**Baronial Council (virtual) Meeting Minutes March 23, 2020**

**Meeting opened at 7­:01 pm**

**Words from their Excellencies:**

\*\*\*Ayla – We have cancelled the events for this year since we are financially able to afford it and won’t take up room on the calendar either. They understand the emotionality of it and how it’s hard. She’s seeing movie watching nights, games, online meetings, etc and is appreciating seeing it all. She recommends poking people online and people are there to lend an ear, a virtual shoulder and there being ways to connect even if not in person.

\*\*\*Evan – Quick update, thought he might have super bug and has been in the basement. Mild bug no real change for 4-5 days.

**Words from the Seneschal:**

 The Financial Committee met briefly (virtually) on March 18th to approve the reorder of checks by our Exchequer. While the expenditure is covered under the Financial Policy, Approval is required and notification must be given to Kingdom for acquiring financial instruments. This was approved and the Kingdom Exchequer notified of the decision.

For the purpose of this meeting, Event and Officer reports will not be read out, but included in the Minutes only. Please keep your microphones muted and cameras off to the maximum extent possible for bandwidth, and if you have something to say, text in MS Teams and wait to be called upon. Thank you.

* **12th Night 2020**:

12th Night Coronation A.S. LIV (January 10-12, 2020) was held at the Valley River Inn in the

Barony of Adiantum (Eugene, OR). We hosted the final court of Their Majesties Morgan Claymore

and Livia Alexandra Severa and the Coronation of Their Heirs, Crown Prince Christian Bane and

Crown Princess Hélène d’Anjou.

\*\*\*Murcadh since missed deadline for turning in paperwork filing reports with Kingdom, so the

profit will be different and updated as soon as they know. There definitely was profit made though,

the numbers just change.

**Finances**

586 checked in through gate for the event. This was a little lower than the last 12th Night we

hosted, but the Kingdom is smaller now, and the rapier tournament is no longer held at this event.

**Costs:\***

Rental for Valley River Inn $5,000.00

SCA Insurance $50.00

Rooms for Princes of Summits & Tir Righ\* $ 105.74

Total costs $5,155.74

**Income:**

Merchant fees & pre-reg $ 1,180.00

Site fees

Paypal net (less PayPal fees of $169.38, and -$25 refund) $ 6,005.62

Cash (gate fees + $95 in donations) $ 7,540.00

less NMS - $430

Total gate income $13,455.62

**Total Income** $14,635.62 - $430 NMS = **$14,205.62**

**Income minus Costs = Net profit of $9,049.88**

**60% to Kingdom = $5,429.93**

**40% to Adiantum = $3,619.95**

* **Mid-winter’s Feast**:

Final report: 83 attendees, profit/loss $0.00. Seamus McMurrough won both the Rapier and C&T championships.

* **Birthday Bash & Sergeantry Trials**: **CANCELLED**

Bash was canceled, there were no fees associated with the even and no services that needed to be canceled.

* **Egils Skallagrimmson Memorial Tournament XLVI: CANCELLED**

Only the PayPal fees will not be recovered for 2020. Expenditures that can go toward next year will be accounted for in the final event report for Egils 2021.- Tessina wanted to thank everyone for their support. Donating prizes – give them to Tessina next year if you can, if not they’ll try to take them more. – Thorolf said he can get things to storage unit if need be.

* **Fall Coronet:**

Nothing much new has been done for September Coronet. At this point I am going to assume that the event will not be cancelled. Just in case something comes up in the next month or two that makes that look unlikely, I have not submitted the insurance paperwork/payment yet. If the event does have to be cancelled, the barony will not be out any money. If by May everything is clearing up, I can send the insurance stuff in with plenty of time to spare.

* **Event Bids: CANCELLED** **for 2020**

**New Business**

* **Shrewsbury Ren Faire Demo:**

Paperwork will be going in next month (turns out the deadline is 30 April, not end of March!). As in the past, this will be mainly the request for space; I won’t need to have a complete “gate list” of attendees until around July.

Anyone interested in the Demo planning, and in participating, please check out our FaceBook group here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/309430712832293/

In accordance with the preferences expressed by Council last month, I am planning to use many fewer Adiantum pavilions this year, so we aren’t risking them being wet/muddy right before hosting Summits Coronet Tourney the week after Faire. I’ve discussed it with my Demo Group helpers, several of whom (thanks, HoneyBadgers, Alan, Ailantha, et al.!) will bring their pavilions, and Anja has found more Fabric Wall material.

