

Aneala November 2023 Council Minutes

Attendance: Elizabeth S, Nathan, Aife, Isolde, Margarita, Bella, Elizabeth R, Agostino, Skjaldadis, Edith, Ilaria, Gwyn, Donnchardh

Apologies: Alde

October Minutes: <https://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2023-10.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Dissent: None

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

We have a new Crown, King Aonghus and Queen Ginevra. We have sent them our fealty letter.

The previous Queen visited us for Bal d'Argent.

Agostino attended the Pride Fairday

Can people let us know if you are planning to go to Festival? We will get a list together. We are attending and have booked our flights.

Seneschal

Well done to Her Excellency for running an amazing ball, and thanks to all of the people who helped and everybody who danced. With 80-something people attending, it's good to see our groups so engaged.

Numbers in armoured are currently low, only 3 to 5 regular plus more turning up occasionally.

Rapier numbers doing really well, with about 10 rapier fighters regularly training. This number is at times around the 20 mark, so well done to all the rapier fighters. The armoured folk need to do some more work.

Thanks to everyone who reported on time or close to on time; it allowed me to get my report done.

Reeve

Opening Bank Balance 1 October 2023 - \$28,651.06

Closing Bank Balance 31 October 2023 - \$27,473.81

Income for October came from payments for Bal d'Argent and Darlington A&S.

Expenses for October were payments relating to Championship, container storage, Pride Parade and a cash advance for food for Bal.

Two people made over-payments for Bal which need to be refunded:

\$10 to Peter Hyde

\$20 to Ian Howell

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Aife

Dissent: None

At October Council we approved payment of up to \$1000 to Kerry Ward for food for Bal and up to \$100 to Nancy Valentino for afternoon tea for Bal. As well as Kerry, receipts were

submitted by Amanda Baker, Annette Wilson, Nathan Bullivant and Sandra Blower. All amounts were within both the budget and overall amounts approved in Council and have been paid.

The financial report for Bal d'Argent has been completed (including the refunds above) and the event made a profit of \$850 after GST owing was taken into account.

At August 2023 Council we approved payment for the hire of Darlington Hall for A&S to be made to Shannon Ward once she paid the Shire of Mundaring by credit card. These payments are now going to be made by Kerry Ward so we need to approve paying Kerry instead of Shannon from now on.

Approved: Nathan
Seconded: Isolde
Dissent: None

We need to approve payment of \$176 to Lake Monger Primary School for use of the school for Sunday training for the period 1 July to 31 December 2023.

Approved: Nathan
Seconded: Aife
Dissent: None

My warrant as Reeve was due to expire at the end of this month but the Kingdom Exchequer has extended it for an additional 3 months to the end of February 2024. This was to enable a new reeve to be appointed near the beginning of a financial year rather than just before the end of the financial year. I have now started the hunt for my successor - the position has been advertised and applications close 10 December.

Herald

Good afternoon, my apologies for the late report.

Please also accept my apologies for council tonight, I am hoping to be able to attend council from next month onwards

Voice Heraldry
Events:

Bal d'Argent - Royal and Baronial court heraldry was run for the Bal and the Pas d'armes tournament alongside tourney heraldry

A big thank you to Mistress Leonie for looking after royal herald duties as well as Dame Edith for Baronial heralding during the Bal

I am in the process of updating the populace list with newly received awards, this should be completed over the weekend.

Book heraldry

There have been no new submissions this month, but I am hoping there will be new submissions coming very shortly

I will also be running a heraldry workshop at Dragon's Bay this Sunday

Constable

Events during the last month:

Bal D'Argent: 28 – 29th October 2023

75 members and 14 non-members in attendance at the event.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox. There was some money taken at the tournament on the 29th which has been deposited; we had a few extra attendees who did not book in advance.

Thank you to Aife ingen Ehdach and Elizabeth Severn for assisting with Constable duties for the event.

Regular training has been occurring at Lake Monger Primary School this month, with sign-ins being completed. Combined training also took place at Spearwood with sign-ins and payments being completed. Many thanks to Sam for taking over Constable duties for one of the Lake Monger trainings this month and to Aife and Elizabeth S for taking care of Constable duties for Combined training.

Knight Marshal

No report

Rapier Captain

One cut and thrust authorisation at combined training. Two new people visiting from another group. College has six to eight regular attendees, Same at Baronial.

Captain of Archers

No report

List Keeper

No report

A&S

Regular Activities

Scribes by Mistress Leonie & Dame Edith

College A&S sessions at UWA on Thursday nights (weekly)

Sporadic Cooks Guild, Music and Blacksmithing days

Second Sunday of the month: A&S sessions during combined Aneala and Dragons

Bay training at Spearwood Primary

Fourth Saturday of the month: A&S sessions at Darlington Hall in the Hills

Past Events, Competitions, Classes & Displays

October:

Bal d'Argent – 28th October [with a Pas d'Arms tournament on the 29th]

- People made garb for the Bal at the various A&S gatherings, and the College hosted fortnightly dance practice for the Barony.
- At the event, there were A&S classes, Guild of Silver Rondel competitions, and an Argent-themed garb competition, but no actual A&S competitions.
- Various members of the Populace gained entry to the Silver Rondel, and others took part in serif competitions
- Many members of the Populace turned up in stunning white, silver, or gold garb; Lady Frances Affrica Ray won the popular acclaim garb competition with ribbon votes.

