

## **Baronial Council Meeting July 2009**

Present – John, Lachlahn, Gillian, Roni, Bechtold, Cinara, Isabel, Maidiu, Catalina, Jane, Catherine, Celestria

Apologies – Rosalind

Late – Branwen, Kilic, Draghi

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved

### **Officers**

Herald – The account on the website seems to work. Several names and devices in process.

Marshal – Absent

Rapier – Absent

Archery – The Webminister has the fletching registry. There was a double elimination Tic Tac Toe shoot in Aachenfeld. There were 22 archers and Catherine and Lancaster won. The fletching workshop was successful with two sets of a dozen arrows completed.

A&S – Has advertised for a successor. The fingerloop braid workshop went well. The Cook's Guild comp at the Aachenfeld event had 3 entrants and the winner was Alicia. St Basil is having lots of workshops.

Reeve – The bank balance is \$7477.47 with \$1243 to be banked. This does not include the money held for Autumn Gathering.

Constable – Absent

Chronicler – Apologies. July Vine was produced. The quiz was won by Benadick. Please supply submissions for August Vine by Sunday afternoon.

Web – Absent

Lists – Absent

Catalina tripped the circuit breakers. Gunter then cut the main power and council proceeded by the light of iphones and laptops for several minutes.

Chatelaine – Absent

Seneschal – Dispute Resolution – The first step in the SCA's dispute resolution process is being reviewed. In some situations it can be difficult for the person with the complaint to directly

contact the person they have a problem with, especially if the grievance regards aggressive or intimidating behavior. There is also concern that, at present, people can avoid further investigation of complaints by stating that since they have not been contacted, the process cannot proceed further. It was noted that this first contact can be made via email or telephone, and perhaps this, and the rest of the process, should be made better known. The current suggestion is to give seneschals the option to accept complaints that have not been through this first step if it seems appropriate. There is concern that this will increase the number of complaints made. It was accepted that direct contact should be the usual first step as most complaints are quickly, easily and quietly dealt with by this alone, but that seneschals should have the discretion to omit this step if it seems appropriate.

Code of Conduct – There are two proposed Codes of Conduct for the SCA:

This is from Eirik and Lucas:

As a member of the SCAA or the SCANZ I agree to all terms and conditions of such membership and I agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will treat all members with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity and all due consideration.
2. I will make myself aware of relevant Federal and state laws, SCA Corpora and Kingdom Law and ensure that my actions comply during all SCAA & SCANZ Society sanctioned events.
3. I will avoid actions and behaviours that will bring the Society into disrepute.
4. I will not use any position, award or office for my own personal advantage to the detriment of others.
5. When dealing with others in a position of actual or presumed authority I will ensure that my decisions (or group decisions) will always follow the tenets of natural justice.
6. I understand that failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action and/or the temporary or permanent revocation of membership.

And this wording of the Code of Conduct section of the draft SCAA Member Protection Policy

#### 4. Code Of Conduct

SCA AUSTRALIA LTD requires every individual and organisation bound by this policy to:

- 4.1 Be ethical, fair and honest in all their dealings with other people and the SCA AUSTRALIA LTD
- 4.2 Treat all persons with respect and courtesy and have proper regard for their dignity, rights and obligations;
- 4.3 Always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations;
- 4.4 Comply with SCA AUSTRALIA Ltd's constitution, rules and policies including this member protection policy;
- 4.5 Operate within the rules and spirit of the Society;
- 4.6 Comply with all relevant Australian laws (Federal and State), particularly anti-discrimination and child protection laws;
- 4.7 Be responsible and accountable for their conduct; and
- 4.8 Abide by the relevant Role-Specific Codes of Conduct outlined in

Part D of this policy

The meeting considered these to be unnecessary and perhaps offensive. The SCA already expects courteous behavior. Complying with mundane law is already required. Just as we take medieval laws to be an indication that people were doing what those laws were written to prevent, this implies that SCA members have been breaking mundane law. It also seems unreasonable for the SCA to decide which mundane laws are more important than others for members to comply with. Even the BOD is having trouble sorting out how the laws apply to the SCA, expecting all members to make themselves aware of all relevant state and federal laws is impossible.

Membership Competition – This is the BOD's latest initiative.

PLEASE REPUBLISH IN YOUR GROUP MAILING LISTS, WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER.

Subject: TARGET:1000 membership promotion - \$1000 in prizes

The Society for Creative Anachronism Australia Ltd and The Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc are pleased to announce a joint membership promotion and competition within the Kingdom of Lochac.

As the Kingdom approaches the milestone of 1000 subscribing members, (currently 880), we offer the following prizes:

1. the group with the most growth in members between July 1st, 2009 and the time we reach 1000 members will receive a \$A500 prize

2. the group to which the 1000th member belongs will receive a \$A500 prize

3. the 1000th member will receive a five-year membership

Note: in the event that the target of 1000 is reached by a renewal, memberships will be monitored until the first NEW subscribing membership after 1000 is bought; this will be the membership which determines eligibility for the above prizes. Prize recipients will be determined by the Kingdom Seneschal and reviewed by the SCAA Board and SCANZ Committee before being awarded.

Kane Greymane (Chris Colyer), Chairman, SCAA Ltd

Lowrens Wilyamson (Scott Campbell), Chairman, SCA NZ Inc.

This was perceived as a football club style chook raffle that is not what the SCA is about. With the current membership restructuring, membership should already be increasing well. We would like to know the reason for this membership drive and the significance of 1,000 members. Note that the \$1,000 in prizes is actually \$1,125 when the 5 year membership is added in. We think it unreasonable for the BOD to require the recent membership restructure on the grounds that it was broke then to immediately give away the income from 45 of the 120 new memberships it's chasing. We do not think this promotion will increase our recruitment effort and can't see how it will inspire other groups to do so either.

Council of the Purse – KINGDOM FUNDS The kingdom is financially secure at present, as groups have been making a big effort to pay kingdom levies. Some groups have made additional generous donations. Current holdings are around A\$22K and NZ\$10K. Changes to financial reporting arrangements are expected to improve compliance further. An investment account will be established.

The Council of the Purse is keen to utilise the resources of the kingdom to their best ends. The Council welcomes well-constructed, innovative proposals that will improve the operation of the kingdom.

CHRONICLER FLOAT Agreed that up to \$300 be made available to the Chronicler as a float, to overcome some lumpiness in SCAA funding of postage.

HOSPITALLER Agreed that the Hospitaller may conduct a "best newcomers pages" contest for websites, with a prize of \$200, in accordance with the detailed bid from the Hospitaller.

#### STRONGER KINGDOM FUND

Where groups are lacking key skills, they may bid for kingdom funds to bring in special visitors, being peers or members of polling orders (fencers, archers). Groups will have to demonstrate a need and match the kingdom funds dollar for dollar from other sources. The maximum funding for any one group is \$500, with notional total kingdom funding of \$1000 a year (may be varied by the Council according to the quality of bids). Usually, single-page bids will be accepted by 1 May for expenditure between 1 July and following 30 June. For 2010, a special trial round will close on 1 October this year, for expenditure between January and June 2010. See

<http://www.lochac.sca.org/exchequer> shortly for details.

It was questioned why the Chronicler float should be necessary when the SCAA has enough money to give away in prizes. The Stronger Kingdom Fund was well received and considered an excellent idea that has potential to really help, especially the smaller groups that don't have the resources to fund this sort of thing themselves.

Award proposal – The result of the Grant of Arms Awards proposal will be three separate named awards. The names are still being sorted.

Combat Archery – It has been suggested that combat archery is declining in Lochac. Some at the meeting thought it had, others did not, some thought we were seeing it more because we have more wars now than in the past. It was noted that it is now much harder to get into combat archery and that may be responsible for the decline. The changing rules have also made it impossible for Grey Co to join our wars as they have in the past. It was also suggested that there is a lack of recognition for combat archers and that may make it less attractive than other options. The marshal will be asked to look into combat archery participation to see if there has been a decline in Aneala.

Aachenfeld Seneschal – Aachenfeld is 6 months old. It has held its first event which was a success. The name and device are both making progress and we should hear if they have passed by the end of winter.

#### **Calendar**

24-27/4/09 – Autumn Gathering – WASCA – Lachlahn – Report submitted. 109 people for the weekend, 15 day trippers. Profit \$2339.30. Booking with sub-officers worked very well. There has been difficulty getting the Dragon's Bay money and when it did arrive it was \$30 short, this is still outstanding. Hardship rates were offered to two people, one did not attend, one ran a class at the event which made quite a lot of money. There was a heap of activities. People are still talking about what they learned from Stephen and Mathilde. Aneala and Boesenberg signed a treaty of mutual defence. There were no major incidents.

