

Baronial Officers' Meeting Minutes August 19, 2021

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- I'd like to thank Countess Liðr for facilitating our baronial moot on Sunday, August 1. I hope that everyone felt comfortable to raise issues or concerns. .
- It was fantastic to see our community come together at the picnic earlier this month. Thirty-five nobles came together at the Fireman's park in Niagara Falls, for a beautiful day of discussion.
- Coronation, September 4, 2021
- Registration is now open for the [Known World Cooks and Bards Symposium](#). It will be held virtually, from September 10 - 13.
- University of Atlantia University - online September 18, 2021

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- We still have funds! I have received two reimbursement requests:
 - Baronial Pennsic storage
 - Baronial Zoom account
- I've arranged for the bank (TD) to contact Leslie and Petra, and myself to register for the account. Once I am able to sign for cheques, I will process the current reimbursement requests.
- Second quarter report has been submitted!
- Seeking deputy for Exchequer
 - Ruth expressed interest in becoming deputy exchequer (will need to rejoin)

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Kate)

- Lots of activities - research, poultices, knitting, costuming, leatherwork, scribal, floorcloth, armouring, class planning, gardening, mosaic.
- Collecting items for the basket in preparation for Coronation. Please contact me to add more items to the basket by August 31, 2021.

Seneschal's Report (Aibhilin/Leslie)

- Report deadline to kingdom is extended for my report until August 22

Upcoming events on the Kingdom Calendar:

Saturday, August 21

7:00pm [Ealdormere Royal Court](#)

Sunday, August 22

7:00pm [Skrael and Friends A&S Evenings](#)

Tuesday, August 24

7:00pm Ealdormere Eats: Broth or Stock

Tuesday, August 31

7:00pm Ealdormere Eats: Monthly Experiment

Wednesday, September 1

Reports Deadline: A&S

Reports Deadline: Chatelaines

Reports Deadline: KEM Deputies

Reports Deadline: Marshals

Reports Deadline: Seneschals

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- The practice for the 12th had to be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- A practice will take place on the 26th.

We can't look for a school gym yet as the dsbn is delaying opening of the reservation system. If others have good indoor fight practice site please let me know.

Archery Marshal (Nika/Susan)

- Ben Dunfirth is re-starting archery practices.
- I'd be curious to know whether we've heard anything more from the church about possibly doing a practice there, or any other possibilities for shooting.

Thrown Weapons (Sciath/Trudi)

- Kingdom policy now permits thrown weapon practices with specific conditions - masks must be worn, participants must remain 2 feet away from others who are not in their household. Loaner equipment is not available at this time, and participants must bring their own knives/axes.
- I will be putting a poll together to find a good day/time to have our first practice back, which will include lots of practice throwing and an overview of TW Royal Rounds.

Chronicler Report (Bera/Angie)

- Next issue coming out in early October, looking for content by September 30th
 - Gathering pictures from SMASH
 - Sciath suggested collecting contributions of memories their experience of doing SCA activities during the pandemic.

Web Ministers Report (Bera/Angie)

- We still have a website

- Zoom has been renewed for this year.
- Contact me, if you have ideas or corrections for the site.
- The DEI survey and award recommendation form are on the website

Herald's Report (Rhys/Christian)

- Held informal introduction to heraldry class
- Consultations on name and armory
- Sir Richard's augmentation of arms has been approved
- Tabard project - received offers of material, and a second design draft submitted for approval.
 - Jessica discussed design and fabric contributions, including colour-fastness requirements, and confirmed use of linen.
 - May need funds after we are able to estimate how much we will need to purchase.

Signet (Gelleia/Jessica)

- Working with Kate to put together a scroll for Coronation
- Outstanding scrolls - deadline
- There are new scroll orders, so if anyone is interested, please contact me.
- Not planning on

Social Media (Rhys/Christian)

- Two new members joined our FB group
- Top contributors: Abhinlin, Kate and
- 1 infraction on social media. Please avoid posting non-SCA or commercial information in the official baronial group on FB or other social media.
- The discord group has also been more active this past month.

