

# Baronial Council Meeting Minutes November 25, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm

## Words from their Excellencies:

Trying to make it easier to submit reports with a new e-mail address that distributes reports to Seneschal, Baron, Baroness, and Chronicler with one address.

Sergeantry trials: working on them. Should have complete program by Midwinter's.

## Words from the Seneschal:

Remember to sign in if you haven't done so. Tonight is the Financial Policy review and 2020 Budget Meeting, so please make your reports brief and limit discussion.

Next meeting: **MONDAY DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

## Old Business

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

Event Steward is endeavoring to complete the other requested report and hope to have it done before Council. Seneschal, Exchequer, and Their Excellencies met last week to discuss the way forward with Terra Pomeria regarding the event deficit.

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

Event Name: 12th Night 2020

Event Date: Jan 10-12, 2020

Event Co-Steward: Yseult of Broceliande / Pam Perryman pam@bobwhitman.com 541-344-0896

Event Co-Steward: Marian Staarveld / Marian Harris mch@efn.org 541-689-6382

Event Site: Valley River Inn, Eugene, OR

Site Contact Name & Phone: Tracee Gueney Johnson, 541-525-5543

Insurance ordered date: SCA Inc refuses to accept our application until after Thanksgiving. By then they should have the new 2020 policy.

Crier Copy: received by the Crier 9/7/19, copy appeared in Nov. and Dec. Crier

Event MIC: N/A

Equestrian MIC: N/A

Biffies: N/A

Trash: N/A

Any budget issues: No. Learning that the Crown and the Heirs had line items in their budgets for their rooms at 12th Night means that we can comp the Prince and Princess or both The Summits and Tir Righ,

Any Kingdom Officer/Champion or other contact issues: No problems. Gera Gangolfin has been helping with contacting the various officers and champions so that we know who is actually attending the event and needs a room. In future, it would be a big help to 12th Night autocrats to have an up-to-date list of the modern and SCA names of the officers and champions, and some way of contacting them. Given the early Crier deadlines, the Crier listing, as well as the web listings are

often inaccurate, and neither includes modern names. Perhaps the new Office 360 email addresses for the officers will help with this, but it can be a time consuming mess to try to figure out who is the actual champion/officer.

Any resolved challenges: 1) The 12thnight2020@antir.org email address was finally assigned to me on Nov. 13 and I spent the entire day dealing with the backlog of messages from merchants and people wanting to be on the waiting list for a room at Valley River Inn (VRI). The result was that we are crowding more merchants than we had wanted to into the Merchants' Hall because we wanted to accommodate everyone who had tried to contact us before the Nov. 1 deadline for application. I think we only have one disgruntled merchant, but we have no evidence that she tried to contact either the Merchant Coordinator or the 12thnight email address prior to Nov. 4, 2019. Most of the merchants who are vending at 12th Night have responded about the hotel rooms that we had set aside for them.

The waiting list is now set up in the order of the original email requests, and everyone on it has been contacted about the wait list process. The hotel had requested that I handle all wait list and room re-assignments and then give them a finished list of the changes in early December. I am now set up to do this as well as to broker room swaps between people who want to transfer their registration to someone else. We have to be careful with this because the hotel said that anyone who cancelled a room through them would cause that room to drop out of our discounted room block.

2) My Sales Rep. and my two contacts at VRI had all told me in October that the hotel was planning to close the bar and restaurant right after New Years and that they would not be available for our event. However, we have a clause in our contract with them that specifically states that we have the use of Sweetwater's restaurant and lounge. I had pointed that out to them in a very direct email dated 26 October, and the Sales Rep. finally got back to me today to say that the hotel has postponed the restaurant closure to the end of January. We will be able to proceed with our plans for the Friday and Saturday night medieval buffets, the buffet peasant lunch on Saturday, the bar party we had planned for Saturday night. I am also hoping that we can repeat what we did in 2015, which is to bring a local microbrewer in to hang out in the bar with people who would enjoy talking with him about brewing beer with flavorings other than hops – a medieval practice.

