

Aneala February 2022 Council Minutes

Attendance: Nathan, Aife, Elizabeth R, Agostino, Konrad, Elizabeth S, Leonie, Gwyneth, Pantera, Julian

Apologies: Lokki, Edith, Kilic

January Minutes:

<https://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2022-1.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth R.

Seconded: Elizabeth S.

Dissent: None

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

We attended Midsummer. It was great! Thanks to the steward, cooks & team. How amazing that we had some live music?! We enjoyed the whole event.

We're looking forward to the upcoming Not-Crown event. Please tell all your friends about it. Mistress Leonie's Pelican ceremony will happen at this event (and on a related note, will include an online visit from the Crown). Don't miss out, book now!

Seneschal

Konrad

Nathan will be taking over as new Seneschal.

Everything seems quiet, please support him.

Nathan

Thank you to the outgoing Seneschal for all your hard work. Everything does seem calm and I am looking forward to the next two years of it staying calm.

I'm looking forward to getting feedback from the populace on anything they would like addressed.

With the cancelling of the March Crown Tournament in Aneala and it moving to Brisbane, WA Tourism has a funding program for events impacted by COVID restrictions. The scheme Covers a % of lost revenue for events impacted by changing border restrictions.

*Seneschal to investigate.

Collage of St Basil

No report

Reeve:

Opening Bank Balance 1 January 2022 - \$22,298.03

Closing Bank Balance 31 January 2022 - \$23,349.78

Income in January was mostly payments for Midsummer and Combined Training. Expenditure during January was for the container storage and the food float for Midsummer.

Midsummer on the Mediterranean:

Require approval for the following payments to reimburse food costs:

Amanda Baker \$161.21

Nathan Bullivant \$40.97

Annette Wilson \$40.03

Approved: Pantera

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Dissent: None

Refunds were made to 7 people unable to attend due to COVID regulations. The Financial Report for the event has been completed and the event made a profit of \$351.18.

March Tournament and Games Weekend

Require approval for the following:

Food costs of \$30 per head up to the number of people booked for the event. Funds to be distributed to the appropriate people with agreement from the Reeve and Event Steward. Food up to \$1500 to be approved.

Approved: Pantera

Seconded: Julian

Dissent: None

Also need approval to pay the balance of the amount owing to Ern Halliday for the event (\$1395 already paid as a deposit). Should not exceed \$1500.

Approved: Aife

Seconded: Agostino

Dissent: None

Payment for \$107.80 to Jason Dodds for the container storage.

Approved: Leonie

Seconded: Pantera

Dissent: None

Bank Account Signatories

We need to approve changes to the signatories to the Aneala Bank Account.

We need to add Nathan Bullivant and remove Kevin Ryan.

Other signatories are Dorothy Cantoni, Jason Dodds, Adamo Valentino and Annette Wilson all of whom will be remaining.

Approved: Aife

Seconded: Pantera

Dissent: None

Herald

Events

We had one event, Midsummer on the Mediterranean. 2 people received Awards, Zaven a Rowan given by Their Excellencies on behalf of Rowland and Taitiu. Also to Neville a Demi Sun. Both have been updated on The Aneala OP Mistress Leonie Heralded court. Thankyou Leonie.

Submissions.

Name approved for Edith Penrose, Gwyneth checked and submitted, thank you Gwyneth.

Report

Feb Quarterly Report sent to Kingdom Herald.

Constable

Midsummer on the Mediterranean

33 members and 3 minors attended

4 non-members attended

No incidents or injuries

Lost property 3x electric tealights, see the Constable if they are yours.

There were eight cancellations (including one infant) due to illness/self-quarantine that will require the booking fee to be refunded.

Combined Training 13 February

20 members and 6 minors attended

4 non-members

No incidents or injuries

Great to see lots of new people! No heavy or rapier due to marshalls/participants not being able to attend. Do we need a better plan for this going forward so that marshalls are delegating their role/bringing of gear and participants are advised in advance when fighting activities will not be run?

General discussion about other marshalls letting Knight Marshall know when their discipline is not happening.

- Clear posts about when/where training is or isn't happening so that a newbie can understand them will help.
- When an event is on Knight Marshall to do one post advising training is cancelled rather than each marshal doing individual posts.

Nothing major to report this month. Vaccination requirements and mask mandate is being followed by all members without any issues. Thank you to Frances for the donation of disposable masks that can be used if anyone has a mask failure during an event. They won't be supplied to participants as it's a government requirement to have a mask, not an SCA one, but are there for emergencies.

