

## **Aneala January 2024 Council Minutes**

**Attendance:** Nathan, Aife, Elizabeth S, Isolde, Margarita, Leonie, Agostino, Elizabeth R, Zebiah, Bella, Skjaldadis, Dino, Gwyn, Ilaria, Victoria

**Apologies:** Angelo, Donnchadh, Pantera

**December Minutes:** <https://aneala.lochac.s.org/assets/council/council-2023-12.pdf>

With correction to add Pride event name into Seneschal section.

Approved: Leonie

Seconded: Elizabeth S

Dissent: None

## **Officers Reports**

### **Baron & Baroness**

Not really a lot from us this month, because last month was the end of year and there haven't been events since.

We are excited for Midsummer, a special annual event on the calendar.

Happy New Year from us.

### **Seneschal**

My time as Seneschal is coming to a close, please think about applying for the position.

### **Food Safety**

The Board has met and discussed the new federal laws for food safety. From the Kingdom Seneschal: They have advised that the Australian Food Standard 3.2.2A does not apply to Australian SCA events. HOWEVER it does apply to food sold by the SCA at events. So if you bake cookies or pies and sell them at a demo then the food standard applies to that baking. They will release a formal advisory in the next few days.

Waiting for the Board's official interpretation is why the food section of Midsummer was removed.

### **Summary of our events for 2023:**

Toys for tots - Armoured and Rapier combat

2 Pride demos (Counting as 1 event)

Ball d'Argent

Pas d'arms

Highland Gathering Demo

Championship - Armoured, Rapier, Archery and A&S champions

Team Melee - Armoured and Rapier team combat

Archery Games Day

Midwinter Feast

Western Raids - bit of everything

May Day picnic - Armoured combat, dancing and games

March Crown

Valentines IKAC

Schembart Carnival - Midsummer

I've seen some things posted by people suggestig the SCA has lost it's way and is no longer catering to its members, we focussing too much on fighting, etc...

Our last demo with armoured fighting was in 2020. During the time since only one of our demos has included rapier fighting.

There was dancing at the last demo and a lot of different arts and sciences. The lack of focus on fighting has stood us apart from the other medieval groups who focus heavily on fighting at demos.

Of our 14 events (counting Pride as 1):

6/14 had no fighting

7/14 had dancing

7/14 had armoured fighting

6/14 had rapier fighting

4/14 had archery

8/14 had good opportunities to showcase entertainment

It seems we are being pretty diverse in our activities. If there's something you'd like to see in the calendar we have a bunch of experienced stewards that can help you bring an idea to life, reach out and you will get the help.

### **Reeve**

Opening Bank Balance 1 December 2023 - \$26,898.90

Closing Bank Balance 31 December 2023 - \$26,781.30

Expenses for December were for container storage, Darlington Hall for November, Spearwood Primary School for November and December, and the payment for Pride Fair Day for which we finally received the invoice.

Income for December came from payments for Combined Training and Darlington A&S, as well as two payments for Midsummer.

The two payments made for Midsummer were received before the change in cost for the event (down from \$28 to \$13). Consequently I need approval to refund the over-payment of \$15 each to Kerryn Ward and Jo Greene.

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Gwyn

Dissent: None

The Reeve's Quarterly Report for Q4 and the 2023 Domesday Report have both been submitted to Kingdom and are summarised below.

#### **Q4 2023 Report**

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

Closing Bank Balance 31 December 2023 - \$26,781.30

Xero and Dropbox are both up to date.

#### **Domesday 2023 Report**

Opening Bank Balance 1 January 2021 - \$21,778.87

Closing Bank Balance 31 December 2021 - \$26,781.30

Xero and Dropbox are both up to date.

There were a total of twelve events held during the year of which five were demos or charity events. Aneala successfully hosted two kingdom wide events - March Crown and Bal d'Argent.

Although the figures for the year show an increase in the bank balance of \$5000 it should be noted that approximately \$1300 is owing to Kingdom/Corporate for KL, EI and GST for the 2nd half of the year.

Canton of Dragons Bay

I am receiving regular reports from Dede Kilic as the Canton Reeve and their Q4 and Domesday reports have been submitted.

#### **New Reeve**

Commentary has closed for the new Reeve. I expect the announcement of my replacement will be made by the end of the month once the Exchequer has returned from Canterbury Faire. Training of the successful candidate can then commence and handover will occur sometime in February.