November

Pride Fairday – 12th November

- This was just a demo at the WA PrideFEST Fairday; there were A&S items on display, but no actual A&S

December:

Toys for Tots – 3rd December

- There will be an A&S competition with the theme of children, toys and games.

Miscellaneous

Spearwood training has been fairly productive, with various people working on their own garb projects or helping other people with garb.

Sub-group Reports

College of St Basil: The College is plugging along with weekly A&S and there are talks of a leather gorget workshop being run soon by Zaven.

Canton of Dragons Bay: DB has been having A&S meetings every Sunday at Wandi during training. I believe Dame Edith is running a tunic workshop this Sunday.

There are plans for future projects, such as officer tabards, indoor and outdoor banners, eric ropes, personal silk banners, and feasting kit bags.

Chatelaine

No report

Chronicler

Lots of content in the Vine this month! Still have some for next month. Did a poll and people do read the newsletter.

Web Minister

Quarterly report sent to upline and Seneschal

Reports received from downlines at Dragon's Bay and College

Upcoming events have been added to the Calendar. Reminder to Event Stewards: events are added using the information from the Announce emails when they are sent out. If you would like extra information added to the Calendar listing or if you are not on Facebook and would like an event page added there, please contact the Web Minister.

Past Events

Bal d'Argent

Date: 28 to 29 October 2023

Steward: Elizabeth R

Deputy: Nathan

Report to come next month

Pride Fairday

Date: Sunday 12th November
Steward: Skjaldadis
Deputy: Isolde

From Isolde: The initial planning for the event went well with Lady Skjaldadis liaising with Pride WA and organising the paperwork required. Closer to the event, however, personal commitments and the upcoming Deepavali made it difficult for her to complete all required planning. When Covid affected the household of the person initially supplying a 3x3 pop-up and other people's transport and work arrangements changed, a lot of last-minute scrambling was needed to arrange everything needed for the day. At this point, assistance from Sir Nathan Blacktower was invaluable at getting the practical side of demo planning back on track. However, the day prior to the event a positive covid test within the Lady Skjaldadis' household forced her to withdraw from attendance. A second round of re-organising was needed at this point as the delivery of a lot of equipment and supplies (such as tables and brochures) was dependent on people attending an event the day before which was cancelled (also due to covid). This also required the all-day attendance of myself as the new Steward, a risk given my chronic health issues (in the end, I had an unusually good day health-wise).

Despite lots of last-minute plan changes, the demo itself was very successful. We were able to set up with plenty of time before the Fair started (important given the lack of parking at Hyde Park). There was substantial interest from the public to know more about the SCA (43 people requesting a follow-up email) and in the upcoming Toys for Tots tourney. Based on the assigned location, interest in the public and experience of those Members manning the stall, this was easily our most successful Pride Fair Day to date. The afternoon had a slight drizzle of rain, but only enough to dampen our clothes and cool the air.

Future Events

Darlington Demo

Date: 18 November
Location: Darlington Hall
Steward: Bella Valori

Tomorrow! Set up 9:30 am, start 10 am, pack up 2 pm.

Come in garb, A&S, rapier and armoured, hopefully. Pot luck lunch. will have 2 pavilions and a list field. Hopefully, get some new members.

We need list ropes and if possible. some banners? We have bollards and rope and the two pavs.

Pride Parade

Date: Parade, Saturday 25th November
Steward: Skjaldadis
Deputy: Isolde

Please contact Skjaldadis if you want to come for information on where to meet.

Toys for Tots

Date: Sunday, 3 December

Location: Garvey Park

Steward: Aife

Date changed to 3 December due to the date of the Darlington event
Approval was given in an out-of-council decision on the date change.

Western Raids

Dates: Friday 31 May to Monday 3 June 2024

Steward: Nathan

Proposal:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CVI8epcQh0HdmnGHCh29TNj5CotYwFHU/edit>

Plans are coming along.

Site booking has been confirmed with Wandí.

Proposed Events

None

General Business

Proposal to Council: Establishment of a “Demo Box” from Isolde

Context:

During the recent Pride Fair Day demo, one of the key takeaways from the event report was that many of the supplies needed to put on a demo were located in various places with multiple people, making it difficult to make alternate arrangements for collection/pick-up when initial plans changed due to covid. In addition, when I engaged in follow-up discussions with the Anealan Chatelaine about the concept of a Demo Box, it was only then that I found out about other supplies in their keeping that would have been useful but were not supplied because they were not requested.

