

Business Meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronism – Bordescros December 2014

Meeting commenced: 7:10 pm 544 Thurgoona Street, ALBURY NSW 2640

PRESENT: Janine Barnett, Philip Barnett, Tracey Sawyer (Sec), Tamsin Walle (Pres)
Via Skype: Scott Bulters, Joy Walker, Julie Willis (Treas), Paul Willis

APOLOGIES:

CORRESPONDENCE: IN: Wagga City Council letter of thanks re Fusion Festival
WP bank statement for November
WAW Credit Union statement for October
Parcel containing swords and helms arrived.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on 10th November 2014 read and approved, to be added to the group website as soon as possible.

MOVED: Tracey Sawyer
SECOND: Paul Willis
In Favour: All
Against: -

OFFICER REPORTS:

Seneschal:

- Everything has been going well.
- The audit is done but there are checks to be done through OZIBod before it is finalised. Kingdom officers have thanked Julie and Tamsin for their 'wonderful assistance' both locally and, in Julie's case, also at Kingdom level.
- Congratulations are due to those local members who received awards at Fields of Gold (see herald's report for details).

Hospitaller:

- *Position Vacant.*
- No report.

Reeve:

- A report has been emailed out to the officers.
- The highlights are: Opening balance \$5,128.14
Money has been received for the bash and Border War bookings; has been spent on laundry, kingdom levies and hall hire for Wagga's November bash; a new vacuum cleaner was purchased for Albury rooms; grant monies paid out for helms and swords. Balance at bank at the end of November was \$4,439.00 made up of approximately \$600 of GST owed; money set aside for Border War costs; the last of the grant money to be spent on silk banners; and general funds of \$1,263.84
See the website bordescros@lochac.sca.org for the full financial statement.
- The seneschal is reminded to contact the AWSFC for an account so we can pay the rent which is due at the end of December.
- Joy suggested that when we hold events we always get the tablecloths laundered commercially as the (approximately) \$100 cost, factored in to the event cost, spread over 80 to 120 people is negligible compared to the hassle of washing so many heavy duty tablecloths.

MOTION: That we factor laundry into event costs, including Border War, in the future, unless we make a loss on the event.

MOVED: Joy Walker
SECOND: Scott Bulters
In Favour: All
Against: --

- The Reeve requested approval for funds of \$32.24 to pay for Wagga Hall Hire

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for November bash and for \$350.00 for Albury Rent.

MOTION: That funds be approved to pay for Hall Hire in Wagga for November for \$32.24 and Albury for January to March 2015 for \$350.00

MOVED: Julie Willis
SECOND: Scott Bulters
In Favour: All
Against: --

- Marshall:
- Not much is happening in Loch Corbie, the marshal is authorised in advance for 5 years.
 - The items purchased with the grant funding from Wagga City Council have arrived.
 - 2 shiny new helmets, which the marshal has padded and added chin straps, also some mesh which was donated, so they are arrow proof.
 - 2 swords for cut & thrust rapier, which need to be flex tested.
 - James and Nathan are interested in Cut & Thrust. The armour requirements are different to normal rapier, although marshalling is the same.
 - There have been no injuries as there was no training in Albury or Wagga. Scott did some marshal training for rapier at Fields of Gold.
 - Bordescros had quite a presence at Fields of Gold, with 22 from Wagga and 2 from Albury attending. 6 did a rapier workshop and 2 did archery.
 - While at FoG Paul spoke to some of the rapier dons and both Owen ap Cantor and Tariq ibn Jalal are expecting to be at Border War, as is Countess Eva, although they haven't booked as yet.
- A&S:
- *Position Vacant.*
 - Joy Walker is considering applying for this position when she returns to live on the (mundane) border in the new year.
- Herald:
- In November Paul Willis donated a copy of AC Fox-Davies "Complete Guide to Heraldry" to the group. Thanks to Paul. This is pretty much an essential text for heraldry in the SCA.
 - We are waiting for confirmation of receipt of Isolde Deye's (Anastasia's) name and device paperwork. If it hasn't been received it may need to be re-submitted. Holding off on Ethan's until we know if Anastasia's was received.
 - Scott is putting in the name of Loch Corbie for the Wagga group even though there is a small loch in Scotland with that name. Hopefully the real Loch Corby is small and unimportant enough that the name will pass.
 - Awards to locals at Fields of Gold:
 - Golden Tear: Mathilda de Lilliburne & Gunther Boese
 - Award of Arms: Norman Douglasson & Aefic van NinedorfCongratulations to all award recipients.
 - List position to be followed up at Kingdom level.
- Chronicler:
- Further to last month, a trial copy of Borderline is ready to be posted to the web page for comments and name suggestions. After a month's commentary we will discuss at next meeting whether we will have 2 broadsheets and 1 Grapevine each quarter or revert to all Grapevine's and no guarantee they will be done.
- Constable:
- Constable is investigating problems caused by personality clashes.
 - No lost property.
 - Sign in sheets to be forwarded from November bash in Loch Corbie.

