

Aneala August 2023 Council Minutes

Attendance: Aife, Elizabeth S, Isolde, Sjaldaddis, Nathan, Dino, Elizabeth R, Agostino, Victoria, Alde, Bella

Apologies: Leonie, Konrad, Ilaria, Donnchard

July Minutes: <https://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2023-07.pdf>

Approved: Victoria

Seconded: Elizabeth S

Dissent: None

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

We have a new Bard. The Golden Rose competition was held. Congratulations to Noble Gwyn Cantor. We look forward to seeing what they do.

We have also put out a call for letters of intent for Championship. So if you're hoping to enter, please contact us in some way. We are interested in what you want to enter, that you have an understanding of the responsibilities, who your consort is, and what you are going to do as Champion? We are looking for an active plan for if you win.

We do have a Crown visit coming up, so please write award recommendations.

Seneschal

Thanks to all the officers who reported to their uplines, especially if you got your report in on time.

Membership is currently at 125. 76 Aneala + 30 Dragon's Bay + 19 St Basil.

Quite a few people renewed for Western Raids, but the numbers have still been growing.

Seeing the contingent at St Basil's A&S last night was very impressive, the college is looking stronger than it has for some time. It's worth commending the effort of Amias their recently stepped-down Seneschal who has been a driving force in keeping ST Basil on track and growing.

Midwinter

The Midwinter feast recently held had some issues with over-budget expenditure causing the feast overall to run at a significant loss.

The budget for food was \$15 per head which with the numbers attending would give a budget of \$630. Invoices for \$1233.06 have been presented for food which is \$603.06 over the approved amount. The food purchased was all brought to the feast, nothing was spent on anything not feast related. The over catering contributed to slow service of food.

Sivarobini Kalaimani was responsible for the food and spending within budget. Due to the size of the out-of-budget expense the Reeve and myself have discussed the issue with the Kingdom Seneschal and Exchequer. It has been decided that Roobi will have a 2-year sanction where she is not able to be responsible for expenditures or run a kitchen. Roobi is encouraged to engage with the cooks in the Barony and learn as much as possible during that time.

As a group, we need to support the people who have volunteered to prepare meals and cook for our feast. As such we need to approve the new expenditure for Midwinter so these amounts can be paid to the people who prepared food.

Please approve the final food cost for Midwinter of \$1233.06

Approved: Dino

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Dissent: None

Reeve

Opening Bank Balance 1 July 2023 - \$24,769.97

Closing Bank Balance 31 July 2023 - \$26,380.57

Income for July was \$1796.00 and came from payments for Midwinter, Combined Training, Darlington A&S and 3 payments each for Championship and Bal d'Argent.

Expenses paid in July totalled \$185.40 and were for container storage and hire of Darlington Hall for A&S.

Require approval for the following payments for Midwinter:

For food:

- Laura Hodge \$227.36
- Amias Neville \$136.46
- Victoria Lowry \$35.24
- Sivarobini Kalaimani \$716.51

Refunds for non-attendance due to illness (as per Aneala's refund policy):

- \$60 to Valerie Weldon for herself and Sue Myall
- \$60 to Andrew Leitch for himself and Shannon Ward
- \$30 to Duncan Bailey
- \$30 to Victoria Lowry

Approved: Elizabeth R

Seconded: Bella

Dissent: None

In addition to the above an amount of \$117.49 was paid to Susan Day for food costs for Midwinter. This was done as an out of Council approval by the required officers.

At July Council an event proposal for "Team Melee by the River" was approved and included the site fee of \$257 which has since been paid.

Also at July Council, we approved payment of an airfare for Her Majesty Queen Katherine to attend Bal d'Argent. The cost of the airfare is \$1282.30 NZD but we will be paying in Australian Dollars. As I do not know what the exchange rate will be on the day payment is made I propose we pay a flat amount of \$1200 AUD.

Approved: Aife

Seconded: Nathan

Dissent: None

The ongoing approvals we agreed to at Council last year for recurring expenditures need to be done annually. I am therefore asking that Council gives approval for the following monthly payments to be made when applicable:

- Hire of Spearwood Primary School Hall/Grounds for Combined Training - up to \$42 per month
- Hire of Darlington Hall for A&S - up to \$35 per month plus an annual booking fee of up to \$25.