#### **Wrap-up for 2023**

There is often discussion about the amount of profit we make on events and what we should be charging for regular events (i.e. training, A&S etc). While the Reeve is required to produce Quarterly and Domesday Reports for Kingdom these are simply a statement of our finances at any given time and more information is required when trying to determine the true state of the group's finances. I have therefore created the attached spreadsheet which sets out the income and expenditure relating to 2023. This is regardless of when the income/expense was incurred.

#### **Herald**

It has been quiet this month for heraldry with no voice heraldry required and no new book heraldry submissions.

#### **Constable**

Not a lot to report, no events have been run.

Training has been happening. Sign In sheets have been uploaded and cash banked.

Thank you for Aife and Elizabeth for constabbling.

#### **Knight Marshal**

A couple of training sessions have happened. Low attendance due to the holiday period.

Want to get more people turning up to training.

#### **Rapier Captain**

No report

#### **Captain of Archers**

No report

#### **List Keeper**

There has been...a festive season. And summer. Nothing else to 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

December:

- ❖ Nothing since Council

Upcoming Events, Competitions & Displays

January:

- ❖ A Grene Midsummer Revel – 20th January

There will be an A&S competition with the theme of Green – I am currently in Singapore, so Mistress Leonie de Grey is running it.

#### Miscellaneous

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

I have been inspired by Dame Edith's efforts in Dragons Bay, and would ask members of the Populace to let me know if they would be interested in running workshops at Spearwood. If there is interest I might run a T-Tunic workshop, or a cloak-making workshop ahead of Western Raids.

#### Arts & Sciences Barony of Aneala January 2024

##### Sub-group Reports

##### College of St Basil:

The College has made their own gorgets, and individual members have worked on projects like cloaks. I am discussing running a gambeson workshop ahead of the Sword Schola.

##### Canton of Dragons Bay:

Dame Edith's report attached. In short, DB has been quite active, which is wonderful to see. People have been attending Sunday trainings' unorganised A&S, bringing along their own projects. In the new year, Dame Edith will be organising a series of A&S workshops, starting with a jewellery workshop. I will be sharing this as it would be great for members of the Barony to attend, and I will also be seeking members interested in running workshops at Spearwood.

#### **Chatelaine**

No report

#### **Chronicler**

Newsletter was published.

#### **Web Minister**

Lochac moved to a new server this month. Thanks to Nathan for all his work at short notice to get our website and emails working and ongoing work getting everything behind the scenes updated as required for the new server. Masonry has advised to expect bugs/issues to pop up while they make sure everything is updated. If you notice anything not working on Aneala website, let me know, or any issues on other Lochac websites let the site webminster or Kingdom Webminister know.

Events are up to date on the Aneala website.

I have been advised awards are not up to date on the People page of Aneala website. I have advised the Herald and they will check and update as required. Due to the ongoing effects of the server change, this should be completed next month.

Report received from College downline, but not Dragon's Bay.

#### **Past Events**

#### **Future Events**

#### **Midsummer**

**Date:** 20 January

**Steward:** Gwyn Cantor  
Please come and have fun!

Payment for hall hire \$135 to Gwyn Cantor / Clare Drake  
Approved: Nathan  
Seconded: Isolde  
Dissent: None

### **Sword Schola**

**Dates:** 10-11 February  
**Stewards:** Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa and Angelo Niccolo da Prato  
We are looking for people who may be able to host visitors. Please get in touch if you can.

### **Collegia**

**Date:** Saturday 23rd March  
**Steward:** Bella Valori  
Starting to get classes organized, that's going well.

### **Western Raids**

**Dates:** Friday 31 May to Monday 3 June 2024  
**Steward:** Nathan Blacktower  
Still progressing, have made some savings with equipment hire. Looking at the schedule and may move some things around.

### **Proposed Events**

#### **Stirling Market Fair**

From the organizers:  
*We thought we would reach out once more in the hope that SCA - The Barony of Aneala would be interested and available to participate in this year's Guildford Medieval Fayre to be held on Sunday, May 19th from 10am - 3pm.*  
*Our 2023 event was a huge success with 25.000+ patrons visiting throughout the day. Totally unprepared for the numbers visiting, we have learnt a lot that will make this year's event even more successful.*  
*If available we were hoping that you may have a combat group that could participate a long with some medieval activities.*

Approval for Aneala to attend as a demo. Nathan will find a steward  
Accepted: Nathan  
Seconded: Leonie

### **This means WAR!!**

As the hard, dry summer draws to a close in the far-off Mountains of Myth, desperation presses hard upon the ferocious inhabitants of those parts. This will, inevitably, bring them down with hostile intent upon the eastern reaches of our magnificent Barony, and we all know what this means: WAR!! Or, at least, a series of Skirmishes and a glorious Hunt (to clean out the smaller vermin). This author believes the full conflict will not come to a head

until, ooh, about the beginning of June – but it is as well to be prepared, and reinforce our borders now!

