

September Meeting of the Shire of Bordescros.

Date: 10/09/2017. Meeting started: 12:38 pm 19 Snowdon St, Wodonga and via Skype

Present: Joy Walker (Chair); Tracey Sawyer (Minutes); Scott Murrowood; Kim Palmer; Andrew Walker. Via SKYPE: Helen South; Darryl South; Scott Bulters; Julie Willis (late arrival: Paul Willis).

Apologies: Debbie Sanders; Tamsin Walle-Semmler; Paul Willis (see above).

Correspondence In:

1. Emails liaising with James Fallon HS re School Incursion
2. Email from Kingdom thanking the Shire's officers for their reports.
3. Corres regarding movie – they do not appear to want to accept our refusal to work for free.
4. Bank Statement

Correspondence Out:

1. Reeve's documents

Previous minutes:

MOTION: August minutes be accepted as posted to Dropbox.

MOVED: Tracey Sawyer

SECOND: Scott Bulters

CARRIED

Business Arising: --

Reports:

SENESCHAL Joy Walker/Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill

1. Thanks to all officers who got their quarterly reports in on time. It does make it easier for Seneschal to get Kingdom report done on time.
2. Next month is very busy with Border Dimensions (07/10) and Fusion Festival (21/10), so we can look forward to both these events continuing to help grow our Shire.
3. Spring edition of Grapevine has been sent out and posted on the website with notification on the Facebook page.
4. Seneschal is working on the bid for November Crown in 2018, details to be circulated as soon as possible.
5. Suggestions for Populace badges have been sent out for feedback. Two week voting/discussion period commenced.
6. Current membership is 25 adults + 7 minors. This still does not include the Carnegie family. Split is 16/5 in the south and 9/2 in the north.

DEPUTY SENESCHAL- Loch Corbie – Paul Willis/James Douglas

1. 3 lots of training in August (2 since the last meeting).
2. Gathering was well-attended, and there were no injuries.
3. Banking has been done and reports put to Dropbox.
4. First archery shoot, run as training by Francesco Buonamico
5. There was a meeting between Apex Club and the WW Women's Group, with the result that the Women's Group will be taking over the lease when it runs out. The WWWG has approached the council for modifications to be made to the building including disabled access toilet and building over the tennis courts. Northern group is waiting to see what happens and whether they need to find new venue or not. Meantime, the northern group gear is being stored in the APEX Club's storage container.
6. A&S has been happening. Darryl South is making a freestanding geteld.
7. Fusion Festival: this year focussing on Arts and Crafts actually being done, rather than a static display. So bring A&S activities that can be done and displayed on the day.

REEVE – Scott Bulters / Gunther Boese

1. August report is on Dropbox. Opening balance was \$7,124.52 and closing balance is \$7,016.71, for a net loss of \$107.81
2. Julie has shown Scott how to do the split discussed last meeting, so that has been finalised. Just in time, because Border War payments for BWXX have already commenced coming in.
3. Kingdom levies and insurance has been sent in, but they were quite low this time, so the Reeve will be checking to find why they were so much lower than in past months.
4. Signatories have been changed at the bank, so that the OZIBoD members only are signatories. That does not affect the on-line banking and approvals.
5. The bank has been asked to change the mailing address as well.
6. Kingdom Reeve has requested any one who is not a current Reeve to de-register with Zero, as only current officers ought to be registered.
7. **MOTION:** That the Reeve's report in Dropbox be accepted.
MOVED: Scott Bulters
SECOND: Julie Willis
CARRIED

MARSHAL – Scott Murrowood / Robert Campbell

1. Wagga training has been noted already. Wodonga training was held, but no-one turned up.
2. Earl Marshal has posted online and in Pegasus regarding helm adjustments for safety reasons. It is not law yet, but it is a strong recommendation and is likely to become a binding ruling soon, when the newest Marshal's handbook comes out. So Marshal will be checking helms to ensure they meet the newer standards.
3. Due to a recent accident (in a northern Barony, not locally) archers **MUST** check every arrow before going onto the field. Someone was actually shot recently, thankfully not fatally; however, it reminds us of the need to be extra careful with out weapons.
4. Francis (Francesco Buonamico) has authorised as a target archery marshal.

