

Meeting minutes for Shire of Owlsherst
March 22, 2016

Meeting convened: 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM

Members in attendance: 14

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal . Reported she had attended the Bardic competition and various A&S nights.

Deputy Seneschal . Nothing to report at this time.

Exchequer . Gave check book balance, he ran the gate at the Bardic competition and received compliments on the way the paperwork was organized by the regions exchequer.

Deputy Exchequer . Nothing to report at this time.

Knight's Marshal . Reported we are averaging 13 fighters per practice.

Arts & Sciences Minister . Nothing to report at this time, refer to upcoming events.

Chatelaine . Nothing to report at this time.

Chronicler . He has prepared and posted the meeting minutes.

Deputy Chronicler . Nothing to report at this time.

Herald . Nothing to report at this time.

Webminister . Presented clarification on reporting requirements. The only required report for the Webminister is the end of year report which must be submitted by January 1st.

Minister of Lists . Nothing to report at this time.

Chamberlain . Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

12th Night . All items of business related to the event have been completed and reported.

Bardic Competition . The final accounting indicated an attendance of 222 guests and we had a profit of \$651.27 after splitting the event profit with kingdom. The event debriefing went well and by all reports those who attended the event were very happy with it. Marcus and Linette posted a thank you to all involved who helped make the event a successful one.

Viking Thing – Brandulfr gave an update to the group. He still needs to get the site fee to the %+ and intends to get that done ASAP. He confirmed we do have 1 merchant so far who will be selling silk. Brandulfr will provide the head cook with planning and budgeting information. We will have access to the site starting on Friday at noon. Kalista and her father will offer a heralds point at the event. There will be a Facebook page created for the event and we will start advertising the event heavily with the local shires.

Pennsic encampment improvement . The committee had not met prior to the shire meeting but will be meeting in the near future. Kalista will again be the land agent for the encampment.

Shire Wars VI- There was an extensive discussion at the meeting regarding shire wars that included several points of business. There was a Shire Wars meeting conducted at the Bardic event and all of the previous concerns of the shire were presented and discussed. Duchess Diana will be the event steward and plans to hold more regular meetings and improve communication regarding the event and its planning. The shire of Hartshorndale will be the hosting shire and the event will again be held at Camp Bayshore the 3rd weekend in October. There 3 points of business that all participating shires have been asked to vote on:

1. Should the shire of Buckland Cross be allowed to participate in the event? Our shire voted in favor for allowing them to participate.
2. Should there be a Charter Committee formed to establish a set of bylaws along with policies and procedures for the event? Our shire voted in favor of forming the committee.
3. If the Charter Committee is formed should Thane Alexander Makcristyne become the chair of the committee? Our shire did not vote in favor of this point but would prefer to see the committee elect its chair after it is formed.

Our representatives to the charter committee will be Brandulfr and Robert the Tall will be his backup. Our representative to the general Shire wars committee will be Linette.

Fall Schola . The tentative date is September 17th with the 10th being an alternative. The formal proposal and budget will be presented at next month's meeting.

Codorus Blast . The dates are June 17th thru 19th 2016. We have not received any formal information from the events organizing committee. One of our members who was at the meeting (Shamus), indicated he knows several members of their organizing committee and will prod them to get us the required information so we can decide if we will participate as a group. It was also mentioned that a contingent from the Kingdom of Atlantia may also participate in the event.

Fort Hunter- We again be helping Black Rose with their event at Fort Hunter on May 1st, the Maypole dance. We are in need of both male and female dancers for the event and both shires are

requesting any that can attend the event please do so. In addition to the dancing there will be other activities at this event so it should be a fun day for those who come out. If you don't know the Maypole dance that isn't a problem as the dance will be taught at our weekly A&S night on April 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting location . There was a discussion of moving the meeting from its current location to the Church of the Brethren on Kingston Road where we currently have both fighter practice and A&S. The main advantage would be that there would be no cost for the use of the church. There was a motion made and seconded to change the location. All in attendance voted in favor of the motion. Brandulfr will check our records to see if we owe any rent to the Hayshire church and will settle up with them. Fabrisse will coordinate final payment and door key return to the church.

Shire inventory . Is currently scheduled for April 30th starting at 1:00 PM weather permitting.

Melee Practice . There will be Southwest Shire Melee Practice at the Church of the Brethren on April 10th from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. This event will be posted to the shire website. There was also a discussion about having this as a monthly event to be held once per month with our shire hosting the event. This event will be run by the fighters participating at the event and will not require any other shire involvement. A motion was made to act as the event host and all voted in favor.

Period Cash box purchase . The shire purchased a period cash box for use at events from Linette for \$35.00.

Shire trailer improvements . Marcus requested purchasing additional lighting for the shire trailer. He will investigate options and was authorized a total expense of up to \$150.00

Laptop for shire use - The Bardic competition pointed out a need for an inexpensive laptop for use by the shire. It would be used for reservations, gate, inventory and similar shire activities. Wulfgar indicated that a laptop which would fit our needs could be purchased relatively inexpensively and the shire voted to purchase one with a maximum expense of \$400.00.

SCHEDULING

Cook's Guild . April 4th at Kats in Mt Joy. 7 PM.

Fighter Practice . Wednesday 6 - 8:00 pm Brethren Church

Youth Fighter Practice . 2nd Wednesday 6:00 . 8:00 pm

Archery waiting on input from Wulfram.

Art & Sciences .

- A&S . Wednesday night 6 . 9:00; Brethren Church
- Skyn, Wynde & Wyre Practices . April 3rd . Orlaithe's, 13th- church, 17th -TBA, May 15th - TBA, 17th . church.
- Maypole dance class . Apr 13th; Brethren church

Other events

English themed cooking event at Marcuse's and Fabrisse on April 10th. Will start at 1 plan to eat at 5:30, clean up complete by 8 PM Please RSVP to Orlaithe who will be coordinating the event.

Next Shire business meeting: April 19, 2016 at **The Church of the Brethren on Kingston Road.**