

## Dragonship Haven Meeting

Date: 7/17/2022

Attendance: Physical- 0 Digital- 14

(Zoom -

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### Upcoming Business Meeting

- Sunday 8/28/2022 at 3pm
- Sunday 9/18/2022 at 3pm

### Last Month's Minutes

Casimir made a motion to accept last month's meeting notes as amended.

The motion was seconded by Kit

The motion was passed

### Officers Reports

- **Archery** – vacant
  - Volunteers are welcome. Practice continues in Oxford on Sundays.
- **Exchequer** - *Maria/Llewellyn*
  - No Report
- **Fencing** - *Jean-Michel/Catalina*
  - We had a practice! It was good to be back. The space is large and air conditioned. Happy with the space so far.
- **Heavy** – *Balfar*
  - Nothing new to Report
- **MOL** – *Luna*
  - Nothing new to Report
- **Thrown Weapons** – *Hans*
  - Going well Wednesday at Leons 2- 5 people each week
- **Chamberlain** – *Agapios*
  - Not much changed. Casimir took out items for the demo. Casimir Returned items from the demo.
- **Chatelaine** – Clarice
  - I have also put gold key into storage with help from agapious. We have way way WAY TOO MUCH gold key. At an event, we should go through some things. I think adding some feast gear could be nice.
  - She has produced a demo report and will be sending it on up to kimgdom as well.

- **Herald – Kit**
  - Let her know if there are any additions to order of precedence. A'isha noted that she has a Yale but it's not listed on the on the baronial website. There may be others who are missing. Anyone who requests access to website, can update. Anyone has updates to awards, let her know.
  
- **MOAS – Toby**
  - Exhibit of maps from 1400-1600 at the Beinecke Museum at Yale
    - (7/22-1/8) open to public Mon-Tues 9-430, Wed 10-430, Thurs-Fri 9-430, Sat-Sun 12-4. No public bathroom, no reservation or registration required for individuals, no cost, must be able to show proof of vaccination upon request, non-flash photography for personal use permitted, no food or drink permitted, and masks are optional except in certain areas (no details provided).
    - Aisha is looking to do a group outing and is waiting on more information, see Aisha with questions.
  - Pennsic University has released a tutorial on how to set up a personalized class schedule using Thing!
    - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/18bNBFSn6FegSFVideywUkASb98rAZXLz/view?fbclid=IwAR2x86KnMpikgK9dCgPeBmUQ\\_4dTUk8VTQFNKTENoMj8MFxmcObRiEg24qs](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18bNBFSn6FegSFVideywUkASb98rAZXLz/view?fbclid=IwAR2x86KnMpikgK9dCgPeBmUQ_4dTUk8VTQFNKTENoMj8MFxmcObRiEg24qs)
    - And if you are teaching a class and are comfortable recording; “We would also like to put in one last request for teachers who might be interested in recording classes for the Virtual Pennsic University as there are still many folk who are not quite comfortable returning to Pennsic in person yet. If you are interested, you may send your class videos to [virtualpennsicuniversity@gmail.com](mailto:virtualpennsicuniversity@gmail.com) or email us at [universityregistrar@pennsicwar.org](mailto:universityregistrar@pennsicwar.org) for complete instructions.”
  
- **Webminister/Chronicler – Anthony Campbell**
  - Nothing to Report
  
- **Social Media Officer- Kit**
  - Nothing to Report
  
- **Seneschal – Casimir /Christoffel/Isabella/Joe**
  - The demo went great!! Thank you to many people that lent a hand. A big congratulations to Clarice for making it happen.
  - I would like an accounting of the Baronial Banners, including the parade banner.
    - Rhode & Wurm have 5 silk banners
    - Two super big ones that Eloise made

- They do not have the banner poles. Casimir said he has the two collapsible poles in his truck to transport to Pennsic.
  - Casimir suggested that we need to have banners at demos.
- **Baronial Coronet - Worm & Rhode**
  - Rhode & Wurm
    - The good gentle who made silk banners and her husband are having some financial difficulties and started a Go-Fund-Me. Information will be posted later.
    - Rhode and Wurm are going to Pennsic and will be taking part in the opening ceremonies.