HERALD – Tracey Sawyer / Lowry ferch Gwynwyn

We have about 6 people's names and/or devices in the process of being commented on and awaiting approval. There are another 2 or 3 in the process of being checked, and a couple returned for extra work.

ARTS & SCIENCES – Kim Palmer / Kolgrima Hrafnisdottir

1. Workshop this afternoon on medieval hoods (thanks to Thomasina Coke).
2. The spring gathering has a floral theme. A&S is floral embroidery and the food theme will also be something floral. For the younglings we have hobby horses to be made a raced, and painted; also egg decorating.
3. In October the A&S workshop will be Basic Tunics, which can be worn as an underdress or in layers (thanks to Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill).
4. A&S needs a deputy in Wagga. Julie?

CONSTABLE – Andrew Walker / Aelthwyn Maccuswell

1. Took data from Dropbox:
 - a. Wagga Gathering (02/09):
9 adults and 2 minors;
2 lots of training since the last meeting with 3 and 5 attending.
 - b. Albury Gathering (19/08):
12 adults and 1 baby;

A&S had 7 members attend;

No one other than the Marshal turned up at training.

2. No injuries were reported this month, although some fighters are out of action due to injury from other sports.

LISTS – VACANT – (Acting this month: Lowry and Kolgrima)

1. Albury Gathering 00/00/00:

HEAVY: Duke Eirik Thorinsson; Robert Campbell; Wulf Eiriksson (unauthorised).

Not enough authorised fighters for a tourney, so a training session was held.

2. Wagga Gathering 02/08/2017:

HEAVY: Aelfgar of Bordescros; Francesco Buonamico; James Douglas; Robert Campbell.

FIRST: Robert Campbell 9 wins

SECOND: Aelfgar of Bordescros 4 wins

THIRD: James Douglas 3 wins

RAPIER: Catalina de Montoya; James Douglas; Isobel de Beaumont.

FIRST: James Douglas 5 wins

SECOND: Catalina de Montoya 3 wins

THIRD: Isobel de Beaumont 1 win

WEBMINISTER – Helen South / Sigrun of Bordescros (Acting)

1. Application has been received and sent to the Kingdom Webminister.

HOSPITALLER – Tamsin Walle / Thomasina Coke & Chatelaine – Debbie Sanders / Eleanor Gardener

1. Border Mail (and local TV stations?) to be advised of demo at James Fallon High School, with the school's permission, so that articles or news items featuring the activities can be shared with the public.

CHIRURGEON – VACANT

1. As noted in Constable's and Marshal's reports – no injuries reported.

YOUTH OFFICER – VACANT

1. This new office will soon need someone to volunteer. The person holding the office will require a current Working With Children Check. The role is to be advised but will include organising activities for youths who are too young to take part in adult combat, and they will report to the Kingdom Youth Officer.
2. From information so far received, youths can begin rapier training from 10 years of age, probably using fibreglass rather than metal swords; under Lochac Law the children must be accompanied by an adult; children may NOT be dropped off and left without a legal adult guardian.

EVENTS:

Border War:

- 1) Border War XX is starting with a bang, as we already have 10 bookings, 3 of them already paid for!
- 2) Website is mostly updated, with some minor updates still to come.
- 3) Promotion is ongoing.
- 4) Tokens – were discussed on the officer's FB Messenger. Kola is ordering one grapes punch; Rob Cambell is sourcing (borrowing) a drop punch to cut out the leather for the tokens; and Kola is also looking at paint for the grapes as well. Rab has lots of leather which he is happy to donate in exchange for 6-pack.
- 5) Decorations are in discussion and/or commencing as group projects from this month on.

