

Baronial Council Meeting August 2009

Present – Jane, Roni, Bechtold, Cinara, Lachlahn, Edmund, Nathan, Catherine, Dino, Andre, Sorchha

Apologies – Isabel, Columb, Celestria

Late – John, Catalina, Branwen, Kilic

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved

Officers

Herald – One submission was water damaged and needs remedial attention. The Intro to Heraldry class at the Newcomers' Collegia went well. Bechtold is a new herald at large. There is a new address for submissions.

Marshal – Reported. 3 events. Pencampwr – Championship tourney and Speed Dating tourney (as it is now known) where a 14 fighter round robin was completed in less than 30 minutes. Heraldic Tourney – couple of armour failures before the start with swords needing retaping and straps needing replacing. This sort of maintenance work needs to happen before the tourney and should be picked up by the fighter before they present themselves for inspection. 1 sword had its hilt come loose during the tourney. Lightning Carnival – this was a 4 person team tournament and there were issues with engagement. We have a lot of new fighters who need more melee training. Andre is looking into running a fighting collegia weekend to address this. Training is happening on Sundays in Aachenfeld and Wednesdays and Sundays in Abertridwr. Abertridwr has authorized 3 armoured combatant and 2 combat archers. No injuries. Still trying to find a replacement.

Rapier – Reported. Training is continuing in Aachenfeld and St Basil and starting up in Abertridwr. Cut and Thrust training is continuing. Still waiting for people to come up to armour standard before starting full speed work. There is more interest in learning period techniques and manuals. 1 event – Baroness's Fighter Auction. No issues or injuries.

Archery – Apologies. Aachenfeld IKAC – 10 archers, winner was Richard of Aachenfeld, Nathan shot in youth division and scored 118. Lochac is currently first in the youth bow division of the IKAC. An archery class was run at the Newcomers' Collegia with a lot interest. No deaths were recorded.

A&S – Reported. Pencampwr – Kilic won both A&S competitions. Cook's Guild competitions have been run at tournaments, with the high number of vegetarians playing, there has been an increase in vegetarian dishes. Midwinter – 3 entries in the Open comp, Nathan won. There will be an A&S display at Invest and an A&S Champion to be announced at Championship. There have been workshops for costuming, making gifts, arrow making, dancing and gambesons. Music and singing rehearsals are also ongoing. Looking for a replacement.

Reeve – Reported. There is a new reporting schedule for all reeves – last day of January, April, July and October. Our current balance is \$8,272.68. We made a loss of \$1,972.94 last year. Since we bought some expensive assets like the trailer, this is not a major concern.

Constable – Apologies. Feels there may be more that can be done to speed up the sign in process at large events. Would like a deputy.

Chronicler –

Web – Has spent about 100 hours updating the OP pages so they can be managed better. This should be visible soon.

Lists – Absent

Chatelaine – Absent

Seneschal – What should we do about food allergies at catered events? – Most of the food “allergies” we are being told about are food preferences not actual health concerns. This may mean that the genuine health concerns are being overshadowed. With the number of people coming to events and the list of reported food preferences it is not possible to ensure that everyone can eat everything on the menu. By asking people when they book what their food allergies are, we may be implying that such is the case. There seems to be some expectation that someone will tell everyone who has noted a food preference what they can and can’t eat or that the kitchen will make special dishes to cater for these people. With the number of people at events, it would be too easy to miss telling someone, so this is not a viable option. The kitchen has enough to do without making special food for individuals, so that is not a viable option. There is more to a feast than the food. With a dozen different dishes at most feasts, there should be at least one for each person to eat. The result of this discussion is that it will be expected that the ingredients in every dish will be listed in a prominent place, probably near the hall entry, so that anyone with food issues can check for themselves what they should or should not eat. If the kitchen is aware of food preferences, they may choose to make changes to their menu or recipes to cater for more people, and this will be viewed favourably, but is not required. It is not advised that people be asked about their food allergies when they book.

