

Dragonship Haven Meeting

Date: 9/25/2022

Attendance: Physical- 0 Digital-21

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Upcoming Business Meeting

- Sunday 10/23/2022 at 3pm
- Sunday 11/06/2022 at 3pm

Last Month's Minutes

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

The motion was seconded

The motion was passed

Officers Reports

- **Archery** – vacant
 - Practice continues in Oxford on Sundays.
- **Exchequer** - *Maria/Llewellyn*
 - A motion was made to pay fee to New Haven Masonic Temple for St. Eligius. Motion carried.
 - Discussion of cost and reimbursement for Heavy List practice in Naugatuck. Maria has received copies of the receipts. A motion was made to reimburse \$720.00 to Wilhelm for the cost of Heavy List practice in Naugatuck. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - Discussion of baronial funding of martial activities. Estimated cost of Heavy List practice in Naugatuck is \$40/week. A motion made to provide \$40/practice for heavy list through the end of the year. The Motion was seconded and passed.
 - Discussion to start budgeting process to fund activities in November so a budget can be presented for the upcoming 2023 year.
 - Maria needs to update the signatories on the bank account.
 - Currently the signatories are one baroness, current and prior exchequers, regional EK exchequer deputy, EK exchequer, and the previous seneschal. She cannot reimburse herself as she can't sign checks made out to herself. Rhode offered to make herself available on a Saturday to update signatories. A discussion of signatories will need to be forthcoming.
- **Fencing** - *Jean-Michel/Catalina*
 - Practice has continued the last month in the synagogue. The site will be unavailable during the High Holy Days so they have offered an additional two weeks to make up for missed time. It's too expensive to continue in this space.
 - A new Space has been located at the Bethesda Lutheran Church at \$50/month (4 practices, one per week). They have Thursdays available from 7 pm – 9 pm. The space is smaller and the ceilings are lower but it should be sufficient for current fencing needs. Jean-Michel has a contract.
 - A motion was made to fund the new fencing space at \$50/month until the end of the year thereby it will be re-addressed at the upcoming 2023 budget discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.

- **Heavy – Balfar**
 - Practice still going on every Monday night . We have 3 new people.
- **MOL – Luna**
 - not much going on.
 - Still has to work on official email account.
 - Looking for volunteers from both Dragonship and BBM to assist during Champions Day.
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- **Thrown Weapons – Hans**
 - No Report
- **Chamberlain – Agapios**
 - The barony has both a leather and a metal coronet set for the Baronial seat.
 - Rhode has the signs and is working on repairing them.
 - Wurm has the banners and is laundering them so they will be ready for Champions Day.
 - Isabella has one of the Restaurant Depot cards and will be using it for purchases for upcoming events. Rhode also has a Restaurant Depot card. The location of any other cards for Restaurant Depot are unknown at this time.
 - Agapios feels that the Baronial Glastonbury chairs are warped and unusable as he was unable to properly assemble them. Casimir has possession of the chairs and feels that they are repairable (e.g. drill out and replace broken dowel, replace pegs, make holes slightly larger to allow for a higher tolerance in assembly, etc.). Agapios is considering getting similar chairs or have more than one set. Casimir suggested leaving that decision up to the next Baronial seat.
 - Agapios will need to know if anything in storage will be needed for Champions day. Isabella requested the disposables. Jean Michel requested archery targets and other related supplies. Agapios will need help as his vehicle is not of sufficient size. Jean Michel will obtain them at a future time.
- **Chatelaine – Clarice**
 - scheduled a meeting with Sam on 10/2 around noon and 1 pm to go through Gold Key. They will be organizing it, making repairs, and laundering pieces as needed. Excess pieces may be made available for a silent auction to benefit the Barony in the future and Sam is willing to oversee the auction. The auction will be tabled until a future meeting.
 - She has been in contact with new members and old members who may want to return to encourage them to come to the upcoming events. A few people may have joined Facebook group so they can “meet” people before the event.
 - Sam is considering becoming Deputy Chatelaine.
- **Herald – Kit**
 - She know people received awards but didn’t know details. Grimolfr received the Order of the Golden Rapier. Master Llewyln received the Order the Silver Broach.
- **MOAS – Toby**

- Map exhibit at Yale in Beinecke Library which continues until January. He was planning on organizing a group trip but due to personal issues can't do so. Encourages people to attend.
- Encourages people to go to St. Eligius.
- **Webminister/Chronicler** – Anthony Campbell
 - No Report
- **Social Media Officer- *Kit***
 - No Report
- **Seneschal** – *Casimir /Christoffel/Isabella/Joe*
 - Joe is acting Seneschal until Casimir is out of hospital.
 - Morgan has requested exception to the 5 year rule in custom (e.g. if you haven't played in barony in 5 years you need 3 officers to approve your intention to be baron). The Coronet, Chiaretta, and Casimir approved his letter of intent.
 - We need a committee to review custom and law and make suggestions for clarification and consistency. Joe suggested it should be an ongoing project with progress reports made at regular intervals. Casimir asked people to refrain from making changes to custom until review is done to make this process easier.
 - Casimir and A'isha have officially withdrawn their intention to run for Coronet.
 - Joe will give a polling update.
- **Baronial Coronet - *Worm & Rhode***
 - Rhode & Wurm
 - Coronet (Rhode): Wurm is in Istanbul. Rhode reminded people that there are two upcoming events with courts. Recommendations for awards should be sent to the baronesses so recognition can be made at these courts.

