

Aneala November Council Minutes

Attendance: Elizabeth S, Mery, Dameon, Wolfgang, Nathan, Richard, Best, Skjalddis

Apologies: Leonie, Kilic, Branwen, Alicia, Elizabeth R, Agostino

Last Minutes

October Minutes: <http://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2017-10.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Nathan

Officer Discussion

Baron & Baroness

Baroness Leonie is currently overseas, Lady Avalon (Aneala's Bard) is visiting distant kingdoms, and being recognised for her work!

Seneschal

Needs to get on top of encouraging our officer's report on time, will work on communicating better with officers.

Received email regarding concerns in the moderation of our facebook page. Seneschal's aim is to determine value based on relevance to the Anealan Populace, and avoid over-posting (spamming the page). Posts don't need to be SCA, just need to be of interest to local SCA people. Spamming will be blocked.

Damian suggested that the decision should reside with the Webminister. Current plan is that Webminister & Seneschal share the duty, however as both offices are currently held by one person, our past Seneschal has stayed a moderator. Council generally agrees with this plan.

Council discussed the option of trying to create a set of rules for moderation, this was roundly rejected at the current time as the current system seems to be generally working well.

Reeve

Balance of accounts as at 16 November 2017 is \$20,362.23

less Autumn Gathering funds \$505.00 (\$1320 recently paid as deposit for AG2018)

Net Anealan funds \$ 19,857.23

Bal d'Aneala

Bond has been returned.
Event is finalised. Profit of \$294.41

Championship
Final payments have been made/received.
Event is finalised. Profit \$777.90

Baron's Birthday Beverage Bash
Event is finalised. Profit \$13.09

Advertising for Reeve's position
My tenure as Reeve expires at the end of 2017.
Put out a call for a new Reeve in early October. Repeated this call earlier this week.
Complete silence!

Herald
No report

Constable

Events

Golden Thimble (August)
Bal d'Aneala – Winter's Rest (August)
Baroness's Fighter Auction (August)
Anealan Baronial Championship (September)
Baron's Birthday Beverage Bash (October)
Baronial Council (recurring monthly)

Training (recurring weekly, except when there's another event on)

All paperwork collected for these events is stored electronically on the Dropbox and the majority is also in hard copy with the Anealan constable (address as above).

Lost Property

No change since last report, except that new lost property has been added to the collection. Some of the owners have been identified and the lost property will be returned at a future date.

Chronicler

Aneala's new chronicler Wolfgang will start his term with the production of our December Newsletter. He is currently collecting content, installing software and preparing to produce ongoing monthly issues. Or previous Chronicler Margarita has completed her term and there has been a handover to Wolfgang. All past content has been uploaded into cloud storage and given to the new Chronicler, the chronicler@aneala.lochac.sca.org email is now forwarding to his Wolfgang.

I have produced our November newsletter as Wolfgang wasn't quite ready for this month.
<http://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/vine/vine-2017-11.pdf>

Wolfgang will be putting out issues from this point forward and has some great ideas for adding new content and engaging with the populace.

Much thanks to Nathan for stepping in to report this quarter and put out an interim issue of the vine.

Knight Marshal

Events:

Baroness' Fighter Auction – Baroness Leonie De Grey ran an excellent event, with Their Majesties attending, which included 8 armoured combatants in the tournament. A blind auction was held, with members of the populace bidding on mythical creatures chosen by the fighters instead of the fighters themselves. Lord Lokki Rekr was the victor, no injuries or incidents.

Aneala Championship – Armoured contest was run by the previous champion, Lord Richard Ferrowre, and saw 7 combatants enter, with Lord Lokki Rekr winning the championship. No medical incidents occurred, but there was one occurrence of a weapon breaking when the old and dry rattan partially snapped. No risk was posed to anyone by this, as the fibrous rattan and fibre tape did their jobs appropriately.

Baron's Birthday Bash – Rapier tournament held by Wolfgang Germanicus, only 3 fighters in the lists so there were two complete round robins held followed by a final. No injuries, equipment failures, or disciplinary problems.

Training:

Official training for Aneala occurs on Sunday mornings at Lake Monger Primary School, every week that does not compete with a group event, and allows for armoured combat, rapier, and archery. We have seen one new rapier fighter authorised this period.

Numbers attending armoured combat training have been steady with 4 to 8 in armour at each session. No injuries or any other other issues (serious armour failures, serious weapon failures, loss-of-temper situations) were experienced with this group in this reporting period.

One noteworthy training session during this period in the first weekend of November saw THL Jochen Schwalbe attend with combat archery equipment to run a training session focused on combat archery and war fighting. While attendance was low for combat archers, it saw 6 in armour for war training.

No injuries to report.

