

## **Baronial Council Meeting Minutes June 24, 2019**

**Meeting opened at 7:03 pm**

### **Words from their Excellencies:**

### **Words from the Seneschal:**

Greetings, are there any new people with us tonight? Please make sure you sign in.

The following changes to our Baronial Council Meetings will be implemented beginning with the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

- Written reports will be due to the Seneschal, Chronicler, and Their Excellencies on the Friday before Council. This will be added to the Customary. Please see me for guidance.
- New Business must also be submitted to the Seneschal the Friday before Council. This will be added to the Customary. Please see me for guidance.
- Individual reports will be limited to five minutes each.

In the interest of keeping work and fun from interfering with each other, we will begin having a separate monthly social event to be known as the “Baronial Bevy.” Details to be worked out during “New Business.”

Their Excellencies and I will begin review and revision of the Customary and Ceremonial. We intend to draw on the experience and wisdom of a few Peers, and present the revisions to the Baronial Council later this summer.

### **Old Business**

- **Egil Skallagrimsson Memorial Tournament XLV:**

Yesult’s final event report (less financials) is attached and will be distributed with the Minutes.

- **Bear & Apple Tavern & Kingdom Heraldic Symposium Fall 2019:**

Event webpage is live. Insurance certificate has been ordered. Terra Pomaria is working on finding a class organizer and kitchen lead. His Highness Antoine and I are finding an available time to go tour the site and take pictures of the kitchen. I will be building a schedule before July Council, which I will not be able to attend (it is tech week for Free Shakespeare in the Park that I am in). Progress is going smoothly.

Once I have a schedule and such I will get it to Thorstein for the baronial webpage.

Apologies for not being able to attend June Council.

- **12<sup>th</sup> Night 2020:**

There is now a page on Adiantum's baronial website at <http://adiantum.antir.sca.org/twelfth-night-2020/> It includes a meeting room request form and information about how to get on a wait list for rooms at the event hotel. Soon to follow: a class proposal form. Baroness Ayla Roth will be managing classes.

Our Exchequer has made the third installment on our site payment to Valley River Inn.

This weekend Marian will solicit nearby hotels willing to give discounts for SCA folk staying for 12th Night. Info will then be posted on the website. Yseult is still in Virginia, probably through August.

Maestra Elsbeth Cameron, our Merchant Coordinator, has been liaising with merchants at various events and already has several signed up.

Various households and groups have already begun to contact us with plans for get-togethers and celebrations, and initial contact with Their Royal Highnesses has been made.

Soon to come - Crier copy and insurance application.

- **Financial Policy Update:** Hardcopy to be distributed.

### **New Business**

- **Baronial Bevy:** July 13<sup>th</sup>, need to discuss time and location.
- **Event Bids:** We are requesting complete, written bids for Egils XLVI be submitted in advance of the July Council Meeting. Complete, written bids for Midwinter's Feast and Birthday Bash are requested in advance of the August Council Meeting.
- **Officer Applications:**

We have several vacancies and others that are coming due for extension or replacement. Please be aware of your warrant status and don't wait until you are 6-9 months out to announce the need for a replacement. If you are interested in Youth Combat or Family Activities, there is a background check requirement. Please announce your intent for either of these early so we can get that process started.

- Joanna Trupenny volunteered and confirmed by vote to complete the current term as Chatelaine, and is willing to serve the next term should no others desire the opportunity.
- William Christopher volunteered and confirmed by vote to serve as Thrown Weapons Marshal.

(Open/Vacant Offices: *Rapier Marshal, Cut & Thrust Marshal, Youth Combat Marshal, and Family Activities Coordinator*).

### **Officer Reports**

- **Arts & Sciences – Alan Bowyer:** Nothing to report.

- **Chamberlain – Thorholfr “Kirby” Egilson:** Nothing to report.

- **Chatelaine – Joanna Trupenny:**

Nothing to report

- **Social Media Officer – Nai Martyn:**

Nothing to report

- **Chronicler – William Jakes:**

Nothing to report

- **Exchequer – Margaret Alexander:**

Beginning balance: \$19403.20

Ending balance: \$33027.49

Increase of: \$13624.29

Outstanding at end of May:

Paying OPRD 3031.50

Paying funds out for miscellaneous Egils expenses, including site tokens.

