

Aneala May 2024 Council Minutes

Attendance: Nathan, Aife, Elizabeth S., Bella, Elizabeth R., Skjaldadis, Konrad, Isolde, Gwyn, Victoria, Pantera, Amias, Agostino, Leonie, Milos, Leoflaeda, Donnchardh

Apologies:

March Minutes: <https://aneala.lochac.s.org/assets/council/council-2024-4.pdf>

Officers Reports

Baron & Baroness

News from us: Coronation has happened, so the current Crown are Queen Iglesia and King Bain.

Thanks to Leoflaeda for using her home as the event site for This Means War and doing all the catering. It was a great event, low-key and fun. So much lamb, it was great.

We have announced that we are stepping down. That's a work in progress, as we gather more information and establish a timeline, we will let you know. If you have any interest, feel free to reach out. We are happy to talk about the job. There will be an official application process.

Seneschal

Somebody apply for this job. It's really not that hard and you will have a pile of support. My warrant is up and it's time to hand on.

Reeve

Opening Bank Balance 1 April 2024 - \$28,130.00

Closing Bank Balance 30 April 2024 - \$27,658.11

Income for April came from payments for Darlington A&S, Combined Training and the War event.

Expenses in April were for hall hire for Darlington for February and March, Grounds hire for Lake Monger for Q1-2 2024, Container Storage, and we also paid Kingdom GST, Event Insurance and Kingdom Levies for Q3-4 of 2023.

Need approval for the following payments:

Refunds for This Means War and Western Raids cancellations:

\$45 x 3 to Alicia Speranza for herself, Joshua Davidson and Clare Drake

\$20 to Rifka McClure for Sarah Smith

\$30 to Jason Dodds

Approved: Nathan

Seconded: Amias

Dissent: None

Approvals for Western Raids food costs as follows:

Saturday Food Stalls - \$4 per head up to \$430 each to Rob Braun, Amanda Baker, and Sandra Blower, to be paid either as cash advances or upon presentation of receipts. (current bookings 90 people)

Sunday Feast - \$17 per head up to \$2000 to be paid as a combination of cash advances and upon presentation of receipts by the various cooks, as determined by the Feast Steward and Reeve. (current bookings 95)

Breakfasts - \$3 per head, up to \$900 to Tony Swallow to be paid upon presentation of receipts (current bookings 245)

Friday Dinner - \$3.50 per head, up to \$400 to Kathryn Watkins to be paid upon presentation of receipts (current bookings 83)

Approved: Skjaldadis

Seconded: Leonie

Dissent: None

The financial report for the Simple Garb Workshop has now been completed, pending approval from the Event Steward. The event made a profit of \$12.20

The financial report for This Means War has been completed, pending the above refunds. The event made a loss of \$21.31 due to cancellations.

Xero and Dropbox are both up to date.

Herald

Report from Gwyn as acting Crux Australis on behalf of Alde

There have been submissions, the Herald has reported to their upline and they are doing heraldic consultations at Western Raids.

Constable

Events during the last month:

This Means War: 3rd – 5th May 2024

21 members and 6 non-members in attendance at the event. 4 people who had booked for the event did not end up attending. No incidents or lost property to report.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox.

Regular training has taken place at Lake Monger Primary School since last council as well as combined training at Spearwood, with sign-ins being completed. Thank you to Rifka and Aife for doing sign-ins for This Means War and combined training.

Knight Marshal

Trainings: OK generally 3 to 7 for armoured and rapier each week

Number of Active Heavy Combatants: 10

Number of Active Combat Archers: 4+

Number of Active Heavy Marshals: 6

Number of Active Senior Marshals: 3

New/Renewed Authorizations: (name and type of authorization) –
Agostino Tamborini – Armoured and Armoured Marshal

We are having an upsurge with an event held in the last couple days and Western Raids coming on. I will be following up with Kilic on his potential taking the Dragons Bay training in hand, I've seen him already overseeing the Archery and I shall support him in any way for armoured.

I have received my delivery of thin rattan from Master Eric and will get the light training weapons made, basically thin rattan wrapped in inch or so of foam as per Duke Brannos video. With these made we shall be able to increase our scope of training that is possible with fighters at all levels and hopefully keep interest up with a higher level of participation, due to everyone loving to hit people.

Rapier Captain

Not a great deal rapier-wise. Only two were at training while Festival was on. Averaging between 4-8 fencers each training. One authorisation, Thorfin, for cut and thrust. At Spearwood we did the first practice tournament run by Bella and Cam. We plan to run that once a month at Spearwood.

Captain of Archers

No report

List Keeper

Nothing 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

May:

This Means War! – no A&S

Upcoming Events, Competitions & Displays

June:

Western Raids:

There will be an open A&S competition as well as a competition with the theme of 'Something Warm'

I have also issued a general challenge to the populace to make something warm for Western Raids, which does not need to be entered; this can be anything from a Skjoldehamn hood or nålbound scarf to a cloak or caftan or quilt.

We will be having an A&S demo as well.

Miscellaneous

I hope to run some sort of 'How To Enter A&S Competitions' workshop at some point in the leadup to our Baronial Championship in September, perhaps at Spearwood. While speaking to members of the Populace I have found that some of them seem quite daunted by the idea, and I have personally encouraged a few folks to try entering competitions. I think it would be helpful to go over documentation (including what is and isn't required) and maybe hand out physical copies of the Documentation Template and judging rubric.