Office Changeovers – There is a policy in place for this process. Offices must be advertised in Vine and on the mailing list. All applications must then be sent to the person who makes the appointment. For greater officers, this is the Kingdom upline, for lesser officers, this is the relevant Anealan greater officer. For further details see

http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/docs/Warranted_Officers_Blue_Book.pdf and

http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/docs/Lochac_Procedures_Manual_update_4.pdf

Deputies – The old plan was for each officer to appoint a deputy to train up and to act as their drop dead deputy. This plan has failed because the deputy will not necessarily get the office next, that decision may be made outside Aneala. There are some people who do not require training to take on an office. Finding people willing to be deputies is difficult. It is often only when you’re on the spot yourself that you realize you need help, as a deputy, you don’t have that responsibility. The new strategy proposed is for each new officer to have the previous officer as their deputy. This gives the new officer someone they can go to for advice and help, and a drop

dead deputy who knows the office and is up to date with its recent history should the need arise. If the old officer is not able to do this, then we will try to find a suitable replacement. Council decided to give this a try.

At large officers – these should be encouraged as excellent training and experience for potential group officers and a way to take some of the load off group officers.

Office handovers – These have been less than ideal in the past. Incoming officers often do not have the full story when they step up. I am planning to put together job descriptions and some basic info for new officers. Please look at the Southron Gaard job descriptions and let me know if they are a good place to start.

Aachenfeld Seneschal – Has submitted EOFY report. Group owns a kettle. Should hear about name soon and device not long after.

Abertridwr – EOFY report still outstanding, Seneschal will look into it. Fundraising. Lots of planning.

Dragon's Bay – Reported. Has submitted EOFY report. Has paid outstanding money for Autumn Gathering.

Calendar

25/7/09 – Midwinter – Jane – 110 people. Profit of \$1,385.05. Bond will be carried over for Investiture and Masque Ball. Many awards given. Sign in took a long time. This was not helped by the price being incorrectly advertised. Suggestions to improve this – pre-fill in the event details for non-member waivers (helped this time), express lane for members, encourage people to pay in full when they book, order bookings list to make it easier to find names. \$100 was reported stolen from one person's purse. Stewards should take a ladder so banners can be hung safely. There were a lot of new dancers who wanted to be taught on the night which meant the musicians could not play many of the dances they had been rehearsing at the steward's request and the more experienced dancers could not do some of the other dances. The musicians adapted brilliantly and played some pieces from memory, since they had not brought music for dances they were not expecting to play and a good time was had by all. It is not usual to teach dancing at any event other than the Newcomers' Feast. It is becoming impossible to teach even the simple dances with 100 people all talking. We should encourage dancers to learn at classes. We need to figure out how to politely tell people that they will not be able to do a dance without learning it elsewhere first. The Official Bransle should not be taught so cavalierly as in the past. It involves lifts and is the most dangerous dance we routinely do. While no injuries were reported at this event, the injuries from this dance are adding up. It should be taught in a small class where the technique and timing can be well explained rather than in two minutes at an event where the people are enthusiastic, distracted and possibly tipsy.

26/7/09 – Lightning Carnival – Abertridwr – Kane – There were some issues with fighters not being properly engaged before they hit others. This is a result of lots of new fighters. There is a need for more team training. Andre will look into organizing a Knights' School.

2/8/09 – Tournament of the 50 – Dragon’s Bay – Genevieve – To celebrate Peter’s 50th birthday, want 50 fighters on the field.

9/8/09 – Newcomers Collegia – Abertridwr – Ydeneye – Went very well. People learned a lot. 20 minutes was not enough for most classes. We should have another Newcomers’ Collegia in March just after the uni O’Days. There is also interest in a Collegia not aimed at newcomers.

22-23/8/09 – Balingup Carnival – People are going.

29/8/09 – Baronial Investiture – Catherine – Noon - 11pm, North Perth Town Hall
Cost: Adults \$30, under 18 \$20, under 6 free. Event levy will be additional for non-members. Site opens at noon. The event will begin with classes with Their Majesties, followed by dancing in the late afternoon, and then a feast in the evening. Bookings are required by Sunday 23rd August. The menu has been decided. St Basil is supplying servers. If you have gifts for the Crown, please talk to Branwen.

