

Meeting Minutes for Shire of Owlsherst February 28, 2023

HOUSEKEEPING

- Harassment Policy
- Zoom Recording Started 7:12 PM
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting-Need to look at meeting minutes, will proof and have available by

Present - Celine, D'Oryen, Cordeilla, Marcus, Dinnie, Siobhan, Wulfgar, Linette, Annetje Van Woerden (Denise Wolff), Fabrisse, Hans, Widow Kaite, Libby, Orlaithe, Seraphina, Kalista, Conall

Absent - Gerhardt, Unna

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- Seneschal – Orlaithe -
Asked if site for Membership is active right now - Cordeilla reported that emails from servers went in the spam folder, since not from Corporate. That is fixed, but there are other growing pains issues. Thank you to Libby and her family in the Kitchen at the 12th night Membership expiration - over a month old, but - Unna Rose (today), Sean(end of January), Seraphina (today)
- Exchequer –Kalista – Bank balance is solvent. 12th Night report in old business
- Chronicler- Celine – nothing to report
- Arts & Sciences Minister – Seraphina - Nothing to report, would like anyone who is working on things to report info to her
Becky working on an Old World Poisons project.
Cordeilla did venetian double entry accounting - to teach to kids on a 'virtual shopping trip'
- Chatelaine –Linette – A couple new people at practices - commend marshals and participants in heavy and rapier in keeping engagement. Demos in June and July for Penn-Mar and Girl Scouts. Also trying to start activities for newcomers. Coordinate with Seraphina for A&S to keep them engaged. Isabel volunteered to teach 'Period Neckline by Hand' class
- Webminister– Cordeilla – Her term ends in May - seeking a replacement because she is also Webminister for ShireWars and for Kingdom Core Goods (site for warranting). She wants to be Kingdom

Deputy for design which is for Wordpress templates, etc. so needs to take something off plate. Shire Webminister does changes to website and emails

-Maisie is very swamped at her job, so more an emergency deputy as keyholder, not doing work.

-There are new society (9 pages) and Kingdom handbooks (6 pages). There is now a dedicated team for updates of handbooks.

-New handbook has updated disclaimer text and we are in compliance. New Kingdom Webminister is focusing on compliance and accessibility.

-Shire Wars Web Site got an honorable mention at the William Blackfox Awards!

- Herald – Donnchadh - Report turned in today. Received AKA for Siobhan, next item for Celine's badge. Heraldry 12th Night artwork that was for silent auction is almost complete
- Chamberlain – Cordeilla - Found a coffeepot in trailer that does not belong to the Shire. . Confirmation from Kat and Fabrisse that it is not Shire Chattels. Left it at Church, to whom it does belong. Orlaithe - Thorfina donated silverware items that the cooks need (ex. small spoons) after 12th Night.
Wulfgar - radios are in the Church's closet
- Knight's Marshal – Wulfgar - report filed and sent to Seneschal. He has been cleared by doctor to fight. Fighter practice is still well attended
- Minister of Lists – Conall - nothing to report
- Rapier Marshal – d'Oryen - Regular practice. Many new fencers. Report is on time. Jean-Pierre made it into the sweet 16 at Rapier champs
- Captain of Archers – Unna – nothing to report. Seneschal has question as to start of Archery for spring
- Thrown Weapons Marshal – Gerhardt - absent
- Youth Marshal – Widow Kait/Sean - report has been sent into the kingdom, will send copy to Seneschal. Libby was in armor for youth practice. One new fighter, 7 years old.
- Chancellor Minor- Widow Kait - not a lot of kids at practice. Lost Alex to lacrosse and Lan has graduated to Heavies. Looking over old youth program from corporate with Libby. So kids will fight for a while and then cool-down with another activity.

D'Oryen talked to Wentlyana - as soon as his paperwork goes in to corporate for background checks, she will warrant him. He and Kaite would prefer Rapier youth be 12 or older. We need a 2nd marshal not in the same household. Orlithe - requested reporting on next meeting for Youth Rapier, esp age.

OLD BUSINESS

- Shire Wars By-Laws Committee - Linette - last meeting canceled. Next meeting March 9th. Needs to write a reminder to members. Committee members have made progress on their text.

