

Aneala February Council Minutes

Attendance: Nathan, Elizabeth R, Agostino, Leonie, Konrad, Elizabeth S, Isolde, William, Gummi

Apologies: Frances, Aífe, Julian, Lokki, Kilic, Branwen, Dameon, Skjaldadis

Last Minutes January Minutes: <https://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2020-01.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Leonie

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

Exciting plans for the month turned pear shaped.

Attended combined training where we ran a class on how to behave while around the Crown or Their representatives.

O Day at the College was run today. Signed up some new members, gave away all the flyers they brought along. We do need to help the College with how to run demo style events and how to marshal people into their display.

Approvals have been made for camping and catering for the June event.

The Crown are coming for the Collegium event in April.

Seneschal

Thank you for the people who have recently taken on officer roles.

There's a few events and demo's coming up. I would like to see people supporting these events.

St Basil Seneschal

Training has been down in numbers during the break. Arts and Sciences is still happening.

Reeve:

Balance of account at 1 January 2021 \$23,122.71

Balance of account at 31 January \$23,192.71

Balance of account today \$24,051.91 because Ern Halliday has finally refunded \$900 for the cancelled booking for the Collegium.

There are no outstanding payments.

Herald

The Herald's position has changed hands from Nobel Gwyneth to myself.

Dec Event was Toys for Tots Tournament, opening and closing Courts held. 3 Kingdom Awards passed on via the Baron and Baroness on behalf of the King and Queen. Award of Arms –Lord Grimr Grettirson Award of Arms –Samuel of Saint Basil Golden Tear –Gumuuinus de Eggafridicapella. At Aneala's Ball the Honourable Lord Pantero Pantera de Valembrosa and Noble Gwyneth ferch Aeddan, who were both awarded the Gratia Coronae in acknowledgement of their work making the Lochac Dance Video.

Submissions:

Ongoing clarification for device in Dragon's Bay.

No other current submissions although some are in the pipeline.

Noble Gwyneth has agreed to stay on as Book Herald. Yeah.

Voice Heraldry:

I performed at three local events as voice herald one of which was also a tournament and I served as field Herald. Dragons Bay herald also had some training as a Field herald.

Active Heralds:

Mistress Branwen of Werchesvorde baronial Herald - Aneala

Noble Gwyneth ferch Aeddan- Book Herald; Julia McPherson - Herald - Dragon's Bay

Assistant Herald - Mistress Leonie DeGrey

My drop-dead deputy is Noble Gwyneth ferch Aeddan.

Constable

Constables at large

Name: Elizabeth Severn, Branwen of Werchesvorde, Kilic ibn Sungar, Ula

STATE of the OFFICERS and the OFFICE

I am new to the role having taken over last month. I have approached the previous Constable, Baroness Elizabeth Rowe, who has passed on all of her documentation and given me a lot of advice.

I have not yet confirmed a deputy, but I have several members of the barony who have offered to be constables at large.

I have spoken with my down line, Robert of Leffan of Dragon's Bay at our recent combined baronial/canton training event. He is on top of things in the canton and has added me as a cc in his constable, event and incident reports.

On the whole, the group is supportive of the constables and their duties; however, as the previous constable was largely absent from events, I will need to be more visible and reinforce items such as checking membership cards at armoured/archery training and encouraging less mundanity at events.

I work well with our seneschal, reeve and chatelaine and have discussed with them ways to streamline paperwork, encourage new members etc.

EVENTS

Event Name: Toys for Tots

Attendees: 46; Members: 37; Non-members: 9

Indemnities collected: Yes

Positive event news to report: No incidents/injuries or lost & found

Negative event news to report: Constable in charge did not complete or hand over sign-in sheets.

Comments/learning to share/suggestions: More training required for constables at large

Event Name: Midsummer Picnic

Attendees: 42; Members: 38; Non-members: 4

Indemnities collected: Yes; Storage location of indemnities: Constable

Official handover of Constable office completed in court

Comments/learning to share/suggestions: Ask chatelaine for brochures for the sign-in desk. Look into QR code for online payments.

Event Name: Combined Training #1

Attendees: 33; Members: 31; Non-members: 2

Indemnities collected: Yes

Positive event news to report: Great turn out for the first of six monthly combined training between the barony and canton, including armoured, rapier, archery and arts & sciences. Met downline and discussed officer roles and how things are set up in the canton. Got lots of information about their online report process and discussed with the Kingdom Webmaster (who set this up) whether this could also be used in the Barony or Kingdom-wide.

Negative event news to report: One new person signed in on the wrong sheet as both constables assumed he was a member of the other group. We realised quickly and got the correct indemnities signed.