However, I have also found that many folks are daunted by the idea of entering competitions, and I want there to be more paths to A&S visibility beyond competing. I'm excited for the demo at Western Raids, and for the challenge; I want to get the populace making things for the joy of it, not just for competitions. I've already had positive responses from a couple of people.

Sub-groups

College of St Basil: Weekly A&S is plugging along. Those who started tunics and cloaks at the Simple Garb Workshop and Collegium but couldn't finish it at the event have been finishing it up at A&S, with help. The College is currently preparing to run the Golden Thimble. However, I did not receive a report from the A&S Minister.

Canton of Dragons Bay: People have been attending Sunday trainings' unorganised A&S, bringing along their own projects, and Dame Edith has organised a series of A&S workshops.

Chatelaine

Nothing to report. No new people coming to the next event.

Chronicler

I did a newsletter. I have to start advertising for a replacement soon.

Web Minister

Events and awards are up to date.

Please let me know if you would like to make any changes to your details on the populace page or send through any articles to be posted.

Quarterly report has been submitted to Kingdom.

Past 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)

Financial report completed pending event steward approval.

This means WAR!!

The This Means WAR!! event took place on 3rd-5th May 2024 at Bartram Rd, Jelcobine. The weather was extraordinarily kind (people kept questioning the absence of my other child, for some reason??) and we were fortunate to have 21 members and 6 non-members attend (including one brand new person – it is to be hoped she enjoyed herself. Sadly we were a bit light on for combatants, but five people took the field for armoured combat (x3)/combat archery (x2) – according to the marshal's report, it is notable that there were “no deaths” – and eight archers enjoyed an eventful hunt through the forest glades (we're still keeping an eye out for that one surviving goblin though!). We had one successful authorisation for combat archery: Tyler Braun (Frostulfr of Ulfahol??).

The general feeling seemed to be that the event was very enjoyable, and the fighters in particular seem quite keen to come again. No injuries were reported (I did observe a few insect bites, but nothing serious so far as I am aware). Everyone was fed, watered and caffeinated appropriately (or, perhaps, excessively – see following!).

Unfortunately the event did make a loss of \$21.31. Invoices have been submitted to the reeve and details can be found in the attached financial report. Please note that some items had been purchased to cater for special dietary needs but were not, in the end, needed due to last minute cancellation. Where practicable I have arranged to supply these items to the Western Raids catering team (Does gluten free bread freeze successfully? Can you, in fact, tell the difference once it's defrosted? Time will tell...).

I am extremely grateful to all who braved the dangerous trek out into the Eastern Badlands and helped to create a fantastic event, but most particularly to Elizabeth Severn for booking and organisational help, Galen Wulfric for marshalling, Aife ingen Ehdach for help with the finances/paperwork and Kilic ibn Sungur for stepping in as a TAM when needed.

Future Events

Stirling Market Fair

Dates: Sunday, 19th May, 10 am - 3 pm

Steward: Nathan Blacktower

Got their bump in email yesterday and it's early, between 6.30 and 7 am, set up before 9 am. We have a space and times on the list field. Dancing will happen, with no set times. If people can help set up at 7.30 am and others come from 9 am.

Western Raids

Dates: 31 May to 3 June

Steward: Nathan Blacktower

Everything seems to be going along. A pile of stuff is booked. The sub-stewarding team are posting their updates to the timetable. Thank you to Isaac for jumping in as Archery steward. Bookings close this Sunday, it's too late to book early, but you can still book often.

Proposed Events

Maida Vale Scouts Demo

Dates: Saturday, date to be determined

Steward: Pantera

No progress on the scout demo. Sorry.

Golden Thimble

Dates: TBA, possibly 10-11 August or 7-8 September to coincide with combined training

Steward: Hob Gob-Lin

No update.

Championship

If you want to put forward a bid, speak to the Baron and Baroness

We do not have a booking for Ern Halliday this year, they were already booked.

General Business

Purchase Request

One of the ongoing issues at Western Raids for people with mobility issues is access to powerpoints to charge their devices. We are going to have two power outlets reserved for mobility devices only. But other people need to be able to charge phones for personal and accessibility reasons.

Approval for \$50 to Susie Day to buy 2x 12-outlet powerboard with surge protection.

Approved: Amias

Seconded: Elizabeth S

Dissent: None

Interview Opportunity

Email below received by Webminister. If you would like to be involved, let me know and I will pass on your details to Luca.

Hi, my name is Luca Bempasciuto and I'm a student journalist for ECU Vanguard News. I report on cool, unique and interesting topics not well-known by the public, and your Society for Creative Anachronism captivated me!

I'd love to interview the group founder and fellow Anealans about their love for the Barony of Aneala for a small 60-second documentary project. Let me know if your community would be interested in the opportunity for an interview!

Kind regards, Luca

Upcoming Visit

Duke Rowland and Duchess Taitiu may be visiting the week after Raids. Not yet confirmed but will be bringing armour and scribal stuff, so classes may be happening, watch this space.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

Next Council will be on Friday, 21st June at Elizabeth S's house and online on Discord.