## **Past Events**

- Midsummer Fantasy Renaissance Faire in Ansonia

Clarice's Official report was read into the record as follows

*Cons*

*Need flappities*

*Need baronial banner*

*More flyers*

*A bigger sign for the SCA to display at events*

*Wagon*

*Dont stay till closing*

*More involvement from heavy, thrown and archery.*

*We were not given space to spar*

*Pros*

*Lots of people helped. Even non baronial members.*

*We had an amazing set up given what we had*

*Potential for new members from fair*

*Interactive displays are great*

*We could have had a better location. I felt thrown aside at the last minute. I had been contacting him for 2 months. 3 days before the fair he got back to me. If we have more banners for flags we can raise around the set up, that will make our display more colorful and eye-catching. People want the pomp and circumstances. Its unfortunate that our coronets could not be there as a shiney hat or two would have been nice.*

*I feel we could have had a much better space had we been given the chance to tell him our dimensions sooner.*

*I know everyone wants to be closer to midgate if we do this again. Only problem is, vendors get priority. So unless someone is willing to have a set up every weekend, it wont happen.*

*I talked about shifts. So one weekend we have this crew that runs the booth. The following weekend it can be another crew and so on. We can register to camp as well. That way we know there will be someone with the set up all weekend. Problem is, 1 person will have to be there*

*the whole fair as the representative.*

*We need to get a wagon. Be it one of those walmart ones we use for ice, or a bigger one like I see at pennsic (metal) it needs to happen. Given that we were not allowed to bring our cars back on site till well after 9pm, we could have packed up had we had a wagon to wheel everything to the cars.*

*I would like to see more involvement from heavy. I feel like they never show up for things anymore unless they get something from it. Brutal to say but thats how it comes across.*

*If we had space to spar AS WE WERE TOLD THERE WOULD BE SPACE, we could have given so much more. What better way to get someone interested than show them not only our A&S stuff, but our martial activities. Put swords in viewers hands while someone is sparring and explain the sword. How it works. Why its so cool.*

*I know we have some amazing baronial members who could make a bit of a show sparring. Bring out the fancy armour. The shields. Show off the cool rapiers, or our cool bows and arrows. We need more photos of children doing things at events. To show we are in fact family friendly. We need to show parents that there is a benefit to coming with their kids. For both parent and child.*

*I feel we overall did a great job. And those who attended busted their butts. Again, a big thank you to everyone who made this possible.*

- Other Demo Discussions

- CON: Vehicles are only allowed before the fair starts and after it ends so having a wagon to leave earlier than that time would be helpful for those who don't want to stay until closing. Fair personnel didn't get back to us in a timely fashion. If we had a better idea of what we needed and were able to demo more than just one weekend, we might get a better space.
- PRO: There was interest and potential new members. The interactive displays were great.
- SUGGESTIONS: If we register to camp, we'll need someone to act as a representative. Vendors get first pick but if we were there over more weekends, we would probably get a better spot. If we had more room to spar, we would attract more interest. Fancy armor, cool bows and arrows, and fencing would bring in more people. Bring more photographs of children to show we're family-friendly.
- Discussion of purchase/construction of a wagon to make set-up and break-down easier. Grimolfr noted that the collapsible canvas ones are not durable enough for our needs. Morgan suggested a break-down wooden wagon would be better [see New Business Below]. Casimir asked that in the future people who have their own wagons should bring them or, if possible, loan them to the barony for the day.

## Upcoming Events

- Arrow's Fall (Formerly Vasa Wars) Archery event
  - This event has been postponed to 2023
  - Event Steward: Clarice
  - Running Archery: Casimir
  - Covid Checker: Kit
  - End of Tentatively September 24th
    - Need to avoid conflict with other events
    - Wurm if we can keep it off 9/24<sup>th</sup> it would be great
  - Vasa Park
  - Food Pot Luck or bring your own.
  - Casimir will communicate with Clarice what his vision of the event is.
  - We will be doing the contract and Deposit shortly.
    - The exchequer has asked that we do one check for site and full deposit fee.
  - We need volunteers to make this happen
  - Possible rugged mudder conflict.
- Champions Day
  - Event Steward: Aurora
  - Covid Checker: Kit
  - October 10/22
  - Vasa Park
  - BBM and DSH
  - Food Pot Luck or bring your own.
  - Casimir to pass on Contact information for Vasa park
  - So Far the 150 dollar deposit has been paid.
- St. Elegius-
  - Event Steward: Christoffel
  - Co-Steward: Clarice
  - DayBoard: Isabella
  - Covid Checking: Casimir
  - A&S competition Coordinator: Kit
  - Site: New Haven Masonic Temple at 285 Whitney
  - November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Maria to supply \$2000 deposit check
  - Updated the name of the event
  - Event is now just St Eligis

## Old Business

- Get a deputy, everyone needs a deputy
- SCA signs need work. Rhode and Willow will look at this in the warmer weather. (May)
  - They are in OK shape.
  - Morgan had made the original design and would probably be best to consult on what the initial intent was and how best to update them.
  - Tris probably put vinyl cut letters on them but we no longer have access to a vinyl cutter. The letters would need to be 12" – 16" tall and roughly 15 letters. Kit volunteered her Mom's Cricut vinyl cutter which can take 11" x 24" sheets. It uses stick-

on vinyl. Kit will text the computer file type needed and vinyl size available. Rhode should be able to send a file.