30/8/09 – Royal Visit Tourney – Abertridwr – Kane – 10am - 7pm, Wandi, Members \$10, non-members \$15, under 18 half price, under 6 free. Open weapons token tourney. 4 tokens plus up to 4 more for heraldic shield, banner, tabard and no visible plastic or duct tape. Potluck lunch to be held during the tourney, kitchen available to heat food. Tea and coffee available all day. Final court in the hall. Hot meal supplied after court. Bookings required by Sunday 23rd August. Katerina is baking the tokens. There may be an IKAC as well.

6/9/09 – Mask Making Workshop – Catalina

13/9/09 – We’re Hunting Wascally Wabbits – Aachenfeld – Sorcha – Lake monger Primary School. 10am. \$2 + event levy. Combat legal bows and blunt arrows required. Potluck lunch. There may be a workshop before this event for making combat arrows. There is a Cook’s Guild competition for rabbit themed food.

25-28/9/09 – Championship – Columb – 2pm Friday to 10am Monday. Spinnaker Campsite, Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. Cost: \$65 to camp, \$85 to stay in dorms, \$30 for Saturday only, \$40 for Sunday only. Non-members add \$2 event levy
Bookings are required to the steward by the 10 September 2009.
Any who wish to contest for Champion of the Sword, Rapier or Bow should approach Their Excellencies. Breakfasts Saturday, Sunday and Monday are provided. Dinner Saturday and Sunday are provided. Day rates do not include breakfast. Dorms have been booked. Bechtold has offered to cook.

3/10/09 – Champion of the Dragon – Dragon’s Bay – Robert of York – Come join Dragon’s Bay to witness the selection of their inaugural Champion of the Sword and celebrate this with a day of armoured combat and archery at the butts open to all.

16/10/09 – Kelmscott Show – Abertridwr

18/10/09 – Regional Meeting – Peter – Wandi. Recruitment, retention, regional goals.

31/10/09 – All Hallows Eve Masque Ball – Catalina – Tudor style ball with period Halloween traditions. Food will be donated. 6pm event opens. North Perth Town Cost: Adults \$15, Minors \$10, Non-members add \$2 event levy. Bookings required by 24 October 2009.

All Hallows Eve Masque Ball. This is a Masque Ball in the Tudor style. Masks and fantastical dress to be worn to the theme of Anealan colours. Black Swans, Golden Suns, Blue Skies, White Waves, Red Eyes... There are many colours to choose from. There will be an intro to masks class at Investiture and a mask-making workshop on the 6 September.

Lachlahn wants to add a month to the calendar.

November Crown 2010 Bid – Catalina – currently looking for sites. Ern Halliday wants us to use their caterer which makes the event way too expensive. Day events means pulling down and setting up twice which is a pain. Catalina will be meeting the people at Ern Halliday on Tuesday. Will take Foodsafe certificate. We should run another Foodsafe course. A new site was considered but the built in trampolines were not enough to overcome the people supplied by the site to tell us about God. There was a brief discussion about trampolines and hoop skirts and score cards. Will use new people for the stewarding team. Bechtold will do anything Catalina wants. Cinara seemed OK with this.

Old Business

Loaner Armour – Conan – Has arrived.

Disposal of old regalia – Catherine

Ironwing I – If no proposals for this item are made by next council, then it will be burned at Championship.

Old Coronets – Coronets have been cut. Stones are being set.

Baronial Coronets – Lachlahn – Mounts have yet to be ordered. Will supply size of pearls.

New Business

Currently Aachenfeld has 34 subscribing members, Abertridwr has 31, St Basil has 6, and Dragons Bay has 11.

Lachlahn and Jane were thanked, as this is their last council meeting as Baron and Baroness.

Next Meeting – 18th September at Catalina's house.