

Baronial Council Meeting April 2009

Present – Catherine, maidiu, Jane, Jehan, Donnchadh, Kerridwen, Catalina, Isobel, Columb, Wendy, Branwen, Kilic

Apologies – Liduina, Nathan, Lachlahn, Gillian, Bechtold, Cinara

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved

Catalina noted that she had been approached by some people who thought Aachenfeld had been started just to put the boot into Abertridwr. This is not the case. It was started to benefit the people in its territory, which it is doing well. Aachenfeld cannot affect what goes on outside its borders and so cannot negatively affect Abertridwr. Its formation has helped the Canton to gain more land and people. It has also stopped the incorrect reference to the north of Aneala as “Aneala” as if Abertridwr did not belong to the Barony. The members of Aachenfeld present expressed their good wishes for the canton of Abertridwr. The members of Abertridwr present at the meeting had not heard such rumours and felt this was a minority issue not a general feeling.

Officers

Herald – Apologies. Catalina’s device has been registered. Columb’s name has been registered. The Aachenfeld name has gone to Laurel. The Aachenfeld device has gone to SCA commenting.

Marshal – Apologies.

Rapier – Nothing to report.

Archery – The archery marshal was instructed that reports to council are usually to begin with “nobody died”. An IKAC was held at Wandu on the 4th Sunday of March. 6 archers, winner was Edmund Kerr.

A&S – Branwen is back where she belongs – there was much rejoicing. There was less rejoicing from Kilic as they now also have the A&S boxes back. A&S is going very well. People are working on their own projects. The Anealan banner is almost done and is Anealan not Aachenfeld. Aachenfeld has had 30 people at its A&S nights. Abertridwr is working on banners and such for Pencampwr. The Colleges have been holding A&S nights. Music is happening all over the Barony. No one has died. Yet. We need to schedule a workshop to make runners and tablecloths. That can wait until next council.

Reeve – Apologies. Will bring cheques to training if needed.

Constable – No-one of note has died. The constable has been reminded of the value of knowing the location of the nearest hospital and the best route to get to it (having dislocated his shoulder at Festival).

Chronicler – Vacant. There has been no interest in this office. Nathan will do the next Vine.

Web – Apologies. The archery and rapier results pages are now up and running.

Lists – Nothing to report.

Chatelaine – Progress is being made on the new loaner tabards (displayed at the meeting) though the Chatelaine likes them so much she may decide to keep them for herself instead. The Mythica demo was

“awesome”. It had unicorn rides. The \$150 (for Aachenfeld) is still outstanding, the Chatelaine will chase it up.

Seneschal – I still have had no response to any of my emails to the BOD, although they seem to have resolved most of the issues that we had, which is good. The OziBOD is looking for a new WA representative to take over from Kane in August.

OziBOD meeting at Festival

The Pay to Play proposal was passed with a \$2 event levy to apply to non-members over 18 at events (not meetings, definition being worked on). The requirement for all combatants (includes target archers) to be full members has been suspended for 6 months pending further commenting. Some fighters (especially outside Victoria) object to combat being the only thing for which an event membership is not enough. The BOD feel that Victoria’s weapons laws will be accepted Australia-wide sooner or later and they want to make rules for the whole country not parts of it. They also note that many people who don’t live in Victoria will visit or travel through it. Under the agreement with the Victorian police, an SCA membership card provides a legitimate reason for carrying a weapon. Please consider this issue and comment to the BOD.

The SCA Ltd thing is happening slowly as money is switched from one account to the other. There appears to be no official government policy for how this should happen so they are making it up. Once the funds transfer is complete (likely in the next year or so) we will need to close our “Inc” account and open a “Ltd” account. (Brief discussion that Aachenfeld will get Aneala to caretake its money while incipient so they only have to open one account.)

The OziBOD has a quote for equestrian insurance and will be implementing that. They are also looking into cover for participants as well as third party cover we currently have.

College of Seneschals Meeting at Festival

Bartholemew Baskin has replaced Cairistiona and seems to be onto it. He’s enthusiastic, communicative and seems just analy retentive enough to be good at the job.

Regional deputies no longer exist. The regional seneschals’ mailing lists may be a way to achieve some of the good those deputies were supposed to achieve and are encouraged.

Colleges are having trouble with resourcing. One has had its funding cut from 7,000 to 500 a year. The meeting was not sure how it could blow that much cash but was willing to give it a go should the opportunity arise. Blod is looking at the new BOD proposal and Colleges. If anyone has any experience with universities and colleges please get in touch with her.

Rewarding officers was discussed. Suggestions included making them more visible, more regalia, letters of appointment and thanks. Seneschal displayed her shiny new letter of appointment and made strong hints that similar should be done for all our local officers. They liked our officer medallions at Festival. Problem people were discussed. (Donnchadh offered to leave at this point.) Please keep records with names and dates and tell the B&B if there is a problem. If it’s a one off it will be lost in the mists of time, if it escalates there will be a paper trail so something can be done.