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- Webwright:
- *Position Vacant.*
 - Border War booking sheet is working well.
 - All minutes and financial reports, except for November, are up and accessible.

- Chirurgion:
- *Position Vacant.*
 - Anastasia has expressed interest in taking on this role.

- Loch Corbie /
Deputy Seneschal
- Wagga Library has 2 showcases which we have booked for January to display items about SCA and to advertise Border War, from the 5th January. The Willis' have enough items to fill the display – one will be martial with some armour and weapons etc and one will be A&S with pottery, leatherwork etc
There will also be room for some banners and a poster.
Tracey will get a colour poster for Border War done up ASAP.
 - Paul will book the hall at Lake Albert again for a bash in February – planned for 7th February to keep interest high before Border War and he will organise a training session in January, weather permitting. Approval is needed for hall hire.

MOTION: That funds be approved to pay for Hall Hire in Wagga for February for \$32.24

MOVED: Paul Willis
SECOND: Joy Walker
In Favour: All
Against: --

OTHER BUSINESS:

Border War

- Pricing was discussed at a previous meeting, but since the audit we need to actually move that it be accepted. It was based on the previous pricing from two years ago (?) when Joy Walker was steward of the event. I added \$5 per adult for food as prices have gone up. We don't need to pay for more decorations, so that money can be put aside for laundry (see Reeve's report). We also don't need to pay for tokens as Paul Willis has donated the pewter ones he made for Fusion Festival that were not used at that event (see appendix).
- Prices for Border War have already been updated on the website in line with direction from the Reeve. They are a bit different to what is in Pegasus – less for non-members – so hopefully people won't complain. To be updated again to say that the \$5 fee applies to all non-members regardless of age.
- The steward is to write to the Crown Prince and Princess and invite them to Border War. Tracey commented that they have Mongol personas which don't fit the theme, however, the consensus is that they should still be invited. Money has already been set aside to pay for them if they decide to come.
- Berengar paid for last Border War and was unable to come, he has asked that the money not be paid back but pay for this year's Border War. He paid \$240.00 for 2 adults, so they are staying in a dorm. This is correct according to the Reeve.
- Taking all the above into account,

MOTION: That the pricing, with the amendments suggested, be accepted.

MOVED: Tracey Sawyer
SECOND: Tamsin Walle
In Favour: All
Against: --

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- Can camping be behind the dorms and near the toilets? Apparently there is an area of grass that is suitable provided that 2 “widow maker” trees are marked as out-of-bounds. It might be best to make the decision on the weekend as to which area is most appropriate.
- A&S comps are already on the website: Brewing cordials (alcoholic or non-alcoholic); Calligraphy & Illumination: a declaration of war or a letter suing for peace; Costuming and Weaponry (both to be based around the early 15th century at the time of Agincourt).
- Kitchen & Setup: the Kitchen Steward, Thomasina cannot be on site until quite late in the day and asks please, please can people offer to help with: kitchen set up; early prep; a breakfast (James/Gunther think Magnus is willing to do breakfast on Sunday... but he hasn't booked yet, so this will obviously need to be confirmed).
- Signs: Do we have parking signs, and do we know where the site signs are? Tamsin says some are in the storage bay at Albury's rooms.
- Harfleur/fort walls: Paul is using packing crates to make the fort and has organised labour to do that; he has priced the cool room (\$150.00) and will book that soon.
- Risk Assessment: The steward noted that the Border War handbook mentions the site Risk Assessment; Paul did one recently for his work and so can assist with doing one for Border War XVII paperwork. The Steward thanks Paul.
- A side question was asked about whether the on-site storage shed would be ready by this Border War. Paul has no idea.
- Further to the last minutes Tracey said that if the group owning the trailer is going to be too big an imposition then she can rescind the donation and just loan it to the group when needed. However a reminder that Shire money has been spent to repair the trailer reversed that idea. So Tracey then moved that funds be made available to pay for a blue slip and transfer and registration of the trailer into the name of the Society for Creative Anachronism – Bordescros. However, we don't know how much it will be, so it was suggested that we go to the RTA and get the paperwork, that it be filled out at Yule and then we pay all the costs.

Trailer

MOTION: That Tracey Sawyer go to the RTA and get the paperwork to transfer the trailer into the name of the local group, and that subsequently funds be made available to pay for the transfer and registration.

MOVED: Tracey Sawyer
SECOND: Tamsin Walle
In Favour: 7 in favour
Against: --
Abstained: 1

Meeting ended: 8:20 pm

PRESIDENT:
Tamsin Walle
SECRETARY:
Tracey Sawyer
TREASURER:
Julie Willis