Comments/learnings to share/suggestions: Feedback from the new person's mother that the sign-in/welcome process is not good enough due to the above incident. The sign-in sheets were temporarily unattended at the time as the Constables were discussing officer business.

Chronicler

As reported in my last quarterly report the Dragon's Bay Chronicler has stepped down to take up the position of :Lochac Webminister. At this stage there appears to be no one willing to step up as the Canton's Chronicler.

I have managed to produce the Vine each month . The latest change I've included is to ensure the Vine's event list matches more accurately the group's website event page.

Arts and Sciences

Upcoming Events

Great A&S sessions during combined Aneala and DB Sundays at Spearwood Primary School- general A&S meeting and Courtly Manners session completed by Her Excellency Baroness Elizabeth. Potential for cooking class and dancing in the future (dates: Jan 10th, Feb 14th, Mar 14th, Apr 11th, May 9th and Jun 13th)

Aneala Collegium April 2021- Crown visit and announced classes so far: leatherwork, sleeves, woodworking, nalbinding, historical research, feast and recipe planning, event stewarding, tablet weaving, dancing, textile dyes and spinning, illumination, tea (by her Majesty Queen Tailltiu)

Knight Marshal

Events: Toys for Tots Training: Archery, Rapier and Heavy combat on going. A combined training on a Monthly basis on the second Sunday of every month has been initiated for Dragons Bay and Aneala in Spearwood. Archery is showing numbers of 5-12, Rapier 3-5 and Heavy 3-5 in armour. Approval for funds to increase the amount of Armoured combat loaner equipment has been approved and work is ongoing. A few non-SCA related injuries have sidelined 2 of our most experienced fighters, although we have stepped up efforts to incorporate more drills in with armoured sparring. Weather has warmed up and reminding people to stay hydrated and in the shade where possible. Lockdown and Covid precautions have cancelled some training and events. Injury and Incident Reports One, archery incident. Report attached to email completed by the Dragons Bay Senechal. We have had some miss understanding of the reporting structure. I will rectify the error. General Comments Working on getting more Senior Marshals in place, and having more Collegians authorised. Report from College of St Basil the Great: It has been a quiet quarter as per usual for the University break, with 3-5 armoured fighters and 2-3 fencers attending weekly. We have had to cancel a couple of training sessions due to lack of numbers. There have been no new authorisations this quarter, and we will now be turning our focus to the potential new members of the coming year. We plan to have a combat display at our O Day festival, and host our annual Boom Boom boffer tourney. No injuries or events to report

Rapier Captain

There are 7 active fencers in Aneala.

Two training sessions occur every week normally College, and baronial. Training is subject to Covid-19 restrictions)

Captain of Archers

Archery is good and well attended in Aneala.

November 2020 was well attended.

December 2020 We had a break over the Christmas and New year Break.

Jan 2021 Recommenced on Jan 10th at the combined training site at Spearwood.

4 people from Dragon's Bay and 6 people from Aneala shot together.

We used the Tibetan targets and all seemed to have a good time despite it being a little windy at times but the wind was refreshing.

Application for William Walford has been processed and accepted by the Baron and Baroness of Aneala, Aneala Seneschal and now the Kingdom Archery Captain. Handover will be officially on Feb 27th, with ceremonial hand over in Court to follow.

In the meantime, we have discussed and agreed amongst the TAMS and regular archers, that we will split the archery gear.

Each person/household will take and bring a target. Those who require the loaner gear will be assigned a bow and set of 6 arrows. A register will be kept to keep track of who has what. William has agreed to take the green lidded box which has all the line ropes and markers. I and Kilic will keep the leftover gear and loaner bows and arrows. We both still intend to come but we will not commit.

All bows, arrows and bow strings have been checked and serviced. It has been determined that a set of 24 Baronial Blunts need to be replaced as they are no longer legal or in good condition. Another was asked from Lady Isabel and will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

\$140 required for new Combat blunts

Approved: Elizabeth R

Seconded Elizabeth S

Incident at Canton of Dragons Bay Nov 2020. Apparently a fletch came off while being shot and pierced an archer's left hand. Subsequently, the archer went to hospital and had the fletch removed and had some stitches. The Incident was reported through the Marshallate. I did not receive any report till after the Jan Council meeting. No report was sent to Aneala from the Canton of Dragon's Bay, it went directly to the Kingdom. It is understood that they have also checked all arrows. No mention of the Incident was made in the Jan monthly Archery report, or Decembers Hopefully, in future we will be kept in the loop.

Our response was to check all arrows in Aneala, none were found to be defective. The wearing of half gloves on the bow hand to be strongly discouraged. The Dragon's Bay Archery Captain asked for a meeting at the next combined training at Spearwood (Sun 14/2/21) but didn't show.