- The Autocrat & Officers handbook is missing.
  - We have made very little progress on a handbook.
  - Catalina may have been working on this.
  - Efforts will be made to locate and build upon the work that was done.
  - As Seneschal I would like to get this handbook a fresh start.
  - Any updates for suggestions can be sent to the Seneschal.
  - Basic templates are being created at this time.
- Relocation of Keefe Storage Shed
  - New Updates. Balfar and Casimir went to Keefe Center to examine the layout and the shed.
    - It is currently being blocked by two dumpsters.
    - They spoke with the janitors on site. They believe that on an upcoming garbage day, the dumpsters can be moved to the parking lot making the shed more accessible.
    - The dimensions are approximately 8' x 7' x 5' making it too large to move by a conventional pick-up truck. The suggestion was made to rent a truck from Home Depot for \$19 for the truck + \$2/mile and move it to a new location. We still need to contact the town to set up the move and then get volunteers to do the work.
    - Nothing expected to be done before Pennsic.
  - Balfar is volunteering to put it in his side yard.
  - We may need to rent a truck (rental was approved by vote)
  - Kit may have access to a suitable truck
  - Kit will check zoning at Balfars house to verify that we can put the shed there.
- Runnymede Largess with to An Dubhaigeainn
  - 12 bottle openers have been made
  - 12 bottles of root beer are in the works
  - Wurm will be attending Runnymede at Pennsic but unfortunately Rhode will not be at Pennsic on those days.
  - Izzy may make a wood tag for the root beers.
- Polling for New Excellencies
  - Clarice and Morgan submitted Letters of Intent.
  - Casimir and A'isha submitted a Letter of Intent.
  - In the interest of fair and transparent elections, Baron Joe has stepped forward to take on the polling duties that are usually done by the Seneschal.
  - The deadline for Letters of Intent is 7/25.
  - Questions for the candidates are due to Joe by 9/1/2022
  - After Pennsic, we need to request a zip code list from East Kingdom.
  - Then a request will go to Milpitas to provide a list of all members within those zip codes (in Excel).
  - The ballots will then be mailed out with stamped return envelopes to go to the EK Deputy for Polling (Delaware).
  - There are then 3 weeks to count the votes and let the EK Seneschal and then the Crown to get the results.
  - The crown has up to 4 weeks to notify the barony of the outcome of the polling.
  - It is expected that the entire process will take until the end of December

- to complete.
- We will be issuing a list of questions to the candidates. Please send any questions you want asked to Joe Gori who will be acting as a clearinghouse by 9/1/2022.
- At the August Meeting we have to decide which from to use for our polling (ranked choice vs single choice)
- Zoom License –
  - Has been acquired for 55 dollars
  - See Casimir for User ID & Password.
- Advertising – A discussion of cards, brochures, and banners.
  - A'isha will look into the cost of a QR code banner.
    - Banner 4mb JPG \$25 2x4 or 2x6 our choice.
    - Who is doing the artwork.
    - Kit and A'isha to work on this.
    - Banner to imply that we are not a vender
  - Business cards have been acquired!!
- Pennsic Planning
  - Wurm has requested that the baronial banner poles make it to Pennsic
    - Casimir will take care of the Transport.
  - Casimir stated that it would be nice to know where our people are camping at Pennsic so that we can keep in touch.
    - Casimir and A'isha camp in X02
  - Casimir is putting together a Pennsic map of where everyone is camping.
  - Opening Ceremonies noon on 8/6 Gather probably at East Kingdom Royal. 11 to 1130

## **Tabled Old Business**

- Luna's challenge
  - still needs to be considered.
  - Event Steward?
  - Date?
  - Site: Looking at Guilford Fairgrounds or North Haven Fairgrounds
  - Izzy has discussed with Luna and all are excited. Luna wants it to be totally different from Balfar's Challenge to hit on things that Balfar's doesn't. Luna wants things a little more family friendly: campfires, dancing, singing, A&S, and kids. Nighttime event: torchlight tourney. Hoping for a camping event.

## **New Business**

- Transport wagon
  - Hans & Morgan will make a proposal, design, and budget for a wagon that breaks down and can be used at demos, etc. The discussion will take place off-line and presented to the barony at an upcoming meeting.
- Silk Banner Class
  - Grimolfr & Khazariyya proposed running a silk banner class at their home sometime after Pennsic probably on a Saturday.
  - It would be a simple design with limited colors. There was some discussion and suggestions on the design.

