

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst

May 26 2015

Meeting convened: 7:00 PM
Members in attendance: 16

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM
Visitors: 2

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – She participated in Garden faire, Canal Days, Project nights; hosted a sewing day

Exchequer – She presented the bank balance and we received a \$100.00 donation from Fort Hunter for helping at their event. She has also filed her quarterly report on time.

Deputy Exchequer –He had nothing new to report at this time.

Knight's Marshal – He reported that we have a new 19 year old fighter show up with full armor and has been attending practice on a regular basis. He also reported there may be a change in the rules regarding 16 year old fighters for PA only. More to come in the future on this one. He has filed his report with kingdom on time.

Arts & Sciences Minister – She reported she hosted a cooking day that had 17 participants and has her kingdom report started.

Chatelaine – He helped neighboring shires at their events, Fort Hunter and Canal Days.

Chronicler – He reported that last months' meeting minutes have been posted.

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

Herald – She was unable to attend but sent her report which included, she will be the shire's land agent for Pennsic, please contact her if you are going to camp with the shire. She has filed her report with kingdom on time, and she is requesting \$35.00 for heraldry supplies which the shire voted in favor of.

Webminister – He reported that Wulfgars article had been posted to the website and is seeking additional articles.

Minister of Lists – In an update to last months' information he reported that there is no new MOL handbook. The new heavy fighter list is out and printed and he's ready for the upcoming tournaments.

OLD BUSINESS

Shire Customals – At the start of this discussion Fabrisse turned her gavel over to Liz so she (Fabrisse) could participate in the discussion. The sticking point from last month's meeting was the revocation of honorary membership to those outside the shire after it had been granted by the shire. Some felt there was needed to have a rule written into the Customals so the shire could remove someone who had been granted honorary membership if they became disruptive to the shire. Others feel this is not needed and it make the shire seem unwelcoming to people outside of the shire. The various members of the shire presented their respective positions to include the following:

- -If this rule is included it seems we have two levels of discipline which could be a legal issue

- -There is already a rule and procedure at kingdom level that address's this issue and if there is a problem we simple need to take it to kingdom level and they will handle the problem.
- Kingdom may not always be as quick to respond as seems necessary, would it be better to have the rule at a local level rather than letting a situation be handled solely by kingdom.
- At a kingdom level the rule will apply to both honorary and regular shire members in the event of a problem.

At the end of the discussion on the point a motion was made by Fabrisse to remove it from the Customals which was seconded by Victor. The final vote was 14 for and 2 opposed. The motion carried.

There was also a motion to include in the Customals a clause to keep a copy of the shire inventory with the exchequer as required by kingdom by Marcus, seconded by Victor. All voted in favor.

Lastly, there was a motion to accept the Customals with the changes. The motion was by Victor, seconded by Marcus. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Viking Thing – June 12-14. Brandulfr reported that he and Mori had completed a site walk through and all was in order with the site especially the dining hall. The screen houses have a limited number of bed frames and mattresses but Constancia advised that most attending will bring their own bedding so it shouldn't be a big issue. Currently we have 23 reservations for the event so the shire will be conducting advertising blitz to encourage people to attend the event. Brandulfr did discuss the sites cancellation policy with the "Y". They have no formal written policy but did indicate that if the need arose to cancel the event we would have the rental fee returned but forfeit the security deposit.

There was a motion made by Robert and seconded by Edmund not to cancel the event even though we are down on reservations and may not make a profit. All vote for the motion.

Fall Schola – Sept 19. Orlaithe reported that preparations continue for the event. She has teachers for the subjects but is willing to add topics if someone want to teach them. Information regarding the event will soon be sent out to the local shires.

Shire Wars V – Oct16 -18. Fabrisse reported that Alexander has sent out an updated fee schedule and there will be a meeting held at our Viking event regarding shire wars. Fabrisse will also be contacting the seneschal at Hartshorndale to see if Alexander has a deputy autocrat to help him with the details of the event.

12th Night – Jan 16 2016. Fabrisse reported she will need a new check because the amount quoted by the township is different than what she was originally told and is cheaper. There was a discussion about the amount and what was told to us in the past. She will double check with the township for the correct amount. It was also announced that Mori will be the event steward.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections:

Chronicler – Marcus, Exchequer – Brandulfr, Herald – Kalista. Knights Marshal – Wulfgar

The floor was opened for additional nominations and none were forthcoming. There was a motion made by Robert and seconded by Orlaithe to accept the ballot as written. All members vote aye and the positions are now elected.

Shire loaner armor: Wulfgar asked that the shire approve the purchase of a shield blank for loaner armor in the amount of \$32.00. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the purchase. All voted aye on the motion. As part of the discussion it was pointed out that there needs to be a list of loaner armor which Wulfgar offered to compile and maintain. A copy of this list will be kept in the shire records.

Demos

New request from the girl scouts to present a demo or short program at their camp in Felton on a date of our choosing between June 15 and 19. This could be either in the day or evening, again, our choice. Please contact Fabrisse for details if you can help.

Shire picnic – July 11 2015. This will be a potluck dinner, not in garb. There will be a short business meeting, archery, a Skyn Wynd and Wyre practice and a book discussion. Specific times will be announced.

Bardic Competition event bid – There will be a discussion at the June meeting regarding the possibility of submitting a bid for a Bardic champion's event as a royal progress. The tentative thought is to have this in February or March and rent Conall's and Orlaithe's church to have the event in.

SCHEDULING

Cook's Guild – Week of 6/8 (precooks) the first to be at Victors

Fighter Practice – Wednesday 6 - 9:00 pm

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

Archery Practice – 6/27, 7/11, 8/22

Art & Sciences –

- Workshops – Sewing at Linette's by appointment
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre – June 7, 3 to 5 PM in conjunction with Fiber day (10 AM to 5 PM) at Conall's and Orlaithe's potluck dinner to follow.
- Book discussion – The Alehouse Murders – July 11 at the shire picnic.
- A&S Night at Mori's – May 29 and June 5 starting at 7:30 PM
- Inter shire A&S – June 27

Next Shire business meeting: June 23, 2015