Council of the purse meeting at Festival (as reported by the Kingdom Seneschal) – Travel fund will increase to around \$4,000 from next reign. Kingdom law will be modified to require quarterly reporting and payment of Lochac levy. Aneala and Darton were noted for their donations - such largesse is welcome and honoured but Kingdom finances are currently healthy so keep the excess for your own use in the future. New Kingdom officers – Gwir verch Madog (Krae Glas) A&S, Asa Hrolfdottir (Ildhafn) Hospitaller, Kotek Torzhskoi (Southron Gaard) Chirurgeon. The meeting noted that NZs plan to take over the Known World appeared to be progressing. Applications are wanted for Earl Marshal. Proposals are wanted for using Kingdoms excess funds. If you have ideas the Exchequer would like to hear them. There were murmurings of bringing laurels etc to the far reaches of the Kingdom.

The Seneschal didn’t have any fun at Festival, she was too busy in meetings.

Aachenfeld is incipient. Seneschal has written to the new Kingdom Seneschal with relevant details.

Everyone stood for the happy dance.

Calendar

21/3/09 Newcomers Tourney and Feast – Gillian – Apologies, will report next month.

24-27/4/09 Autumn Gathering – Lachlaln – Mathilde will be teaching classes in basic sewing, advanced sewing, fitting, possibly also music, singing and lacemaking. Stephen will be fighting and teaching game making. There are 101 bookings with a few more talking about coming (Wow). Tex is panicking about running the dinner for that number. Note the fire ban has been extended which may affect the twilight tournament and bardic circles.

17/5/09 Baroness Fighter Auction – Jane – All good. The auction format will revert to the traditional one. Armoured combat will be in the morning with rapier in the afternoon with combatants to be auctioned before their respective tournaments.

29/5/09 – 1/6/09 Pencampwr – Abertridwr. Please book.

14/6/09 – Heraldic Tournament – Nathan – Neil MacDougall Park. 10am. Potluck lunch. Elimination style tournament. Will get a life for each one of heraldic surcoat, heraldic shield, and banner.

17/7/09 – Brass Monkey Bash – Boesenberg – Jochen Schwalbe. Steward has asked for this event to be published in Vine. Donnchadh and Kerridwen noted that the form was conditionally signed and my not have full approval yet. Seneschal will check with Boesenberg Seneschal.

25/7/09 – Midwinter – Jane – Feast of Excess, 6-11pm, \$27/30. Branwen will be Head Cook. With the number we have been getting lately, Jane will look at the South Perth Town Hall. Flyers should be out soon for this. Venue may move to Karrinyup community centre if the kitchen is OK. Cost is \$550 from 3pm to 1am, bond \$1,000, bigger than Collins St. They have a pipe organ. There may be a minimum requirement on sleeve length to enter the event.

30/8/09 – WA SCA Meeting – d’Gaunt has volunteered to steward – to discuss recruiting and retention. Likely to be at Wandi, 1pm, \$1.50.

9/09 Championship – Catherine – site booked and paid for. Columb has offered to steward, will complete EIF for next month.

Old Business

Officers’ Medallions – Nathan – will get round to it.

Loaner Armour – Conan – Still waiting.

Disposal of old regalia – Catherine

Ironwing I – Marcellus has suggested slicing the limbs to make some tokens for the champions who had the bow. He likes the idea of turning the handle into a knife handle. I still need designs etc for these proposals.

Old Coronets – Mock ups made of coke cans presented. They don’t look as tacky as some expected. Options include chain links or beaded wire to join tokens or navy velvet as a backing. Maidu was the only one present to support melting the coronets down to make other tokens. The rest thought it destroyed the history the coronets have. The velvet was chosen as the best looking and most practical. Catherine will supply regulation blue velvet to match other regalia and donated two silver-plated fealty links. Council approved purchase of remaining fealty links. The current plan is to melt the leftover bits

of coronet down and make a solid silver demi sun for the centre front of each chain if this can be done. Branwen will take over the project from here because she has a dremel. Chains to be ready for Midwinter.

Arising from the WA SCA meeting – Catherine –

Mailing list - The Western Shores list has been renamed WASCAL and readvertised. Everyone is happy. There was talk of wabbits, wocks and wifles. Please join.

- Hit List – Awaiting feedback from other groups.
- State-wide calendar – Leaving this one until the other two are sorted.

Resources list – Cinara – A few people have sent lists of good books etc. Others will now do so. Hopefully this resource will be available in the next month or so.

New Business

Aachenfeld is incipient. The happy dance was done.

Fingernails grow faster than toenails.

Donncahadh would like an extra list field at Autumn Gathering for historical combat of the type that counts as A&S not free sparring. The A&S co-ordinator of the event appointed him A&S deputy in charge of it. The stewards will discuss it and see what they can arrange.

Next Meeting – 15th May at Catalina's house.