

Minutes of the **Shire of Bordescros Business Meeting** held 12 November 2017 (AS52)
19 Snowden Place, Wodonga, and via Skype, 14 Harrier Street, Wagga.
Meeting commenced: 12:40 pm

PRESENT:

@ 19 Snowden St, Wodonga

Joy Walker (CHAIR/PRESIDENT); Tracey Sawyer (MINUTES); Scott Bulters (TREASURER);
Debbie Sanders; Scott Murrowood; Kim Palmer.

@ 14 Harrier St, Wagga Wagga, via SKYPE

Paul Willis; Julie Willis. [Arrived 1:05 pm Darryl South; Helen South].

APOLOGIES:

Tamsin Walle-Semmler; Vicki Boyd; Andrew Walker; Anastasia Jubb.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION: That October minutes be accepted as recorded on Dropbox.

MOVED: Scott Bulters

SECOND: Scott Murrowood

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Update on moving towards Barony, see later section of the minutes.
2. Gunther discussed 2 things with Krae Glas: that Great Southern Gathering is changing it's charter, so that Bordescros can run a GSG if they choose to. KG asked if BC would like to assist in running the 2018 GSG so we can learn what is involved.

Also, they would like to organise an event between BC and KG perhaps at an site on our borders to strengthen ties between the two groups.

However, we have bid for November Crown, so if we get it, we will be too busy to run anything else large, so may need to put these two ideas on hold until 2019, if we get Crown Tourney.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None in, not even the bank account, so that has been fixed.

None out: Joy has tried several time to contact James Fallon HS about 17th November, but there has been no reply so, presumably, that incursion is off.

Officer Reports

SENESCHAL: Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill / Joy Walker

I have been so impressed by the members of our Shire and the way that they have all come together to take what we do out into the community. To have so many participate in our demos was wonderful. There is nothing that encourages more members like people enjoying themselves.

It took a while, but I have now received a response from the Kingdom Seneschal, regarding the issues raised at the last meeting regarding the running of the proposed poll. A copy of the full email has been forwarded to all of the officers.

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As the motion has already been passed, I would like to move that it is implemented by asking Kingdom to run the poll for us, as soon as is possible. If it could be done and tallied prior to Border War, that would be good to announce the outcome at Border War. Normally such polls run from 2-4 weeks, which means that it could be run prior to Christmas.

MOTION: That we request the Kingdom run a poll on the future direction for Bordescros, as discussed at last meeting, as soon as possible.

MOVED: Joy Walker

SECOND: Scott Bulters

CARRIED

Membership continues to grow. We are now up to 31 adults and 7 minors. This is 11/2 in the north and 20/5 in the south, and includes the Carnegies. Our recent demos have both resulted in new members already, which is great to see.

There will be no Northern Gathering on 6th January as it conflicts with 12th Night in Rowany, but I believe that we should still have our Shire Meeting.

I would like to propose that we make one of the Gatherings in Albury in January or February one with a Middle Eastern/Arabian Nights theme for something different that would beat the heat. I would also like both the North and South to come up with a schedule of 'themes' or other events that they would like to host in 2018. This would enable things to be better organised.

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DEPUTY SENESCHAL NORTH: James Douglas / Paul Willis

Greetings from the North of the Shire.

- Things are continuing well in Wagga, with training happening on Tuesday nights, and Gathering on 04/11.
- The stand at Fusion was very well received, with 20 contacts left, and a lot of cards given out. Since the event, I have emailed everyone who left an email, and texted everyone who left a mobile number. From these contacts we have had another 2 potential heavies commence training.
- On 07/11/2017, there was 8 people in armour at training. For specific numbers of attendance, please see the Dropbox for details.
- Heavy: Continues. Sigrun was authorised on 04/11/17 at the Gathering.
- Fencing: Kathie is currently away, so limited opportunity at the moment.
- A&S: Personal projects continue apace in various fields.
- Funding Grant: Tent is being delivered to me at Fields of Gold. I can then measure and order the timber for the supports, and other tasks to finish this and advise Council. I was advised at Fusion that we need to finish this so we can apply for further grants.
- Apex Tennis Courts: Apex have asked us and the WWWS to contribute to the current power bill. Bill for the quarter is \$800. Apex expect the majority of this to be covered by the WWWS. Some of this would have been incurred by us (heaters/ lights for at least 1 session before finding out how much they cost to run).