Reports

All other reports have been received from the Canton of Dragon's Bay. Numbers have been low, but mostly because of the Christmas break. They are reviewing and replacing some Archery Equipment.

List Keeper

No events requiring List Keeping have been held since my last report.

My quarterly report for February 2021 was submitted on 14th February. Basically it was a repeat of my December 2020 report to Council since that was the only month during the quarter in which there was anything to report.

Web Minister

Please accept my apologies in advance for not attending council this Friday.

Webminister report for February 2021 council:

*Backlog of council minutes has now been resolved & uploaded.

*Advertising for a new Webminister will hopefully take place soon.

Youth Officer

In the last 3 months there have been the Midsummer Picnic and Toys for Tots fundraiser, as well as regularly scheduled training as COVID-19 has allowed. Youth attended both of the major events and some youth have participated in archery.

No youth have been reported harmed.

I have been in contact with the Dragons Bay Youth Officer, who is making some progress to facilitating youth armoured combat - attempting to get an adult authorised as an armoured combat youth marshal and looking into relevant armour for youth protection. So far no interest in this has been voiced by youth in the rest of Aneala.

I am still looking for a replacement youth officer as my time has elapsed.

Chatelaine

Another quarter during the plague times has elapsed! I am pleased to say, despite the chaos, we have been able to run day events with BYO food that have been well attended, and we have a couple of SCAdian families who have been successful at roping friends in to attend events. Distributing loaner garb was a bit haphazard, which has prompted me to take inventory and rearrange our garb crates. I have found the barony to be lacking in trousers and chemises, the former I have rectified as I had quite a few pairs of my own to donate, and I am arranging with our A&S officer to have some chemises made and possibly some donated by the populace.

In the Canton of Dragon's Bay we have a new Chatelaine in Mistress Liduina, who has been printing new flyers for the Canton, and replaced the 15 year old vintage poster at Perth's premier board and tabletop gaming store.

I wanted to take this opportunity to ask for your advice on emailing prospective members. I have been keeping my own little mailing list of half a dozen folk that either signed up at a demo, or have approached me online or in public expressing an interest. Thus far only one has ever replied to my messages. After my usual spiel on the SCA and Aneala I send them notices about upcoming events. Do you have any suggestions about how long I should continue to email without reply, and if you have any particular catchphrases or messages that tend to draw responses out of your readers?

Calendar

Past Events

College Challenge, Cancelled Due to Covid

Midsummer Picnic

Steward: Baroness Elizabeth Rowe (Nancy Valentino)

Attendance: The total number of attendees was 42, including children & non-members. See attached Constable report for further details. Given the lack of events in recent times, I was hoping for better attendance. However, the weather was warm and people being discouraged by the prospect of wearing garb in hot, humid weather is not unusual for Midsummer. A number of people intended to come but pulled out at the last minute (they had responded as Going on the Facebook event and then either posted apologies or changed their attendance status). This may have been mitigated if there had been a fee for the event so that they had a financial incentive to attend if possible.

Site: The major upside of the site was that it was free. It was also picturesque, had plenty of space and allowed our event to be publicly visible, which was one of my goals for the event. The downside was that the park was popular and crowded, meaning that we couldn't use the spot that I had originally intended. This meant that we were further away from the car park, toilets and playground. This was a challenge for people with mobility difficulties of various kinds and for people with children. Due to the popularity of the park by the public, parking became an issue too. Overall, my opinion is that I enjoyed the site but I would not recommend its use again for an event of this kind.

Date & Time: The date was fine – it ran on the same day as the Crown Tourney over in Politarchopolis. The weather was hot because it was summer but that is fine for an event called “Midsummer Picnic.” The time of the event was possibly not ideal. It started at 5.30pm but could potentially have started earlier. Officially we were due to close the event at 9pm, but that time came and went and people still appeared to be enjoying themselves. The problem was that the toilets were scheduled to automatically lock so we did want to close the event before that happened if possible. The event was casually closed at approximately 9.30pm and the majority of it was packed up quite quickly. A number of people chose to stay in the park for some time afterwards. At a different site without the issue of the toilets automatically locking, we may have stayed later on purpose and closed the event with a formal court.

Tournaments/Competitions: There was an Open A&S competition held. It had four entries. Judging started quite late and they lost the light, which slowed them down and made the whole thing more difficult. There was also extensive documentation to go along with some entries so judging was a slow process. Ultimately it was decided to continue the judging at Combined Training, which ran the next day. No prize was given at Midsummer Picnic but the win was recognised informally when the judging was concluded the next day. (The winner, in the end, was Noble Gwyneth ferch Aeddán, with a splendid hat.)

