

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst

August 25, 2015

Meeting convened: 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM

Members in attendance: 12

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – She sent in her report on time, participated in several A&S activities and hosted a cookout for those who did not attend Pennsic.

Deputy Seneschal – She had nothing to report at this time.

Exchequer – Presented the bank balance, has finished the warranting process. He has sent in the quarterly report as well as the report for the Viking thing.

Deputy Exchequer – She had nothing to report at this time.

Knight's Marshal – He reported that there was a new fighter authorized. Otherwise all is the same as before.

Arts & Sciences Minister – She reported her kingdom report is due September 1, gave an update on the activities of the Epicurious Explorers along with a report on the fiber day that she hosted.

Chatelaine – He has filed his quarterly report on time.

Chronicler – He reported that last month's minutes were posted as usual.

Deputy Chronicler – She had nothing to report at this time.

Herald – She reported that Edmund's name and Ivan's device have both passed.

Webminister – He reported he attend a web minister's meeting at Pennsic. All shire officers will be getting new email addresses per directive of the Kingdom. This is being done so the emails can be hosted on the Kingdoms server and allows the kingdom access to the emails if necessary. Edmund will be sending out the new addresses and instructions for accessing the emails in the next few weeks.

Minister of Lists – He had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Viking Thing – The final report has been filed, the site refunded \$200.00 to the shire because of the water issue. The bottom line is the event profit was \$-59.02.

For next year:

- We will stick with the Viking theme
- We will research an alternate site
- The event will be held earlier in the year (late May, early June)
- The event will be on the kingdom calendar earlier.
- We will need a group of volunteers to help in the early event planning.

Fall Schola – The event plans continue. Some of the highlights are, there will be a silk banner painting class taught by Fredrick with a cost of \$5.00 per person and is limited in size and there will be a class on A&S judging. There will be an email going out shortly that discusses the coordination of the class, various times and class schedule. Edmund who is in charge of day board, will be having a meeting for those helping with the cooking two weeks prior to the event with precooks scheduled the week prior to the event. Look for an email announcing the exact dates of the meetings.

Shire Wars V– Now a Royal Progress which means that feast will fill up fast and those attending should get their reservations in as soon as possible. If you know of anyone deserving an award, NOW is the time to write them in and get it off to kingdom. For questions regarding AOA's please check with our herald, Kalista. On the service side, Robert the Tall has been approached regarding assuming the duties of the Archery Marshall if needed. There also has been a call for help at the gate due to the anticipated increased numbers attending as this is now and RP. If you are willing to assist please let the event steward know.

12th Night – Mori presented an update on the event plans:

- The event announcement will soon be posted on the kingdom calendar.
- She will be sending out emails for marshals and other activity coordinators.
- The current thought is to set up specific areas for different activities if possible.
- The food will be discussed with the cooks guild at the pre-schola meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A request for demo assistance at Pumpkin Fest Oct 10-11. Black Rose has requested our help at the Pumpkin fest and the shire members at the meeting have indicated our willingness to help. The exact details of who and when will be announced later.

New group – Epicurious Explorers. There has been an additional group formed within the shire for those who are interested in cooking. This group does not replace our traditional cook's guild but is in addition to it. The focus of this group is not limited to the traditional time frame of the SCA but will include early American cooking and other time periods, recipes and techniques. It is planned the group will come together once a month not only to cook but to visit markets, restaurants and other cooking related venues. The next scheduled meeting is 9/10 whose focus will be shire wars precooks and then 10/13 for shire wars dayboard prep.

Shire encampment – There were two items of business, the first was in regard to a dining fly (16x16) currently owned by Conall and Orlaithe. The shire has used this on repeated occasions at various functions. As they no longer need it but the shire could use it a motion was made by Linette and seconded by Edmund to have the shire purchase it from Conall and Orlaithe for \$250.00. The motion was unanimously approved. The second item was the formation of a committee to work on ways to improve the shire encampment at Pennsic. The committee will consist of:

- Edmund
- Kalista
- Brandulfr
- Wulfgar

New email regulations- refer to the Webminister report.

Bardic Competition – At Pennsic, Mistress Sol was approached by the incoming royals as to the possibility of a shire in the western region hosting the 2016 King's & Queen's bardic Championship. She in turn mentioned it at the last Skyn, Wynd and Wyre practice and asked if anyone in the group was interested. Marcus volunteered to bring the idea to the shire to see if we would be interested in hosting the event. The event was discussed and the following points presented;

- Time frame late February or early March of next year
- The event will be held at Conall and Orlaithe church with the site fee being \$600.00
- Marcus has volunteered to prepare the event bid and be the event steward with the help of Linette who would be the co event steward.
- Conall has held the date of 3/5/2016 with the church and the weekend before and after as alternate dates.
- Linette is currently waiting to hear back from the royals if these dates are acceptable to them.
- The anticipated attendance will be around 125 with the cost per person to be around \$13.00.
- There will be a dayboard served but no feast.

The shire has elected to pursue the bid.

SCHEDULING

Cook's Guild –No meetings scheduled

Fighter Practice – Wednesday 6 - 9:00 PM. normal practice schedule, Ivan will run practice while Wulfgar is on vacation.

Youth Fighter Practice – 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Archery Practice – Black Rose on 8/29

Art & Sciences –

- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre Practices – September 19
- A&S Night at Mori's – 9/4 @ 7PM.

Next Shire business meeting: September 22, 2015