Past Events

- None

Upcoming Events

- 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.
 - Temair reports that we are all set to go.

- \$450 check from BBM will be going to Maria to cover their half of the event cost.
 - Rhode has the signs and will discuss offline where they should be placed for the event. They will be kept for Champions Day and St Eligius before going back into storage. Christoffel will bring them to Champions Day and then bring and set them up for St. Eligius.
 - Temair will need volunteers for
 - blue card check at gate but no longer need to do a COVID check as per change to EK rules. Isabella asked
 - To check that anyone bringing a dish for the potluck bring a prepared list of ingredients that can be placed next to your dish and a disposable serving utensil. She will also add this to the Facebook group so people can properly prepare. Discussion of COVID rules and asking for a mask variance.
 - Temair said that since Champions Day is outside she's not concerned about COVID.
- 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 12th
 - Event is now just St Eligis
 - Maria is sending a check to cover site fee.
 - Isabella had contacted Maria regarding cooking and serving vessels that will be needed.
 - Christoffel has gotten some requests for classroom space. He will need the approximate size room needed for each class.
 - Discussion of mask variance for the event as it is indoors and in close quarters.
 - Motion made to request mask variance from EK. Motion passed. Joe will send an email to Audrey and work with Casimir on the mask variance. Christoffel said that we will need to post whatever policy or variance is effect for the event on the website and event announcement.
 - Chiaretta has posted the competition rules along with the display requirements. She has solicited prizes for the competitions and has obtained two with a few others in progress. There are five prizes needed and any person who sponsors a competition will be responsible for any prize for that particular competition. If anyone wants to donate a prize, please see her offline.
 - Maria will obtain petty cash for St. Eligius Gate for Temair.

Old Business

- Get a deputy, everyone needs a deputy
- SCA signs.

- Signs (Rhode): She has offered to do one of two things: rehab existing signs or make new ones. Signs are at the end of their usable lifespan but should be usable for Champions Day and St. Eligius with minimum work.
 - Proposed making 6 new signs with Coroplast printed sign, moveable arrow to indicate direction, and a wooden A-frame. Cost of new signs would be \$30-\$50 each. A motion made to make 6 new signs to be ready for Balfar's. The motion was seconded and passed. Rhode will post the new design to Facebook when available.
- 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
 - We need a point to take the lead on arranging moving the shed to it's new home at Balfar's side yard.
 - 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.
- 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)
- Casimir and A'isha have rescinded their candidacy for the Baronial Seat
- Rhode noted that several people have contacted the Baronial seat about the possibility of re-opening polling to have more than one option. However, no one has specifically said they wish to run for the position. Joe had contacted Audrey and that while EK law will permit it, it is ultimately the Barony's decision.
- Motion made to open process for NEW, not previously submitted Letters of Intent and Answers To Questions For Candidates with a deadline for 10/9. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Christoffel suggested that this announcement be typed up and posted on Facebook and Baronial website. Joe presented verbiage as follows: The barony has decided to re-open an abbreviated nomination period for the Baronial seat. The nomination period is open to October 9th. Please send your letters of intent and answers to the populous questions to seneschal@dragonshiphaven.eastkindom.org, baronessrhode@dragonshiphaven.eastkindom.org, baronesswurm@dragonshiphaven.eastkindom.org and deputyseneschal@dragonshiphaven.eastkindom.org.
- Christoffel will post the announcement to the Facebook group and the Barony website.
- 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!!
- 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.

New Business

- Serving Platter and Utensils a request from Isabella
 - Serving gear (Isabella): Propose \$600 for various equipment for safe serving at events (e.g. 3-4 bain marie, 24 Sternos, 4 racks, metal bays, electric containers for soup to keep food at safe temperatures,etc.).
 - Decision made for Isabella to order the equipment in time for St. Eligius and send receipt to Maria to be paid out of the general Baronial budget.
 - The Sterno used for the event is considered a consumable and would be paid for out of the event budget.

Tabled Old Business

- Luna's challenge
 - still needs to be considered.
 - Event Steward?
 - Date?
 - Site: Looking at Guilford Fairgrounds or North Haven Fairgrounds
 - Isabella 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.

- 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 9/24th 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
 - Thinking of turning this into an Archery Schola