General Comments

The Captain of Archers has stepped down, with target archery being run at training most weeks whenever there has been a Target Archery Marshal available to do so. The position of Rapier Marshal is also vacant, however Baron Dameon is tending to the duties in the interim. My main goals for the upcoming quarter is to get together with Dameon to see what can be done to encourage and assist those interested in becoming marshals to do so, and see if permanent officers for Captain of Archers and Rapier Marshal can be found.

No quarterly reports received from Dragon's Bay Knight Marshal or the temporary Rapier Marshal, though I can report that rapier training has continued with similar numbers as the previous reporting period and no injuries or incidents have occurred.

College of Saint Basil the Great Marshal Report

Richard of St Basil

No injuries. Some loaner gear was found to not pass inspection after long lack of use. Multiple New people are currently training, but not yet authorised. Lack of attendance from more experienced SCA members has made training new members difficult.

Arts and Sciences

Activities

Metal Work: Armouring and Blacksmithing continue, generally on the first Saturday of the month. New members are welcome and are being taught basic skills while more experienced members continue to improve by sharing knowledge between themselves.

Calligraphy and Illumination: Weekly activities continue.

Music and Singing: While Ceoltoiri Aneala music practice sessions have been intermittent due to availability of members, the group continues to be strong with around 5 members attending when they can. The HL Isabel de Annesley attended Politarchopolis for the St Vitus music and dance weekend in August. Not an SCA event, but still enriching to our group, Isabel also travelled to the Medieval Music in the Dales event (UK) in September. Isabel has also encouraged members to join her in an open university course in Early Music notation.

Silk banner painting: A further workshop was held for those who missed out on the first round earlier this year. We had a single day for design and drawing onto silk, then a solid two day workshop to finish another 5 banners.

Our Championship event had a special focus on period kit, whether it be on the scale of feasting gear, or a full period encampment. Members were encouraged to consider their kit and make new items.

Open house A&S: The HL Isabel de Annesley hosts regular midweek A&S days at her house weekly or fortnightly depending on availability. Attendance is good with between 4-6 on average.

Competitions and Displays

Golden Thimble, 19-20 August 2017

Objective, to make a full set of garb for the model. Any period within the SCA timeline, early to 1600. Golden Thimble is about creating garb over some 22hrs in a weekend, restricted by the resources of each team and how to get around that which may not be the best of fabrics, skills or knowledge.

The garb must consist of underwear, overwear, and/or armor and accessories a minimum of 5 pieces. All sewing equipment, fabrics, supplies, books, and pictures should be brought at the beginning. Once started, 'electronic searching' cannot be used. Borrowing from other teams is allowed. Each team must supply their own electrical cord and power board. Only one electrical appliances per team can be used at once due to the power load. Sorry, it is an old building.

We had three teams enter ranging in skills and experience from absolute beginners to seasoned veterans. The winner was 'Too Many Elizabethans' with their middleclass Englishwomans ensemble.

Bal d'Aneala, 26 August 2017

The A&S theme of 'Something to keep you warm' was well advertised and promoted by the event Steward and we had 9 entries over 2 divisions.

The A&S Competition was won by Lady Elizabeth Rowe with her blackwork coif. The Cooks Guild Competition was won by Lady Skjalddís Bragadóttir with her Mushroom Tarts.

Championship 22-25 September 2017

Open A&S Competition: 1 entry, a set of knucklebones by Lady Elizabeth Rowe of which the judges provided feedback.

Also at Championship our winner for Baronial A&S Champion was determined and this was Lady Elizabeth Rowe. The Champion must submit a minimum of three A&S entries over the course of the previous year, with the highest three scores determining the outcome where there are multiple finalists.

Listkeeper

Apologies (coming soon)

Chatelaine

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Webminister

Have sent instruction manual to new Baronial Herald for updating Awards data, awaiting feedback of any issues.

Trained new Chronicler in person for uploading group's newsletter to web site.

Requested some assistance from Kingdom in coding the sorting of award precedence based on the code used for Lochac's Canon system. It would appear this isn't possible to share. Probably not worth updating anyway, at a baronial level the trade offs are probably still accurate so not worth my time to code a better solution compared to other work.

Required work - More work to do on the history section, especially getting some images

happening before making it live.

Past Events

15th October - Wolfgang - Baron's Birthday Beverage Bash

Report provided. Disappointing turnout in general, however pleased with the number of people watching. Dameon commented that he is pleased with the lack of angst between armoured & rapier fighter.

Some feedback - the timing of the event combined with no pot-luck made it difficult for people to arrange lunch. Suggestion that a simple grazing pot-luck opening at the start of the event might be a good plan for future.

Conversation covered the importance of small simple events, and encouraged everyone to both plan and participate in these.

