

Meeting Minutes for Shire of Owlsherst

November 27, 2018

Meeting convened: 7:05 PM
Meeting adjourned: 8:44 PM
Members in attendance: 15

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Linette— continuing correspondence with EK, variety of Kingdom updates.

Deputy Seneschal – vacant

Exchequer – Brandulfr--Reported the checking account balance. The final Shire Wars report is in progress. Still looking for a Deputy Exchequer. Anyone who is interested should contact the Exchequer directly.

Deputy Exchequer – vacant

Knight's Marshal – Wulfgar— Edmund is our new Fencing Marshal-- Vivat! Provided the facilities donation to the Exchequer. Attendance at practices has been great, with over a dozen heavy fighters and fencers, plus several youth. Practices continue as scheduled, except as noted in Scheduling below.

Arts & Sciences Minister – Esmeria — absent. Wants to start coordinating some classes/planned activities for A&S on Wednesday evenings. Cele taught 2 classes at FFF. Solara (sp?) went to England for classes. EK AS is working on a better interface for reporting.

Chatelain – Dinnie --- Report to EK completed and turned in.

Chronicler – Siobhan --- No report. Continuing work on resurrecting Shire newsletter. Seeking photos from events that she cannot attend. Need short bios from each officer---if you don't send them, I will hunt you down! Contact if you need a guide for info.

Deputy Chronicler – vacant

Herald – Kalista — Progressing with badge design for Rapier Household.

Webminister – Edmund — Working on website improvements. Needs articles on various activities and interests---please consider sending a paragraph or two on what you enjoy about SCA.

Minister of Lists – Conall — Ulrich's authorization sent.

Chamberlaine – Fabrisse — Organizing new inventory items entered into the database.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Shire Wars 2018** --- Linette --- Official report tabled until next month, when all incidental information will be in.
 - Gate—more than 200 paid admissions. Having a second person at Gate was very helpful— will train more people to help with this.
 - A&S—Sarrah did great job with coordinating all the classes. Having the class lists available ahead of time would be helpful. Bake sale proceeds were donated to Royal travel. Better

coordination between the 2 sale locations would help. Silent auction proceeds donated to charitable purpose, and Siobhan's Thank You letter was read to the group. Two items still need to be picked up.

- Helga Ball was great fun, both for participants and for spectators! Injuries, although spectacular, were minor.
 - Boat Battles were a hit, as well! Fighters and spectators were well-entertained.
 - Pre-registration numbers were very low---need incentives, and incorporation of PayPal, to increase early registration.
 - Chatelain Table was a great success, with new/visiting attendees making full use of Chatelain loaner gear and information provided.
 - Other notes—having the fields close to other activities helped facilitate flow between all. More decorating, ideally by all the Shires that participate would greatly add to the atmosphere, both indoors and with more banners at the fields. More walkie-talkies will help comm between areas. The Autocrat needs to have extra copies of all permission forms on-hand. Markers for cups at Refreshments would be a help. An Information area would help attendees find things—Cordelia volunteered to help with this.
- **Gold Key items loaned** – Linette waiting to hear from Mori to proceed.
 - **Pennsic Camp Improvement Committee**----will update after 12th Night.
 - **Twelfth Night** --- Kalista and Conall are co-autocrating. Brangwayna is head cook.
 - Event will be held at First Church of the Brethren in York.
 - Tentative activities and schedule---Fighting done by 1:00, Dayboard 11:30-1:00, 1:00 King Cake and MisRule (need ideas), A&S Work Room, Kids Activities (Owls on dowels?), 1:00-4:30 Dancing/Singalong/Games Table, Feast 6:00.
 - Need to schedule pre-cooks and church kitchen rental.
 - TY Cordelia-truck to haul trailer.
 - Conall to re-do wooden signage. A motion to spend up to \$30.00 for this passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to spend p to \$10.00 to fix Battle Boats passed.
- Scheduling for Shire Holiday party and cookie exchange---see below. Notices will be placed on social media.
- Four possible demos ---discussion tabled until next meeting to obtain more information.
 - 4/27/19 Faerie fest in New Freedom
 - PA Ren Faire Celtic Weekend
 - Spoutwood Fairie—up in the air
 - Shrewsbury Celtic fest

SCHEDULING

Cook's Guild – TBA

Fighter Practice – NO PRACTICE 12/26. Wednesdays from 6 - 8:30 pm indoor (outdoor, weather permitting) at the Brethren Church. Regional practice will be the 3rd Wednesday of every month. In months when a 5th Wednesday falls, fighters will join AEthelmarc's Thursday practice instead.

- Youth Fighter Practice –2nd Wednesdays 6 - 8:30 pm at the Brethren Church.
- Rapier- 6 to 8 or 8:30 pm if marshal available and not fighting heavy.
- Archery and Thrown Weapons --- Blak Rose is coordinating some outdoor winter practices.

Art & Sciences – A&S – NO A&S 12/26. Wednesday nights 6 – 8:30; Brethren Church.

Shire Holiday Party & Cookie Exchange—12/19

Upcoming Events of Interest

- Dec. 8 – Bhakail Yule Philadelphia
- Dec. 15 – Barony of Buckland Cross Investiture Warminster
- Jan. 19, 2019 – Owlsherst Country 12th Night York
- Jan. 26 – At the Sign of the Cat and Dragon – Bhakail Philadelphia

Next Shire business meeting: Thursday 12/27/19 (note day change)