

## Minutes for the Shire of Midhaven Business Meeting 19 September 2015

**Seneschal:** Etolé

Bryson: Update from corporate: every event which is listed on an official notification is officially an SCA sanctioned event (including Facebook). And therefore, needs to charge NMS fee, retroactive 5 years.

Kingdom is actively opposing this decision (the retroactive part of it, anyway)

Any event that is not a business meeting, social meeting, fight practice, etc – if there is a site fee charged, a NMS must be charged.

Etolé: reiterate – keeping side conversations to a minimum, listening to the reports without interruption. Need to let the speaker have the attention of the meeting and then ask questions afterward.

I have a new deputy – my tenure ends in July. Rodri has volunteered to step forward.

### **Officer Reports:**

Archery: Rodri

Practice last Sunday, weather was nice. 4 or 5 shooters. Good thrown weapons practice - two new folks in attendance

Arts and Sciences: Sophia

Sophia is taking over as A&S officer as of tonight, Vana is deputy. Will be working closely on most things. Past social went well, thank you to Alison and Bryson for food. Had people wander in from outside to see what was going on

Next A&S meeting, all about weaving, different kinds of weaving. All different kinds, bring yours and share. At the park still, weather dependant (Hillcrest).

In October, working on Robin Hood hats for harvest feast. Would like to get info on Harvest Feast from Event Steward

Yes, A&S classes at harvest feast

If anyone has any patterns for Robin Hood hats...

Chamberlain: Sophia

We have stuff

On a side note: if you have any Shire property, ensure that the Seneschall has contact info for someone in your family in order to get it back if something tragic should happen. Also keep a list of what you have that is Shire property to help facilitate getting it back with all due courtesy.

Should have a list of everything The Shire has and in whose possession it is.

Chatelaine: Duchess Angharad

Last A&S/Social night had some newcomers, a few people who just saw us in the park came over to ask questions.

One of Vana's coworkers is all excited for SCA

Chronicler: Sigga

Newsletter this weekend PICTURES PLEASE!

Suggestion: send the newsletter to various Kingdom officials, not just Kingdom Chronicler.

Equestrian: Taraðan

EMIC for at Sound Sergeantry Trials. Despite weather we had some equestrian activities – 3 riders, was windy but managed not to rain. Even had some brave the weather to watch. Set up games in the arena.

Exchequer: Fionnghuala

We got fundz!

Still have funds in officer budgets, consider what you may need for your office

Need budget for feast

Remind us that only paid members can vote on financial matters.

Kingdom exchequer in need of deputies.

Society seneschal coming to 12<sup>th</sup> night

When budgeting comes up in December, we may consider a savings account to cover expected annual costs.

All budget requests due by November

December will be reviewing financial policy and cash handling policy

Chatelaine has exceeded her budget (due to the pretty fliers)

Motion to extend budget – seconded and passed.

New deputy – Avelyn (Jennifer Cook) will need signing privileges on checking account

Herald: Fionnghuala

More shire members getting awards- - awesome! Only one person still has heraldic submissions in process.

KHSS Weekend Oct 10-12, following next business meeting in Wastekeep. An be considered official officer training for Herald's office. Can the officer travel to training using budget? Yes. Are Deputies covered? Will have to check our policy on that.

Motion for one Heraldic Deputy to attend KHSS on Herald's budget. Seconded and passed.

Banner war this coming weekend – a vox-off (voice heraldry competition) about 50% instruction and 50% competition. Instructions provided by Kingdom Field Herald

New person: Alexander has chosen SCA name: first name to be Xander. Still working on surname

Master of Stables: Thorkel

Next practice Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hillcrest (in conjunction with Social/A&S)  
Need to send notice to Aquaterra and Thornwoode

Thrown Weapons: Etolé

Practice last Sunday, great practice – awesome. 8-9 participants between thrown weapons and archery, had at least 4-5 score on archery range, 6 on thrown weapons.

Web Minister: Rodri

His fault that weird dates and times for disturbing equilibrium on yahoo calendar. Yahoo groups event calendar is atrocious.

Suggestions for new mailing list/calendar. Are there alternatives.

### **Harvest Feast**

Up on Kingdom calendar now. There is registration form online already. Get it mailed to PO box with form and check if you want reservations – note who you want to sit with on the form.

Robin Hood theme. Feast hall set up in advance – classes set up in other building. Will have assigned seating based on requests of who to sit with.

Did we get confirm of having Wyewood serve? No, So no not likely.

Working on classes. A&S modified to a Dirty half dozen contest. Need at least 6 things. Everything goes to Largesse. You can have more than 6 if you want. Multiple submissions allowed. If 3 or more children enter, will have a separate youth event. Voting by populace choice.

Feast is hunting lodge style of feast.

Do we want to do a desert auction this year? Money for loaner gear for fight/archery/thrown weapons?

Recap from last meeting: Suggestions: limit number of dishes, have auction before food or during food to prevent "too full/tired to bid on desert"

Some silent auction, some voice auctions. Perhaps have a few during the day for those who will be leaving early. A "buy it now" option? Limit live auction to X number of slots.

Entertainment during feast? Music/dancing? After feast it gets tricky, people talk over the entertainment. Intersperse with auction

Last year we had an unpredictable circumstance with the oven which pushed the feast late and got a bit disorganized.

Family style service at feast. Have servers serve a single plate on the table and then let the table serve themselves. Let's buy the extra serving dishes. Gather budget and we'll bid next meeting. (we have space to store it)

Etole: Will have menu before next meeting.  
Have printed menus on tables with ingredients for allergies/etc.

Cookbooks planned for last year's recipes but not sure? Have previous years' also?

### **Old Business**

Finnoghuala: July Cor report sent in. We made money.  
Told Kingdom we are looking for a new site for July Cor. They were very happy.

### **New Business**

Our little 5x10 unit is getting kinda small. Do we want to go up to a 10x10?

Vote: motion seconded and passed

Do we have insurance for items inside the storage unit? Not expensive enough to even report it. But Do we want to insure it against flood/fire, etc? Need to look into ways of securing Shire goods. Covered under auto insurance if the goods are en route, but not in storage.

Need to look into viability of insurance, budget, etc.

If anyone is looking to buy wool , Fashionfabricsclub has their wool on sale until then 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned**