

Baronial Council Meeting 16 May 2008

Present

Lachlahn, Jane, Catherine, Nathan, David, Maidiu, Branwen, Columb, Catalina, Gillian, Jehan. Donnchadh and Kerridwen arrived during Officers Business.

Apologies

Rhianwen and Kane

Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Officers

Herald – Absent. Chronicler will advertise for a replacement. It has been noted that some people are telling newcomers to not bother registering devices as it is too hard and not required. It was agreed by the meeting that registering devices is definitely to be encouraged.

Marshal – This position will be re-advertised. All combat archers are reminded that the date for the change to minimum armour requirements is fast approaching.

Rapier – Reported. Catalina is going to do a final report. There have been 3 authorisations and 1 upgrade this quarter.

Archery – There was a shoot at the Autumn Gathering. Will be making a more regular appearance at training from now on, on time with a target.

A&S – Reported. A lot is happening privately and for upcoming events. Has reports from all groups except “Bogansberg”. St Basil are working on costuming and dancing. Bosenberg have been working on pottery. Dragon’s Bay have new list ropes.

Reeve – Reported. We have \$12,557. We have to pay \$392 Kingdom Levy. Hoping to hand on as soon as we can get Ben and her at the same event. Has had contact from her upline for the first time in months.

Constable – Apologies. Reported. Columb reported – The lost property was not auctioned at the Baroness’ Fighter Auction. It will be held for another suitable occasion. There IS a spoon. It was Catalina’s. He will do the Constable’s job at training. We will all need to sign in again for training in July. There were a few members of the public at the last couple of events who stayed to watch. They were signed in but not charged. Does not have details of attendance at Newcomers and Hyde Park.

Gillian will supply this information. The Shires do not have group Constables. He needs to get beer out of the freezer.

Chronicler – David has to resign ASAP. Rosalind is the only applicant. She may have conflicts as she is also Chronicler for Dragon's Bay. This is a grey area in the rules. David will discuss her taking over this role with her. Report pending.

Web – Has redone the photo gallery and lots of new pictures have been added by Kerridwen and Andre. New pages have also been added to the Coronation site.

Lists – Reported. There have been 5 tournaments over 2 events this quarter. Needs to get report on Newcomers Tourney from Walter. Has run a listkeeping class in Bosenberg. Would like to train more listkeepers for Aneala.

Chatelaine – Reported. Has progressed from will think about loaner garb policy to having written down she needs to think about loaner garb policy. Has all but one dress back from the Newcomers Feast. We have a limited range of men's loaner garb. Would like to make tabards for easier fitting for walk-ins.

Seneschal – The Autumn Gathering was a huge success and very good sign for the future of the SCA in this state. Dragon's Bay has all its paperwork in order and is awaiting announcement. Bosenberg is also awaiting announcement. Officers are asked to copy their reports to their downlines to keep up communication. They should also report any difficulties they have with communication with up- and downlines. I have reports from Abertridwr, Saint Basil and Dragon's Bay already. Bosenberg's is due at the end of the month. Abertridwr is focusing on Pencampwr. Dragon's Bay seems to be running quite well. The College emphasized the fact that no-one has died this quarter. No spanking for officers until their reports are in.

Calendar

24-27/4 Autumn Gathering – Jochen – Catherine reported – Was a success. 61 people attended. Profit of about \$780 will be given to the Kingdom. The site was good. Breakfast was overcatered, the potluck feast needed more organization, the wine and cheese night was a highlight of the event.

3/5 – Feast of Friends – Went fairly well by all accounts. 26 people attended. They made a profit.

4/5 Baroness' Fighter Auction – Jane – 36 people attended. 7 in each list. Made \$97 from event fees, auction raised \$654.50. Some people missed out on a fighter. This is just part of the auction. There will be further discussion of the motto idea and whether or not it will be repeated. Numbers seemed to be down, some of this was due to personal reasons, possible the new format had an impact. The event ran very late.

The tournaments were entertaining. Lunch in the BBP was a success but must be kept to time. The prize and potluck tables were well stocked.

Moving the event to May was well received.

24/5 Workshop at Kerridwen and Donnchadh's – for making banners and tabards and forging tent pegs.

30/5-2/6 Pencampwr – Andre – Branwen reported they look to get the 40 people needed for break-even but will not make the 80 they had last year, possibly due to the number of expensive camping events at the moment. King and Queen will be coming.

8/6 Workshop at Catalina's – to work on poles and pavilion and portable holes.

14/6 Workshop at Bastian

22/6 Workshop, location to be decided

4-6/7 Coronation – Rhianwen – Branwen reported the menu has been approved. More workshops were scheduled. She would like more gifts for the royalty. Meeting approved the steward spending up to \$50 for new cooking stuff to replace missing feast gear. The new Crown Prince appears to have an early celtic leaning so Abertridwr decorations may be suitable if we can use them at this event. 20ish people booked from COTS, several interstate bookings.

20/7 Archery Tournament – Jehan

23-24/8 Balingup Festival – This is a Bosenberg demo. Liduina will steward it. All welcome to help out.

26-29/9 Championship – Windmill site at Ern Halliday has been booked for this weekend.

25/10 Bal d'Aneala – Catherine. To be held at North Perth Town Hall. Note bond there is now \$3,000. Usual format. Golden Rose competition, competitions for costumes in blue, white and gold. This year previous winners will be asked to refuse ribbons. This will be the tenth ball Catherine has run.

Dates tentatively raised but NOT added to calendar:

10/8 Ransom Tourney – Columb

14/9 Tourney – Lachlahn

12/10 Rapier Tourney – Jane

21/9 Joondalup Relay for Life – This will be a private thing which SCA people may form a team for. Catalina is the coordinator.

Old Business

Officers' Medallions – Nathan – Will outsource 3D modeling so that the discs can be laser cut.

Carving Board – Donnchadh and Nathan – In progress, will be ready for Coronation

Loaner Armour – Conan – absent.

Known World Handbooks – Reeve – Awaiting delivery

Kneeling Cushions – Catherine and Liduina – progress is being made.

Legends Competition – Rosalind – Cancelled due to technical difficulties.

New Business

SCA Time – Seneschal – This subject comes up a lot. Recent events have run an hour or so late. This may be due to lateness of stewards, unreasonable scheduling of events, or hoping more people, especially fighters, will come. We have had members of the public and newcomers waiting around for that hour. This makes us look bad. It is a matter of courtesy to the people who do arrive on time to not keep them waiting.

To this end, more attention will be paid to keeping to the advertised schedule. Stewards are asked to publish a site open, event start and list close time for their events. The Chronicler will also encourage this. Stewards are also asked to arrange for a herald to announce when the event has started, when lists will close and so on as appropriate to keep things moving.

Names for Lochac – Baron and Baroness – There has been discussion on the B&B list about naming parts of Lochac for easier reference. This process was begun several years ago on the Lochac list but stalled. It is said that royalty and visitors, especially from New Zealand to Australia, find it cumbersome to list all the groups they will visit and want terms that refer to Australia and New Zealand. Another suggestion was to name the water between the countries since there was nobody living there to take offence at the name. Proposed names include Old Mark and Gottmark, Crescent Isles is also popular for New Zealand. There was general agreement that the names proposed for Australia “suck”. One suggestion made was Greater and Lesser Lochac, which received some approval. There was some agreement that giving official names to arbitrary areas was a silly idea, having had experience here where doing just that caused a lot of bad blood. There was disapproval of the B&Bs taking it upon themselves to do this without consultation with the people of the Kingdom. There was also a lot of people who said they would not use the names. A show of hands on the idea followed with a couple of people saying we should go along with it and not make waves, a couple saying we should abstain from the decision, and the rest voting (with their fingers) to oppose the idea.

Precedence of Groups – Baron and Baroness – This is also from the B&B list. There has been discussion since the Law review of the precedence of groups. Aneala has traditionally been second having formed as a group minutes after Rowany. There was agreement that being one of the two founding groups of Lochac was worthy of

recognition. There was general agreement with the principle of group precedence following individual precedence ie ordered by the date on which they achieved their highest rank. The final resolution was that we support groups being ranked by the date they achieved either Shire or Baronial status since both groups are independent directly under the Crown.

SCA Sponsorship of the Leukaemia/Lymphoma Society – Baron and Baroness – Received a letter from Sir Brand and Mistress Cymbric of the Isles from An Tir asking for donations to make the SCA a gold sponsor of the LLS for 2 seasons. The Reeve will collect donations this week and send them before the end of the month deadline.

New Gear – Catherine – We have been discussing a list of things we would like.

BBP

Remove the manufacturer's tag (Will not affect warranty as their warranty is not worth having). Free. Agreed.

Remove valance from front of pav to improve vision and appearance. Free. Agreed.

Paint gold demi sun on front of roof from ridge down. This may require that section to be re-waterproofed. Cost – may be free if Kerridwen has the right paints, or may cost 1L of paint. Agreed. Kerridwen to acquire paints.

Replace the centre poles with wood. This will be bulkier and cost is likely to be around \$40 per post x 4 posts. Alternatives – paint the poles (will chip and scratch, can transport them in sleeves but more work), cover them with fabric (free but will get damaged), can oil black them (will need to see if this can be done since they are galvanized, cheap, easy, should not chip). Decided to oil black poles.

Replace tent pegs. Current pegs are heavy, bulky, a tripping hazard and require those yellow caps. Replace them with the Dragonwing design – ½" square bar with a forged point and curved top. One 6m length of bar should make 15 pegs which gives a few spares. Cost \$15. Agreed. Nathan to source bar.

Portable Holes

These need redesigning. Too hard for now. In short term could cut off cross bars. This will require hammering them in but will make transport and storage much easier. Free. Agreed.

Banner Poles

These need maintenance. Could oil, paint or stain. Decided to sand and oil. Cost – sandpaper. Jehan to supply oil. Kerridwen to source sand paper.

Crosspieces sag. Need to be replaced with something that doesn't.

Stainless steel was suggested but this may bend worse than wood. Decided to replace with heavier crosspieces. May need to redrill banner poles to accommodate larger dowel. Cost – about \$5 per length. Agreed. Will check poles at workshop and send expedition to get new dowel which can also be sanded and oiled.

List Ropes

Decided we like them still. Some discussion of painting demi suns on them. Can wait until later.

Banners

The Kingdom list field banner is damaged and needs replacing. All the list field banners are several years old and should be replaced soon.

Decided we like the 1m square design. Options – prestalene (cheap, can be one layer, better fade and crease resistance than cotton) or velvet and satin (more expensive, would need to be double sided, heavy, especially when wet). Decided to go for prestalene with fringe on bottom. Cost \$8/m for prestalene, fringe about \$5-10/m. Agreed.

Badge banners – never made it back from Festival last year. Useful for screening. Some discussion about design. Decided to leave this for now.

Banners for the back of the BBP. Decided we would like 1 Barony and 1 Kingdom, each about 1m square, in velvet and satin with fringe on the bottom. Cost - \$14/m for velvet and \$4/m for satin, \$5-10/m for fringe.

Agreed.

Tabards

The marshals' tabards are fading badly and need replacing. Options – prestalene, velvet and satin. Decided to go with velvet and satin, similar design to current but with larger neckholes. We will also replace the herald's tabard in similar style.

Cost for fabric as above. Agreed.

Branwen will get fabric, thread, fringe, interfacing and basting spray for the fabric projects.

Trailer – We are having trouble getting gear to site because of the very limited number of people who have a trailer. Stewards often have to hire trailers. We are able to leave a trailer in a locked garage with the tourney gear packed in it which will make life much easier for stewards.

It was raised that we already have trouble with stewards not washing tablecloths or drying wet gear between events, leaving the trailer packed may or may not make this worse. We may also not always have a locked garage available to store the trailer. Donnchadh will look into trailer options and prices for next council.

Next Meeting – not discussed at this meeting but will be the 20/6 at Catalina's house at 7.30.