

FINAL MINUTES

Darton Shire Council Meeting 16 November 2022

Meeting Start: 1938

Meeting Finish: 1958

Attending

Physical: Miles, Catrionia, Diego, Lindsey, Chris Longshanks.

Virtual: Linette, Helen, Peter.

Apologies: Fiona, Sophie, Luan, Robyn.

General Business

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

Covid settings

Boosters are now available for people aged 50+.

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.

Prices range from \$200 for a desktop purifier to \$1200 for something that can handle 400 cubic meters. Replacement filters can cost \$60-120. Questions for discussion in December:

- What do we want to ventilate? Just events, or have ventilation for A&S and fencing?
- If only events – do we want to just be ventilating one main room?
- For Wednesday nights – do we want to be ventilating both up and downstairs?
- How would we pay for filter costs?
- The cost is reasonably significant and would eat into our reserves. Do we want to do this?

Canterbury Faire

The cost of hiring a truck is prohibitive: \$1500+.

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: break until after Canterbury Faire.

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.

- Saint Fixits Day – for camping gear, weapon, and armour repairs, Saturday 14 January 2023.

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_YIbEvwFgfuXYwH-QrW8Bt4/edit

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>

Norsewood Viking Festival 4-5 February 2023

This is not an SCA event.

Rapier & Rattan Tournament

Saturday 18 February 2023 at Elmwood. This will be a garbed event. Event details to be confirmed at December Council meetings.

Collegium

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

Past Events

Nil.

Correspondence

Nil.

Officer Vacancies

Nil.

Officer Reports

Seneschal

Current Shire membership total is 56.

Arts & Sciences

Next A&S video will be in 2023.

Reeve

Account balance: \$7,100. About where we were at the start of the year.

Scribal

Nothing to report.

Herald

Apologies.

Hospitaller

Nothing to report.

Quartermaster

Apologies.

Marshall

Combat Archery: Nil.

Rapier: Rapier continues, no injuries. Grace period for rules on thigh protection, but expecting a change before CF

Rattan: Rattan continues, no injuries.

Target Archery: Archery continues, no injuries.

Youth Combat: Nil.

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The minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2022 as amended were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

AGREED