

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst
June 24, 2014

Meeting convened at: 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 PM

Members in attendance: 19

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal . The seneschal reported she attended the Viking Thing event and the Codorus Blast.

Exchequer . She reported the current bank balance.

Deputy Exchequer . Had nothing to report at this time.

Knight's Marshal . Had nothing to report as this time.

Arts & Sciences Minister – Orlaithe will develop a questionnaire which will be sent to the shire members seeking input on their interests, things they would like to see taught or they can teach A&S topics they would like to see developed in the shire. Mori will be hosting or coordinating a series of project nights which will alternate with archery practices.

Chatelaine . As direct result of Codorus Blast, he reports receiving 18 emails expressing interest in our group and has had 2 direct contacts. In addition he has filed his report with the Kingdom.

Chronicler – He reported that last months minutes have been posted to the group files and is in the process of getting his warrant from Kingdom.

Herald . Had nothing to report at this time.

Webminister . He is still seeking items to post and officers email links should be functional.

OLD BUSINESS

The Spring Viking Thing post event reports- Despite a major setback when the set up crew arrived at 6:30 AM (Oh my god early) the event was a success and a good time was had by all attending. For those not aware of what happened when we arrived for set up, we found that the kitchen in the dining hall was totally disassembled for renovations. We were not informed of this due to a miscommunication that was internal to the YWCA and also with us. As a result we set up the feast as an outdoor event in the true Viking tradition. Thankfully we had beautiful weather and our Cooks Guild did a truly magnificent job of pulling off not only a great dayboard but feast as well by working together and cooking most of the feast offsite at Victors and transporting it to the site for serving. The YWCA was very apologetic for the incident and wants to maintain our relationship so they will be giving us a complete refund of all of the site fees. They have also expressed to us that they will be making changes to their internal communications to insure this does not happen again and next year we will have a brand new kitchen to use. The cooks were not the only one who did a magnificent job at the event, all of those who helped set up the site, run the events and clean up when the day was complete deserve a job-well-done as well. We still need to get a small matter cleared up with the ACCEPTS people regarding final payment of reservations to us which Constancia is working on. There was a time set to repack the shire trailer with some items that were taken to members homes to be cleaned and the trailer has been repacked.

Website development . The site is up and running and Edmund is still seeking photo and other items to add to the site. Please take some time and log on to the site to see what we have and contribute items which you feel might be useful or relevant.

Pennsic- Kalista reported there are 11 individuals preregistered for our site and she would like those going to Pennsic to contact her if they can help transport some of the shire camp items.

Codorus Blast post event report- Overall the event/demo went well despite some rainy weather on Saturday. Wulfrum and Etaine did a great job of organizing the demo and those who stopped by seemed truly interested in what we do. Robert reported getting 18 email inquiries and several new folks attended the business meeting after talking with us at the event. Linette does have some suggestions for improvement for the next time however because she was unable to attend this meeting these will be discussed at a future meeting.

Royal Rabbit demo . Elysende and TK, of the Royal Rabbit Winery, attended the meeting and gave us an update on their part of the event. They indicated everything was ready and that we will be in charge of the demo. There will be folks from Bright Hill and members of the Kingdom of Acre in attendance as well and they will also be helping with the event. They outlined some of the events which are planned to take place and it sounds like it will be a fun day for all who attend. The date is Saturday July 12 with set up at 10:30 AM.

Schola . There was a discussion of the event and a number of items were resolved. Fee for the event is currently going to be \$12.00 for the day which will include dayboard. There will be no feast but a hardy dayboard will be served and as of the last cooksguild meeting it will be a Middle Eastern theme. There will be 4 tracts of classes with a break for lunch between 11 AM and 1:30 PM. Classes will run from 9 AM to 11 AM and from 1:30 PM until close. Edmund has volunteered to be the head cook for the event and Constanica will be the reservation clerk.

Shire Wars . Each of the shires who will be part of the event will have its contribution set at \$480.00. A meeting is scheduled for July 6 in Carlisle.

NEW BUSINESS

Twelfth Night . It will be held in January at the same site as prior years. Thorfina has offered to be autocrat again.

Request for funding to update shire loaner archery gear . Robert the Tall stated we have some donated archery gear that needs work. In order to get materials to bring the gear up to kingdom standards, Robert has asked the shire to authorize an expense up to \$75.00. A motion was made by Victor and seconded by Mori to authorize the expense; it was approved by all in attendance.

SCHEDULING

Cooksg Guild . Meetings will be scheduled as needed and dates will be posted on the list.

Herbal Guild . There are no meeting scheduled at this time.

Fighter Practice . Wednesday 6 - 9:00 pm

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

Archery Practice . Practice will be held on alternating Friday nights from 6:30 until dark. Dates will be posted as will cancellations.

Art & Sciences:

- Workshops . Sewing at Linette's 3rd Tuesday or by appointment
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre . TBA
- Mori will be hosting project nights at her home on Friday nights alternating with archery practice at 7:30 PM. Please contact her for more details.

Demos:

Royal Rabbit Winery . July 12 (Rain date July 13)

Other shire events:

- A Day of German Celebration . August 23 (Silver Rylle)

- Randy Rooster Tavern Brawl . September 12-14 (Montevale)
- Shire Wars IV . October 10 . 12

Next Shire business meeting: July 22, 2014