- Temair thought about having people bring PVC to make frames for future banners and to provide a place for them to dry. The thought is that PVC is limited to under 45” or it won’t be able to hold its shape under the weight and tension of the banner.
  - Grimolfr and Khazariyya will investigate the costs so we can vote to see if the Barony will cover it or if the participants will.
- How do we Update Custom  
Baronial Custom can be updated at any business meeting.
    - a. A motion to amend Baronial Custom can be made at any business meeting. All proposed changes to Baronial Custom must be raised and discussed at a Baronial Business Meeting and voted on in the following baronial business meeting. The matter may be tabled for one additional month to permit further discussion. If a consensus of the attending populace not can not be reached, a vote of all Members present at the baronial business meeting will decide the matter.
    - b. Baronial Custom will be comprehensively reviewed once a year in the month of October. The Seneschal will announce the review of custom in the September business meeting and will gather suggestions on changes and amendments. The procedure for raising, considering, and enacting changes to Baronial Custom is as described above.
    - c. All proposed changes must be discussed at minimum at two business meetings one to raise and discuss the issue that has been raised with further discussion and a populace polling conducted at the next business meeting

## Custom Change Proposal 1 from Casimir

### Current Custom Wording

#### Baronial Officer Terms & Limits

- a. Elections for new officers will be held at the June meeting in odd-numbered years
  - i. The seneschal will announce upcoming elections at the April Baronial business meeting
  - ii. Letters of intent must be submitted to the Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, and Baron/ess by the May meeting. Either paper or e-mail are acceptable vehicles for letters of intent
  - iii. Discussion of candidates will be held at the May meeting with both officers and populace present.
  - iv. Any populace at the June meeting may vote on candidates.
    - 1. Proxy votes will be accepted per the terms outlined below
- e. All offices will participate in an annual review
  - i. Officer Review Process
    - 1. Baronial Officer Reviews will be held at the June business meeting of even numbered years. Baron and Baroness will also be reviewed at this meeting. No officer is to be excluded from being present to participate in this review process.



## Proposed New Wording

### Baronial Officer Terms & Limits

- a. Elections for new officers will be held at the **March** meeting in odd-numbered years
  - i. The seneschal will announce upcoming elections at the **January** Baronial business meeting
  - ii. Letters of intent must be submitted to the Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, and Baron/ess by the **February** meeting. Either paper or e-mail are acceptable vehicles for letters of intent
  - iii. Discussion of candidates will be held at the **February** meeting with both officers and populace present.
  - iv. Any populace at the **March** meeting may vote on candidates.
    - 1. Proxy votes will be accepted per the terms outlined below
  
- e. All offices will participate in an annual review
  - i. Officer Review Process
    - 1. Baronial Officer Reviews will be held at the **March** business meeting of even numbered years. Baron and Baroness will also be reviewed at this meeting. No officer is to be excluded from being present to participate in this review process.

## Custom Change proposal 2 From Kit

### Current Custom Wording

From Kit

2. Core Officers are those offices must be filled to remain in compliance with East Kingdom Law. By that law, all required officers must be paid members of the SCA and must meet the eligibility requirements to hold their office. Officers reports must be submitted to the Kingdom Regional Officer, Seneschal, Deputy baronial officer and Baron and Baroness, before the deadline determined by the Kingdom Officers.

### Revised text would read:

2. Core Officers are those offices must be filled to remain in compliance with East Kingdom Law. By that law, all required officers must be paid members of the SCA and must meet the eligibility requirements to hold their office. **\*\* In addition, out-of-Barony persons are authorized to hold Baronial offices, excluding seneschal and exchequer, in accordance with East Kingdom Law. \*\*** Officers reports must be submitted to the Kingdom Regional Officer, Seneschal, Deputy baronial officer and Baron and Baroness, before the deadline determined by the Kingdom Officers.

## Custom Change proposal 3 From Kit

A proposal was made to change all references to the Baron or baroness to Baronial Seat.

- Additional Custom Discussion
  - Rhode suggested that we review custom and see what changes are needed to make it more concise and remove conflict.
  - Casimir stated that according to custom The Seneschal will make an announcement at the September meeting regarding the pending custom overhaul and have the review at the October meeting.
    - Casimir suggested asking for a committee of 2 – 3 volunteers to review custom and make a presentation of revisions at an upcoming meeting
    - Grimolfr volunteered to be part of the custom review committee.
    - Casimir will post on Facebook and the Website asking for volunteers to overhaul custom at the October meeting.
  - Christoffel reminded us that it is permissible to completely re-write custom. There are instances where a remnant of an old custom is no longer in use.
  - Morgan said that lots of ancient verbiage can be simplified and we should only address matters that are not explicitly spelled out by Kingdom.
  - Agapios said in custom we can change sections at a time but an overhaul would be better to avoid missing anything. Kit asked that we don't scrap the suggested changes from today to wait for the October overhaul.
  - Casimir said we'll vote on the custom changes suggested at this the July meeting at the August meeting.