Previously we paid this directly to the Shire of Mundaring however they have advised that from September they will only accept payment by Credit Card. As we cannot pay by this method Shannon Ward (the person organising the booking) will make the payment and we will need to reimburse her.

- Reef Storage - up to \$200 per month for the container storage and lift fees.

Due to an increase in costs this was re-approved in May however I am including it again so all the ongoing approvals are kept together to be done annually.

Approved: Isolde
Seconded: Victoria
Dissent: None

I have received details of amounts owing to Kingdom and Corporate up to the end of Q2 2023 comprising:
Kingdom Levy \$370.00
Event Insurance \$390.91
GST \$312.15
These payments do not need Council approval. They will be paid next week.

The process of appointing a new Reeve for Dragons Bay is nearly complete. The successful applicant was Dede Kilic (Steven Baker) and handover will occur in the coming weeks. Congratulations to Kilic and many thanks to him for taking on the role.

Herald

Events:

There was court heralding required for Midwinter, thank you to both Dame Edith and THL Elizabeth Severn for running court for this event

Book heraldry

Approvals:

Name and device:

Máel Muire Ingen Máel Muire Mhic Ruaidhri (prev Laura of St Basil)
per pale azure and vert, an open book argent charged on the sinister page with a pen bendwise sinister azure, on a chief argent three thistles proper.

Submissions:

There have been no submissions but I have been working with Tech of St Basil at the college for submitting the name Hob Gob Lin for Zebiah of St Basil

Constable

Midwinter: 29th July 2023

31 members and 4 non-members were in attendance.

No lost property was collected. No accidents or injuries.

Several people cancelled due to illness including a replacement adult member; they were replaced by a minor non-member.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox and money taken at the event was deposited.

Many thanks to Aife ingen Ehdach (Jo Greene) for taking over Constable duties for the event while I was unwell.

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 Aife and Elizabeth S for taking care of Constable duties for Lake Monger Primary School and Combined training.

The process of finding a new Constable for Dragon's Bay has been completed and Dragon's Bay now has a new Constable. Lord Malakai (Matthew Hahn) has been appointed to the role.

Knight Marshal

Not much has been happening. No events and I haven't been at training due to injury or illness each week.

My forward plan is to start involving Rapier more within this office and also to get the college fighters interested in our events.

Rapier Captain

No report

Captain of Archers

No report

List Keeper

Nothing to report

A&S

Regular Activities

Scribes by Mistress Leonie & Dame Edith (weekly)

Dancing by Baroness Elizabeth & Noble Gwyn (fortnightly at the College)

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

July

Viking Midwinter Feast – Early-Medieval-themed A&S Competition.

There were two entries – a Sprang Coif by TH Noble Gwyn Cantor, which won with 39 points, and an apron-dress with Oseberg decorative couching by Skjaldadís Bragadóttir, which scored 34 points.

Upcoming Events, Competitions & Displays

September

Spring Crown

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition [categories: Restful, Metal, Near the Millennium]. If you intend to enter, please send me your entries by August 21st and I will organise local judging.

Anealan Baronial Championship

There will be an Open A&S Competition, and the Baronial A&S Champion will also be chosen from amongst those who have entered at least 3 A&S Competitions since last year's Championship; the title is awarded to the one with the highest number of points.

October:

Bal d'Argent – there will be classes, Guild of Silver Rondel competitions, and an Argent-themed garb competition.

People are making garb for the Bal at the various A&S gatherings and practicing dances.

Sub-group Reports

College of St Basil: The College is plugging along with weekly A&S, and is currently hosting fortnightly dance practice ahead of the Bal

Canton of Dragons Bay: They had an Italian garb workshop ahead of the Bal.

I opened up commentary for Dame Edith as DB A&S Minister. The commentary period ended on August 3rd, and so I appointed her the new Canton Arts & Sciences Minister.

Chatelaine

No report

Chronicler

I produced a newsletter and that's it really.

Web Minister

Upcoming events have been added to the calendar. Let me know if anything needs to be changed.

Applications closed Wednesday for combined Webwright/Social Media/Chronicler for Dragon's Bay. There have been no applicants so the closing date has been extended to 31 August, at the request of DB Seneschal.

