

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst  
August 26, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7 PM      Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM      Attendance: 10 gentles

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Seneschal – Fabrisse – Hosted the annual Pennsic Pity party and attended the event in Hershey.

Exchequer – Constancia – Reported the bank balance, no other items to report.

Deputy Exchequer – Brandulfr – No new items to report at this time.

Knight's Marshal – Wulfgar – Has submitted his report to the kingdom, there is a new fighter attending practice;

Erik in Blak Rose now has his warrant to be a marshal; practices will continue as normal here.

Arts & Sciences Minister – Orlaithe - No new items to report at this time.

Chatelaine – Robert – Will assist Blak Rose in their upcoming event and will obtain the gold key garb from Linette.

Chronicler – Marcus - Has received his warrant from kingdom.

Herald – Kalista - No new items to report at this time.

Webminister – Edmund – Has received his warrant from kingdom.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Spring Viking Thing post event reports: As of the meeting we had still not received the refund check from the "Y" due to a change in administration there. Fabrisse will call the "Y" to discuss (editor's note: we did get the refund check several days after the meeting, it will be given to Constancia prior to the next meeting). Constancia will be issuing refund checks to all those who are due one. There is discussion of next year's event returning to the 3 day format.

Website development: Photos that were taken by Edmund at the Royal Rabbit demo and Pennsic have been posted to the site. He is still looking for shire members' articles which can be added to the site along with additional event photos which the shire members would be willing to share. When asked by Kingdom, he submitted suggestions for the Kingdom website.

Pennsic: The general consensus was that a good time was had by all who attended. Edmund and his lady were victorious in a cooking competition while they were there. There was a general discussion of how things might be improved in regard to the shire encampment for next year.

Schola – 9/27/14: The event posting will be updated soon. The schedule is as follows:

Classes: 8,9,10 and 11 AM.

Lunch break: 12 – 1:30 PM.

Classes: 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 PM.

Activities to include: A cooking track coordinated by Mori (gluten free cooking, relationship of medieval cookbooks, introduction to brewing/mead making). A fiber arts track (2 embroidery classes, a dying class,

neckline sewing class, silk banner class). An armor track (weapons construction, 2 hand fighting techniques, beginning archery).

Edmund will finalize and send the menu to autocrats soon.

Shire Wars – No were no further items to report; the meeting scheduled for 8/31 has been canceled.

Twelfth Night – The plans for the event continue to be developed with the biggest change being a need to change the date due to a conflict with Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> nite. The new date will be January 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Fall demos: A motion was passed to not attempt any additional demos this fall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Shire Order of Precedence – There was a discussion of establishing a list of who not only has awards but has specific knowledge in topics of interest within the shire and would be willing to share that knowledge. This lead to the discussion of possibly developing a “guest book” for the website where newcomers could list there areas of interest and be connected with those in the shire who share those interests. It was felt that by doing this it may help to retain new members and get them more involved with the group. On a related note, the kingdom herald’s webpage should have a list of awards that have been given to shire members.

## **SCHEDULING**

Cook’s Guild – 9/8/14 Marcus’s 7 PM, future dates TBA. Will participate in Alana’s wedding 8/31/14.

Herbal Guild – No meetings scheduled.

Fighter Practice – Wednesday 6 - 9:00 pm

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

Archery Practice – 9/5/14 will be the last scheduled practice due to the days getting shorter.

Art & Sciences –

- Workshops – Sewing at Linette’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday or by appointment
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre – TBA
- Brewers Guild - TBA

Other shire events

- River War – September 12-14 (Iron Bog)
- Shire Wars IV – October 10 – 12

Next Shire business meeting: September 23, 2014