Conversation covered the importance of focussing on being a Medieval group re-enacting medieval lifestyle. Continuing to encourage less mundanity and more period stuff!

Future Events

16 December - Toys for Tots - Agostino - Garvey Park

All sorted, nothing new to report this month.

Midsummer

Bid from Skjalddis - 20th January

Comprehensive bid submitted \$30 x 30 people = break even

Early period (circa 5th century CE)

Bid from Susanna de Plume - 27th January

Bid read out by Nathan

A poll was held around the council table, Consensus was that Skjalddis' event has the running for Midsummer 2018, but council is very keen to encourage Susanna to run her event on another date, people look forward the theme, site, and concept.

Having approved Skjalddis' event we need to approve funds:

Bond needs \$1000 - proposed Mery, seconded - Dameon, approved

Food - funding approval to be approved next council

Skjalddis to enter a form on the Lochac web site as soon as possible and arrange site booking.

Autumn Gathering - 30-3-2018 - Baron Kilic.

Autumn Gathering 29th March 2018 to 2nd April 2018

The Autumn Gathering will be framed around the idea of “Starting your Medieval Journey” and “The next steps on your Journey of Discovery”. The idea is that we can provide workshops as well as feasts and tourneys to encourage people to be more “Medieval” and to help our newcomers to start developing their personas and areas of interest.

Opening Time: 5pm Thursday 29th March

Closing Time: 10am Monday 2nd April

Cost per member - \$90 (\$22 per day times 4 plus \$1 Kingdom levy and \$1 for GST)

Cost per non-member - \$95

Day trip cost - \$25

Payments must be received no later than 16th March as the full payment must be made on the 22nd March.

Costing information

1. Due to the standard site cost we don't have differential pricing for Children and Adults. So, unless the groups are willing to subsidise Children's cost it will be one price for all.
2. At this stage there will be no archery as the cost is \$400 for a single 3-hour session. However, if one of the groups want to cover this cost we can add it in closer to the event.
3. The Barony has indicated that it is willing to cover the food costs for this event to help make the event more affordable. However, if the other groups would like to cover Breakfasts, Lunches or Feasts or run one or more of these over the weekend and cover the cost that also would be greatly appreciated.

The idea will be to run a multi-stream set of activities with times for group activities.

Below is a **sample day schedule just to give an idea of how this would look.**

Time	A&S	Service	Armoured	Rapier	Archery
8am – 9am			Breakfast		

9am – 10am	Embroidery for Beginners	Running a mini event	Pole arm work	Single handed combat	Selecting arrows
11am – 1pm	Armoured tourney followed by Rapier tourney				
1pm – 2pm	Lunch				
2pm – 3pm	Making a Viking chest (limited to 4 people)	How to be an officer	Sword and Shield	Sword and Buckler	Making a quiver
4pm – 5pm	Cooking over an open fire	Why reporting is important	Proper use of pell work	Rapier styles	
5pm 6pm	Blacksmithing	How to put in a bid	Melee combat	Cut and thrust Concepts	Bows in period
6pm – 7pm	Clean up in preparation for the feast				
7pm – 10pm	Feast				
10pm – 12am	Bardic Circle				

The model has been done in 1-hour increments but this could be made shorter depending on how the teachers want to structure their classes. We will be surveying the populace of all groups as to what they would like to learn as well as finding out what people are willing to teach. We are also thinking that for some newer members a one on one or a small informal group might be better so we could slot that in via a signup sheet.

Proposed Events

Nathan looking at running a day event in February - 17th, games day (no combat-based tournaments)

General Business

From last council

Children's Activities - ongoing discussion

- Pricing to be discussed - Around Lochac there is a vast range of options.

Some groups don't charge minors (under 16=free, over 16=adult).

Some groups (like us) target half price for minors

Some groups have child, youth, and adult

Some groups don't have any discount for minors.

Suggestion that people talk about the options and discuss this again next council.

Conversation ensued regarding bringing more families with children into events.

Adding children's activities (boffer, games, etc).

Kilic - Viewing Pav, possibly time to redo the roof.2.5x9M. Branwen will look into costings for replacement. Ongoing, Canvas being chased up.

Chairs could use some work. Leonie Ongoing

Iron Beak - Richard, Nathan - Ongoing (Due by 35th anniversary event)

Coronets - Leonie - Progress update - first one done! Second one in the process of being done. Very happy with the results. Dameon specifically said that the coronet damage was ALL LEONIES FAULT (Quote - "I can say that, she's not here")

We need a new set of sieves. Branwen to buy. TBA

New General Business

Why is the most common quote "Don't minute that!"?

Quote of the day: A competition was held, too many Elizabethans won!

Fun Fact of the day: Mery managed to read her entire report to us in seven breaths (Dameon counted!)