

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst
February 26, 2014

OFFICER'S REPORTS – meeting called to order at 7 PM, 15 gentles in attendance.

Seneschal – Fabrisse - Held two meetings this month: Autocratting 101 and webpage design.

Exchequer – Constancia – end of year report filed and accepted by kingdom.

Deputy Exchequer – Brandulfr – Nothing to report

Knight's Marshal – Wulfgar – Report filed with kingdom, fighter practices dependent on weather and temperatures.

Arts & Sciences Minister – Arthur – Has email list with local A&S events coming up including Montvale fiber event.

Chatelaine – Linette – nothing to report

Chronicler – Marcus – previous month's meeting minutes posted. Future minutes will be posted to yahoo group and notice sent to group that same have been posted.

Herald – Conall – nothing to report, continued improvement from injuries at 12th night.

Webminister – Armand – nothing to report, see website development under old business for updates to this position.

Reminder - the offices in **bold** are up for reelection this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Owlsherst Country 12th Night (1/18/14) – Event did make a profit. Fabrisse stated that a report was submitted concerning the accident.

The Spring Viking event – 6/7/14 – Event announcement posted to kingdom website. Brandulfr submitted event plan and budget and discussed same. Event handout being written and refined; example presented for review by those in attendance. Events discussed: A&S with scored documents, Children's activities including a physical challenge, Brewing demo, Archery and thrown weapons if people to run them are available. A&S ideas needed. Rental agreement has been completed. Mori has volunteered to be deputy Autocrat. Wulfgar will be Marshall in Charge. Brandulfr will contact Hroudland regarding being Youth marshal for the event.

Discussion regarding using ACCEPS for reservations: This is a service that allows an attendee to pay using a credit card. The fees are a onetime fee of \$15.00 to the shire to place the announcement. Then a fee of 31 cents plus 3% of the total charge for paying by credit card is the attendee's responsibility. Proposed cutoff date for this type of payment will be 5/24/14. There was a discussion on the refund policy which must be stated when this type of payment system is used. Motion was made, seconded and passed in favor of using this system for the event

Schola – 9/27/14 – No new items to report or discuss

Goals for the New Year – Item tabled until next meeting.

Shire Wars – Nothing official to report. Unofficially Mary of Montvale is considering our suggestions for a site from last month.

Autocrat development (Autocratting 101) – Meeting was held at the home of Marcus and Fabrisse, there was a good turnout and lots of interest. Another meeting will be scheduled in the future.

Website Development – Joe continues with this project. He has met with Armand to discuss the website and has agreed to be his deputy and eventually will become the web minister. Joe has reviewed the website requirements from kingdom and sees no problem with them as related to the web site; in addition he has

been briefed on the current site specifications and upcoming events. He has assured us that once the site is developed future maintenance will be easy.

NEW BUSINESS

Codorus Blast - (June 20-22 2014) – Nothing to report

Pennsic & Land Agent – We have yet to determine who will be land agent this year but several options were discussed. Nothing was finalized.

Royal Rabbit demo - TK and Elysende, the owners of Royal Rabbit vineyards have requested our participation in another demo at their location. There was a discussion of possible dates with July 12/13 or 19/20, more to follow on this in the next few months.

Shire Trailer – Wulfgar has asked for help when it comes to pulling the shire trailer to our events. Currently only he and myself, (Marcus) have towing packages on our vehicles that can tow the weight of the trailer. This presents several problems in that, 1) it often requires multiple trips to and from an event site to drop off and or pick up the trailer and return it to Victors where it is stored. 2) This results in a lot of extra wear and tear on our vehicles as well as fuel expenses, 3) if something were to happen so that neither of us could attend the event or, we had mechanical problems the trailer might not make it to the site.

The membership at the meeting voted to allow fuel reimbursement for the cost of towing the trailer to and from the event site but, it does not address the other potential problems. It has been suggested that there be a pool or list of shire members who have the willingness and ability to pull the trailer, developed that we can draw from them when the need to pull the trailer arises. Please discuss with Marcus or Wulfgar the vehicle requirements to pull the trailer if you are interested in helping.

SCHEDULING

Brewer's Guild – To be announced, possible future event at Royal Rabbit vineyards

Cook's Guild – No dates scheduled

Herbal Guild – Herbal dinner 3/29 watch of the announcement on the Yahoo list.

Fighter Practice – Wednesday 6 - 9:00 pm

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

Archery Practice – Indoor practice in Harrisburg contact Black Rose archery marshal for details.

Art & Sciences –

- Workshops – Sewing at Linette's 3rd Tuesday or by appointment
- Book discussion – Next book will be "The Long Ships" by Frans Bengtsson date and location to be announced.
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre – March 2, 16,30 2014
- Autocrat workshop 102 – March 23, at Marcus and Fabrisse's.

Next Shire business meeting: March 25, 2014 @ 7 PM