Thus courageous gentles are invited to load up their beasts of burden and journey out to Aneala's border post at 453 Bartram Rd Jelcobine, where you can spend a delightful weekend ensuring our populace continue to sleep safe in their beds! A fabulous opportunity to polish up your skills (not to mention equipment) before the inevitable raiding season truly gets underway...

Proposed date: 3rd-5th May (This is flexible, and I have no wish to interfere with the May Day Picnic or other similar event, but a time slot hopefully after fire restrictions have lifted and still a few weeks before Western Raids would be, in my opinion, ideal).

Schedule: Friday: Arrivals and setup welcome from 4pm, potluck or BYO dinner.

Saturday: Light breakfast served, followed by a morning of war scenarios on varied terrain.

Lunch, followed by a hunt (target archery in various forms, also on varied terrain).

Dinner - simple hunting-lodge style meal.

Sunday: Breakfast, followed by assorted war scenarios.

Lunch, then pack up and travel (with option to continue activities until site closes at 5pm).

Proposed cost:

Full event: \$45 adults, \$20 10-17yo, under 10 free

Saturday only: \$20/\$10

Sunday only: \$10/\$5

Non-members add \$10 adults, \$5 minors

This allows for the Kingdom levy, an estimated food cost of \$33 per person for the full weekend, plus the hire of a portaloos for \$100. I am not expecting more than 20 people (and that's optimistic!) but there should not be any other expenses unless we reach the point where additional loos are required!!

Sundry details:

This site is a private farm, with normal amenities for such, and unlimited camping space. Powered caravan parking can be arranged on request. There is a limited-mobility bathroom but no wheelchair access to the house (bathroom). Site contains a pool (securely fenced, and available for use if the weather is suitable!) and a dam (not securely fenced but very shallow at that time of year). Dogs will be welcome but must remain on lead or otherwise confined AT ALL TIMES. There is livestock on the property but all animals will be fenced away from the event site. There is 2WD access to all parts of the site. We are hoping to be able to camp cook, but in the event that fire restrictions remain in place, cooking will be done on barbecues/spit etc. I am happy to offer a discounted self-catered price if people think this would be of interest.

Approved: Skjaldadis

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Dissent: None

**General Business**

## Lake Monger Primary School

Follow up from last month, waiting for them to come back from holidays

## Discussion about trailer storage

Follow up from last month, waiting for Shannon to speak to council

## Reeve's 2023 Wrap Up excel

	Income	Expenditure	Profit/Loss
<b>Events</b>			
Midsummer	943.14	809.27	133.87
Gengis Con	0.00	0.00	0.00
Valentine Tourney	164.27	141.82	22.45
March Crown	9744.32	7499.40	2244.92
May Day Picnic	314.00	165.45	148.55
Midwinter	851.82	1422.91	-571.09
Team Melees	174.45	240.00	-65.55
Championship	6390.36	4910.18	1480.18
Bal d'Argent	2129.09	1279.14	849.95
Pride Fair Day	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Pride Parade	0.00	140.00	-140.00
Toys for Tots	0.00	0.00	0.00
	20711.45	16758.17	<b>3953.28</b>
<b>Regular Events</b>			
Training	0.00	310.00	-310.00
Combined Training	900.23	229.10	671.13
Darlington A&S	391.78	347.95	43.83
	1292.01	887.05	<b>404.96</b>
<b>Regular Expenses</b>			
Container Storage		<b>1590.30</b>	
Trailer Licence		<b>69.88</b>	

**Other Expenses 2023**

Crown Airfare	<b>1200.00</b>
Miscellaneous minor expenses	<b>473.02</b>
Loaner bows	
Equipment tub	
Minor feasting equipment (tongs etc)	
General consumables (cleaning etc)	

**TOTAL PROFIT FOR 2023** **\$1,025.04**

**NOTES:**

*The figures are GST exclusive*

*Kingdom Levy and Event insurance payments are not included*

Meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Next Council will be Friday, 16 February at Elizabeth S's house and online on Discord.