Any other current challenges/tasks: Current challenges/tasks are

- 1) Getting done everything mentioned above that got put off due to the uncertainty surrounding the hotel bar/restaurant.
- 2) Maintaining and finalizing the wait list and the allocation of rooms to the Crown, Heirs, retinues, officers, champions
- 3) Finalizing the schedule now that we know the wishes of the Crown regarding the lengths of the Courts
- 4) Allocating rooms for the many meetings and classes
- 5) Finishing up items for the decorations, mainly faux stained glass overlays to replace the ones that we gifted to Avacal when they became a kingdom. (This one is fun!)
- 6) Setting up Paypal to use at Gate

The above tasks (with perhaps the exception of #1) are what we would expect to be doing at this point in the event preparation. Things are going along well. I could not have said that at the beginning of this week!!

I (Yseult) would like to personally thank and commend Gera Gangolfin for her kind and steady encouragement and help throughout the past 10 months. Being in Virginia taking care of my sister through her cancer treatments was harrowing, and Gera was very supportive and helpful. Now that I'm back in Oregon she has continued to help by facilitating the transfer of the event email address and tracking down the various officers who had not reserved rooms at the event hotel. Without her this whole process would have been extremely difficult, awkward, and time consuming.

- **Mid-winter's Feast:**

Have determined that the prizes for the Pot Luck will be velveteen mittens.

A pair for the most period crowd favorite, a pair for the overall crowd favorite.

Nai has agree to make a "Meat Soup" and a "Not Meat Soup" which will be paid for by the event.

Will be checking in with the Grange before the end of December to confirm that everything is still good to go.

- **Birthday Bash & Sergeantry Trials:**

Location is looking like the Crabtree farm, working on securing that.

Prizes are in the works for newcomer raffle.

Staff being acquired.

Their Excellencies have met with the Sergeantry regarding the trials. More to come.

- **Egils Skallagrimmson Memorial Tournament XLVI:**

Egils is plotting along. We had to postpone the November meeting due to illness. We have event invites in the works so we can hand out some at 11th and 12th night.

The event team will be having its next meeting soon. We will be contacting those we need at the meeting.

- **Event Bids: Fall Coronet (September 18-20, 2020) Deadline: December Council**

- **Financial Policy Revision and 2020 Budget:**

Exchequer submitted that the Financial Policy had recently been updated for PayPal, and the motion was made and approved to accept the policy as is for 2020. Further, the populace was notified that there were changes made at higher levels of the SCA that we would need to incorporate soon, but could wait for a later meeting. After brief discussion of changes to be made from the 2019 budget, motion was made to accept the 2020 budget (to be published in its final form in December).

Budget for Year 2019					
Budget Summary	Budget at Beginning of year	Budget current as of 11/22/2019			Budget Remaining
		Increases in Budget During Year	Budget Spent		
Officers of State, Officers of Court and Line Items	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 716.00	\$ (947.01)		\$ 1,778.99

