

# Rising Waters Group Meeting

Minutes of Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Meeting opened at 2:10 – Trudi/Sciath chairing meeting as deputy seneschal**

## **Officers Reports**

Barony & Baroness (Sam/Dmitri and Jennifer/Gema)

- Preparations are underway for attendance at the Niagara Comic-con. This is a major membership recruitment event, so we are pooling much of our efforts into this demo.

**Action Item: Volunteers for Comic-con should communicate with Gema or Annabelle asap**

- We are not able to attend Murder Melee, as a result, since it will conflict with the Comic-con
- We will be attending War of the Trillium, where Prince Trumbrand, and Baron Rattanicus will be elevated.

Chronicler (Jennifer/Gema)

- The next issue of the Cataract will come out this week. Please send articles to the chronicler gmail account.

**Action Item: articles must be in to Gema by Monday, May 27, 2019**

- The Baronial election information will be featured in this issue, including the policy.

Marshal (Sam/Dmtri)

- Will coordinate getting fight practice information for other areas to Angie (Bera), webminister, so that those who wish to fight can connect with regular practices.

Archery (David/Gunther)

- Gunther is now Kingdom Archery Marshal, and will soon be Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshal. We will need to plan for his succession in both, or one of these roles in the Barony.

**Action Item: potential candidates for Baronial Archery Marshal should communicate with Gunther and Annabelle asap**

- Gillian is approaching New Hope Church to coordinate access to outdoor area for a regular practice site.
  - o If we do gain access to this site for regular practices, recommend that we will want to invest in a storage shed for stands, butts, and related items. This will alleviate the need to transport gear for every practice. Church must consent to placement of storage shed.

Signet (Trudi/Sciath)

- 3 members attended scribal gathering on May 9, 2019
- Next scribal gathering will be on Thursday, June 20 at 7pm at the Crumphold

- Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium is approaching – July 5, in Iowa
- Mistress Marioun is now the Education Officer for the Kingdom College of Scribes, and will be coordinating scriptoriums at events. Come out, bring your scribal kit and have fun.

#### Exchequer (Joey/Jowan)

- We have money in the bank.
- Using the new forms for kingdom reports
  - o Need to report on value of regalia. There was a discussion of baronial regalia
    - What does the barony have that is insured?
    - Should the coronets and baronies thrones be insured?
    - The baronial seats are now 10 years old, and there is some wear/tear from use out-of-doors.

#### Herald (Gillian/Runa)

- Spoke with Sciath and Nicola about organizing a Book Heraldry 101 class for local residents. Date TBD. Baron Percival (Bucina Herald) would like a post-activity report.
- KWHSS is coming up, and should be lots of fun.

#### Thrown Weapons (David/Gunther)

- Jennifer/Gema and Trudi/Sciath have started their MITs
- Gillian/Runa is interested in doing the MIT

### Old Business

#### *Lady Mary Memorial Tournament (Trudi/Sciath)*

- Special commendation to Angie, Joey and Gillian for their work on the auction, prizes and lunch table. Event planning was a real team effort. Kuddos to everyone involved.
- The event made a profit of \$863.28
- Just over 100 participants attended the event. This is down from previous years LM Tournaments. Trudi and Joey are going to compile historical data to better track projected expenses.
- David/Gunther recommends better assessment of the outdoor location, to manage potentially marshy ground
  - o Use of logs was a good start to bridging the worst of it
  - o Possible need for mats or straw to bridge to archery area
- Thrown Weapons was very popular
  - o Thanks to Tristan for marshalling
  - o Special thanks to Enya from Trino for help with the stands and butts
- Archery equipment is aging
  - o Need to replace Ethofoam

**Action Item: David/Gunther to coordinate with Beremere and Trinovantia Nova for a bulk order of Ethofoam (supported by Gillian/Runa).**

- o Need for loaner arrows (Susan/Nicola)

**Action Item: Susan/Nicola to organize a class for arrow making at the Baronial Picnic, July 21, 2019**

- Feast had low numbers
- Cheryl/Roz commends Leslie/Abhilin and Andrew/Richard for their help in the kitchen
- Price checking worked out well – even with a loss at feast sales, the price checking reduced the impact of that loss. Cheryl also donated a fair amount of feast items, but retained unused items.
- If we continue having lunch away from the kitchen, recommend having a sign to direct participants better.
  - o Suggestion of using an easel, away from gate – something big, where the schedule, and relevant signs can be posted
- Need a box for lost and found – so folks know where to put items, or collect items
- The Newcomer class went really well – may be good to repeat next year.
- Cost for the hall has gone up, from \$900 - \$1150.
  - o Gema inquired about rates for ‘parties’ which is for a 4 hour session, and priced per person.

#### *Baronial Election (Gema and Dmitri)*

- Susan/Nicola read out the Rising Waters Succession Policy. The policy is located in the Kingdom Library files, here: [http://www.ealdormere.ca/uploads/2/4/1/5/24151324/rising\\_waters\\_baronial\\_succession\\_policy.pdf](http://www.ealdormere.ca/uploads/2/4/1/5/24151324/rising_waters_baronial_succession_policy.pdf)
- Policy has now been read into a Baronial meeting
- Announcement for step down took place at the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament.
- There is only another week open to access Letters of Intention
  - o Once this period closes, the list of candidates will be sent to TRM for their approval.
- If there are multiple candidates:
  - o There are two ‘meet the candidates’ meetings scheduled: July 14 and July 21, 2019
- If there is only one candidate(s)
  - o Consult with TRM to determine need for meet the candidates’ meetings and vote of confidence
- Election information will be featured in Cataract, coming out after May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Baronial website will also have the election information
- Current plan is for TRM to announce the successful candidate(s) at Pennsic War

#### *Deed of Arms (Andrew/Richard via text) – June 22, 2019*

- Event is on the kingdom calendar
- Need volunteers to help coordinate activities on the day of the event and to support Others in food service
- Participants need to bring a chair to the event.

#### *Investiture (Joey and Gillian) – Sept. 14, 2019*

- Team autocrat (Angie, Gillian) with Susan/Nicola as event steward mentor
- Site to be determined
- Have secured the marshals for the event
- A planning meeting is scheduled for later this week
- Need to focus on logistics at this time, until successful candidate is declared by TRM

*Comic-con (Gema)*

- We would like to use the parade banner. Who has this?
- Sabrina is putting together a schedule
- We have two fighters, and two fencers
- Display plans: Sciath's dressmakers dummy, pretty items, showing video in prominent location
- Note to volunteers – parking will be a challenge

*Baronial Promotion/Marketing (Gillian)*

- Would like to purchase baronial business cards (non-glossy), similar to the ones developed by Trino
- There was a good conversation about marketing, and putting an emphasis on appealing to youth and children.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm**