

Baronial Council Meeting September 2009

Present – Branwen, Kilic, Draghi, Nathan, Catherine, Catalina, Cinara, Bechtold, Andre, Kane, Benadick, Maidiu, Sorcha, Amphelise, Arlette

Apologies – Bella, Donnchadh, Rosalind

Late – John, Mery, Isabel, Columb, Celestria

Minutes of the last meeting – Accepted

Officers

Herald – Lots of names and devices in process. Working on a system to record awards given at events.

Marshal – Will put an ad in Vine for a replacement. Ben has heard a rumour of someone interested in the office.

Rapier – Apologies.

Archery – IKAC for 24/8 in Abertriwr turned to Royal Round because of the weather. IKAC 30/8 in Abertridwr won by Richard. Aachenfeld Wabbit Shoot won by Donnchadh.

A&S – Two people interested in the office but want more training first. 3 month trial period will end in November, with decision soon afterwards. Mask workshops have been happening.

Reeve – Balance is \$8,720.47. No debts. Reeve must be spanked for not doing his summary report for the website.

Constable – Nobody died. Edmund Lyon is now a deputy.

Chronicler – Apologies

Web – Wants to be spanked by the Seneschal. Working on the OP database. Planning to link it to bio pages for populace. Looking for a more current OP.

Lists – Apologies. Is resigning. Ad will be in Vine.

Chatelaine – Apologies. Looking for a Gold Key deputy, will also consider handing on the entire office. Ad will be in Vine. Loaner gear is now with Baronial gear.

Seneschal – We need more officers.

Aachenfeld Seneschal – Seem to be specializing in archery. The Investiture Feast was cool.

Abertridwr – The Investiture Tournament was fun.

Baron and Baroness – The King's gift of rattan for the Colleges has arrived and will be distributed this week. The seals have also arrived. Scroll recipients need to bring their scrolls to the Baroness.

Calendar

22-23/8/09 – Balingup Carnival – Saturday was quite big, Sunday started late and finished by 2pm. Perhaps they are used to being rained out on Sunday. There were no hippies and no ferals.

29/8/09 – Baronial Investiture – Catherine – There was a Baronial changeover so the event achieved its purpose. 124 people. \$1,165.13 profit. Aneala will hold the money until the Limited thing goes through and Aachenfeld gets a bank account.

30/8/09 – Royal Visit Tourney – Abertridwr – Kane – 114 people, made a \$57 loss due to purchase of \$300 worth of slow cookers. Not bad for a tournament.

6/9/09 – Mask Making Workshop – Catalina – Happened, there was one newcomer there who is quite keen.

13/9/09 – We're Hunting Wascally Wabbits – Aachenfeld – Sorcha – 37 people. 22 archers. \$41 profit. Went very well.

19/9/09 – Workshop – Catalina – will be general A&S since Liduina is sick.

20/9/09 – WAMA Flea Market – 10am-4pm.

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. 64 bookings so far. Working on feast menu.

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.

4/10/09 – WAMA AGM

17/10/09 – Kelmscott Show Demo – Abertridwr – Kane – 9am, to 4pm, Kelmscott show grounds, Kelmscott

18/10/09 – Regional Meeting – Peter – Wandi. Recruitment, retention, regional goals, Autumn Gathering bid process, etc.

25/10/09 – Queen's Guard Tree of Chivalry – Abertridwr – Kane – Wandi. Lord Benedick von Greifswald is to hold a tree of chivalry to honour her royal majesty Queen Constanzia he will hold the field against all challengers with sword and shield, long sword and single sword. Will also be an IKAC. Site opens 12.30 Event opens 1pm, Members \$5, Day members \$7, under 18 half, under 6 free, potluck high tea after tourney.

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. The sooner you book, the better your chance of getting your favourite dances. There might be a play. Potluck finger food, sotelties encouraged, the grosser the better. 20 booked so far.

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.

15/11/09 – College Challenge – St Basil – Gillian?

29/11/09 – Last IKAC of the Season – Abertridwr – Alienor

13/12/09 – Abertridwr end of year BBQ – Kane – Wandi, 12-5, \$2, garb optional.

23-24/1/10 – Leadership Collegia – Andre – Wandi, 10-5 both days, \$4 members, \$5 non-members. The aim is to train up some stewards, heralds, listkeepers, etc. There was a lot of discussion as a lot of people feel there is a need for this sort of thing but there are a number of ways to go about it. The end result was that council wants to see this event go ahead. The aim will be to get people to the stage where they can assist at events. It was recognized that for some offices, people would require a lot more training than a weekend like this could supply to get to the group officer stage. Other suggestions for training were to leave it to the cantons to do their own, perhaps having it before or after training in the cantons and to have weekends for at least marshals and heralds, since it will take that long to train warranted marshals or Pursuivant Extraordinaires. It was asked why anyone would want to climb ranks in the College of Heralds. You go from PE to just Pursuivant, to plain herald. People may also need extensive practical experience before becoming warranted marshals.

20/3/10 – WAMA Medieval Fayre.

The Baron and Baroness would like copies of event reports please. Please get your events into Pegasus.

Nathan lost the plot with taking nortes (sic).

November Crown 2010 Bid – Catalina – Bid has been submitted, should hear by the end of the month.

Discussed Toys for Tots, a site is being sought. Kane wants the Barony to pay for the site so the event can be free. Aneala has been slowly losing money over the past few years, so loss making events are not encouraged. It may be acceptable to run it as a cost neutral event with profit being donated. There was some opposition to donating cash, so the profit could be converted to toys instead. EIF needed for next council.

Discussed invitation to the Christmas Pageant. This is on the date proposed for Toys for Tots. Council decided not to go ahead with this as we cannot advertise, there is a need for Working with Children clearances, and we don't really want to be aiming at recruiting children. While families are encouraged to bring children, we are not a children's organization so perhaps not what the Pageant is after.

Bids for Midsummer were called for. It may be possible to run Midsummer in conjunction with the Collegia. Bids are required by next council.

Andre proposed a joint training session once a month.

Old Business

Loaner Armour – Conan – Conan says the loaner armour has arrived. No-one has seen it yet, but it needs strapping. Columb and Nathan will get onto Conan about bringing it to Championship. They may be able to get it strapped there. We also need to pay Conan for it.

Disposal of old regalia – Catherine

Ironwing I – Deadline for proposals is this meeting. Burning it is still the popular option. The Baroness has purchased an urn for the ashes. Catherine would like to turn the handle into tokens for the Champions who carried that bow and will do it herself if she has to, though based on the way she cuts bread, they may be interesting shapes. The fiberglass needs to be stripped off then the limbs can be crisped at Championship.

Old Coronets – Done.

Baronial Coronets – Lachlahn – The pearls are about 12mm diameter. Western Frontier Traders advertises pearls of that size for about \$138 a string. If we are planning to use strung pearls then it may be better to use pin mounts rather than the current type. Sievers has them. Nathan will arrange setting the pearls. Catherine will get the pearls.

New Business

Abertridwr is claiming the postcodes between it and Aachenfeld. This was the plan when Aachenfeld formed so this is just a note that it is actually happening now.

How long does Dragon's Bay have to go cipient and what happens if they don't make it? They have about 8 or 9 months yet before 2 year period is up. Do they need more support?

New Tablecloth Tub – Catherine – The cloths and runners made at the last workshop do not fit into the current tubs. Catherine has taken the liberty of buying them a new tub and hopes council will pay her back. Council agreed.

Cross posting emails – This is bad. It annoys people on multiple lists and stops people joining lists. Please join the lists you care about and choose which list you should post to. Council agreed that the best way to deal with this issue was to give cross-posters a hard time.

Another food handling course would be great. Perhaps Kane can organize this.

Council returned to the calendar debate.

There was general agreement that the calendar is too full. We have hardly had a weekend free of events for the last 2 months, we had events for $\frac{3}{4}$ weekends this month, $\frac{4}{5}$ weekends next month, $\frac{3}{4}$ in November and $\frac{2}{4}$ in December. This leads to burn out, people choosing not to go to some things which means smaller events, and no time for training or sewing.

Options proposed to deal with this include: Do nothing, people can choose what they want to go to; it is likely that people will not go to everything meaning smaller events.

Assign dates to each group. This may or may not include the Shires. We cannot require them to do anything, and they chose to be independent from Aneala so we don't have to worry about them, but they are our neighbours so perhaps we do. We could assign weekends, two week blocks, or months to each group. There was a suggestion of an ETS (Event Trading Scheme) where groups can buy event slots from other groups, or a draft pick where each subgroup chooses a champion and they fight it out to pick Anealan Champion and the loser gets first draft pick for weekends. This will clear up the calendar a bit but is very regimented.

Pencil in each group's key events. We came up with a list for about two dozen key events for the groups in WA which doesn't leave much room for anything that's not a key event.

Don't worry if canton events clash. If we're big enough for cantons, then we're big enough to run two events at the same time. But people don't want events to clash so that may not help.

Close the cantons so we only have one group running events.

Give each canton one event a year and make the rest Anealan events. This will affect Canton income.

Farm out some traditional Anealan events to the cantons to have as their own or to bid for to run for Aneala. In this case the profits would be split between the hosting canton and Aneala.

Try to combine some events so we have fewer larger events and more weekends off. As an adjunct to this, run Anealan council before canton council so dates can be discussed by everyone and events possibly co-ordinated better, then the events can be set up by the subgroups at their meetings.

This discussion also included the subject of a WA "signature event". Do we want to raise our profile in the rest of the Kingdom and, if so, how can we do it? If the aim is to get more people to visit, these options were suggested:

Run Kingdom events. Crown Tournaments and Bal d'Argent have been our best drawcards so far. The Guild event also has potential.

Have a signature event and hope that eventually gets people. Given that WA is the most expensive destination in Lochac, and that every other region now has its own "signature event" to which they are trying to attract visitors, we are unlikely to ever get a large number of visitors.

Rent people from the east. That way we get the expertise we want, when we want it. The Stronger Kingdom Fund can help.

Don't worry so much about it. We are getting more people to Gathering and Pencampwr than most regions get to their "signature event".

These subjects need more discussion. We will look at them again next month.

Tex had a sip of port and is now tipsy.

Next Meeting – 16th October at Catalina's house.