

## Aneala February 2024 Council Minutes

**Attendance:** Nathan, Elizabeth S, Gwyn, Pantera, Aife, Hob, Margarita, Leoflaeda, Elizabeth R, Agostino, Victoria, Leonie, Dino, Ilaria, Skjaldadis (From 8pb) Isolde (from 8.10 pm)

### Apologies:

**January Minutes:** <https://aneala.lochac.s.org/assets/council/council-2024-1.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth R

Seconded: Elizabeth S

Dissent: None

### Officers Reports

#### Baron & Baroness

We need to report on Midsummer which went very well. Hats off to everyone for adapting to the modified food arrangements for that event. It went well. Well done to that team.

There was the Sword Schola event which we were at on Sunday when everyone came. Well done to everyone for that too. Thank you for hosting the Innilgardians. It looked like everyone was having fun. Congratulations to those who progressed on Guild prizes. And well done for not getting heat stroke as it was hot.

We want to remind everyone to do the survey from Kingdom, which you should have received an email about and if you didn't you can chase them up to get it resent. Aneala has only had 40% complete the survey, so to keep the Barony looking good, complete the survey.

#### Seneschal

Hyde Park Fair - Labour Day long weekend - March 3 & 4

Do we want to attend? - Not this year.

Training at Lake Monger Primary - I have sent the school a map with the area we'd like to use to give us some shade. Waiting for them to agree.

Membership level has declined a little over the last year.

Average membership of Aneala this quarter has been: 88

Average membership in the previous quarter was: 93

#### Last 24 Months



#### Reeve

Opening Bank Balance 1 January 2024 - \$26,781.30

Closing Bank Balance 31 January 2024 - \$27,528.23

Income for January mainly came from payments for Midsummer, Combined Training and Darlington A&S, plus one Sword Schola and one Western Raids payment.

Expenses in January were for container storage and Darlington Hall for December.

Need approval for the following payments:

\$40.00 to Sam Nicholson – refund for Sword Schola (cancellation)

\$134.71 to Joshua Davidson – food for Sword Schola lunches

\$3.99 to Clare Drake – ice for Sword Schola

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Leonie

Dissent: None

The ongoing approvals 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:

- To Spearwood Primary School for hire of the Hall/Grounds for Combined Training - up to \$42 per month
- To Kerry Ward for hire of Darlington Hall for A&S - up to \$35 per month  
As this needs to be paid by credit card Kerry pays it and the Barony reimburses her.
- To Reef Group for the container storage and lift fees – up to \$200 per month

Approved: Aife

Seconded: Gwyn

Dissent: None

The announcement has been made regarding my successor as Reeve. The successful applicant was Aife ingen Ehdach (Jo Greene) and she will officially take over on 1 March 2024.

As a result, we need to approve changes to the signatories of the Aneala Bank Account. We need to add Jodie Greene and remove Jason Dodds. Other current signatories are Nathan Bullivant, Dorothy Cantoni, Adamo Valentino and Annette Wilson.

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Gwyn

Dissent: None

This is my last report as Reeve. It has been fun. Thank you to everyone who supported me in the role over the last 2 and a bit years. Elizabeth S.

Nathan: Thanks for your service for the last two years. This is the second time you've done this office and both times you've done it well and made my job easier.

### **Herald**

It has also been a fairly quiet month for heraldry

We had both the Sword Schola and Midsummer events which both had voice heraldry for court

There have been no formal book heraldry submissions but I have been talking about submissions with a couple of members of the populace

### **Constable**

Events during the last month:

Midsummer Revel: 20th January 2024

37 members and 3 non-members in attendance at the event. 5 people who had booked were unfortunately unable to attend the event due to illness. No incidents or lost property to report. Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox.

Sword Schola: 10-11th February 2024

47 members and 6 non-members in attendance at the event. 1 person who had booked for the event was unable to attend.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox. Money taken for Sunday spectators and non-member fees has been deposited by Elizabeth.

Regular training has been occurring at Lake Monger Primary School this month, with sign-ins being completed. Combined training did not take place due to the Sword Schola running over the weekend.

### **Knight Marshal**

Not much happening this month. There has been a training session. It was good to have Colm and Andre return. Would be good to get Galen and some other fighters along as well. No incidents, just the training, no events.

### **Rapier Captain**

No report

### **Captain of Archers**

No report.

### **List Keeper**

Greetings and salutations!

With great excitement, I report that martial activities took place this month and no one died, despite extraordinarily unpleasant weather conditions! The Innilgard Incursion and Sword Schola included a challenge-based rapier tournament on the 11th of February, featuring sixteen entrants and an exciting atmosphere of high drama and extraordinarily bloodthirsty slaughter. I am not sure of the results in the other three categories but the fighter with the most victories was (and I hope I have the correct titles here) the Honourable Noble Kit Hackforth (of Innilgard) with 14 wins – undefeated – while our home-grown warrior Thorfinn of Ulfahol fought in a spectacular total of 19 bouts in the course of the afternoon. Ah, youthful enthusiasm and weather resistance...

