

## Meeting Minutes for Shire of Owlsherst November 28, 2017

Meeting convened: 7:05 PM  
Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM  
Members in attendance: 14

Motion to approve October's Minutes as posted was passed.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**Seneschal** – Mori— Caught up on Shire business. Put out call for members to event site committee. Getting Shire officers' information for transfer to Google. Also verified zip codes and corrections for upcoming polling—will coordinate with Shire of Blak Rose. Has drafted a response to EK with this information.

**Deputy Seneschal** – Linette – no report.

**Exchequer** – Brandulfr--Reported the checking account balance. Still looking for a Deputy Exchequer. Anyone who is interested should contact the Exchequer directly. A motion to approve monies to pay First Church of the Brethren for monthly rental was approved.

**Deputy Exchequer** – vacant

**Knight's Marshal** – Wulfgar—No report. Practices continue as scheduled.

**Arts & Sciences Minister** – Orlaithe— December report to EK partially completed. Will work up a date and menu for open hearth cooking day. A&S Wednesdays in December: 6<sup>th</sup>-General, 13<sup>th</sup>- Spinning, 20<sup>th</sup>- Holiday Party.

**Chatelain** – Dunny--- Gold Key---Items borrowed for Shire Wars have been returned to inventory. Still waiting to have several pieces returned (borrower has since moved to NY and has not responded to requests to return them). Mori sent an official email to the NY Seneschal and will follow up.

**Chronicler** – Siobhan---Sent Officer documentation to EK. Working on Resurrecting Shire newsletter. Need short bios from each officer---if you don't send them, I will hunt you down!

**Deputy Chronicler** – vacant

**Herald** – Kalista—no report.

**Webminister** – Edmund—Officer emails and other things will be transferred to Google. 7 groups have migrated so far. All Officer business and correspondence needs to be done through the EK/Shire email address. EK has posted FAQ for Google---Edmund will get the link out to Shire Officers.

**Minister of Lists** –Conall—no report.

**Chamberlaine** – Fabrisse—Some inventories of items in Shire members' possession are still needed (Wulfgar, Linette, Kalista, Brandulfr, Orlaithe). Most inventory items have also been entered into a spreadsheet. Will also add a new Cooks Guild inventory list.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Shire Wars**---Linette--- Linette and Fabrisse are keeping abreast of the SW Charter meeting information. Assignments are being made for developing the text. The first page of the Charter was distributed for our review---Dunny will work up a preliminary mock-up of the Charter Scroll to be presented to the Committee.
- **Event Site Committee**--- Mori sent a call for interest and will follow up. A query was made for Owlsherst to help find a possible site for Spring 2018 Coronation. Mori will respond.
- **Gold Key inventory**---Chatelain will make further collections from Shire members after 12<sup>th</sup> Night.
- **Pennsic Camp Improvement Committee**----will update after 12<sup>th</sup> Night.
- **Trailer**---a rental vehicle can be used to tow. Wulfgar will arrange. A motion to reimburse him for expenses no more than \$100 was approved.
- **Twelfth Night**---Fabrisse---Their Majesties will be in attendance, which means we will have higher attendance and feast numbers.
  - The event site layout will need to be modified to accommodate the Royal party. Fabrisse and Conall measured the site and are working on a plan.
  - Linette is the Royal Liaison.
  - Linette will generate a FB event and will update the EK event listing to reflect the Italian emphasis for this year.
  - We may have volunteers for MOL.
  - Conall is coordinating the program activities.
  - Ket has put together a tentative menu to post.
  - It was requested that Shire members should submit names for possible awards ASAP.
  - A proposal to comp the Royals and their children for admittance and feast was approved.
  - Chatelain soliciting of volunteers---We will need as many volunteers as possible, including crews for setup and cleanup. Dunny will encourage participation via social media and manage volunteer sign-ups. Fabrisse will coordinate with him with list of positions needing volunteers.
  - Gear needed----2 pop-ups, possibly weights as well---Dunny and Wulfgar. Wulfgar will engineer the setup.
    - Rugs---Wulfgar and Dunny
    - Banner stands---Wulfgar
    - Bingo sign covers---Brandulfr
    - Tapestries/Decorations---Dunny and Siobhan (Linette, Fabrisse, and Conall need to check out what D & S have available). Also, draping material is needed from a number of people.
    - Muslin tent walls---Fabrisse
    - Signage for Royals, Royal Parking, etc.---to be made by Dunny and Siobhan
    - Royal gifts/Largesse—items needed. Conall will coordinate.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Google for Non-Profits**----see Seneschal Report.

- **Polling to accept Silver Rhylle**---see Seneschal Report.
- **Shire Holiday Gathering**---with A&S/Fighter Practice on 12/20/17. Potluck with nibbles!
- **Banner stand construction**---For those who want to help make these. 12/27/17 at Conall's.
- Wulfgar and Conall will coordinate and put out notification.
- **Small shield blanks**---Conall has these available for the Shield Tree. See him to obtain.
- Next year the Church rental fee may increase.
- **Loaner Helm**---needs to be modified to meet safety specs for fighting. A motion to spend up to \$25 for materials was approved.
- **Other Business**---The Shire will be hosting 2 big events in 2018. We may need to consider adjusting our annual schedule of events in light of this. Will be discussed at a future meeting.

## **SCHEDULING**

**Cook's Guild** – Pre-cook meetings for 12<sup>th</sup> night will be scheduled as needed.

**Fighter Practice** – Wednesdays from 6 - 8:30 pm indoor (outdoor, weather permitting) at the Brethren Church. Regional practice will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. In months when a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday falls, fighters will join Aethelmarc's Thursday practice instead.

- Youth Fighter Practice –2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 6 - 8:30 pm at the Brethren Church.
- Fencing- 6 to 8 or 8:30 pm if marshal available and not fighting heavy.
- Archery and Thrown Weapons ---At neighboring shires on Thursdays with scoring (Alana, Tuafaithe, Sean, and Dorian coordinating).

**Art & Sciences** – A&S – Wednesday nights 6 – 8:30; Brethren Church.

- Music Practices – Will try regular schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the church.
- Bardic practice on 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. Also regional A&S-----note this is also the night for regional fighters practice.

## **Upcoming Local Events**

- K&Q Rapier Championship-December 16 in Buckland Cross. General note—bring shields for Shield Tree at all competitions.
- EK 12<sup>th</sup> Night-January 6 in Maine
- String Thyng-January 13 in Caer Adamant
- Country 12<sup>th</sup> Night-January 20 in Owlsherst
- At the Sign of the Stag and Sparrow-January 27 in Bhakail
- Known World A&S Symposium-February 9-11 in Hartshorn-Dale

**Next Shire business meeting: Thursday December 28, 2017 (note day change)**