

# Minutes - Baronial Meeting - 24 Nov. 2019

## Officers' Reports

### **Baroness**

- Excellent turnout for the recent mega-practice, including neighbours from the Hael and Ben Dunfirth
- Planning to attend Wassail, and urge other local residents to attend in order to witness Richard's vigil and elevation to the Order of Chivalry
- Looking forward to the Dessert Revel on December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Working with Angie, Webminister, to develop an online award recommendation form. Recommendations can be sent to [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com), or using the new form (once available).

Action Item: Hoping to plan a social evening, perhaps at Mugs and Meeples in December.

### **Exchequer**

- Report has been submitted.
- Note for event stewards submitting bids – royalty room costs are not allowable in event budgets, in compliance with Kingdom policy.
- November mega-practice brought in \$116, which covers the cost of the site.

Action Item: Update bank account signatures with Jennifer, as new Seneschal.

### **Seneschal**

- Submitted insurance request for 2020 practices. Will need to wait until insurance paperwork is ready for the new year.
- Working on an online form for officer reports. The hope is that officers will submit reports a week before the meeting. The report will satisfy the requirement, where officer is unable to attend meeting.
- Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.  
[seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com)

Action Item: Confirm school booking for Winter 2020 practices.

### **Herald**

- Sam had no activity to report, but is looking forward to getting back into heraldry work
- 4 names, 1 device have been submitted in the Barony in the past month

### **Signet**

- Scribal gathering was held on Nov. 21: Countess Genevieve was our guest, and met with the group to talk about how she got started in scribal arts. She brought her portfolio to illustrate her personal progress.
- The group also began the process to make oak gall ink. The galls were crushed during the meeting. The next stage is planned for after the group committee meeting.
- There will not be a gathering in December, since the holiday schedule is quite full. We will start up again in January.

Action Item: Sciath to monitor ink processing, and portion out samples for local scribes to test over six months.

### **Minister of Arts & Science**

- Not present

### **Marshal**

- The November mega-practice has been successful. We had 11 in armour, 10 participating in rapier.
  - o Richard worked on his MIT for Rapier
  - o Eustace worked on his MIT for Armoured Combat
- Richard will schedule two days in December to focus on armouring – dates TBC

Action Item: Coordinate practice schedule with Jennifer, Seneschal

### **Chronicler**

- Reports will be needed in late December, for an issue in the first week of January, 2020
- The plan is to publish an issue quarterly (every 3 months)
- Please send contributions to [chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com)

### **Webminister**

- Angie has updated all recent officer roles, and champions
- Jennifer, Seneschal, has communicated with Krystyne regarding hosting the baronial website.
- If anyone finds errors on the Baronial website, please let me know at [webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com)
- Angie, Webminister, proposed motion to find alternate hosting that is more cost effective.

### **Motion voted and approved**

### **Chatelaine**

- Sue, Chatelaine, now has most of the gold key bins
- Creating digital inventory for gold key
- Having some difficulty logging into Chatelaine email account.

Action Item: Meet with Jennifer (Seneschal) and Angie (Webminister) to coordinate access to email account.

### **Community Liaison/Deputy to Seneschal**

- The Niagara Falls Humane Society Demo/Gala on Nov. 2, 2019 was really successful, raising \$29,000.
  - o The NFHS would like to discuss joint events for the Summer, 2020. Gillian is looking forward to working with Suzi (Chatelaine) on future demos.

Action Item: Jennifer to look into kingdom and society policies and laws to confirm fundraising limitations, so that these activities are in compliance.

Motion: To reimburse cost of two signs created for the Gala, but reusable for Baronial events/activities. Motion passed and approved.

- The November mega practice was well-attended. We had 30 participants (5 more than the 25 in October), including many from the Hael and Ben Dunfirth.
  - o It would be ideal to schedule an early Spring mega-practice soon to support the momentum we have built. Group discussion resulted in suggestions for March 13 or 20.

Action Item: Gillian to speak with New Hope to schedule a mega practice for March, 2020.

- Likely Spit is a business based in Binbrook that produces local wool, and keen to develop workshops.
- If anyone finds a local business/artisan who may be of interest to Baronial members, please let me know via email [community.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:community.risingwaters@gmail.com)

### **Thrown Weapons Marshal**

- Sciath reported 12 people signed up for thrown weapons at the November mega-practice. This is six more people than attended at the October practice.
- Christian is going to start MIT process for thrown weapons

Action Item: Sciath to provide Christian with MIT information, form and TW Handbook

- Sciath would like to work with Gillian, Community Liaison, on fundraising for loaner equipment.

Action Item: Sciath and Gillian to meet to discuss loaner gear sponsorships.

### **Archery Marshal**

- Nothing to report

### **Quartermaster**

- Discussion on resolving equipment storage
  - o Acquiring trailer may be costly and difficult, as it will require annual insurance and ownership to an individual.
  - o Richard has confirmed that Michael does have some space to store equipment for up to two years. This is still a short-term solution, depending on personal space.
- New inventory is planned.
  - o Christian has offered to help in inventory process.

Action Item: Richard to coordinate removal of equipment from Rosie's place on November 30<sup>th</sup> and temporary storage

Action Item: Gillian to look into public storage, which will include insurance coverage

### **Old Business**

The November Mega-Practice has been amply covered in officer reports

### **New Business**

Spring Coronation - Bera/Angie as event steward, Abhilin/Leslie as feast steward

- Theme will be 14<sup>th</sup> century

Lady Mary 2020 - Ragnheidr/Suzi as event steward

Action Item: Jennifer (Seneschal) to provide Sciath with Lady Mary trophies

2020 Baronial Dessert Exchange

- Roz/Cheryl is no longer available to participate
- Christian offered to participate

Action Item: Jennifer (Seneschal) to update exchange list on FaceBook

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

## Motions

1. Motion to find alternate hosting for baronial website. Motion passed and approved
2. Motion to reimburse cost of two signs created for the Gala, but reusable for Baronial events/activities. Motion passed and approved.

## Action Item List

Item	Responsible	Progress
1. Plan a social evening, perhaps at Mugs and Meeples in December.	Sciath	completed - Dec. 19
2. Update bank account signatures with Jennifer, as new Seneschal.	Jo-ann/Jennifer	in progress
3. Coordinate practice schedule with Jennifer, Seneschal	Jennifer/Andrew	complete
4. Confirm school booking for Winter 2020 practices.	Jennifer	
5. Monitor ink processing, and portion out samples for local scribes to test over six months.	Sciath	started
6. Coordinate access to Chatelaine email account.	Suzi/Angie/Jennifer	
7. Look into kingdom and society policies and laws to confirm fundraising limitations, so that these activities are in compliance.	Jennifer	
8. Speak with New Hope to schedule a mega practice for March, 2020.	Gillian	
9. Provide Christian with MIT information, form and TW Handbook	Sciath	Complete
10. Discuss thrown weapons loaner gear sponsorships.	Sciath/Gillian	started
11. Coordinate removal of equipment from Rosie's place on November 30th and temporary storage	Andrew	

12. Investigate public storage, which will include insurance coverage	Gillian	
13. Transfer Lady Mary Trophies to Sciath	Jennifer	
14. Update exchange list on FaceBook	Jennifer	complete