20/6/09 – Meet the Baronial Candidates – Catherine – Approx 33 people. The candidates spoke. It didn't help. Council gave us the wrong key, but they brought one out within 20min. Bond has been returned.

20/6/09 – Dragon's Bay Feast – Dragon's Bay – Stephanie – Peter apologized for not returning our tablecloths and platters which they borrowed for an event last year and asked if he could use them for this feast. Seneschal approved it on condition they be returned to the Seneschal within two weeks of the event. They have now been returned thanks to Bella and Donnchadh who waited for Peter to drop them off after Wandu training last week. Loan of equipment will need to be more carefully monitored.

12/7/09 – Tournament of the Roses – Aachenfeld – Isabel – Tournament of the Roses 9am site open, 10 Event start. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St Wembley. Cost: \$3 Members \$5 Non-members, U18 \$2.

Aachenfeld's first event!! 37 attendees, 22 archers. \$70 profit. The IKAC was cancelled by popular decision as the novelty shoot took a lot longer than anticipated partly due to the large number of archers. Aachenfeld's new list ropes were used for the first time.

25/7/09 – Midwinter – Jane – Will be at North Perth Town Hall. Deposit of \$10 required. 6pm - 11pm. Cost: Members \$27 Non-members \$30

Bookings are required by 12 July to Lord Jehan de Benne

Aneala's annual Midwinter feast, as you've never seen it before! This is your chance to display your most extreme, outlandish and over-the-top garb creations on a night of indulgent revelry and sumptuous fare. Come and celebrate Midwinter in a truly extravagant style! \$2,442 float (\$2,000 is bond). There is a wedding in the hall before our event so we can only get in at 4.30. There are 100 bookings. 6 people have volunteered for set up.

26/7/09 – Lightning Carnival – Abertridwr – Kane – 11am to 4pm, Wandu, \$5 members, \$7 non-members under 18 half price, under 6 free. Open weapons armoured 4 man team melee tournament.

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

9/8/09 – Newcomers Collegia – Abertridwr – Ydeneye – Wandu, 9.20am.

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. Council unanimously agreed to offer to pay for one airfare for the Crown.

30/8/09 – Royal Visit Tourney – Abertridwr – Kane – 10am - 7pm, Wandu, 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.

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.

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.

18/10/09 – Regional Meeting – Peter – Wand? Recruitment, retention, regional goals. Still awaiting EIF.

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. Mask making workshops will be organized before the event.

Autumn Gathering 2010 – Bids.

Council is happy with the current selection process. Aneala will not vote but its subgroups will. Council is not in favour of opening bids up to comment and voting on the mailing lists. Please let your local seneschal know your preference ASAP.

Catalina is interested in bidding for November Crown next year – go for it.

## **Old Business**

Loaner Armour – Conan – Has been sent.

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. If no proposal has been received by Championship the bow will be burned.

Old Coronets – Coronets have been cut. Awaiting setting of stones by B&Bs.

Resources list – Cinara – Has got some useful stuff. Chasing up websites and patterns. Would like comment on suitability of commercial patterns. Class notes from the Newcomers' Collegia could go on the website.

### **New Business**

Gifts for the Crown – Branwen is working on a box of goodies. They like blackworked cuffs and maybe a belt. St Basil volunteered to do pouches. Presents should be small and light.

The meeting wishes it known that all members of Aneala are welcome and encouraged to attend Anealan meetings, and that there should be no need for distinction as Anealan council is an open forum available to and owned by every member of the populace irrespective of canton or college membership.

Baronial Coronets – One of the pearl mounts has snapped and the fake pearls are peeling on both coronets. Council agreed to replace the fake pearls with real ones. Lachlahn to announce size of current pearls and quotes for pearls are to be taken to next council. Council agreed to buy 14 mounts from the manufacturer of the coronets, enough to replace all the current fake pearls and have two spare mounts for future repairs. The mounts are \$6 each plus postage.

Tex popped her rubber glove.

Next Meeting – This was scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> but that is the Friday of Balingup. The next Friday is the royal visit. So council will be moved to the 14<sup>th</sup>. As Catalina's house will not be available then the meeting will move to Lachlahn's office in Balcatta, address to be advised.