

March 2009

Meeting opened 19:31

Catalina apologises for failing to get the minutes of the previous meeting up

Apologies from Richard who will be late.

Present Alasdair, Melissa, Alastair, Robyn, Jenny, Selwyn, Robin macNeil, Susan, Matt, Hannah

Recruitment:

- Brochure: Still trying to track down permissions for photos in the brochure, but I'm getting there. If there are any that I still don't have in a week or so, I will replace those photos with photos of people who have working email addresses etc.

- Business cards: Working on the design - comments or ideas appreciated. I'm making enquiries into Paul Kirk's business on Panama St, and a couple of others, especially since a couple of the businesses I was looking at have since raised their prices significantly. It seems likely that it'll be approximately \$100 for 1000 cards. Are we ok with this price? Will we want more than this? If so, it is *much* cheaper to buy them all now - e.g., it will probably be less than ~\$150 for for 2000, and ~\$350 for 10000. Also, do we just want one-sided cards with the Darton details, or do we want two-sided cards with "You were speaking to:" or something similar. The price difference is approximately \$20.

Discussion of business cards. \$100 for 1000 cards. Design to be brought to next meeting for approval. Current thought is darton arms etc on the front, plain back. People can write their contact details on the back when they hand them out.

Chatelaine: Nothing to report this month.

Quartermaster:

Some items were borrowed for Canterbury Faire, awaiting return on a cloak and the large Darton silk banner.

List of chattels supplied to Richard for May Crown planning.

Request from Council to purchase the following items:

- materials to make a super sturdy clothes rack.
- sturdy clothes hangers, ie metal ones.
- name tags with the name 'Darton' printed on them.
- materials to make six poles for the portable holes and decorate them.

Would like to appoint Stefano as deputy.

Chirurgion: No report, no apology.

Reeve: emailed report. We have money. Minimum standards required of monthly reports requested by SCANZ treasurer of all reeves, we currently comply so no change required.

Herald:

I have received submissions from a total of seven (7) people. As of this report, two device submissions, two name submissions, and a badge submission are almost complete. This leaves approximately two devices, two names, a badge, and a device consultation to be worked on. I need to collect money from the people concerned before the submissions are mailed, and will have the receipt book with me this week and next week at least in order to do so. For reference, it is \$20 per item per submission for new submissions.

The process of group herald selection is under review. Crux has made her intention to make this change in the near future known.

I need to contact Crux again to have myself placed on the Roster. I filled out the form but possibly skipped a necessary step as my name has not appeared (although others have since had their details updated).

If anyone else wishes to register their name/device/badge, they should send me an email offlist with their ideas.

Marshal:

The major happening this month is the ruling from Sir Gregory, the Kingdom Earl Marshal, that all practices announced on group websites, newsletters or mailing lists without a prominent and specific disclaimer are "events" with respect to Corpora section IX. This section includes the Rules of the Lists. This applies to both rattan and rapier combat.

There are two main effects of this ruling; the first is that all combatants in all weapons forms doing anything other than fully controlled slow work *must* adhere to the kingdom armour and weapons standards and must have their equipment inspected by a marshal prior to engaging in combat-related activities.

The second is that there must be marshals present and overseeing combat that happens at practices - and not fighting themselves while they are doing so. As far as I can tell there doesn't need to be one marshal per pair of fighters, but there does need to be a heavy marshal and a rapier marshal there and watching combat that is going on.

No marshals == no combat at practice. Drills and slow-work only.

This means we are going to need more marshals. I would recommend that all authorised combatants also authorise as marshals so you can take turns to oversee combat at practices.

The procedures for becoming a marshal are not well documented^[1], but you have to learn the rules, and do some practice overseen by an authorised marshal and then sit a test to authorise.

Please note that as shire marshal I have no choice but to enforce Sir Gregory's ruling. Make sure your armour and weapons are in good order and that if you're fighting you're doing it by the rules in legal kit.

In a related note, I have started attending fighter's practice on

Thursday nights.

The other ruling of note, from the Society Earl Marshal is that metal may not be used anywhere in the construction of weapons other than in the hilt and guards. This means no bolts under spear heads, and no metal in the built-up heads of pole weapons. This has not always been the interpretation of the rule, but the rule text is going to be updated to reflect this.

Rapier Marshal:

Needs to catch people at training to sort out mis-done authorisations. Awaiting arrival of side-sword legal blades. Unknown at this stage what the armour requirements for side-sword are.

Captain of Archers: Not present. No report

Constable:

Not present, nothing to report in emailed report. Handover is supposed to be tonight from Robin MacNeil to Richard. Still no owner found for the PL Sword that was found at DA. Sword should be reported to the police officially. Robin and Selwyn will do Constabulary at crown.

Chronicler:

Post-CF Clarion is on the web. Only 2 submissions, hope for more for the post-crown edition. Regnum on the website needs to be updated. Seneschal now has website login details. Still looking for a deputy to take over the office at DA.

A&S:

Will contact Kingdom A&S deputy regarding A&S competitions. Warrant form mailed off to Australia. Various discussion about preparing for kingdom A&S competition at crown.

A&S-marshal: not present - nothing to report

EVENTS:

College first feast:

Talking to Stefano about food things - Stefano will help the cooks. Will be at Turnbull House again. No firm budget yet. Date set at 4th of April.

Clubs day: Introductory meeting tomorrow, hoping to have people bring cool stuff to attract new people.

Hannah has plans afoot for a midwinter camp. July 2nd-4th. That is weekend of coronation so permission will be needed from kingdom seneschal. Will need to explain that this is a college event and that it has to be this weekend to fit in the holidays.

Deborah and Hannah planning a Plans for a ball sometime in August at St Ninians in Karori.

Question from Stefano about how much of the shire's money is owed to the college.

Darton Anniversary: 22nd August.

1st weekend June / last weekend May. Maggie thinking that running this is probably a bit much. Still thinks the event is worthwhile to run but would like to have someone else take point with her support.

DA: Brookfields have booked out whole site so we need to amend that. Maggie needs a cheque to pay the deposit. Maggie and Richard heading out there for a recce soon.

Crown: 74-5 bookings. Something like \$800 hit the account in Feb for crown deposits. Now wondering if we're going to have room for all the people. Sufficient combatants have indicated their willingness to fight that there will be a good list. We are past break-even. Things more or less under control. Crown meeting this weekend (8th).

Robyn offering services as duck-impersonator.

Have offer from shaum player to come and make music. Possibility of singers.

We may run well out of bunkrooms and need people to tent to fit everyone in. Offers of tents for the overflow greatly appreciated.

Back-up cook organised for 2nd dinner (for feast overflow).

May need to figure out what the cap on event bookings are. Need to know what the overflow capacity of available tents is.

King has indicated that barring *extreme* weather, the tournament will be fought outside.

We have a couple of projects to complete. Major one is sun/rain shades but this is going to require help from people and Jenny to manage the sewing. This will have to happen on quite short notice once the canvas arrives. Need not more than 1/2 dozen people. Construction will happen at S&T's place.

Stefano asks whether there are plans for how we will finish the tents. We will talk about that after meeting.

Other major projects that have been talked about is Maggie's crazy plan. Combatants to be announced using their personal heralds. Part of plan is to make pennons with a crown or rose to indicate king or queen's side. Also want to make largeish banners with crown and rose to lead the processions with.

No open business.

No new business.

Meeting closed 20:20