

## Minutes for the Shire of Midhaven Business Meeting 11 November 2015

### **Seneschal:** Etolé/Rodri

Meetings at Mt. Vernon fire station meeting room for foreseeable future. Keep side chatter to a minimum.

When making your officer report, stand so it is clear who should be speaking and when your report is done.

Etolé – official. Resignation has been sent to Kingdom and accepted.

Harvest feast is a bit of a bear this year. With Miriam otherwise occupied, shopping for food is trickier, with new recipes there hasn't been a chance to create a proper shopping list so

Bards have been asked to perform but there has been no official word from them to indicate whether they will show.

Quarterly reports for all officers also need to go to Shire Seneschal.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Archery:** Rodri

Nothing to report.

Had practice on Sunday and the weather sucked and since I forgot to tell anyone there was no practice

Archery/Thrown weapons: lack of numbers is a society issue. Trying to gain an accurate count of who is participating. Need to go back to original form and get more info and accurate numbers.

#### **Arts and Sciences:** Sophia

We got the hats finished for the feast. Still need to add feathers.

Not going to have A&S for Nov/Dec as conflicting with holidays. Will start again after the New Year

Will emphasize the social aspect of A&S/Social night so we can get people to come without having to work on a project.

Maybe have some classes for newcomers.

#### **Chamberlain:** Sophia

Do we have lists of Shire stuff that people have? Please give lists and approximate replacement costs of items.

Should have some kind of process to report changes to each list of things (additions, subtractions, replacements)

Property that can be marked "Property of the Shire of Midhaven" should be – and it should be in one place that is easily identifiable and retrievable.

#### **Chatelaine:** Duchess Angharad

Not a whole lot going on.

Keep getting flyer posted at Starbucks stolen. So hopefully that is indicative of interest?

Worth encouraging the general populace to attend business meeting (but harder to get them interested in it)

**Chronicler:** Sigga

I got nothing. And by that I mean I literally have not received anything either for the last issue or the upcoming. Please please please be generous with your time, knowledge, pictures, interests, and creative works and send me stuff! Even just send me a request for something! Along with appropriate releases for works, pictures and models.

I will have release forms at harvest feast.

**Equestrian:** Tarađan

Nov practice went well - 11 riders.

New ground crew person was authorized for Jr ground crew at end of practice.

No Dec. practice. In discussion for next year's schedule with Lang's.

Check request for 2016 Equestrian insurance.

Budget for 2016

**Exchequer:** Fionnghuala

We have funds.

Publish documents (customary and financial policy) online and have comments for proposal for changes.

Will have a committee to look at...

Official: Eric fund is closed.

A&S budget needs to request additional funds to balance budget: contributed from Herald's funds.

Proposed and seconded, passed.

Note the following names need to be changed on the signature card at the bank:

Remove:

Roberta Tower- Regional Deputy Treasurer

Robin Ray Begin- former President

Monique Moran- former treasurer

Add:

Ryan McElwain- President

Bryson McCloughen - Deputy President

Tina Dea Workman- Treasurer

Jennifer Cook- Deputy Treasurer

Thomas E. Royal- Committee Member

Michael Aaron Rogers- Regional Treasurer

Changes on checking account: plan is that everyone gives copy of WDL who will be a signer on account.

Everyone go to branch on Memorial Hwy to sign the card. Will be available starting this Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Required to have a physical address attached to account – will be seneschal.

**Herald:** Currently empty.

We have an acting herald and 3 deputy heralds.

(qly report has been sent in)

Have some funds left over from budget this year – will be buying some heraldry things, markers, book, etc.

Waiting for September LoAR decisions to be released.

**Master of Stables:** Thorkel

It's cold.

Will work on ensuring there is a small space in the barn available for fight practice, but there may not be anyone who will show up... so suggestions open for when to hold practice in order to get people to attend

If anyone wants to take over the Marshall position it is available to an interested party

**Thrown Weapons:** Etolé

Didn't even look at targets. A bit lax about the practice, and isn't going to get any better since I won't be around.

As Jr marshall, Rodri can host and run Thrown Weapon's practices.

**Web Minister:** Rodri

As of Sunday, the website has been extensively modified and updated. Has been simplified, officer pages have been combined.

Need current photos.

### **Harvest Feast IS SATURDAYb**

9 am is setup

Kitchen people will be there before that

Bryson will pick up keys Friday for the hall

Gate opens at noon

Classes/demos all that stuff begins at 12:30.

Find your name card at the table, get your place setting up, then head over to activity building

Several classes will be going on

Will have family activity stuff and utilize game and kids area at the hall

Kingdom A&S champ will be there to show her stuff and talk to us

Dirty half dozen largesse contest

Dinner allegedly to start at 5

Three courses – some time in between or during for entertainment

Dessert auction between second and third course

We have site tokens

Bring banners if you have banners! Especially of your own heraldry!

Request– would really like it if people can stay to help clean up. Especially in the kitchen.

Financial matter: In the past few meetings we discussed the Shire picking up some additional equipment for HF. About 85% of kitchen equipment used is personal equipment instead of Shire owned.

Get ladles, servings spoons, slotted spoons, foil pans(?): up to \$60.

Motion is proposed and seconded. Aye's have it. Motion carries.

### **Old Business**

Had talked about doing auction at Harvest Feast for using for Archery loaner gear and some Thrown Weapons items.

### **New Business**

Could use 6oz ladles, long handled serving spoons, 2" and 4" hotel pans, and sheet pans. Plus the red/blue/green cutting boards. Do we want to buy all this for one feast a year? But we do have other events we host which may need equipment. Do we want to buy some things? Do we want to rent kitchen stuff from Aquaterra?

**Meeting Adjourned**