

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst
January 27, 2015

Meeting started: 7 PM 15 members in attendance. Ended: 9 PM

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Fabrisse reported that she submitted the quarterly report on time, attended 2 A&S events, shire's 12th night, and purchased signs for the shire. Victor made motion and Robert the Tall second the motion to pay for signs; all voted in favor. She presented a letter from kingdom Earl Marshall regarding Crown Tournaments.

Exchequer – Constancia - Nothing to report

Deputy Exchequer – Brandulfr – Will be working with Constancia Saturday 1/31 on budget to send to kingdom.

Knight's Marshal – Wulfgar – Practices continue as normal but dependent on weather, one new fighter at most recent practice.

Arts & Sciences Minister – Orlaithe – participated in 2 A&S nights, will acquire additional training on how to run an A&S competition.

Chatelaine – Robert – submitted kingdom report on time, one new person expressed interest in the group.

Chronicler – Marcus – working with Siobhan on a quarterly news letter

Deputy Chronicler – Siobhan – will accept photos for newsletter from 12th night.

Herald – Kalista – Currently working order of precedence. She is also working on submissions for Edmund.

Webminister – Edmund – He has filed all of his reports, has posted event photos to the site and has updated the site with the Viking event information.

Minister of Lists – Ceallach Ó Gallchobhair – He is currently getting MOL files in order and will file a report to kingdom.

OLD BUSINESS

Crown Tourney bid – The shire did not get the bid.

Twelfth Night – 1/24/15 -The event was a success and we did show a profit (\$304.20). Due to the weather we did not have dancing but did have an excellent feast. A new person at their first event got the bean and became “Queen of Misrule”. All those in attendance seemed to have a good time and there were no incidents or accidents. All shire members worked to clean up the site and we were off site in good time.

Spring event – Brandulfr presented a proposal for the event that he and Mori had put together. The proposal which is on file, presented the details for our Viking Thing. The event was discussed and a motion made by Linette and seconded by Victor to proceed with the event and all in attendance voter in favor of the motion. The event details are on the shire website.

Shire Wars V – The tentative date is the 3rd weekend in October. There were updates presented regarding the fees and they were discussed. The biggest change is that now those who stay in the cabins on site will pay an additional fee to cover the cost of the cabins rather than having them included in the general site fee. Our upfront contribution to the event looks to be about \$400.00. There was a motion made, seconded and voted upon to continue our support of the event.

Shire Order of Precedence – Kalista will be sending out a link to the kingdom order of precedence to the group. She request that each individual check their information to see if it is correct and report back to her.

Website development – Edmund is still seeking additional articles and photo to post to the site.

Shire Customals – Fabrisse to follow up with committee on this and report back at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Schola – Possible date for the event is 9/19/15. Orlaithe will put together a proposal for the next meeting and Edmund has offered to be head cook.

Demos – There were several possibilities discussed (Brown’s orchards, Codorus blast and one that Orlaithe was working on). Fabrisse will be in contact with Brown’s on that demo; the shire will need to contact Wolfram to see if he knows the status of the blast event.

Royal Rabbit Winery – There were several dates presented on repeating the demo at Royal Rabbit. The members of the shire feel that while we are willing to participate in the demo the leadership of this event should be headed up by our neighboring shire to the south in Atlantia. Fabrisse will notify the owners.

Inter-shire A&S – Orlaithe presented an idea that she had for expanding the A&S activities to be more inter-shire focused. The idea is that local shires have various people with expertise in many areas and by having inter-shire activities we could pool resources and interests in a more effective manner. This would in a sense revive the SWISS alliance that was implemented several years ago. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that this is a worthwhile proposal and Orlaithe was encouraged to continue with her idea.

Shire Trailer – Marcus reported on the problems he had towing the shire trailer. It was reported that due to a possible problem with the hitch on the trailer he had great difficulty unhooking the trailer from his van. Due to this and weather conditions at Victors he was unable to park the trailer in its normal spot and is currently parked in the cul-de-sac above Victors home. The shire will need to have the trailer repaired or another means found to move it to its parking spot at Victors. We will also need to find other individuals who can and are willing to help tow the trailer to events if Marcus can no longer do this with his van.

East Kingdom structure - In light of the awarding of Crown Tourney to the Northern most reaches of the Southern region, a discussion was held about the infrequency of Royals visit to this part of the Southern region. A meeting of other area Seneschals will be organized to explore our options.

SCHEDULING

Cook’s Guild – There are no meetings currently scheduled.

Fighter Practice – Wednesday 6 - 9:00 pm

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

Art & Sciences –

- Workshops – Sewing at Linette’s 3rd Tuesday or by appointment
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre – Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 15 – Locations to be announced.
- Book discussion – The Alehouse Murders at Orlaithe’s in February, date to be announced.

- A&S Night at Mori's – Dates to be announced.

Other events –

- A Wake for Richard Plantagenet Blak Rose March 28

Next Shire business meeting: February 24, 2015