MOTION: That we contribute \$100 for the power bill in Wagga.

MOVED: Paul Willis

SECOND: Scott Bulters

CARRIED

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REEVE: Gunther Boses / Scott Bulters

1. When buying anything for the Shire, there must be a paper trail (or electronic trail), a tax invoice or a receipt must be given or emailed to the Reeve.
2. Zero has been reconciled for the month, paperwork has been sent, thanks to Paul Willis for getting paperwork in.
3. Current balance: \$6,648.17 made up of AW \$1,926.76; BW \$2,213.32 WW \$2,508.09

MOTION: That the Reeve's report as stored in Dropbox be accepted.
MOVED: Scott Bulters
SECOND: Scott Murrowood
CARRIED

MARSHALL: Robert Campbell / Scott Murrowood

We have been averaging two tourneys a month, and have picked up on new fighter numbers.

A/W: 3 new trainees, 1 is a minor until January, 2018.

Also re: Training at Les Stone Park:

1. Thank you to Kolgrima for the taxi service she has been running getting the trainees to the venue each month.
2. Thanks also to Tamsin and Lowry who turned up to chat about other aspects of the SCA to onlookers and family members bringing trainees to practise.

NUMBERS: AW 5 heavies with 6 in training
 3 rapier in training
 2 combat archers with 2 in training

WW 6 heavies with 3 in training
 4 rapier with 1 in training
 1 archer with 2 in training

HERALD: Lowry ferch Gwynwynyn ap Llewleyn / Tracey Sawyer

I checked LOIs, LOARs and this is what has been happening:

(I did not check KLOIs as I wasn't aware that they were a different thing to standard LOIs, thanks for the heads up Gunther).

3. Eleanor Gardener: name was already sent up, her device has been resubmitted this month with a minor change that hopefully means it will pass now.
4. Robert Campbell: name and device both sent up, waiting to hear.
5. Stewart Foxe: name and device both sent up, just waiting to hear.
6. Grissel Gray: name and device will hopefully be ready to go to Rocket this month. I just have to find time to draw it up.

For the quarter, other heralds have been doing 'stuff' some have passed and some are in the process:

- * Badges for Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill and Gunther Boese
- * Names & devices for Keziah and Grainne of Bordescros (passed)
- * Name for Kolgrima Hrafnisdottir passed, device under way I believe.
- * James has been consulting with two newcomers, one for a Japanese name and device and the other for a European name and device.
- * Gunther has been consulting with Francis regarding his name and device, he just has to fill out the forms; and Catalina de Montoya re: name and device.
Also he sent up the Shire populace badges that we were looking at last meeting, one has been knocked back due to a question of whether fretty is a field treatment or a semy of charges; but the one with grapes looks clear, at Kingdom level.

Finally, the heraldry workshop with ffriv ffride Wlfsdottir went well, although only two attended. The information now has to be practised so it becomes second nature.

ARTS AND SCIENCES: Kolgrima Hrafnisdottir / Kim Palmer

- A&S this afternoon will be pretty much unstructured as we will be working on decorations, tokens for Border War; and tunics and heraldry for any newcomers who attend.
- BW Token: is a lozenge shape with 1 hole for the cord. Plain with different cord colour for weekend, single day, and feast only.
- Special tokens with 2 holes, 1 for the cord and 1 for a tassel, will also be made for first place in the different tourneys and competitions. (Different colour for each comp.)
- Theme for November Newcomers Gathering: submit step-by-step instructions and documentation of a skill or activity that is easy for beginners to learn; this could be a recipe, game instructions, or anything we would like to pass on. Perhaps a display of SCA on a budget.
- Newcomer scrolls have been made up, some are blanks and some are pre-filled; any who would like to assist in illuminating them, can please help at A&S this afternoon. Copies will be emailed to Wagga to print out and use. These can be given to newcomers so they have a remembrance of their first SCA event.
- Wagga A&S: sewing, carving and printing, embroidery, etc.

