plan is to have different areas for different A&S activities. It will be set up like a village Areas will be scheduled at specific times to be on and presenting actively, or teaching classes during their on time. The times of different areas will not conflict with each other, however artisans demoing at the event can choose to simply play all day. However, this structure also gives them a chance to learn other things also; they are not stuck at a table all day.

15\$ day trip fee

20\$ camping

She has talked to Janos about doing a food demo, and Friar Will was also mentioned as someone to ask about brewing if the site is wet.

The first bid was accepted

#### Shire Wars: First Bid

Lady Mary of Montvale came to present the bid proposal for Shire Wars 4.

Some highlights from the bid:

-The site is 45 minutes further away, but 3 miles off the TP.

-The site has been renovated recently, with buildings and bathrooms added, and handicap accessibility improved.

-Date Oct 10-12, a weekend long camping event

- Est 100 people, with 80 for feast. However, the site bid is flexible, especially with regard to purchasing extra cabin space if the event becomes an RP.
- The event needs at least 3 shires to sign on to be financially feasible
- The event is Anglo-Saxon themed
- There are many staff positions that still need to be filled
- Competitions should be announced no later than JUNE 15th to give people time to prepare.

-Event fees were listed, but the bid proposers will increase the figures a little bit to add more of a cushion. They will also create a separate youth (13-17) site fee.

Concern was raised about the readiness of staff to accommodate an RP. Lady Mary assured the group that the head cook at least would be quite able to handle a larger event, and that she has several people helping her to cook all the food for the weekend.

Looking ahead, they are thinking about the 2016 Shire Wars. They are looking at a more central event location and a theme to match the anniversary of the battle of Hastings (norman theme)

It was suggested that while Hartshorn-dale is putting up the money for the event, that any proceeds go directly to Archer's Forde. Their members help out a lot with that event.

The first bid was accepted, and Mary will send a second bid next month with updated figures and an event announcement

#### Archer's Forde

Will have a bid coming in June for a February Brewing Event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Atticus noticed that a Zip code belonging to Hartshorn-dale was listed for Bhakail on the official Zip code list. The area was Souderton. Atticus sent an e-mail to the Kingdom seneschal

Naomi suggested that we should think about having more demo's at Universities. We are losing members, and need to be more active in recruiting. We should plan now for the fall. Having people who look younger sit at tables at this events will help. Student activity day events or community day events would be good time to do this. We can also contact existing clubs whose areas of interest are related to the SCA.