Calendar

Past Events

Midwinter

Date: 29 July 2023

Steward: Alde

Kitchen: Skjaldadis

A Viking-themed Midwinter feast was held to showcase historically accurate Viking meals as well as celebrate Midwinter. It was my first time as an event steward, and I learnt a lot from both the kitchen and hall stewarding sides. While we suffered with some timing and kitchen struggles, I feel we learnt a lot for the future.

Successful A&S and Bardic competitions were held, thank you to both Dame Edit Penrose and THL Elizabeth Severn for taking over heraldry duties while I stewarded the event.

Team

Alde of Maghas Event Steward

Skjaldadis Bragadottir Feast Cook

Mael Muire Ingen mhic Ruadri Kitchen team

Angelo Niccolo da Prato Kitchen team

Thank you to Sir Nathan Blacktower and Noble Gwyn Cantor for their assistance in the kitchen as well as those who stayed behind after the event to help clean up as well as Lord Marx Lamprecht, Lady Victoria of Saint Basil, Julian Greenwood and Lady Isolde van Wilravensijde for helping set up the event and preparing food beforehand

Attendance

Attendance was fairly low for this event, there were quite a few who were unwell or unable to attend the event, I think more advertising by myself for this event would have increased the attendance number. We had 31 attendees with 8 people unable to attend.

Site

The event was held at Mount Hawthorn Community Hall. I had not used this facility before so it was an unknown. It was priced comparably with other sites with similar facilities. The hall was large enough to accommodate everyone, however, there was not much space to hang decorations. The kitchen suffered from a lack of counter space, but an industrial oven, microwave and zip tap were useful.

Finance

Finance (Estimate as financial report and finalised expenses still to come)

As we are still waiting on council approval for expenses and refunds, the financial report is an estimate and will be finalised and completed once we have received the financial report for this event

Income

Total \$1180

Expenses

Hall Hire \$238

Refunds \$180

Food costs (Estimate) \$1233.06

Kingdom Levy \$33

Event insurance \$30

Total \$1,714.06

Loss: \$534.06

Future Events

Archery Games Day (Dragon's Bay)

Date: 27 August 2023

Steward: Dede Kilic

Baronial training will be cancelled so that we can attend and support this event.

Team Melee by the River

Date: 9 September 2023

Steward: Bella Valori

Deputy: Wolfgang

Everything has been approved. Come along and bring some potluck food.

We haven't done a potluck in some time so I will provide some information on what to bring and some recipes.

Wolfgang has clarified some of the rules of the tournaments.

Championship

Date: 22 to 25 September 2023

Stewards: Cesare d'Orso and Elizabeth Severn

Planning is going ahead. The timetable has been released. Bookings are dribbling in. I would encourage you to book, it makes the booking officer's job easier.

Send a letter of intent to the B&B if you want to enter.

I will be contacting the officers soon to confirm plans.

Bal d'Argent

Date: 28 to 29 October 2023

Steward: Elizabeth R

Deputy: Nathan

Things are ticking along. People are starting to book. Book early and often.

The dance list is being finalized and will be released soon. Dance classes have started.

Proposed New Events

Pride Fairday and Parade

Date: Fairday, Sunday 12th November

Parade, Saturday 25th November

Steward: Skjaladis

Deputy: Isolde

Cost: Fairday \$165 / Parade \$154

Approved: Alde

Seconded: Bella

Dissent: None

General Business

Review of Combined Training costs

It was free when we were trialling the event. A year ago we introduced a \$5 cost. Since then we have covered the costs and we are making a profit.

Isolde would like to see the cost reduced as she doesn't believe combined training should make a profit for the Barony.

Nathan - the extra cost contributes to regular training. If the cost went down, we may need to start charging for regular training.

Elizabeth R - essentially it is not working as "combined" as we're not getting DB people attending.

Elizabeth S - "combined" refers more to martial and A&S being combined in one place.

Nathan - suggestion to move combined training to Wandri once a month instead as this would do more to achieve the goal of being "combined."

After a check with all officers present, the consensus was to stay with Spearwood and stay with \$5 as there was no definite majority to change either the location or cost.

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm

Next Council Friday 15 September on Discord, in-person location to be advised.