Officers of Court		350.00	-	-	\$ 350.00
Line Items		3,363.00	-	(2,690.00)	\$ 673.00
<b>Budget 2019</b>		<b>\$ 5,723.00</b>	<b>\$ 716.00</b>	<b>\$ (3,637.01)</b>	<b>\$ 2,801.99</b>
<b>Offices of State</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Budget at Beginning of year</b>	<b>Increases in Budget During Year</b>	<b>Budget Spent</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>
Arts & Sciences	Alan Bowyer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	-	\$ 50.00
Chamberlain	Thorholf Egilsson	100.00	-	(114.45)	214.45
Chatelaine	Johanna Trewpenny	100.00	-	(14.80)	114.80
Chronicler	William Jakes	-	-	-	-
Exchequer	Margaret Alexander	160.00	-	(40.00)	200.00
Family Activities Coordinator	VACANT	50.00	-	-	50.00
Goldkey	Alys Meghan Cattwyn	50.00	-	(6.99)	56.99
Herald	Lucius von Bamberg	50.00	-	-	50.00
Lists	Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle	25.00	-	-	25.00
Marshal - Archery	Iurii Levchenich	500.00	-	(550.23)	1,050.23
Marshal - Armored Combat	Godwyn Reynard	100.00	-	-	100.00
Marshal - Cut & Thrust	Godwyn Reynard	100.00	-	-	100.00
Marshal - Rapier	William Jakes	200.00	-	-	200.00
Marshal - Thrown Weapons	William Christofore	200.00	-	(68.83)	268.83
Marshal - Youth Armored Combat	VACANT	-	-	-	-
Scribe	Thorholf Egilsson	75.00	-	(151.71)	226.71
Seneschal	Murchadh Monaidh Chroaibhe	50.00	-	-	50.00
Thingmakers	Yseult of Broceliande	200.00	-	-	200.00
Webminister	Skjaldar-Porsteinn Thunderhand	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,010.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (947.01)</b>	<b>\$ 2,957.01</b>

Officers of Court	Officer	Budget at Beginning of year	Increases in Budget During Year	Budget Spent	Budget Remaining
Baron & Baroness	Ayla Roth & Evan Dunbar	\$ 150.00	\$ -	-	\$ 150.00
Regalia Budget		200.00	-	-	200.00
<b>Total</b>		\$ 350.00	\$ -	-	\$ 350.00
Recurring Expenses	Rate	Budget at Beginning of year	Increases in Budget During Year	Budget Spent	Budget Remaining
Storage Unit	12 Months @ \$180.00/Month	\$ 2,160.00	\$ -	(1,815.00)	\$ 3,975.00
Post Office Box	1 Year @ \$153.00	153.00	-	(154.00)	307.00
Trailer Registration	2 Years @ \$116.00			(116.00)	(116.00)
Archery Range Biffie	Up to 7 Months @ ~ \$150/Month	1,050.00	-	(605.00)	1,655.00
<b>Total</b>		\$ <b>3,363.00</b>	\$ -	\$ <b>(2,690.00)</b>	\$ <b>6,053.00</b>

Not reflected on the above form are the following:

Purchase of pavilion for \$1600

Donations & Gold Key of \$368

And of course all the event information, which is reported separately. All will be reflected in the Doomsday (EOY) Report that will be turned in after the New Year.

## New Business

- Officer Applications:**

New Chronicler: Aine Oshehy.

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.

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

## Officer Reports

- Arts & Sciences – Alan Bowyer:**

We had two Arts and Science nights in November – on the 5th and the 19th of the month.

Both events were at Bonnie's house, and we had a small turnout. People brought fabric, and we worked on making medieval hoods. Even I got into the act, sewing with a machine and fighting my fear of needles. Aiiiiiee!

The big news is in the Thingmakers department. We have over 1000 belt favors painted, stamped, ironed, sewed and ready to go.

I would like to recommend an award of some sort for Bonnie Williams. Not to say she worked alone on this, but she put in as many hours on this project as the rest of us. I will have to research what recognition would be appropriate.

Our last Arts & Science night for 2019 will be December 3 (December 17 will be too close to the holidays, and be busy for most of us). It will be a festive, but dry, potluck. I will be roasting chestnuts over an open fire. For those of you who have never had fresh-roasted chestnuts, come try some out.

Future plans for Arts and Science: after the 12th night crush is over, I hope to have classes. Suggested topics include “How to Write Arts and Science Papers” and “Brewing 101.”

- **Chamberlain – Thorholfr Egilsson:**

- Eric ropes, and Bear Dot wall hangings are being modified via Amy Carpenter (Alys).
- Missing lock box was located in Egils Lost and found.
- Large metal lock box was repaired and is available for use, Thank you Ceera Brandt!
- A couple of totes have been purchased for organizing canvas.
- With Yseult home and settled, her gear is now in her possession and no longer stored by the Barony.
- No progress on Shelves.