Proposal: That a dedicated crate be established so that common demo supplies can be collected into one place. When a member of the Populace is planning on running a demo, they may request the box from the Chatelaine, to be returned after use.

Further information:

In the development of this idea, I discussed the concept with Lord Milosh (Aneala Chatelaine), Sir Andre (Steward of recent demo at Darlington Arts Festival, Lady Skjaldadis (A&S Minister) and Dame Edith (for her extensive experience at demos). All contributed ideas regarding what such a box should contain, as well as how it should function as a resource.

Suggestions for box contents:

- Well-stocked with brochures, cards and bookmarks
- Spare photocopies of sign-in sheets
- Spare copies of a “Please email me” form

- 2-3 spare tablecloths (to be laundered and ironed on return of box, unless other arrangements have been made)
 - Banners identifying us as the Society for Creative Anachronism and as the Barony of Aneala (given that this is what people will Google)
 - Heraldry banners for local groups (perhaps with heavy-duty pins so that they can be attached to existing tents or tablecloths as needed)
 - Two display books that can be kept up to date with recent photos (one for martial arts and a second for A&S).
 - Any other items that can be used as a talking point even when the table lacks items supplied by Populace on the day (for example, some of the College calendars).
- It should be noted that this box will not be automatically be supplied with accompanying tables and a pop-up tent. It will be up to the Event Steward to organise/request these if needed.

Nathan: OK, from here, let's start by me talking to our Chatelaine about organising a set of what is required from his office so it can be easily offered to anybody running a demo and we will work on run sheets for different event types.

Darlington A&S

Proposal to make Darlington a regular event so it doesn't require ongoing approvals.

Approved: Elizabeth R
 Seconded: Elizabeth S
 Dissent: None

MALA Short Course

My name is Elizabeth Boudaher and I'm the Course Coordinator for the Perth branch of the Mature Adults Learning Association (MALA). I came across your stall at the PrideFestival on Sunday, November 11, 2023, and was very interested by your Society.

As background, MALA is a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation that has been in operation since 1980 and provides ongoing education—through lecture series—for retired academics, professionals, and people with a lifelong love of learning. We currently have around 300 members and can accommodate up to 70 members in a lecture.

I was wondering if anyone in your community would be interested in presenting to our members about various focus areas of the pre-seventeenth century? I am currently seeking Expressions of Interest for the Semester One, 2024 program. Lectures are held on Friday mornings (in either of two timeslots, 10.15am or 11.45am). Our Semester will be split into two sessions:

- Part A will run from 23 February - 22 March, 2024 - One spot left
- Part B will run from 3 May - 31 May, 2024

The MALA Lecture Series involves:

- 5 x one-hour lectures on Friday mornings. There are no assessments required.
- Typically delivered by one lecturer but may be a series of lecturers presenting on the same topic.
- As a not-for-profit organisation, MALA pays a modest fee of \$550 (\$110/presentation) for the five lectures. Payment will be provided in lump sum at the end of the 5th presentation.
- We have projectors and basic IT equipment for presenters' use.
- Perth MALA lectures are held at the George Burnett Recreation Centre in Manning Rd, Karawara (near Curtin University).

If this is something you are interested in, please let me know your preference regarding the session and time in which you'd like to present. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could provide a program outline so that I may present this information to the committee. If you are not available for Semester One, 2024 but would be interested in presenting in the future, please also let me know.

Agreed to have this coordinated by interested people offline, Skjaldadis to take the lead.

Meeting closed at 9.21 pm

Next Council will be Sunday 17 December at Baron & Baroness' house, time to be confirmed closer to the date.

Note post Council approval of midsummer.

A Green Midsummer Revel

Please indicate preferred date: 13th or 20th Jan

As venues now have limited availability for January, Nathan has suggested he will request out-of-council event approval so I can book the hall asap.

Concept: Games and light first course outdoors in the park, followed by two courses and dancing inside the hall (which has aircon). An invitation to people who would like to gain cooking or stewarding experience to be mentored for numerous roles.

Theme: Green. Suggested food theme: light, fresh and Mediterranean

Time: 4:30 setup, 5pm start. 6:30pm move indoors. 10pm finish & pack up.

Date: Sat 13th Jan or Sat 20th Jan

Location:

Braithwaite Park right outside Mt Hawthorn Lesser Hall from 4:30pm to 6:30pm (the space right outside the large sliding door leading to the hall is public and not bookable, I will get there early and put up a couple of pavs to 'bags' the area)

Mt Hawthorn Lesser Hall, available for booking from 6pm to 11pm

<https://www.spacetoco.com/space/mount-hawthorn-lesser-hall>

Steward: Gwyn Cantor

Deputy steward: Pantera

Supervising Head Cook: Bella

Approved:

A&S Sivaroobini

Chronicler Kerryn

Reeve Elizabeth S

Constable Victoria

Dep Sen/Web Aífe ingen Ehdach

Marshal Deano

Herald Alde

Rpier Marshal Donnchadh

Baron and Baroness

Against: None