I might add that we had a few fighters coming perilously close to heat exhaustion and a couple of falls on the unfortunately slippery floor, but to my knowledge no injuries or incidents were reported and medical attention was not required.

### **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

January:

❖ A Grene Midsummer Revel – 20th January

There was an A&S competition with the theme of 'Green'

We had two entrants: Lady Morag entered a bean dip (21 points) and Noble Gwyn entered a caftan (32.5 points); Noble Gwyn Cantor won

Upcoming Events, Competitions & Displays

Western Raids – there will be an open A&S competition

Miscellaneous

DB is running workshops during Sunday A&S. Mouse Pouches this weekend.

Arts & Sciences Barony of Aneala February 2024

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.

Midsummer - there was an A&S competition won by Gwyn Cantor

Dragon's Bay are doing classes, including a mouse pouch class this week with Leonie

This means War! event - will check with the steward if A&S is happening

College is going to run a garb weekend, see upcoming events.

### **Chatelaine**

No Report

### **Chronicler**

No report

### **Web Minister**

The Aneala website continues to be hosted on Nathan's server while he works with Masonry on updates so it will run on the new Lochac server. We hope it will be moved back to Lochac server this month.

All upcoming events have been added.

Awards are not up to date on the People page. The Herald is aware this needs to be updated.

If anyone would like their name/information updated on the People page, please contact me.

### **Past Events**

#### **Midsummer**

**Date:** 20 January

**Steward:** Gwyn Cantor

#### **Location**

Mt Hawthorn Lesser Hall was chosen for availability, affordability, air conditioning and a decent kitchen, while not being too big for the expected attendance. The hall does however require significant decorating work to disguise the bathroom foyer if wanting to avoid food over the carpeted area.

## Activities

Indoor and outdoor games and a potluck feast (coordinated by Bella).

The plan of running this event to mentor everyone who wanted to learn stewarding or other roles didn't go according to plan. Many people were enthusiastic about learning feast cooking from Bella but unfortunately, the event had to change to potluck due to needing to wait for clarification on food standards requirements.

Nearly everyone who attended put in significant work to make the event happen.

## Recommendations

While we did have good reasons (hall availability) for the partly outdoor, partly indoor event, and it was a nice change, I do not recommend it again as the extra round of pack up/pack down is too much.

## Income

Total collected	\$529.50
Minus Event Insurance	\$25.00
Minus Kingdom Levy	\$38.50
Event income	\$466.00

## Expense

Hall	\$135.00
Refund of overpayments	\$30.00
Total Event expenses	\$165.00

**Event profit/loss**                      **\$301.00**

## Sword Schola

**Dates:** 10-11 February

**Stewards:** Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa and Angelo Niccolo da Prato

## Location

Maida Vale Scout Hall, High Wycombe

It was supposed to have 2 functional air conditioning units, but 1 was faulty. We borrowed 3 portable air conditioning units to help cool the hall. It is hard to determine if this was sufficiently effective compared to the faulty unit as the outside temperature peaked at 44 deg. People were hot but stated that the environment inside the hall was much cooler than outside. No heatstroke was reported despite active fencing for hours.

## Activities

Saturday: Guest teachers from Innilgard (Dytryk Lehrer, Kit Hackforth, Pani Zofia Varsoviensis, Ulrich of Innilgard, Æsa of Innilgard, Odette of Innilgard) came and trained members of the populace, both authorised and unauthorised.

Sunday: Garbed. Guild of Defence Prizes were held where Hob Gob-lin and Chretienne de Lieu du Point earned their Free Scholar prize and Marx Lamprecht earned their Journier prize. Afternoon was held a challenge tourney with prizes:

Most victories: Lord Kit Hackforth

Most bouts: Thorfin of Aneala

Best Death: Lord Ulrich of Innilgard

Most courteous: Lady Odette

Most Improved: Lord Angelo & Lord Hob

#### Recommendations

Beyond better air conditioning and not running the event on 44-degree days, a slightly larger hall would be excellent.

The event ended in a profit, please check the Reeves Report. However, this may mean that we could afford a better place should the event run again in February. The proprietor informed me that they will replace the faulty air conditioning unit and are intending to add a third.

#### Field Marshal in Charge

Mundane: Joshua Davidson

SCA Name: Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa

#### Event Description

Sword Schola combined training, Guild of Defence Prizes and a Challenge Tourney.

#### Results

Training:

Many participants, 6 teachers. This included formal classes and individual coaching.

#### Guild of Defence Prizes:

Chretienne de Lieu du Point earned Free Scholar

Hob Gob-lin earned Free Scholar

Lord Marx Lamprecht earned Journier

#### Tourney Prizes:

Most victories: Lord Kit Hackforth

Most bouts: Thorfin of Ulfahol

Best Death: Lord Ulrich of Innilgard

Most courteous: Lady Odette

Most Improved: Lord Angelo; Lord Hob

#### Injuries to report

Significant injuries requiring first aid: Nil

Minor injuries: 1 twisted ankle, minor

Notes: It was thought there were some drops of blood on the floor. Investigation showed this was only paint. No one reported a bleeding injury.

