

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 07-07-2016

Total Attendees: 14

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Exchequer, MOAS, Chamberlain, Webminister

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Upcoming business meetings: Sept 1. No meeting in August.

We need tabards for our new rattan champions. Discussion was held about creating these at the last shire meeting, and about what item would be ideal, and not get in the way of fighting. Tabards were said to be fine, made of cotton/linen with wool felted applique. It was suggested that a workshop on applique could be held where these banners will be made.

It was suggested that we might want to try to run an RP sometime soon, as it has been several years since our last one, and these events typically make money (we lost money on Artisans Village). K&Q Rapier was suggested.

Domesday update from Arpod

- Discussion of using Google Docs to store contact information.
- Concerns: Kingdom Regulations: We're not allowed to store this information. It's personally identifiable information.
- There are ways to keep it secure (private Google documents?), and it's generally opt-in (even though that isn't necessarily a comprehensive list). If you add your information, then you'll have access to the list.
- Brendan is not here; Arpod has been very very busy. Arpod is willing to step aside if that would speed up the process of completing this. Arpod and Brendan need to discuss this; he can have the title if he agrees.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Exchequer: Current Balance \$5,320.57

Working on 2nd Quarter Report due 31 July

Working on Event Report for Artisan's Village: <Add data from Diana's report>

Question: What is the status of the Highlands Knight in the Garden?

This was apparently successful! Modest public turnout (50-60), but they had a wonderful time. The Highlands Staff have asked us back in the Spring! But Philadelphia can't be the demo coordinator next year. Yvain is willing to be on the committee, but won't run it. We were also invited to camp in the field.

Highlands would like to meet with us to discuss the next one.

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Dance: Classes will be held throughout July including a fifth Friday ball on July 31st

Dining with Lorenzo: Next meeting is NOT July 18th and has not been scheduled yet

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

The following is the Hartshorn-dale Rapier Marshal's report covering the month of June 2016.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the July meeting.

In June, we met on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

We collected \$100.00 in donations. A check for that amount has been written.

No incidents to report. We maintain 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) and James O'Gallegure) with assistance of Baron Alexander from Archer's Ford.

Attendance again has been lower compared to previous months. We had 3 to 11 fencers each week. There were visitors from Bhakail several weeks.

Yvain Catlin D'Aclely (Maggie Thorne) has created a hand sewn book for fencing visitors to sign.

Thanks Maggie! We've been able to use it several different weeks at practice.

A walk through at the Shire Wars site is scheduled for July 10th. Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) and myself plan on attending the walk through for planning. Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) is the Fencing Marshal in Charge for the event. Fencing activities will have a Battle of Hastings theme. (Shire Wars date: October 14-16, 2016)

Nothing further to report for June.

Lady Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

Rapier Marshal, Shire of Hartshorn-dale

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier: No Report

Diana and Sarah have boxes of banners to return to ... somewhere. The Scary Spider Labyrinth of Saby's Basement?

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

Unofficial report: "The beatings continued. Morale significantly improved."

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham:

There will a pre-Pennsic garb workshops at Sarah's house, on Thursday July 14th from 7-9pm.

There will also be an open forge day at Solomon's house, on Sunday July 10th from 1-5pm. Please bring eye protection, if you have it, wear clothes of natural fibers, and children ages 13-17 are welcome with a parent in attendance.

For those going to Pennsic, check out the A&S display, if you get the chance. It will be held in the great hall on Sunday August 7th from 1-5pm.

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham:

Archery continues when weather permits. If there is anyone interested in becoming an archery marshal in training, please speak to Naomi.

John and Elizabeth Marshall donated an arrow tube to the shire to use for on site archery storage. This will make Naomi's life much easier. Thank you.

Naomi would like to purchase arrows at Pennsic, if she can find any for a good price. (~\$70/doz.) . She would like to buy 2 sets, as we are running low.

We approved this purchase last year, but Naomi did not find any she liked at a good price.

Recommendation to talk to Samwise from Silver Ryll. He may be able to make them for a better price.

Budgeted price: \$140-\$160. No objections.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard:

EK Webminister is instituting yearly reviews of websites in relation to policies in their webminister's handbook. They do not have a schedule yet, but our site will be included.

Update: The website review by Kingdom has been canceled.

EK is also working on a document hosting service, which we may want to look at for our needs as well.

Eryn pointed out some things that are out of date on the site and should be updated, and with that impetus and the impending audit Andrew's going to do a clean-up.

Andrew is waiting on information on both the ShireWars site hosting and the email policy information. EK is working on setting up a site for Shire Wars. A ticket was submitted for site creation.

