

Darton Council Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2009

Pembroke Road, Wilton, Wellington

		Actions
Chair	Melissa	
Minute taker	Alisdair	
Present	Melissa, Robyn M, Tamara, Matt, Hannah, Robyn R, Alastair, Selwyn, Alasdair, Susan, Richard, Peter, Melanie	
Apologies	None Recorded	
Minutes from last meeting	Not sent out?	
Officer Reports		
Seneschal Melissa	<p>The Kingdom Seneschal would like all groups to think about the location of group meetings, if these should be at private homes or at a hired venue. If they are to be at a private home, then groups should think about rotating between homes.</p> <p>Quarterly reports - the seneschal would like all officers to send copies of their quarterly reports to her as well.</p>	<p>Melissa to put topic up on Darton list for discussion.</p> <p>Officers to send Quarterly reports by 15 May.</p>
Quartermaster Robyn/Sancha	<p>Nothing to report yet, have not yet checked the returned equipment from crown.</p> <p>Richard points out that we need more plastic crates, suggests we buy another 4-6 from the Warehouse. Maybe less from Uncle Bills.</p> <p>Selwyn offered to go and check out litres and prices at the warehouse and Uncle Bills.</p> <p>Robin points out that the chatelaine stuff is in their suitcases. That's fine for now but won't be a long-term solution.</p> <p>Robyn mentioned that they still need a clothes rack. She's in no condition to make them so Alasdair can. \$130 approved for materials.</p> <p>Richard proposes a budget of \$150 for now. Can come back to council for more money later.</p>	<p>Action by Selwyn</p> <p>Action for Alasdair to purchase materials to make a rack.</p>
Chatelaine - recruitment: Hannah	<p>Has business card designs to pass around. First is single-sided, with URL, arms, "you spoke to" and small blurb on front. second is double-sided, same info with longer blurb on back.</p> <p>Prices: PrintStop \$150 for 1000 1-sided or extra for 2-sided (+\$27 for 2-sided). Better quality printing and card.</p> <p>2-sided 1000 = 177.75 1500 = 203.63 2000 = 230.63 Outlay of</p>	

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approved for the purchase of 2000 cards. Artwork to be finalised.

Other place is \$75.48 but lesser quality printing, and thinner card.

Art and text will be reviewed via email list.

\$230 for 2000 cards

approved.

Hannah to post art and text to Darton list.

Reeve
Alistair

May bank statements haven't arrived, forgot to get online today. Do have annual accounts which were passed around and Stefano explained.

Currently have equity of \$2273.52.

About \$6k in bank but

about \$4k is Crown funds.

Accounts passed unanimously.

Month-ending April accounts will be dealt with at next council meeting

Herald
Matt

Massaria still doesn't have control of the herald's account. Will have to meet her in person to give her the money. Question from Alasdair as to why this can't be paid into the account anyway, Massaria may not have access but the account is still a valid SCA account.

Question from Alastair as to what has happened with the Astrolabe Herald position. It is dormant because Crux is now in NZ. A similar position is apparently being established in Australia.

Statement from Alasdair (with SCANZ hat on) and from Catalina with Darton Seneschal's hat on that the money should not be passed directly to Massaria, it *must* be banked into an official bank account.

Submissions are a bit stalled because of crown stuff. Not yet gone to Kingdom because of the money issued.

Marshal
Alasdair

There was a tournament. Nothing untoward happened.

A reminder to all fighters that the requirement to present a pre-17th century appearance doesn't end when you get into armour so all obvious mundanities should be covered.

Lists
Vacant

Kerry ran lists at crown to general acclaim. Darton has no official lists officer.

Chronicler
Alistair

Please send stuff, articles, photos, etc, for the post-Crown edition. Will come out in May.

A&S Susan	Ran A&S at Crown. Three categories represented. All went well. Have to send report to Kingdom A&S officer by 15th, please tell A&S officer what you've been up to.
Marshal – Fencing Selwyn	Provost of Lochac Tournament held at Crown. Won by Don Tariq ibn Jelal, who beat Thomas Donsbane in the final. Random off-body gorget inspections resulted in three gorgets being failed during inspections. All were either too thin, or too soft. Proper Rapier syllabus will be starting this month at the College.
Marshal - Archery Kerry	Not present. No archery at crown.
Constable Richard	Bunch of lost and found from Crown brought to meeting. Two of the people were barred by a constable at large, from the bar at Crown and asked to seriously reconsider their consumption on the second night.

General Business

Voting on Mailing list	Do we want to allow voting on council things on the mailing list outside of regular council meetings.
Financial Committee	<p>If this is going to happen there needs to be a pre-defined financial committee who get to vote on things like that. Richard pointed out that some time ago a financial committee was formed consisting of the seneschal, reeve and herald. Financial committee reports back to the subsequent council meeting any time they do anything.</p> <p>Richard says that things that are too urgent to wait for council probably can't wait 2 weeks for a vote over email.</p> <p>Pointed out that doing things over email gives people who are on the mailing list but who don't actually contribute in person an opportunity to vote on things that they really have no stake in.</p> <p>Examples of when the financial committee comes in really useful are when we come across things we've been looking for for ages and they're really cheap.</p> <p>There should be a ceiling on the amount of money the financial committee can commit to spending without a full council meeting. \$300 seems to be a reasonable limit.</p> <p>Tamara suggests that any issues that come to the financial</p>

committee should be thrown out to the wider group as far as is possible. General agreement with this principle.

Motion Motion that we maintain the financial committee but that best efforts should always be made to bring things to a full council meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion Motion that we cap the committable expenditure of the financial committee be capped at \$300. Passed unanimously.

Venues for A&S/Council Request for people to think about venues for A&S/council. With view to centrality to the bulk of the Darton population and accessibility to public transport etc.

Community rooms are \$9ish /hr off peak. \$12-15ish on peak. Don't know what "peak" is.

Events

Past Events May Crown to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Planned Future Events Collegium: Richard has now taken over from Melissa. Richard

Darton Anniversary information coming out soon. Maggie

MLH November Camp Actually happening in December. Site apparently booked, but don't know firm dates. Ask Kerry for MLH dates.

Proposed Future Events Great Southern War – NZ Labour Weekend Selwyn
Selwyn brought up the idea of Great Southern war on Labour Day weekend. War event, biff biff and more biff. Need a location. Brookfields is filled up with the folk festival on labour weekend. We need to find a venue and work out logistics. Go forth and research.

Crown Tournament Full report will come out next council meeting. General thanks from Richard. Thanks from Richard to the lots of people who put a lot of work in. People said that last year's crown was the best one they had attended, this one was better. Truck was all good. Commercial shuttles worked very well. Richard

There are two good bids in for 2010 so we don't have to do it. yay!

Meeting Closed 20:38 or 8:38pm