

14 October 2009 Darton Council Minutes

Meeting opened 8:35pm

Present: Robyn, Alistair, Richard, Peter, Helen, Hannah, Matt, Susan, Tim, Melissa

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Apologies for not posting September minutes - they are lost either in the bottom of my purse or at work. Will try to find. Can only blame it on Uni Brain. WRITE RECOMMENDATIONS for Royal Visit!!! Nothing else to report.

Quarter Master: I have made a start tidying and stocktaking the shire equipment and gold key. Sancha has passed on the previous stock-take/ photographic record to me. It is now general policy of the shire quartermaster to not receive or store foodstuffs. I recommend event cooks buy carefully and giving any remnant leftovers away after their events instead. An exception is to retain (until used or expired) the bulk long-shelf-life foodstuffs in stock since our May Crown events, e.g. oil, tinned fruit, bottled pickles, etc. This general policy does not apply to non-food kitchen-related consumables, e.g. detergent, garbage bags, toilet paper, first aid equipment, etc. After preliminary survey, I advise we need another 5 heavy duty storage boxes of the same kind as previously purchased to completely and appropriately store the shire equipment. This will also free up the suitcases currently used for gold key for return to their owners. We do not need to buy or manufacture a hanging frame immediately. One can be manufactured and hung from the rafters of the current quartermaster's store without cost or difficulty. We do need to buy or manufacture two-dozen heavy duty coat hangers, and preferably also two dozen suit bags. The gold key is actually in remarkably good condition, although most garments are fairly TSCA. Female sizes noted are rough estimates. Women's garments with chemises: 1 x 16, 2 x 12, 1 x 8, Women's garments w/o chemises: 1 x 16, 1 x 12, 6 x 8, 2 x 6, Women's Viking hangarocks without dresses or chemises: 2 x 16, Men's shirts and leggings: 2 x medium, Unisex early period tunics/dresses: 6, various sizes, Accessories: 2 cloaks, 2 hoods, 1 flat cap, 1 pair small black leather shoes,, 1 box jewellery. It is fair to say we lack women's chemises and men's shirts. If anyone has any bright ideas what we can do to alleviate this, feel free to let me know. My own suggestion is for everyone with six or more chemises or shirts to donate their nastiest one to gold key. As an aside, I expect men using gold key can get by with black jeans or other non-descript trousers for leggings.

Reeve: \$3569.85 General Ledger Opening balance  
\$ 157.00 Income  
\$ 230.60 Expenses  
\$3496.25 General Ledger Closing balance  
\$4903.26 Bank Opening balance  
\$ 50.00 Deposits  
\$1499.11 Withdrawals  
\$3454.15 Bank Closing balance  
\$ 64.90 less Unpresented Cheques  
\$ 107.00 plus Unbanked Deposits  
\$3496.25 equals General Ledger Closing balance QED  
Quarterly accounts sent to Society and confirmed received.  
Last month \$44 out, \$30 in, net loss of 14 for hall  
\*\*\* Notes on Quarter ending September \*\*\*

We made a net loss for the quarter of \$848.76. However \$1135.00 of this quarter's expenses were monies from May Crown paid to SCANZ as various fees.

If we exclude May Crown, we actually made a net profit for the quarter of \$286.60. To give you some sense of our present stability as a going concern, our bank balance this time last year (30 September 2008) was \$3443.64, pretty much what it is now, and in the meantime we have also purchases a variety of shire assets and consumables, e.g. tentage, storage boxes, business cards, etc. As an aside, our bank balance this time the year before last (30 September 2007) was \$2676.92.

A&S: Discussed room hire, moved to open business. Gold key sorted at last month's A&S, standards & banner discussed for future. Richard happy to run class.

Constable: Nothing to report. Robyn picked up May Crown stuff and is with Robyn & Stefano.

Herald: Got rid of herald money. Nothing else to report.

Chatelaine: Couple of new people - Penny and Tim.

Archery: Started up again. News will be on mailing list.

Chronicler: removing office as no interest in it. Any member can ask for review.

New A&S deputy - for web: Robyn has been updating the website. Need Firefox to see all the features of the CMS. The AYES have it.

#### PAST EVENTS:

Nothing open.

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

Aemigdius - event OKed. Oct 18 at Karori Scout Hall. College AGM at same event.

Royal Ball: 18 November at Turnbull House. 9 people booked so far, breakeven is 19 people. Crown will have Court.

St Sebastian's Day campout: Wellington Anniversary 22-24 Jan 2010. At Sancha & Stefano's house, per head of about \$5 to cover wood and license to burn. BYO, self-tent.

Christmas/End of year event: Richard asked if there was interest. Picnic discussed - will send out query to email list.

D.A: Bids are open.

#### OPEN BUSINESS:

Room: Small room we were in before isn't really suitable. Larger Trust Room upstairs has more benefit - kitchen, big enough for dance. Discussed need for planning to promote and have actual events/ workshops/programmes to bring people in. Would like weekly when there is enough interest and buy-in. Possible rotation subjects: Cooking, Dance, Needlework, Heraldry, Music, Leatherwork. Moving to weekly A&S for a one-year trial, to be reviewed in 6 months. Melissa will call to book Trust Room every week except 30/12, 6/1 and 3/2.

Richard offered to run protocol session before Royal court. Email Richard if there is interest.

Standards/Banners: Outlay of funds of \$500 for standards and banners.  
Motion passed.

5 boxes approved for Quartermaster.

Meeting closed: 8:45pm