Chatelaine (Rhys/Christiani)

- Three new members joined us at our baronial picnic, and another has joined us since then.
- One new member is attending this meeting - welcome Crespin!
- Reached out to the NF Library regarding a demo - we will need to wait until the public health situation is more resolved.
- If anyone has a contact or idea for

DEI - (Annabelle/Sabrina)

- No report received

Old Business

1. Baronial picnic - August 7 from 11 to 2pm Fireman's Park Niagara Falls. We had 35 members in attendance including three newcomers!
2. To repeat Ealdormere Reopening FAQs (published 15 July 2021) for our minutes:

Please take Note

Potential health risks aside, the SCA as an organization is subject to much greater fines than five people playing pick-up in a park.

While individuals could be charged up to \$750 each, an SCA group could be charged up to \$10,000.

Because the current rules are both affected by health statues and emergency statues, always lean towards the more restrictive interpretation.

Do not try to cleverly circumvent these guidelines!

The urge to do so is completely understandable, but this affects the health, safety, and finances of the populace. A lot of research and consultation has gone into these rules. If in doubt, email the Kingdom Seneschal: ealdormere.kseneschal@gmail.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If we can maintain 2m distance between people outside do we need to wear masks? Or can we be within 2m outside if we are wearing masks?
 - If you can maintain a minimum distance of 2m outside, you do not need to wear a mask. If at anytime you come within 2m of any person outside your immediate household, then masks must be worn.
 - **REMINDER:** masks can be worn by a person at anytime based on their own comfort levels. The loosened mask restrictions does not mean you can not wear one if you'd prefer.
 - **FURTHER REMINDER:** masks must be worn indoors at all times. This means that if you are just popping into a home or building to use a washroom or just grab a thing, you must wear a mask.
2. Can face shields be worn instead of a mask?
 - No. Masks will be the minimum requirement. The only exceptions for not wearing a mask will be those exceptions as determined by public health.
3. When we reach stage 3 will we still need to pre-reg?
 - Yes. We will continue with the pre-reg as long as there are any attendance caps on gatherings.
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4. Clarification of physical household. Does a single person attached to another household count?

- The term physical household was used to differentiate from the common usage of household within the SCA. If you are a single person (or a single parent with kids) who is attached to one other household (as per public health guidelines), that counts as a part of a physical household under our reopening plan.
5. Can we have armoured combat or fencing drills with no contact during phase 2.
 - No, we are not allowing any form of armoured combat or fencing under phase 2.
 6. Do masks need to be worn inside helmets when we can participate in armoured combat and fencing?
 - My understanding is that no, masks will not be required inside helmets when armoured combat and fencing begins again. If that changes after the July BOD meeting, I will let you know.
 7. Can we still use loaner armour?
 - Loaner armour should not be shared between different people while at the same practice as we can not confirm cleanliness. Loaner armour should be cleaned between practices and can be passed to a different person.

New Business

1. Update from Kingdom Exchequer: As events start happening and pre-registration is currently required, please remind your event staff that, with regrets, e-transfers are not acceptable means of payment within the SCA and may not be activated for any SCA bank account.

Here's the reasoning for SCA bank accounts:

- All outgoing transfers (such as cheques) require two signatures. Trying to get around this rule is not clever - it's how a group loses its ability to have a bank account.
- If a bank account has e-transfer turned on, one person can send money anywhere (in Canada). This contravenes the two signature rule.
- It is not possible to set up e-transfer to *only* allow deposits to the SCA bank account. We are monitoring how banks are responding to the need to manage funds digitally.

So why can't a person accept event payments, then deposit those funds to the SCA bank account?

- The SCA Exchequer's Handbook very bluntly states that "Funds are not co-mingled with anyone's personal or business funds." Just as it would not be okay to deposit cash prepayment in a personal bank account, the SCA is not okay with depositing e-transfer gate prepayments in a personal bank account.

So why can't a person "help their friends", pay their gate fees, and have their "friends" e-transfer the amount to their personal account?

- I'm not going to go into how this is obviously an end-run around rules meant to protect SCA funds, or dwell on how bad a plan this is. You can read the [Chancellor of the Exchequer Handbook](#) for consequences and proper handling of event revenue. Keywords to search for include "corrective action" and "controls of cash".

While Kingdom Exchequer assumes that groups would do an excellent job at keeping track of all e-transfer registrants, money-handling rules have to be consistent for everyone. Until there is an "only exchequers can accept e-transfers and act as flow-through accounts for event registrations" rule (which is not likely), accepting e-transfers for registrations is a no-go.

2. Call for bids for Lady Mary Memorial Tournament. Bid deadline for the October, 2021 officer's meeting. The event has been submitted to the Kingdom Calendar for May 7, 2022.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6pm