November Crown Bid:

Preparation of the bid is ongoing.

- (a) There is a new contact in Culcairn; Joy will be contacting her regarding the venue, asap.
- (b) Holbrook School of Arts Hall is a venue we can consider using for events, as it is quite cheap at \$150 for the day, it is newly renovated with a new commercial kitchen, and has a park behind it as well as the big one across the road. Holbrook has lots of hotels and some camping available so it could be a good site for 'in-between north and south' events.

Local events: Upcoming Events.

16 Sept	Southern Gathering - Albury
7 Oct	Border Dimensions – QEII Square, Albury
21 Oct	Fusion Festival – Wagga
4 Nov	Northern Gathering - Wagga
11 Nov	Southern Gathering - Albury
16 Dec	Yule Feast (Christmas) Gathering
20 Jan 2018	Southern Gathering - Albury
3 Feb	Northern Gathering – Wagga
17 Feb	Packing for Border War - Casual dress & meal
23-25 Feb	Border War XX

OTHER/GENERAL BUSINESS

Group Future: Scott Bulters would like to move that we begin the process of changing from a Shire to a Barony, with the aim of becoming a Barony by the end of (say) 2018. We could combine the Baronial Ascension with November Crown, if we get it.

The question was asked: what is the difference between a Shire and a Barony?

Answer: We have actually met the criteria for many years. At the moment we more than meet the numbers, we have usually filled all required officers, have held events and regular bashes/gatherings for just on 20 years, have supported the Kingdom by running kingdom events and donating part of our profits for many years. The main difference is that a Barony has 1 or 2 extra officers (Baron or Baroness, or both) and they hold courts, and give out Baronial awards. There is more theatre involved with a Barony. Some would say, more fun, there can certainly be more 'official recognition' of individual's input, as a Barony does not have to wait for a royal visit for awards to be given.

Another question: How can we have a Barony when all our members are officers?

Answer: that is a misconception, as we have 9 officers but 25 adult members plus child members, plus 3 extra adults (if we count the Carnegies who play with us although counted as Stormhold by a strange quirk of postcode).

Suggestions:

- That people email questions to scabordescros@gmail.com
 - That the Seneschal put together a Pros and Cons sheet and that we vote on the motion at the next meeting, the motion to be: That the Shire of Bordescros begins the process towards becoming a Barony.

Next meeting: Sunday 8th Oct 2017 at 12:30 pm via usual methods / at 19 Snowden St Wodonga
Meeting ended: 1:40 pm

APPENDIX: see next page

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Excerpt from Corpora:

“6. Baronies and Provinces: Baronies and provinces are large branches within and subject to the administration of a kingdom (or principality, if any). They are alike in status and in the ability to administer other branches within their borders, but differ in that baronies possess a Baron and/or Baroness, ceremonial representatives appointed by the Crown, and therefore have the ability to create and administer awards, while provinces do not. A branch or contiguous group of branches may petition for baronial or provincial status at the members’ option, subject to the approval of the Crown and (if applicable) the Coronet, if the resulting entity meets the requirements listed below:

- a. At least 25 members.
- b. A set of officers acceptable to the Crown (and Coronet, if applicable).
- c. A name and device registered with the College of Arms.
- d. Consensus favoring advancement in branch status, and favoring the type of branch (barony or province) specified in the petition. This consensus is determined by kingdom law and custom. If the branch is to be a barony, arrangements shall have been made with the Crown at the time of application for baronial status to select and appoint a Baron and/or Baroness in accordance with kingdom law and custom.
- e. A strong record of activity in a variety of fields of Society endeavor.”

SCA. (2014). *Organizational Handbook: Including Corpora, the By-Laws, Corporate Policies, and the Articles of Incorporation* (Rev. ed. 2015.). Milpitas, CA: SCA Marketplace.