Report received from downline. Quarterly report submitted to upline.

Chronicler

I have recently advertised my position as vacant. Currently I've had one application from Lady Bella. The application process is open until the end of February.

Due to circumstances at work I've organised to extend my term to the end of April in order to be clear of work issues.

I have produced the February Vine and I will be producing the March Vine.

I expect that, depending on the number of applicants and the two week commentary period, I will hand over in time to the new Chronicler for them to produce the April Vine.

Knight Marshal

Training has been happening, I've not had any reported injuries from the marshals overseeing training.

Rapier Captain

Group Data

Active fencers in the group: 9+

Administration matters

No injuries in this period

No equipment failure in this period.

Notes: Training turnout during this period has been relatively poor. I suspect that the high temperatures experienced during this period have contributed to this.

Captain of Archers

No report

List Keeper

Nothing to report.

A&S

No report

Elizabeth R. Dragons Bay has advertised to replace their A&S Officer.

Acting Web Minister

Have caught up with the backlog of Council minutes. Please send the Seneschal any corrections.

Acting Youth Officer

No downline, unable to find any interest for people to take on baronial or canton youth minister.

Propose we let both roles go dormant as they are not required offices.

Seneschal: Happy to let this office go dormant for the time being.

Chatelaine

No report

Calendar

Past Events

Toys for Tots

Steward: Baroness Elizabeth Rowe (Nancy Valentino)

Date: Sunday 5th December 2021

Time: 10am – 4pm

Site: Garvey Park, Fauntleroy Avenue, Ascot WA

Cost: Free for members with donation of a toy for charity

Attendance: A total of 32 members attended (including 2 minors). For further details, please see the Constable report. Thank you to Bantiarna Aife for being Constable in Charge. This is quite low attendance for a tournament. I think that the major factors impacting attendance were probably related to this being a late addition to the calendar and being insufficiently advertised.

Site: We were able to use this site for free after we informed the local council that we were running a charity event (this has been the case for some years now). It's a nice site overall. The toilets are a bit far away. The major downside is that ground penetration is not allowed at this site. To compensate for this, we borrowed plastic bollards and new wooden standing list poles from the Canton of Dragon's Bay. (Thank you to the Canton for the loan.) The bollards are ugly but they pretty much work. The wooden list poles were more attractive but they fell over in the wind. An inability to put stakes in the ground is really inconvenient for our events. My suggestion would be to find an alternative site for future tournaments.

Date: The date of the event was a problem. I chose to run the event in early December in order to keep it close to Christmas and use it as a "wind up" event. However, the charity that we donated the toys to had their main "wrapping day" in mid-late November. While they are still able to use the toys that we donated, they may not have been used for Christmas in the end which is disappointing because that is what our event is about. Other charities usually close their collections at a similar time (mid November) or earlier. Running the event earlier in the year would solve that problem but has the downside of being further away from Christmas.

Time/Timing: The event started at a sensible time. The timing of the event ran very well. Setting a clear expectation that the first tournament would start on time was highly successful. The only impediment to running on time was that the rattan fighters lost time getting ready because members of the public came up to them to ask about the SCA.

Tournament & Competitions: There was an open arts & sciences competition but only one entry. The entry, embroidery by Lady Rosamond, was of a high quality and earned a pearl. Thank you to Lady Frances for running the competition and thank you to the judges.

There was a rattan combat tournament and a rapier tournament. Both ran safely and smoothly. THL Konrad won the rattan tournament and Noble Scott won the rapier tournament. For further details, please see the Listkeeper report. Thank you to THL Isabel and Mistress Leonie for being listkeepers at the event.

Other Activities: The kubb set was available for use and the B&B provided the Baronial hobby horses to entertain children. This helped for a short time. There were no other planned activities or entertainment. Feedback after the event included the suggestion that an A&S class could have been running at the same time as the tournaments in order to engage onlookers and encourage increased attendance at the event.

Food & Drink: Was all BYO so nothing to report here.

Assistance: In addition to the assistance noted above, thank you to Dame Edith, Mistress Leonie and THL Isabel for Heralding. Thank you to Sir Nathan, Baron Agostino, Bantiarna Aife and Master Dameon for Marshalling. Thank you to THL Konrad for all kinds of assistance and support throughout the event planning & running process. Elizabeth Rowe

Aneala Midsummer Midsummer on the Mediterranean Event Report.