- **Chatelaine – Johanna Trewpeny:**

My back injury has flared up and I won't be able to attend. Nothing new to report. If there are specific budget questions please call. I've sent Margaret the budget from last year, and would like to add \$30 for business cards.

- **Chronicler – William Jakes:**

Due to upcoming medical procedures and the associated recovery time, I would like to find someone to take over the office of Chronicler. Please contact their Excellencies and the Seneschal if you are interested. Thank you.

Aine Oshehy has been voted in as the new Chronicler. William and Aine will make the transition over the next few weeks.

- **Exchequer – Margaret Alexander:**

Current balance as of 11/22/19: \$16,476.79

Ending balance, 10/31/19 statement: \$13,400.66

There is a new form to use for Quarterly/Cumulative Reports which I will need to use for our last report of 2019.

I met with the Financial Committee last week to discuss B&A and the budget for 2020.

- **Gold Key – Alys Meghan Cattwyn:**

Only thing to report for Gold Key is that Alan is buying a couple of the Egil's site-token towels. He'll pay directly at Council, though, and I probably won't be there as I have too much to do before my departure for LosCon.

- **Herald – Lucius von Bamberg:**

Nothing new to report from the office of the herald.

Looking forward to Egils, I'm hoping to do a field heraldry 101 type class, with participants helping with the tourneys. Would there be interest in that? If so, please let me know!

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

There is nothing to report for this month.

Next month I will be attending 11th Night but do not anticipate being needed for Lists. I will be primary herald for Their Majesties

- **Marshal – Godwyn Reynard:**

So far this month we have held two fighter practices; one week was canceled due to lack of interest/availability. We had between 4 and 6 fighters per practice. I expect the level of participation to be, on average, low over the next several months due to the cold weather.

Her excellency Adiantum has a War practice for Saturday January 18th at our Seneschal's house in Dexter. This is the week after 12th Night.

- **Archery Marshal – Iurii Levchenich:**

Greetings to Their Excellencies, the Officers, and the Populace of Adiantum!

We have had reduced activity this month, with attendance at practices varying from as few as 3, but as many as 6, with enthusiastic participants no matter how many or how few are there.

We did not have a practice last week because of several factors, though we will have practices the rest of the month.

There will be an Archery practice this Wednesday, the time will be from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at BowTech, 90554 Highway 99, Eugene, OR 97402.

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

We have moved practice indoors. Events were created for November and December, first and third Thursdays, and one Sunday each month. Space is tight but the range works. See image in the event. Thinking about Egils....

- **Scribe – Thorholf Egilsson:**

We had Scribal night with 4 participants. Baronial charters are being painted and calligraphy applied to the Silver Fern and Fellowship of the Bears.

The next Scribal Night will be Monday, Dec 9th at the Fern Ridge Library.

- **Seneschal – Murchadh Monaidh Chraoibhe:**

Timely receipt of reports is improving. My next task is Moot Reports for 11<sup>th</sup> Night and then working on cleaning up the administrative files.

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

Our Current SMO platform is Facebook alone.

In the Last 28 days...

- 21 New Page likes
- Our Page posts reached 2421 People, that is up 669% from last month.
- 487 People engaged with our page, up 392%
- 50 potential applicants viewed the last job I posted (Youth Activities Coordinator)

There continues to be a struggle with regular listing for our branch A&S. It has been moving around a bit as of late, and the communication regarding event creation is inconsistent. Often this activity is discussed in the discussion only.

I will no longer be using recurring events for any Baronial activities. Fighter Practice postings are not engaging our fighter community in a real way, and cannot be individually commented on or promoted, cancelled.

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

Website works. In the interest of congruence, please make sure the kingdom calendar event page is updated when sending event updates for the website as the kingdom site needs to have actual info on it rather than just a link to our page.

**Additional Business:**

**Meeting closed at 7:50 pm**