CONSTABLE: Undewyn Maccuswell / Andrew Walker

WAGGA:

15 members were at Fusion Festival in Wagga.
4 members and 1 non-member at the first training.
and 7 members and 1 non-member at the second training.
Waiting on paperwork for the trainees.

No gatherings in October since the last meeting due to the two festivals/demos we attended on the usual gathering days.

LISTS: Vacant, Seneschal reporting on behalf of lists.

This is quite an easy office, and is great for those who like to watch the tourneys, if anyone is interested in taking on the role.

In Wagga:

In Albury:

Lady Sofija	1st	Tba: Tamsin has the figures.
Aelfgar	2nd	
James	3rd	
Plus 2 trainees	Fought the byes	

WEBMINISTER: Sigrun of Bordescros / Helen South

Nothing is happening as yet, needs access to the account.

Cairistiona set up a newcomer's page, Lowry updated the A&S information for BW as discussed at last meeting.

HOSPITALLER: report will be sent

Flyers have been made up, both a general one and one that is music and dance specific. They have gone up around Albury and Wodonga, and copies are to be sent to Wagga to add local details and post up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 2017				
Friday	17/11		James Fallon HS Demo	Cancelled
Saturday	18/11	2:30 pm	Southern Newcomers Gathering	Albury – AWSFC Hall
DECEMBER 2017				
Saturday	02/12	2:30 pm	Northern Gathering	Cancelled – Fields of Gold
Sunday	10/12	12:30 pm	Business Meeting	19 Snowdon St Wodonga & 14 Harrier St, Estrella
Sunday	10/12	2:00 – 5 pm	Arts & Sciences	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Saturday	16/12	2:30 pm	Yule Feast	Albury – AWSFC Hall
JANUARY 2018				
Saturday	06/01	2:30 pm	Northern Gathering	Cancelled – 12 th Night
Sunday	14/01	12:30 pm	Business Meeting	19 Snowdon St Wodonga & 14 Harrier St, Estrella
Sunday	14/01	2:00 – 5 pm	Arts & Sciences	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Saturday	20/01	2:30 pm	Southern Gathering (Mid East theme)	Albury – AWSFC Hall
FEBRUARY 2018				
Saturday	03/02	2:30 pm	Northern Gathering	Wagga – Apex Hall
Sunday	11/02	12:30 pm	Business Meeting	19 Snowdon St Wodonga & 14 Harrier St, Estrella
Sunday	11/02	2:00 – 5 pm	Arts & Sciences	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Saturday	17/02	2:30 pm	Southern Gathering/casual BW prep	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Friday to Sunday	23/02 to 25/02	Event: 3:00 pm Fri to 1 pm Sun	Border War	Kurrajong Scout Camp, Oura Road, WAGGA
MARCH 2018				
Saturday	03/03	2:30 pm	Northern Newcomers Gathering	Wagga – Apex Hall ???
Sunday	11/03	12:30 pm	Business Meeting	19 Snowdon St Wodonga & 14 Harrier St, Estrella
Sunday	11/03	2:00 – 5 pm	Arts & Sciences	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Saturday	17/03	2:30 pm	Southern Gathering	Albury – AWSFC Hall
Thursday to Monday	30/03 to 02/04	Easter weekend event	Congregatus Australis	Krae Glas

BORDER WAR:

No one attended November Crown, so we did not advertise there with flyers as we usually do. The Pegasus announcement has finally been fixed, it was sent in September, but the copy that gets sent to the Seneschal for signature did not get sent, [we were not the only ones apparently it was a problem with Kingdom internet not local internet]. So both the full-page ad and the classified-style official one will both be included in the next issues: Dec, Jan and Feb. Hopefully that will reanimate the bookings which started out with a bang, and then slowed down.

