

Baronial Officers' Meeting, May 25, 2022

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Thank you to the wonderful event volunteers for the first in-person Lady Mary Memorial Tournament! Special thanks to Aibhilin, event steward, and our marshals in charge of activities for the event, as well as Gema and Valdr who manned the gate. Congratulations to Sabrina for receiving her writ to join the Order of the Pelican. Wassail!
 - Sabrina has chosen the War of the Trillium for her vigil, and I would urge community members to come and join her in celebration at the event.
There will also be a celebration at Pennsic War (Peace Week).
- We commend Lady Gelleia for her work as Baronial Signet. She has expressed a desire to step down, and we heartily recognize her work in this role. Wassail!
- Fool was an exciting event this year, and I'm pleased to report that there were no significant injuries (bruises and sore muscles were the cost of the storm).
- Crown Tournament is this Saturday, and we are carpooling with Noble Rhys. The combatants should be published this week on the kingdom website.
- Cut Sleeve Pride will be virtual, and promises many exciting classes and the big gay bardic.
- Murder Melee (June 16-18) - Their Majesties have called for a Great Court at Melee, and we would ask for community members to attend. We will have a short Baronial court, and are looking for volunteers for entourage during court.
- War of Trillium (June 29-July 3) - the theme this year is battle of the baronies, and there will be champions' tournaments. We hope that our champions are available to attend, and represent the Barony. If not able to attend, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can arrange a proxy for the tournament. The Barons' Council will also convene at Trillies. Sir Richard has confirmed to be there as Rapier Champion.

Seneschal's Report (Aibhilin/Leslie)

- re:Lady Mary; Any incidents, including martial activities, that happen at events should be reported to the Seneschal as soon as possible.
- Only safety etc issues need to be reported. Marshals can deal with calibration issues without needing to report to Seneschal. Report to Marshal In Charge *first*
- No changes with COVID protocols

Pennsic War Land Agent Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Planning encampments for baronial members attending - Murder Melee, War of the Trillium and Pennsic War. Please reach out to me to coordinate your registration. We will need to know how many people are attending, and the size of tent(s).
- When is the payment needed for the baronial storage in Butler, Co? Cheque will be sent with someone going to Pennsic. Contact Mrs Rhodes beforehand to confirm the price.

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Report submitted for the first quarter of 2022; current balance \$7397.87
- Deposit from Lady Mary completed on May 2, 2022 (\$2,479.76 in revenue)
- Deposit of \$75 donations from fight practices (note: the fight practices earned \$10 revenue!)
- Hold cheque from New Hope Church to be returned to the Barony
- 3 cheques outstanding: Fall Crown site deposit (receipt in records), Lady Mary carnations order, and Lady Mary NMS fee payment

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- Fight practices moved outdoors on Thursday evening from 6-8 at Lord Michaelis' home in Thorold.
- May 26th practices may be canceled due to weather or lack of available Marshal.
- Practices for the last week of June and during Pennsic will be canceled.

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- New Archery range presents the opportunity for possible practices to begin happening again
- Poll on Facebook asking for which days of the week might work out
- Range open Wednesday-Sunday 11-7pm
 - Sundays and Thursdays are no good for Nika
- Money will be discussed once we know how many people would be interested in participating and which days people can come out.
- Nika will be arranging to go out to see the site. Once she knows which day other interested people can go see it as well.
- Possibly in the future: thrown weapons and indoor archery
- Loaner gear available

- Lady Mary archery was very well attended: 19 archers for tournaments + other archers.
- New Baronial Archer Champion: Nika

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Baroness Gema is the new Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion, wassail!
- In-person events means getting to throw axes and knives on the range again!
- TW at FooL included Atlatl - very fun activity.
- Taught a class (virtual) at the university of Avacal (TUA) - *Taking Care of Business: Maintaining your TW gear*

Herald's Report (Christian/Rhys)

- Tabards? Materials were supposed to be received by Nika who will be putting them together.
- Hoping to have the tabards made by Murder Melee? Maybe.
- Sciath - List Heraldry at Crown
- Virtual Herald's point in the next couple of weeks.

Signet Report (Gelleia/Jessica)

- Stepping down - Position to be put up on the website

Chronicler Report (Bera/Angie)

- Crespin handled the publishing of the latest Cataract so I'll defer the main report to him. I had a little last minute tweaking of the layout for the print version but nothing drastic and it seemed to work fairly well. So far I'm optimistic that this system will work well going forward.
- Though as usual, our newsletter is only good if it has content! So please share with my deputy Crespin at cataract.risingwaters@gmail.com if you have any old news, new news, interesting news.. or random thing you'd like to tell the rest of the Barony about

Webminster Report (Bera/Angie)

- The store is up and running on the website. Everything seems to be functional so now we just need to spread the word and get some sales.
- We ran into a snag with the Print On Demand.. discovered that the payment for initial printing needs to come out of an account (which we aren't able to do) so we're scrapping that portion of the plan. Any printed stuff will need to be purchased first and then listed for sale.
- Other than that, the website still exists.. all good.

Blog Manager (Crespin/)

- Cataract Digest out on May 1st for the Winter digest

- Thank you letter after Lady Mary was submitted
- Submission website snafu has been fixed and submissions are no longer being deleted.

Chatelaine (Rhys/Christian)

- PrideNiagara has confirmed our spot at Pride in the Park this June the 4th. We currently have all booth slots, setup and teardown filled. We could use more fighters (both armoured combat and fencing) if anyone knows anyone who would be interested. If we can't get fighters then we will pivot and have an entirely A&S demo so crafters please let me know if you'd like to help! We are planning on having HE calligraph secret love letters that fold up into little packages.
- From now on try to have the date reserved with as much notice as possible
- Niagara Comicon is coming up on the 3rd-5th and while Baron Brandt is organizing it, several of Rising Waters members will be attending to help out including myself as Chatelaine of Rising Waters. I will be bringing local business cards.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys/Christian)

- 8 new members
- Top Contributors:
 - Aibhilin kennari fra Skye
 - Sir Richard Larmer
 - Jotun Bjorn
- Uploaded an award presentation from THL Eleanore Godwin to Lady Mary and the people of Rising Waters to our YouTube channel. It will be handed from Baronage to Baronage.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

Calendar Secretary (Abhilin/Leslie)

- Have to add dates to the calendar, sorry for the delay

Old Business

Lady Mary - April 30, 2022 - wrap up

- Post schedule sooner for the event
- New Hope Penciled in Lady Mary 2023 until renos can be confirmed.

2022 Fall Crown Tourney - 15th of October

I have to step down as Chief Steward, Rhys has offered to do it. Dubhessa has volunteered to be Rhys' minion.

- Holding pattern until after this weekend's Crown Tournament, once we know who the Heirs are we will have a better idea of how to plan for Fall Crown.
- Exploring the option of having food trucks at the event.

New Business

Baronial picnics reestablished, once per month; Rhys to post a poll on Facebook; June 9, 16, or 23; August 20, or 27

Next meeting @ June 22nd at 6pm