Site: We hired the Masonic Hall at Inglewood for \$210 for the night and fitted the 45 people attending well. The hall was air conditioned and that was definitely a plus. We organised tables of 6 with the B&B table in the centre, they felt they were more included and it made it easier to converse. Tables were down one end of the hall and dancing was at the other end. All attendees were wearing masks when not eating and drinking.

Constable, Aife, was firm but friendly, ensuring that sign in and Covid protocols were followed. Report Attached

Booking Officer, Elizabeth, also Aneala's Reeve, was fabulous with the bookings and cancellations. We had 8 cancellations due to ill health and all have been reimbursed according to SCA Policy. We made a profit of approx \$312. Report attached

Herald, Mistress Leonie volunteered to be Herald for the evening, taking the responsibility from me. Thankyou Leonie. 2 Awards were given by Their Excellencies, one An Order of the Rowan to Lord Zaven on behalf of Their Majesties Rowland and Tailtiu, the other admittance to the Anealean Order of the Demi Sun to Lord Neville for his work as Seneschal of the College of St Basil.

There was no closing court which means as Steward I was unable to give public in person thanks to all those who helped on the night. I posted our thanks via FaceBook and the Aneala List.

Feast Steward, Bella was just amazing. She put together a fantastic menu of foods from Portugal, Spain, France, the Italian States, the Slavic Coast, Greece, Turkey and Armenia. Many people let us know that the food was delicious, the usual

complaint of too much food was received. Having said that, it was mostly the salads that were returned. The feast team was composed of Leonie, Elizabeth, Otila, Kilic, Celeste and myself. A 4 of cancellations included our kitchen servers. Thank You to Leonie and Elizabeth for the extra help with plating and serving. The kitchen Crew were in masks all night in an unairconditioned kitchen. They were able to step outside on the back porch for a breath of fresh air and drinks. All hand washing and cleaning was Covid compliant. We had a dishwasher operated by Kilic! We asked attendees not to come into the kitchen and to take their dirty dishes home. The Kitchen Crew served and cleared tables. Part of the plan was to have only one or two dishes per remove that would be actually served hot and/or cooked on the night. This worked very well in keeping to the timetable. This crew worked well and hard and indispensable! Thank You so much!

Further, I would like to thank all of the Steward's team for running a great event, we had many positive responses and many happy people. Also wish to thank those who helped with setup and take down, it really does make a difference when many hands help. Finally, but not least, I would thank Their Excellencies Agostino and Elizabeth for being the focus and also for helping out by providing music and light.

Recommendations.

Event bids general food cost range to be no less than \$15/head. \$12-15 is no longer feasible due to higher food costs.

Feast Steward should farm out more dishes to be prepared by others, this will help reduce burn out.

If possible, posting the menu was a great idea, it seemed to encourage more people to attend.

Event Steward needs to keep on top of communication, by posting every few days with updates, especially in the last week before bookings close.

Don't close bookings off on a Sunday, a Monday close off gets more of 'I forgot, can I still book'? people and still allows for the Booking Office to check transfers in real time.

All of this will depend on the where and why of a feast of course.

Edith Penrose

Discussion on above recommendations: All good points for a steward to consider when putting together an event proposal.

Future Events

25 Feb - College O'Day - Sam Guild Event, Not SCA Event

Anybody willing to come and help is welcome.

IKAC

Part of combined training 13 March

Konrad: Has invited Dragons Bay archers.

March Tournament and Games Weekend

18 - 20 March

Konrad:

Armoured and Rapier tournaments on Saturday
Archery on Sunday
Market on Saturday
Games, bring yours along
Mistress Leonie's pelican ceremony with the Crown zooming in

Konrad to look into covid requirements for the hall use, max numbers under level 1 and 2 restrictions. Plan A for feasts to be outside.

Western Raids 2022

Konrad: Now deputy steward.

Viking theme.

War Saturday morning

Each martial discipline does their own thing Saturday afternoon

Market stall "feast" to start 5ish around the list field, different dishes served from each stall.

Hyde Park Fair - Cancelled by organisers.

Proposed Events

Windmill Campsite has been booked for Championship.

Needs \$480 to confirm booking.

Approved: Leonie

Seconded: Elizabeth R.

Dissent: None

General Business

Council - Location discussion. To be held at Spinnaker Camp Site on the regular date and time.

Approved: Elizabeth R

Seconded: Konrad

Dissent: Pantera & Gwyneth

Meeting closed at 9:28pm

The next council will be at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp on 18/02/2022.