

Minutes for the Shire of Midhaven Business Meeting: 10 December 14

Seneschal Comments: Etolé

Harvest Feast: thank you to everyone who helped. Couldn't be prouder of the kitchen staff

Introduction of two new faces.

Officer Reports:

- Archery: Rodri
 - 2 scores submitted. Had two members from Aquaterra join.
 - No additional practices in Dec.
- Arts and Sciences: Lady Avelyn
 - Will start in again with A&S in January, including to help get ready for coronation
 - Harvest Feast A&S went really well.
 - Ithra: (Mericke) Have only had two respond for teaching classes
 - Do we want to cancel Ithra and make it just an A&S weekend? Collegium?
 - By vote: cancel Ithra and make it a work party/largesse classes
 - Get a list of largesse, gold key needs, eric stakes, etc for Coronation – rope and tent dags, Norse apron dresses... get list in advance of February work party so we know what we need to work on and can get supplies in time.
- Chamberlain: Lady Sophia
 - Do we need a list of gold key items? Can bring boxes to Jan A&S meeting to determine what we have and what may need repair.
- Chatelaine: Duchess Angharad
 - We had a lot of interest at Harvest Feast from people just at the park and wanting to know what was going on. Including some ladies from Ukraine and a young couple who were very excited to see what we were doing.

Random question: can we hold the King of the West ransom at Ursulmas?

- Chirurgeon: Lady Keina
 - Everyone is healthy, everything is awesome
 - Chronicler: Lady Sigga
 - Send stuff in!
 - Will be considering a new format for next year's newsletters, if you have suggestions or ideas, please share.
 - Equestrian: Lady Tarađan
 - No practice for December
 - Received insurance for 2015
 - Will schedule 2015 in January, next practice will be February
- Exchequer: HL Mericke
- We balance!
 - Review officer budgets- approved for 2015

- Get quote for radios for Shire to own/use so we don't have to borrow.
- Rent tent for gate, gauge if size is appropriate. Too big/too small?

Herald: Lady Fionnghuala

- Retract statement about not taking the office.
- Stuff still pending at society level (approved as of the posting of these minutes!)
- Submissions address is back to the old one.
- Astrid to become Jr. Deputy Herald
- Request extra to herald budget for a new project: banners of registered heraldry to display at events/feasts/etc.

Master of Stables: Sir Thorkel absent (sent in report)

- Dire lack of participation. How to draw additional people?
- Discuss changing days. Get in communication with Black Company.

Thrown Weapons: Archos Etolé

- Starting in Jan. there will be a full thrown weapons range available, targets, hay bales, etc.

Web Minister: Rodri

- Got updates done to web site.
- New Newsletter and meeting minutes online and on new page
- If you have updated pictures/info to add to the People page, please submit!

Old Business

- What is required to have a booth at the Tulip Festival street fair? Is it something we want to do? A&S display, maybe, to draw the artsy types?
- Sigga to look into requirements for having a booth

Coronation

- Waiting to hear from Skagit Parks and Rec regarding leveling the field, and the farmer re: haybales.
- Beginning January, will hold coronation meeting prior to business meeting @ 6:30

Harvest Feast

- Again, thank you to all
- Legally, do we qualify for a "banquet permit"? Is being part of a membership 'club' count as being by 'invite only' for such purposes?

New Business

- Bid submitted for 2016 Harvest Feast: November 5th
- Robin Hood themed
- A&S and Bardic championship
- Sigga volunteered to make site tokens – little archery targets
- Discuss allowing for a discount for kitchen and wait staff since they get almost no chance to enjoy the feast itself

Youth Althing

- Canceled this year, will hold another workshop for Coronation needs
- Cascade Middle School demo, February 12, 2016. Will be during school hours.

Meeting Adjourned