

Minutes for council meeting - Wednesday 3 June, 2008

Meeting opened: 7:37pm

Present: Alasdair M, Alistair R, Hanna, Martin, Matt, Melissa, Peter, Susan.

Apologies: Helen (class), Robyn R (baby).

Officer reports:

Seneschal (Melissa): Email list discussions regarding Council location, thanks to all who contributed. Will be moving Council based on outcome. Nothing else to report.

Quartermaster (Robyn G): Having a baby! Nothing else to report J

Châtelaine (Hanna): Working on graphics for business cards.

Reeve (Alistair): College has their money now so Darton is no longer holding it. Opening balance April \$6517.20, closing \$4218.40. May closing ledger balance \$6651.40, (This does not include any provisions for approved event budgets or approved sundry expense budgets.)

Herald (Matt): Massaria has deposit book and will be handing the money to her directly for deposit. Nothing else to report.

Marshal (Al M): Seridean will be new Kingdom Earl Marshal. Not been to practice - please let me know if you want me to attend to act as Marshal, otherwise I will not be going. Nothing else to report.

A&S (Susan): Nothing unusual.

Chronicler (Al R): No submissions so no Clarion published.

Constable (Richard): Have lost property from Crown, none from Collegium.

Chirurgion (Maura): No report, no apology.

Rapier (Selwyn): No report, no apology.

Event reports:

Past:

- Crown: Rochard has hopes of final report by July, waiting for invoices and final payments outstanding. Total income \$11,666 including outstanding, expenses of \$9583 expected profit of \$1882.21

- Collegium. Was good. 16 members + 18 non-members (please correct if wrong)

Was a relaxed event, more people drifting in and out than last year. \$318.74 profit, way more than expected.

Future:

- November Royal Event: Will be a Wednesday evening event for the Crown who will be in town that evening. Please put up your hand and place a bid if you wish to steward this event! Ideas tossed around were a Spanish theme to

honour our Spanish Crown, Luan would like to cook a feast so may be a good time for him. Reminder for everyone to write recommendations to the Crown!

- College Ball on 25 July: FYI to shire.
- Midwinter Bardic Encampment on 4-5 July: College event, needed Darton's rubber stamp which was given.
- Darton Anniversary: Nothing to report, will discuss at the next meeting.

General Business:

- Council Location: Locations such as Toi Poneke, Johnsonville Community Centre and Wellington City Council were discussed. Melissa to find out about WCC (Note: WCC open rooms not available on the same night of the month every month for this year. I will try to see if we can book for 2010 onwards).

Martin suggested that he would keep his house open even on Council meeting nights for people who wished to go over there. In an effort to make the council move work for everyone and to not make people have to choose, Council discussed moving the time of Council to 6pm if it could be held in town somewhere. Seneschal will post on email list for discussion.

- Golden Quill: Martin & Alistair R to review other Lochac improved websites so that the award may be passed on.

- Website: Seneschal opened discussions and apologized if her method of shutting down the conversation upset anyone's feelings or made them feel they were not heard. Martin stated that it wasn't what was said but how it was said. Council agreed to move forward and away from the emotions of the situation to dealing with the facts. All present were in agreement. Many thanks were given to Martin and Maggie for their hard work and time spent updating and hosting the website. Thanks were given to all who keep the website current. Discussions ensued about why the website looks the way it does now, with minimal info or menus to show the amount of content to be found on the site. Old issues were brought forth and discussed. It was agreed that the issues brought forward were no longer an issue and that Darton members are free to add to the website as they wish. Ideas were brought forth such as: Making the website more user-friendly and eye-catching (Hanna), Expanded menus to make information easier to find (Richard), Removing the texture from the webpages so they are easier to read (Susan and Melissa), also structure and content to be updated. Martin said when someone gives him another texture he would remove the current one. Other items of note were the possible additions of a functional calendar and photo gallery. Martin noted that the current system could not maintain those functions but that if Darton wanted those things we could move the site to sca.org.nz using another CMS. Al suggested it was a relatively easy move to export the current website to the sca.org.nz server but we would need another CMS. Having a multi-user CMS (content management system) is an imperative for the group so that anyone with the interest and ability can update the site.

Meeting closed: 9:06 PM