Other Activities: Other activities included games such as the Viking salted fish game. Two IKEA sharks were used as salted fish. They are large and unwieldy but they did the trick and were entertaining to watch. Another game was the logs & rope game, kindly supplied by THL Lokki Rekk. There was dancing, including a performance of the extremely challenging English Country Dance “Whirligig” (it went well). Tables were set up in a semicircle with some people on picnic rugs in front of the tables. Everyone picnicked in their family/household groups and did not share food, as was required by Covid guidelines.

Assistance: My thanks go to the Constable, Aife ingen uí Dáire, the Herald, Mistress Branwen of Werchesvorde, the Reeve, Mistress Leonie de Grey and the Chatelaine, Lord Zaven Zeitountsi – all of whom provided their service in each Baronial Office to this event. Other assistance was provided by THL Elizabeth Severn (Lady in Waiting), THL Lokki Rekk (brought the log & rope game, was available as Marshal although in the end no one put armour on to fight), Laura of Saint Basil, Scott of Saint Basil, Shaeolaura of Aneala, Sir Nathan Blacktower and many others for their general helping/fetching/carrying etc. The event was made possible by the service of these people in particular.

Finances: As there were non-member attendees who needed to pay the event membership fee, a financial report was required, and subsequently prepared by the Baronial Reeve, Mistress Leonie de Grey. The financial report is attached. Other than that, there were no expenses or income relating to this event.

Summary: I got good feedback about this event and personally enjoyed it. However, the site was not ideal. If a feast in a hall had been an option, I would have much preferred that and I recommend that event format for the next Midsummer event.

Regular Events

Future Events

Autumn Collegia Event Anzac Weekend 2021 (proposal) 24/4 to 26/4/2021

The Crown will now be attending this event. They will be running classes.

Daytime fee is \$10 per day

Saturday now has a Ball, additional fee of \$10 per head for attending the Ball.

Ball: Approved: Gummi

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Hyde Park Fair - February 28 to 1 March

Steward: Nathan Blacktower

Will start rounding up the kittens.

Proposed events

Proposed:

Newcomer Tournament 14 March 2021 at combined training venue.

Steward: Lokki

Newcomers!

Date: March 14th

Time: 10am - 4pm (Setup 9am)

Location: Spearwood Primary School P&C @ 73 Gerald Street, Spearwood, Perth

Cost: Free (non-member fee is covered by the Barony for this event)

To show off what we do, we will have Armored combat, Rapier Tournaments and an Archery shoot.

We will keep the Tournaments short, for example Armoured will be run each round will be, best of 3 bouts, 2 rounds lost and you are out. That means List shields, and so List Tree! Fighters, Have your List shields ready!

I would also like to have an Arts & Science display, Not a Competition, sorry. The display will be Items that HAVE BEEN in an A&S competition, please have their documentation available while on display, so that Newcomers can see, learn and Experience what we do and have made.

The event will start with Set-up/Sign-in at 9am with the event starting at 10am running through to 4pm, BYO food and drink.

Non-Member fee is covered by the Barony for this event.

Yes, It's Free! Come and share your love in the SCA.

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Konrad

Western Raids

We have Gummi as the new steward. The event template is sorted out and people should volunteer.

The team may want to include planning for a potential Crown Visit.

General Business

DEI Officer

Do we need one?

General discussion re officer requirements and use of gendered pronoun including on group publications.

Noted, we need to always have explicit permission before attributing pronouns on our publications which includes choosing not to have a listed pronoun.

Spearwood Primary School

Cost for a set of keys \$100

Invoice for January \$42; Invoice for February and set of Keys \$142; Total \$184

Approved: Elizabeth R

Seconded: Gummi

Site booking for the 2021 Championship has been cancelled due to site works.

Booking has been changed to Windmill site.

Colegia deposit refunded.

Discuss the production of an all-weather banner which we can use at demos

Leonie to design banners in consultation with others, Nathan to print.

Trailer needs new tyres. Mid Range \$128 ea

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Agostino

Pavilions are getting more difficult to use with restrictions on pegs.

Suggestion to purchase 6x3 and 3x3 pavilions will be put into a proposal.

Checked a few out Oztrail are the best out at the moment.

3x3: \$249 on special, \$349 usually

6x3: \$400 on special, \$600 usually

Proposed to purchase 6x3

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Konrad

General maintenance required on a range of equipment. Konrad to organise the maintenance team.

New General Business

Ongoing

Iron Beak – Konrad, Lokki, Nathan, and Dino – Ongoing.

Meeting closed at 21:12

Next Council will be 19/3/2021. At Hale School.