Checks not yet cleared totaling \$2775.46

Current Balance as of 6/21/19:

\$30804.03

I went into the Gateway branch on 6/21/19 to straighten out online access to the accounts. After some back and forth, the process seems to be underway, but in the meantime, I only have access to balance and transaction by going into a bank. Antonia's access ceased to work for me.

- **Herald – Lucius von Bamberg:**

Nothing to report

- **Gold Key – Alys Meghan Cattwyn:**

- **Lists – Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle:**

Nothing to report

- **Marshal – Godwyn Reynard:** Nothing to report.

- **Archery Marshal – Iurii Levchenich:**

Well, Egils is over, and everybody survived, YAY!! There were no reports of injuries of any kind, there were no problems or 'attitudes' to deal with, and no equipment was damaged that requires replacement.

From the feedback I've received and from what I observed during the event, everything went pretty smoothly and my first time as Adiantum's Archery Officer/Marshal hosting the range was successful, due mainly to the wonderful support and help I received.

Everybody else did the hard work and had the good ideas and suggestions, for which I am eternally grateful. Without them, I'd STILL be trying to plan and organize the details!

We will be inspecting ALL loaner bows and arrows soon to identify anything that needs repair, I intend to label all of the bows with their draw weight/poundage to make things easier for everyone.

All of the Tournaments were completed before or after (on Sunday) the cold, torrential rains that happened Saturday afternoon and through the night.

We have re-set the range up at Coburg, and practices will be on Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm, unless there is inclement weather or there is a schedule conflict.

Any changes to Archery practices will be announced.

- **Thrown Weapons Marshal – William Christopher:**

Nothing to report

- **Scribe – Antonia Crivelli:**

We had scribal nights the second Tuesday of the month in both May and June – I was able to supply both our outgoing and incoming Excellencies with the charters they requested for Egils, and had a scribal table in the A&S area in Egils where people could work on charters, teach classes and write in information. Rand of Glen Gairn was there to do calligraphy.

I discussed some possible ongoing projects with Evan – he would like some sort of charter master for Baronial champions but this is pending approval from higher up. We discussed producing a Baronial “altarpiece” with panels featuring our Barony and a frame that could be assembled on site. This is very much in the planning stage. If there is support from the Barony for the idea, I can coordinate and do the bulk of the painting. The cost for materials should be within the scribal budget.

I am willing to continue being your Baronial scribe – if someone else wants the job, I’m happy to step aside. In the meantime, anyone doing projects of a scribal nature, or contemplating such a project for the Barony, please let me know so we do not duplicate effort.

There seems to be interest in a paint making workshop, for TP and Cour de Val as well as Adiantum. I would be happy to coordinate such an effort.

- **Seneschal – Murchadh Monaidh Chraoibhe:**

Moot report submitted and Moot attended. Baronial transition completed at Egils. Adiantum was well represented at Investiture and Fealty was sworn to their Alpine Highnesses Tati invented a new game, and there were no casualties to report.

- **Thingmakers & Regalia – Yeshult of Broceliande:**

. Nothing to report.

**Baronial Projects List (status/updates?):**

1. The new 16x16' Panther needs its pole sleeves replaced - ?
2. Cut the center poles of the officer pavilions in half, make new sleeves, repaint - ?
3. Kneeler and/or wooden benches for court – wooden frame for those who need assistance getting up and down - ?
4. Rebuilt 10'x12' gate pavilion - need someone to make a ripstop nylon cover for it, maybe even figure out how to fly out one side wall for extra area for filling for parking passes, misc. info, etc.
5. Backdrop for thrown weapons - ?
6. Make roll-up canvas storage for pavilion stakes. Maybe get square buckets for rope/stake storage - ?
7. Table top Gate Box/Lectern – Combination gate box and elevated writing surface for ease of signing in to events - Lady Katherine Fox provided an excellent example at Egils. Some modifications requested and price to be negotiated with Financial Committee. Final report for this item.

- **Webminister – Skjaldar—Þorsteinn Thunderhand:**

**Additional Business:**

**Meeting closed at 8:53 pm**

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## **Final Report for Egil's Tourney 45, May 24-7, 2019**

I have posted the notes from the debrief in the Files section of the Baronial Facebook page. If anyone who does not do Facebook would like a copy, please let me know and I'll email you a copy. A print copy will go into the Adiantum Library files of reports on past events.