After consultation with Thorolfr, I believe we can manage just using two of the Adiantum 10’x10’ pavilions, and none of the larger ones. The 10’x10’ ones, since the walls are all detachable, are quite versatile, take fewer people to set up and take down, and are also the easiest to clean and dry off.

In addition to those two pavilions, I’d want to borrow the usual:

An extra set of perimeter poles, stakes, & ropes (useful for setting up the 10x10s walls as awnings, as well as for the “fabric wall” set-up).

The Eric ropes/flags and stakes (as we found last year, those are things I can launder and dry at home if needed).

At least one display case.

Some banners/hangings & tablecloths (also things I can clean & dry myself).

Maybe a folding table?

One of the other Faire “martial” guild leaders (who’s played with our rapier fighters in the past) has expressed interest in having some of our SCA archers play with them; their group has an archery range at Faire every year. Participating archers would need to be using period bows.

Apologies in advance if I’m not able to get the streaming meeting thing to work!

\*\*\*There were questions about keeping the event demo going forward. Most of the concerns are about the tents and things borrowed coming back dirty and needing cleaning right before September Coronet. There was a motion passed to keep this demo going forward.

\*\*\*Ayla - We do need to have official event bid and paperwork for the next time and event wrap up to be in compliance

* **Officer Applications:**

We have several vacancies and others that are coming due for extension or replacement.

Warrant status for active offices are listed on the Meeting Agenda.

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: *Archery Marshal*, *Rapier Marshal, Cut & Thrust Marshal, Youth Combat Marshal, and Family Activities Coordinator*).

\*\*\*Evan- make sure to get deputies it is the officer’s responsibility.

\*\*\*Thorolfr - Maybe reach out to Rowland for Archery officer.

\*\*\*Murcadh - that anyone eligible will be considered as long as they have their memberships and everything needed to hold the office.

**Officer Reports (will not be read out, included in the Minutes only)**

* **Arts & Sciences – Alan Bowyer:**

Due to outbreak of COVID-19, all events were canceled.

God save the queen!

* **Chamberlain – Thorholfr Egilsson:**

With the recent cancelations of this year's baronial events, there is not much to report at this time. This will give us a good opportunity to schedule some maintenance and cleaning.

RE: Shrewsbury, we have one Panther Marquee and the two Dark Blue Valance 10 x 10s, along with Gold Key set aside. Eric Stakes and ropes can also be provided.

* **Chatelaine – Johanna Trewpeny:**

Chatelaine’s activity has been online and making buttons. There has been one new survey response—another Caidian has arrived amongst us! Looking forward to future opportunities. Take care, and God bless you all.

No Gold Key at any events this month... but I did get to Kingdom A&S (the last event before their Majesties’ Plague Quarantine Declaration) and sold some things for the Barony there! I will be mailing two checks to our Exchequer tomorrow, as soon as I confirm that I have the correct address (one check from my account for the monies received at Kingdom A&S minus $20, and the $20 check — from 12th Night — which I found last month AFTER having written & turned in a check for the total 12th Night baronial income, including the amount of that $20 check).

Adiantum sales @ Kingdom A&S: $80

* **Chronicler – Aine Oshehy:**

Last month posted notes. Also talked to Murchadh about the next BiCranial Bear and he came up with a theme for the next one dealing with plague and the situation we are currently in and wanted to run with it, after Aprils edition I will be working with Murchadh to come up with the next issue.

* **Exchequer – Margaret Alexander:**

February ending balance: $28,423.00

March current balance (March 23, 2020): $27,093.00

I need formal approval of the Financial Committee, for the minutes, that we are requesting approval to re-order checks. I will then go in to the bank and place that order.

I have 5 checks left, so I am not processing refunds for Egils yet.

We have requested a variance to allow refunds for PayPal to be refunded via PayPal, and are waiting for a response.

Please ask folks who are requesting refunds to be patient, and to let us know if they are experiencing particular financial hardship that might inform our workflow. I do want to try to be sensitive to that.

If you do receive information that individuals would rather donate their pre-paid registrations to defray already incurred costs, please get that information to me as soon as possible. I saw one such request this morning.

