

APPROVED MINUTES

Darton Shire Council Meeting 14 September 2022

Meeting Start: 1930

Meeting Finish: 2020

Attending

Physical: Diego, Joan, Miles, Vatrionia, Chris M, Tall Chris, Helewys, Peter, Anna, Zane, Sophie, Linsey, Sophie B, Bethan Dickens, Meghan.

Virtual: Charly, Linette, Maggie, Magnus, Bernard.

Apologies: Fiona.

General Business

- Welcome everyone to the meeting,
- Outline the agenda,
- Ask if there is any general business?

Covid settings

New Kingdom Covid Response Plan: <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2022/08/Kingdom-of-Lochac-COVID-19-Response-plan-V2.0.pdf>. NZ Government changed Covid settings – especially around mask use. While some other hobby groups continue to ask for RAT tests before attending events, the SCA no longer allows this to be a mandatory condition of event attendance. A CO2 meter was used at DA. These devices can signal when people are breathing relatively fresh air or not.

Action: Seneschal to update website so it is clear what we expect at events and regular activities.

Action: Seneschal to investigate cost of a ventilation unit with HEPA filters for use at winter events.

Event Policies

A booking for an event is only confirmed when it has been paid for. This is important for event budgets and planning – especially for the purchase of food.

Darton will do full refunds for people who need to cancel, for any reason, prior to an event being held. This is so no one who might be feeling sick feels like they need to show up to avoid being out of pocket. For fiscal prudence, event stewards should budget an extra \$2 per adult booking for catered events.

Future Events and Activities

ACTION: Seneschal to post list of upcoming events to email list and Facebook groups.

Regular Activities

1. A&S and Fencing at Elmwood – every Wednesday.
2. Heavy Fighting at Elmwood – Sundays.
3. Archery – Sundays at 2pm.
4. Dance – Next Dance is after the plague ends.
5. Monthly A&S Online: none in August, next one probably September.

Note: The Hamlet of Sherwater has cancelled all planned events and regular activities. The one exception is Easter Camp. This is because the Hamlet members no longer feel comfortable about the Covid risk level when RATs cannot be required from everyone attending an event or activity.

Shire Fun Days

No set dates or rotation of activities – all depends on what people feel enthusiastic about.

- Sat 24th September

- Saint Fixits Day – for weapon and armour repairs, to be held prior to Canterbury Faire (not later than 14 January 2023)
- Will look at repeating fabric shopping and sewing bee workshops prior to Canterbury Faire, possibly in November/December 2022. Not on November 19 due to non-SCA event in Sherwater.

Upcoming Events

A reminder from KDS, use the event form at: <https://seneschaldb.lochac.sca.org/event/new>

or form here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xoXtRibmXTd8LjDY5hKZ_YlbEvwFgfuyXYwH-QrW8Bt4/edit

Spring Coronation 28-30 October 2022

<https://cluain.lochac.sca.org/node/288>

The site is in Hamurana on the northern shore of Lake Rotorua. Bookings close on October 16.

Canterbury Faire 21-29 January 2023

The biggest SCA event in New Zealand. First price rise is on 1 November.

<https://cf.sca.org.nz/>

If you are a member of the Darton SCA group, then you are welcome to camp with Darton. Please register for the Darton camp when you make your booking. Bernard is the camp boss. There is a Facebook group for camp coordination at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/181391416106581>

A&S discussion: none this month.

ACTION: Seneschal Link youtube video to Darton website.

Collegium

No collegium this year. Look to host at Matariki in 2023.

Past Events

Darton Anniversary

It was cold, but no one caught Covid. Some issues with bookings and no shows were discussed in general business. Event steward submitted their report. Steward and all helpers were thanked for their efforts.

Action: Reeve to follow up on refunds.

Shoot-a-Knight at Daffodil Day

Event washed out by heavy rain during set up time.

Correspondence

Kingdom Seneschal sought bids for Autumn Coronation 2023. No one in Darton is planning to submit a bid.

A new member has requested a social media alternative to Facebook – use of a Discord server. Points noted during the discussion:

- Not everyone uses Facebook
- Email is the only reliable system for long term archives that remain under SAC control
- Creating additional social media channels risks fragmenting the conversation.
- Every social media channel needs a volunteer to oversee it.

Action: Seneschal to advertise the existing Discord server, which he had completely forgotten existed.

Officer Vacancies

Seneschal announced intentions to advertise several officers. While not essential, they serve as volunteer opportunities, especially for our new members to learn more about the SCA. The main burden of office is remembering to submit monthly reports to the Seneschal, and quarterly reports to the Kingdom officer.

ACTION: Seneschal to advertise vacant offices, including Constable, Captain of Archers, and Webwright.

Officer Reports

Seneschal

Current Shire membership total is 55.

Arts & Sciences

Next A&S video will be Saturday 17 September.

Reeve

Account balance: \$9,176.66 at 14/09/2022

Signatories updated. Last Easter camp payment made. DA payments and refunds to be done.

Scribal

Nothing to report.

Herald

Busy with life, but working on submissions.

Hospitaller

Two new people.

Quartermaster

All loaner kit back from DA.

Marshall

Combat Archery: Nil.

Rapier: Rapier continues, no injuries. Two new fencers. Potential online video with Guy Windsor. Planning to do a tournament format at the end of each month.

Rattan: Rattan continues, no injuries.

Target Archery: Still attracting new people.

Youth Combat: Nil.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 10 August 2022 as amended were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

AGREED