The debrief notes do not include the financial information as Margaret needs more time to put that together – it is a complicated and messy business, especially for a new Exchequer! Heartfelt thanks to her for tackling it.

I cannot adequately express how profoundly disappointed I am that I was unable to attend Egil's Tourney this year. Last summer when I made the event proposal, my personal goal was to make this the year that we got Three Pillars just right. It's a very complicated set of competitions to organize, publicize, and run on site. This year it involved prizes for 17 different competitions plus the three Pillar prizes and the overall prize – 21 prizes in all. I am extremely grateful to Margaret and Louisa for volunteering to take over the on-site running of it. I know that I was unable to give them as much information as they needed. If I had had any idea of how difficult taking care of my sister would become, I would have stepped aside as autocrat sooner. But what's done is done, and we can only apply hindsight and try to learn from our mistakes.

Last year and this I tried to organize Egil's Tourney so that each area was essentially autonomous – the area heads managed their activities (Archery, TW, A&S, 3 Pillars, List Fields, Merchants, Gate, Parking, Worker Snacks & Water, Town Cry, Court, Pies Bardic, Norse Stickball, YAFA, Norse Trade Blanket, etc.). The autocrat's role is then to coordinate the schedules and make sure that infrastructure (water, biffies, garbage, tables, permits, insurance, Parks liaison) and on-site support (someone to troubleshoot and deal with problems and communication) were available throughout the event. This model assumes that the event steward is available throughout the event, roaming around, checking in with the various areas to make sure that they have what they need and get it for them if it's missing. The steward position is, in my view, a pro-active one, not a reactive one. I believe that events run most smoothly when someone (or a team of someones) can stay on top of what's happening and anticipate needs and problems before they occur rather than waiting for something to happen and only then solving the problem.

Planning for Egils, or any event of this size, is a year round task. We need to see what needs repair, replacement, and purchasing NOW. For example, we can paint tent poles or lay out and repair pavilions this summer while the weather is good. We need to decide how we want to replace the leaking gate pavilion and then DO IT. Are we going to make a rip-stop cover for the frame that Thorholfr donated or buy something? Should we acquire another non-leaky pavilion for the A&S area? Small but enjoyable tasks like making customized paperweights and clipboards for lists, heralds, A&S, etc. can happen at an A&S or Thingmaker's Night. The gate boxes can be sorted, organized and re-stocked so that they're ready for Bear & Apple next fall. Working on projects of this sort is a good way for people in the Barony to work together, integrate newcomers, and get to know each other. Emma Haldane has already started putting together information for next year's Egil's Tourney, documenting how much time

it takes to accomplish various tasks, so that we can spread the work out over enough time to avoid stressing people out at the last minute.

Addressing the size of Egil's Tourney, we did not get the expected 1000 to 1200 people this year. Last figure I heard for gate was 836, slightly larger than the 776 we had 2 years ago when we were still competing with Grand Thing but less than the 1016 we had last year. I suspect that bad weather had something to do with that, but we should expect that, without competition in the south end of the kingdom for Memorial Day Weekend, we will grow a bit to the 1000-1200 range. I think we still need to look at camping areas, reservations, and infrastructure with that possibility in mind. In future it would help us to organize the gate sheets so that we can break out the numbers as was done in 2016. Knowing when people are arriving helps us to plan when and how to staff gate. Knowing how many children and youth attend helps us to plan suitable activities for them as well as anticipate how to integrate younger folk into general activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Barony. I only wish I had been able to do so as planned.

Yseult of Broceliande, OP, OL, Baroness

### Egil's Tourney Gate Summaries, 2016-2019

#### Egil's Tourney 2016, Gate Summary

	Comps	Child	Youth	Adults	Pets	Day	\$\$
Thursday	12	13	9	44	0	0	815
Friday	10	45	62	408	50	0	9839
Saturday	4	11	16	127	9	81	2241
Sunday	0	0	1	11	0	9	205
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$13,100</b>

Total 747 people through gate

<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> 66 on Thursday (not all camped - probably around 35 camped)

515 on Friday<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

154 on Saturday<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

12 on Sunday

**2017**

We had 776 people sign in through gate (621 adults, 68 youth, 87 children). This is substantially more young people than past years. 66% were non-members, 34% members, which is consistent over the past decade.

**2018**

1016 people signed in at gate.

**2019**

836 people (gate + pre-registration)