Regarding 12th Night, I was not aware of a deadline for sending Kingdom share to Kingdom, and I missed the deadline. Kingdom has acknowledged that the information about that is not in usual Exchequer documentation, and that they will fix that in the future, but it remains that at this point we will have to send 90% of 12th Night income to Kingdom, instead of the 75% we should have been able to keep. My first impulse is to reimburse the Barony for the shortfall, but I'm also disheartened that the information wasn't shared or easily available to me that there was a deadline and that the penalties were so steep, and that they acknowledge that but still ask for the 90%.

Doomsday report (full annual financial report) for 2019 is now complete, with considerable help from Kingdom and Summits Exchequers, and submitted, but I am transcribing the information for the 4th time to another form, since it has continued to be unclear which form they want us to use.

The last 3 months have been challenging for me, professionally, and that has not been beneficial to my Baronial Exchequer work. I am hopeful that coming months will go more smoothly, not least because our events and gatherings are cancelled. Small bright spot in our sad isolation.

\*\*\* Margaret- refunds will be processed for Egils when checks can be gotten. We’re waiting variance about getting paypal payments back through paypal instead of issuing all refunds in checks.

* **Herald – Lucius von Bamburg:**

No new business to report from the herald, nothing needed for the office. Just looking forward to getting back to eventing once it's safe to do so!

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

In March I attended no events. I have some reimbursements for printing and a brand new Lists box. The new box is a lot sturdier. As the old box was cracked in four places and not watertight, I disposed of it.

My term is up in October 2020. I will not be seeking an extension, but the office is not necessary for the Barony to exist. It is really fun and pretty low maintenance though, if anyone is interested in learning how to do it. We are blessed in Adiantum with a former Principality Lists officer, Acacia, and myself who are capable of training, as well as longtime Baronial Lists Officer Pumpkin.

* **Marshal – Godwyn Reynard:**

This month's report is brought to you by the word "PLAGUE!". We had one practice this month before the kingdom canceled all events and activities. There will be no practices in April at all.

I hope to continue to support the armored combat community through this time by posting links to solo exercise/training videos on Wednesdays. If anybody has links to videos that they found particularly helpful and/or interesting, I would appreciate it they would share the links with me.- support fighters through barony with no fighting practice but wants to post videos so people can practice on their own. Please let him know if you know of videos or are willing to make the one to post to support at 7pm on Wednesday nights when fighter practice usually happens.

* **Archery (Deputy) Marshal - Thorholfr Egilsson:**

The Archery Officer Position is open and needing to be filled. I have not been focused on recruiting however it is in my sights for the future. I do have a candidate or two in mind.

We have not held any practices this March due to the Corvid-19 situation. We are planning on having the range set up once the gathering ban is lifted and we are free to resume our regularly scheduled programs.

I thank everyone for their perseverance and understanding. –

\*\*\*William Cristofore- Could go back to archery mid may, and get it set up in Mid April to get it figured out.

\*\*\*Thorholf -Waiting for formal ok to have archery range set up due to the Covid virus and as long as they get the ok from Corpora and Kingdom they don’t want to move forward yet.

\*\*\*Evan- we do have to adhere to the Kingdom saying no events until we are given the go-ahead, it’s best not to have the range set up yet.

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

Practice was held. The range was reset so the throwing line for spear and knife/axe is the same.

Future practices cancelled.

* **Scribe – Thorholf Egilsson:**

The cancelation of our Baronial events for the 2020 year means that we will be unable to deliver baronial awards to those very deserving individuals, however, this grants us an opportunity to prepare for the 2021 eventing year. We will not be hosting any Scribal gatherings until further notice but will continue to promote scribal arts digitally and distributing charters and scrolls to be painted for the upcoming year.

We have some special projects that are still in the works and will continue making progress.

* **Seneschal – Murchadh Monaidh Chraoibhe:**

Reporting has slipped from last month. Please get your Office and Event reports in to adiantum.reports@antir.org by the Friday before Baronial Council. Thank you.

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

Page Views: 217 (=1%)

Page Likes: 35 (+169%)

Post Reach: 2,670 (+56%)

Post Engagement: 1,220 (+73%)

Page Followers: 36 (+140%)

 Significant positive response to the cancellation of Egils, and substantial engagement in Microsoft Teams testing in preparation for our Virtual Baronial Council Meeting.

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

  Website is virus free, all requested updates have been completed..... das it..

.**Meeting closed at 7:25 pm**