Shire Wars Follow-Up Linette - sent a message to Torvi, got a response via text, no new information. Orlithe will contact Seneschal of Montvale, Regional Seneschal and Regional Exchequer. Reimbursements -Cordeilla - trailer mileage, Celine - food, Widow Kaite - cancellation, Kalista indicated no disbursement for shire. Eisental would be the next on the round of Shire Wars. All others are unavailable

- Willow Valley Demo - next year. Linette - Does not see it happening in Spring or summer. Seraphina can get in touch with Gail and see what she wants to do.

- 12th Night - Conall, Widow Kait - Kalista - many who pre-registered on paypal did not want refunds. Came out positive in dollars. Attendance 61 was the total. Kalista will send Event Report for 12th Night - it is also in shared drives.

- Two-Way Radios - Cordeilla - they are in church office

- Possibility of going for Barony? - Meeting happened, Mael Eown talked to people. There were a lot of basic questions from new people. Linette - schedule meeting for basic info re: SCA

Cordeilla - can offer an online meeting

Conall - post info about baronies for folks to read

Hans - post links in FB and ask folks to share it around

Newcomers info needs updated - Unna is still listed as Chatelaine

Cordeilla - write the copy with the voice of the Shire, rather than a person

Newcomer's guide

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/NewcomersGuide2021.pdf>

Linette - is going to sponsor some newcomers activities, but will also encourage others. Will also work with Philippe when he returns from India on more effective ways to reach out.

Kaite - missing out on recruiting because they do not use Facebook - but use Instagram, twitter, deviantart, Pinterest

Cordeilla - website and email list have lower entries. Instagram is doable, Tik-Tok is a security risk. In order to share on Instagram, must have a release form for any pictures posted unless more than 3 people, there are new release forms out.

Conall - Wulfar has email to contact fighters and D'Oryen has fencer chat on FaceBook

Linette would like to set up a discord or other chat on recruitment. Asked Denise Wolff in brainstorming.

Wulfgar - could use others on platforms to direct to us

Orlaithe - would like to ask Maisie

Cordeilla - would like to make official email lists - easier to subscribe and unsubscribe

Also include Leo and Libby in recruitment

- Hanover Girl Scout Camp, week of July 10, Wednesday eve (7/12) or Friday (7/14). Could it be on Friday day? - Poll should go out later this week.
- Penn-Mar - Mary emailed Kaite - she asked if we had adequate space last year - all said that space was good for speaking, and good for teardown. Kaite will email that location was good and space is good.
- Possible new e-mail - Cordeilla

NEW BUSINESS

Storage issue - storage contacted Conall - original rate was \$60, then had to buy their insurance that went up to \$72 total - now up to \$84 for storage - this will not work out for long term.

Might be cheaper to buy a shed. Put discussion on next month's agenda.

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Refer to the Pikestaff/East Kingdom Website for event detail

Scheduling

*Outdoor Cooking Over Fire - On a Week-end - ? Siobahn - suggested adding in a firestarting and safety class before the cooking - there seems to be interest from many at meeting.

*Cook's Guild - ? Regular meetings? 1 or 2 x/mo, topics, when?

*Shire Gatherings - Wednesday evenings - Heavy, Rapier, A&S For A&S, would like to have topics/teaching 1 or 2 x/mo. What topics do people want addressed.

*Music interest? - yes 1x month.

*Fiber Day - ? Block or Stencil Printing? Other suggestions? - Spinning, wool washing,

*Siobahn - knot tying, mead make and take, sugarpaste rose make and take, Also afternoon hikes once a month. Also silk banner painting

*Conall - send items to Seraphina and she can look through them

*NewComers guide - Linette would like feedback from the newcomers in order to schedule. She may poll Marshals for who are newcomers looking to attend.

*Cordeilla will make polls and create QR codes and pass them out.

Reporting Schedule for Local Officers: A copy of all reports should be sent to Seneschal

- Seneschal: March 30, June 30, Sept 30, Dec 30.
- A&S: June 1, Dec. 1
- Exchequer: Jan. 30, April 30, July 30, Oct. 30
- Archery Marshal: April 1, Oct. 1

- Chatelaine: Jan. 15, April 15, July 15, Oct. 15
- MoL: March 1
- Knight Marshal: Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1
- Herald: March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1
- Thrown Weapons: April 1, Oct. 1
- Webminister: Jan. 15, April 15, July 15, Oct. 15.
- Chronicler: Dec. 15

Meeting Conclusion at 9:02 PM

- Next Meeting - March 28, 2023 at 7:00. Agenda items to Orlaithe by March 22, 2023