Should we remake the site in WordPress? EK and Wordpress do have known issues.

Archer's Ford Report

Not enough officers for a business meeting; instead there was an informal gathering & discussion of seating a new Chatelaine and By-Laws. Mercedes is working on this.

"We did informally hold a discussion on the Shire Wars Committee as there has been some concerns expressed by members of our Shire about the Committee's work and how protected the Shire would be under Kingdom and Society law. I also shared that I've been approached by Silver Rylle and Eisental about holding regional A&S days and joining in co-sponsoring events with them for the coming year, the only stipulation being to that they wish not to see certain people involved in autocrating the event. "

Interlude: Discussion of regional cooperation in scheduling events

Bhakail is considering a regional scheduling day for local groups to discuss event scheduling and prevent overlaps? Two a year: Spring & Fall. Or even quarterly? (Even if it's event suggestions,

without specific dates yet but just within the upcoming quarter). Perhaps a online scheduling calendar that all local groups could see? It would have to be a separate calendar (Google? Would allow all regional calendars to be pulled together). A Facebook group for seneschals? Hold regular local region Moots to just gather and discuss ideas?

There is a Southern Region Seneschal list, which is supposed to be for discussing scheduling and events. A calendar might be a more accessible reference.

There are regional fighter practices – but we also need regional A&S, dance, etc.

Atlantia doesn't allow competing events within 150 miles of each other.

But the East Kingdom doesn't schedule events ahead of time ...

We need to support each other, and not just go to our own events.

What are our needs? What events would we like to see locally, but maybe can't staff within one group?

Should the calendar be Southern Region, or should it include Central Region/the rest of the kingdom (there is an effort to create this kingdom-wide, but isn't moving forward)? But there are travel limits to where people play, and a smaller sample might be simpler to implement. We are trying to prevent similar events happening locally.

We are generally in favor of this idea, whether in-person gatherings, or Google hangouts. If in-person: shift the location around. Strong advantages to in-person.

ACTION ITEMS: Schedule a Seneschal's meeting at Shire Wars, and add this to the agenda. Start a discussion on the Seneschal's list?

Demo's, Events, and Activities:

Dining with Lorenzo (Henri II)

Dining with Lorenzo: NOT Meeting on July 18 th to discuss menu and plans for Shire Wars Feast. Meeting dates and places will be set up for late summer and fall.

Shire Wars Oct 14-16

Site visit Sunday at noon.

Need Combat Archery coordinator. Diana will advertise this on Shire Wars list & group lists. Diana will talk to Sam about feast.

New Business: Volunteer leaders and recruitment.

(raised by Naomi, but a lively and general discussion followed)

- We are suffering from a lack of volunteer leaders. Should we be pushing demos? Demos are easier to find spaces for than events. We can look for Local fairs and events – something like a replacement for Greenlane.

- We should all keep an eye out for interesting fairs and places. We need to encourage new people to join.
- Wrightstown, September
- Phoenixville has lots of festivals
- Media, Collegeville.
- Public libraries?
- Colleges! WCU. Naomi has some connections (a printer in the Art department). Even if not a club – student activities. Demos? (Concerns with the background clearances?)
 - Naomi: Talk to medieval history classes about doing an extracurricular demo.
 - Hold something in a park near campus? Advertise on campus?
 - Hold something during a WC town festival?
- Weasel our way back into SciFi cons? PhilCon. Oaks conventions. CosiCon. Offer to run panels? (Practical archaeology?) Craft workshops (bookbinding, woodprinting, chain maille, etc)? Merchant/recruiting tables? Reach out to the LARPer and other re-enactment groups? Run a dance? Medieval games?
 - **ACTION ITEM: Identify possible places/events, and then get regional support. Could be great regional events.**
- We should also have flyers/postcards/etc. (Including for Knight in the Garden!)
 - Are there official SCA/Pennsic flyers that could be distributed at Cons? Update from Sarah: Yes, on the SCA's website, under Chatelaine resources. We'd just need to create one with our local practices and upcoming events.
- Put up more photos on our website. But what permissions do we need?
- Update: Much of this is already on the SCA's website. Prepare a form letter/introduction of the SCA/what we can offer as a group to a demo/festival/event?
 - Arpod will send Sarah an older letter
 - Sarah and Naomi will help edit
- Hold random events in public parks? Other groups do this. Just hold fight practice in a park (if local laws permit). Hold dance practice in a park? Go to the mall in garb? Hold commons/gatherings in public parks and other places.