It was a very hot day (44 degrees outside). While the inside of the hall was hot and

uncomfortable, no one reported heat stroke despite vigorous physical activity. Air conditioning and hydration supplied appeared to be effective.

Nathan - Thank you for running the event

## **Future Events**

### **Collegium**

**Date:** 23 March

**Steward:** Bella Valori

Collegium is happening, please go, learn lots of things.

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

**Date:** 3-5 May

**Steward:** Leoflaeda Aelfwynnsdohtir

I have put information on Facebook and will send it to Populace, We would like to include boffer. Happy to include armoured, rapier, and archery (combat and target) and can include other things if people wish.

### **Western Raids**

**Dates:** 31 May to 3 June

**Steward:** Nathan Blacktower

Organisation is happening. I need to get the stewarding team together so we can start to get a schedule organised. I will do that and then we can start publishing a schedule.

### **Stirling Market Fair**

**Dates:** May 19th from 10 am - 3 pm

**Steward:** Nathan

Have confirmed with the organisers that we will be attending.

## **Proposed Events**

### **Simple Garb Workshop**

**Dates:** Saturday, March 9th, 9 am-3 pm

**Stewards:** Gentle Hob Gob-Lin (St Basil), TH Lady Isolde van Wilravenssijde (Baronial co-steward)

What: A one-day workshop to assist newer members (including Collegians) to make garb, ahead of the upcoming events (including the March Collegium, This is WAR! And Western Raids). This workshop will be restricted to t-tunics and Viking apron dresses, as both of these items require geometric patterning and straight seams, and can be worn with mundane layers underneath.

More experienced sewers from across the Barony are invited to come to assist so that the process can be "production lined" (that is, there is a measurement station, a cutting station,

a sewing station, etc.) in order to be as time efficient as possible. The aim of this workshop is not to have the new members do everything themselves but to churn out wearable garb very quickly while the newcomers are able to learn about the process as they go.

People requiring garb to be made must have their fabric purchased and pre-washed, ready to start sewing that day to participate. The College will organise a Spotlight run at least a week prior for those who would like assistance in this.

Spearwood P.S. charges \$10.50 p/h for venue hire. While a nominal amount will be charged for the day attendance, it is hoped that the Barony will cover any venue hire shortfall given that this workshop is aimed at Newcomers (who may be non-members) and asking existing Baronials to come and volunteer their time and skills to assist others.

Where: Spearwood Primary School, 73 Gerald Street, Spearwood, 6163

When: Saturday, March 9th, 9 am-3 pm (while not part of the event, Combined Training is the next day at Spearwood and this will provide an opportunity for anyone who did not finish their garb to do so).

Cost: \$5 for entry costs, with additional non-member costs as required.

Food: Potluck lunch (there is a fridge and microwave on site), tea and coffee provided.

Bookings: While bookings are not required, we would kindly ask that you notify the Stewards if you are attending with the intention to have garb made so that we can arrange sufficient sewing machines and additional equipment. You can send your intent to attend to [zebiahpeaker@gmail.com](mailto:zebiahpeaker@gmail.com)

Garb: No garb required

Approval of the event and payment of \$63 for the hire of Spearwood Primary School

Approved: Pantera

Seconded: Gwyn

Dissent: None

## **General Business**

### **Scout Demo**

Email received:

1st Maida Joey Scouts are boys & girls aged between 5 and 8 years old. We are always on the lookout for new things to try and learn.

I think our youth members would love to have an opportunity to learn about dyeing, weapons, and other aspects of medieval life. I don't suppose you do cookery? as we have an annual campfire cooking competition so we do have to learn about cooking on an open fire. Looking forward to hearing from you, and working something out

Jonathan 'Croc' Tickner

Joey Scout Leader 1st Maida Vale Joey Scout Group

Pantera has offered to be a liaison with the Scout group.

### **Rapier Culture Study**

Part of the Sword Schola was a survey completed by Zofia from Innigard and she drew conclusions and shared them with the evening group. Some of the insights were confronting and were given by Innigardians who compared to their experiences with other groups they visited on their tour.



- Legacy knowledge, people have not been taught how to teach and pass on what they have learnt. As a result, the College has poor teaching knowledge. Pantera will look into resolving this with the College.
- Collegians are struggling to get to baronial training, due to transport issues, costs and anxiety.
- The 1st January 2024 change to the rapier handbook rules stipulates no authorisation can happen at a College training that is not an SCA event. Looking at ways to help out Collegians who are unable to get to training or events to be authorised by running an event at their regular training.

### **Discussion about trailer storage**

Follow up next month, waiting for Shannon to speak to the council

### **Baronial Trailer/Contents**

Issues with the length of the poles for the pavilion that only fit diagonally in the trailer.

Pantera proposes to alter the poles to make them work better.

Discussion about Pantera altering the Constable and Listkeeper tables to make them easier to store.

### **Possible indoor location for training/events**

Isolde put forward a potential indoor practice space for hire in Morely. It isn't cheap, but she wanted to table the info for future reference in case people planning a special event or training.

Morely Salvation Army - not available Sundays.

See posted pdf.

Meeting closed at 9.06 pm

Next Council will be on Friday, 15 March at Elizabeth S's house and online on Discord.