Thank you to Gunther for keeping on top of the bookings this time, it can be quite a time consuming job, with chasing up the folk who are on payment plans with reminders, etcetera.

This afternoon we will be starting on the decorations for Border War as well as the tokens. Help is needed with cutting and stamping tokens, calligraphy on the muster roll, as well as other group projects.

Minor error on the website needs fixing.

Discussion re FAT. I cannot see how it will work including both a FAT and the War Bands and the tourneys. BW Marshall, Rob explained he did not mean to add a FAT but to do the tourney sign ups on the Saturday afternoon, as if for a FAT. That way the tourneys can all be held on the Sunday morning, but they will already have the rounds/bouts organised if for a round robin and the first two rounds organised for Single Kill/Double Elim, so no time is lost between tourneys on the Sunday morning. This is a brilliant suggestion and will be adopted this year, so after the afternoon activities are completed, while the hall is being setup for feast, and after feast until the start of the Memorial Bardic Comp, the Lists will be open, for checking authorisation cards and helmets and sign up. Suggested site is the big sandstone table between the two halls, as it is in the shade and is easily found.

I also had a request that the words Zombie Run be removed from the flyer in Pegasus, as it is hardly a period style of war scenario.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Kingdom response to a Baronial survey has been sent out, some did not get it, so it will be sent out again. Also here it is:

From: [Lochac Seneschal](#)

Sent: Thursday, 26 October 2017 1:32 PM

To: '[Bordescros SCA](#)'

Cc: deputyseneschal@lochac.sca.org; crown@lochac.sca.org

Subject: RE: Proposals for October meeting agenda items

Greetings, Cairistiona –

Ohhh, dear – if I missed that message from you, I wonder how many others have slipped through the cracks in the last fortnight? My profound apologies, I thought I was on top of things. In fact, I distinctly remember writing a reply to you, but I don't remember finishing it.... So I suspect Windows installed updates and rebooted on me without my noticing.

To Baron Lachlaln and Their Esteemed Majesties – the Shire of Bordescros has met the membership requirements for a barony for some time, and has a good track record for reporting and running regular events. I have discussed the prospect of baronial advancement with Mistress Cairistiona previously, and see no external objection. It becomes a question of whether or not the members living within the shire support the idea.

Anyway – Cairistiona, you're right that active non-members are traditionally allowed to participate in polls. In fact I know I've seen a system defined somewhere which amounts to a scaled system: current members in the area affected get top ranking, then non-members living within the region, then members from outside, then non-members from outside. For Bordescros, people outside your territory are not going to be an issue, but when you're polling inside a city like Brisbane or Melbourne it can be relevant.

This is one of those issues where the Crown and Seneschal will make the final decision, informed by the wishes of the populace – which effectively means it is a vote with some rubber built in, in case it becomes a line ball. The best attitude is to invite everyone to respond, including minor members. I would draw the line at minor non-members, because that basically amounts to letting parents who haven't even joined, but have six kids, stack the vote (I should find a more diplomatic way of saying that).

If you want someone outside the shire to act as returning officer, that's a good idea. How soon do you want to go to the membership? It's a job that I have passed on to a deputy in the past – we even have an existing mail address called baronialpoll@lochac.sca.org, which is normally used for polling re barons and baronesses, but can equally well be used for polling on the wish to advance to barony.

Since there is no chance of this being completed before I step down, we need to keep Lachlahn in the loop on it from here. If you run the poll after November Crown, I'll be deputy KS, and Lachlahn will have the option of delegating the poll returns onto me (or anyone else he finds). If you want to get this running any faster, I'll ask around to find you someone.

Yours in service,
Nico

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2. Arrow Mesh is needed for all fighters prior to Border War. Albury/Wodonga needs extra arrow mesh as we have so many newcomers, so the Marshall will purchase some Crimsafe for the group helms. For those in Wagga, Paul Willis has some rapier masks, that mesh can be used, but people will have to contact him directly to discuss a price.

Next meeting will be same place, same bat channel on 10 December, from 12:30 pm.

Meeting ended: 1: 40 pm