

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF BORDESCROS SCA

Held Sunday 10 March 2019 at 136 de Kerilleau Drive, Wodonga

Meeting opened at 12:44 pm

**Present:** Kim Palmer, Scott Murrowood, Scott Bulters, Tracey Sawyer, Jeff and Emmy Nicholson, Joy Walker

**Apologies:** Narelle Carnegie, Tamsin Walle, Toni McInerney and Dan Heysen

Minutes of 10 February 2019 (date required to be changed to February). Moved by Scott B, seconded Scott Murrowood – Carried.

**Business Arising:** None

### **Correspondence:**

In AWSFC has been asking about rent, and is related to approval of the rent. Kim moved that the rent of \$350 per quarter be paid, seconded by Scott B. Carried

Regarding the incipient shire to make sure that things are clear all round. Where it is unclear is where strife will happen, as the handbook does not cover everything. Helen has been very good with communication.

**Motions:** None

### **Reports:**

**Seneschal:** Kim

Border War was great, New Comers is the next Gathering. Strathcorbie has started back up again. Congratulations to Joy and Tracey on their respective appointments as Chronicler and Constable.

Correspondence regarding the role of deputies in Strathcorbie (SC). Our Marshal requested a report for this meeting, but it was unclear particularly with the armour failure. None was received. Scott B believed that they only need to report quarterly, but Kim pointed out the incident made it a reasonable request. Joy noted that different answers at Kingdom from different officers. Jeff noted that normally a new group is usually sponsored by a barony, and this has created some confusion, and it needs to be better explained that it is a kingdom officer requirement that they report to us, so they need to help out. Joy noted that this is a different scenario as they have been going for years.

Scott M feels that any officer can request a report of a deputy. Kim noted that the SC marshal had gone to the SC Reeve (Julie) but it should have come through Helen to Tamsin. There is a need to appoint a deputy for Helen, and cannot be the Reeve or part of the Reeve's household. Joy suggested that Festival might be an excellent time for a meeting.

Kamara has advised that they are in the process of wanting a bank account, but they can't do that without their name being registered. Clarification is being sought as to whether they can then just deal with their own funds while incipient, Jeff suggested that the BC Reeve should be on the account as an oversight. Their Reeve will need to be taken off our account when they do have their own.

Jeff noted that he wants to see them succeed, but not sure that they are aware of how much work is involved. While 'more play less admin' is great for newbies, we were also reminded of Abertwidr, which went the same track and ended up folding for lack of officer positions.

There has been correspondence with Obbi regarding Kim being on the bank account, but has heard nothing back. Jeff suggested following up now that the quarterly reporting has been completed.

Strathcorbie (incipient) Seneschal, nothing received as a report.

**Reeve Report: Narelle**

Waiting to hear back from Kingdom about event levies and GST. There are questions regarding Border War bond, it is to be rolled over or it is to come back to us. Tracey suggested that it would be better to keep in clean transactions.

Moved Scott B, seconded Kim that we pay the \$400 deposit for Border War XXII and provide details of our bank account so that we can be reimbursed the \$94.

It is to be followed up regarding Bianca's payment for Border War. Kim will find out the details of her bank accounts from her partner, and also return her table and pavilion etc. Discussion regarding other BW refunds that were due to overpayments. Narelle is still working on these figures. It was noted that the tables should come out of group funds and not out of Border War.

Reeve's report was moved Kim, seconded Emmy. Carried

**Marshal: Tamsin**

2 deputies – Scott M in BC and Brad M in SC. Scott M was in training with Dan Heysen and Scott Dinsmore, and both are now authorised. Brad M reported the issue with the thrust to the faceplate, causing the helm to fly off. Scott M reminded all fighters should regularly check all of their equipment for potential failures. No injuries were sustained, repaired and checked.

Jeff noted contact with Kingdom Rapier marshal, and wants to be Captain of the BC Rapier and there are others interested. More about getting practice, and wants to get things going. Suggested that if profit from BW it could go towards purchase of rapier equipment. Jeff flagging the matter and a full proposal to be forthcoming, and also indications of interest. Kim potentially to do a poll on Bordscros SCA to measure this. Jeff also looking at the group making gambesons etc. Joy noted that Brian has indicated he will be able to be back down again after Easter.

Scott B noted that he is looking at authorising Michelle Herbert as Target Archery Marshal, but waiting to see her run a bout. Jeff can also assist with this.

**Herald: Joy**

It has been busy in some areas, but not so much in book heraldry. Dan's stuff ready to be submitted. Thank you to Jeff for looking after all the Heraldry at Border War as there was quite a lot of it.

Joy noted that she will ask Helen if there is anything I can do to assist with their heraldry.

Scott B advised that Grainne is keen to become a voice herald, and to start her with meeting heraldry. Joy noted this is a good idea, and perhaps looking at having a group of junior heralds to encourage more for the future.

Joy is hoping Macers will start using the form that she prepared, because she believes a lot of people are overlooking what they are doing. The Persuivant test is something to be encouraged. Jeff noted it is similar to recognition of prior learning.

**Arts & Sciences: Scott B**

A&S going strong, and BW is where the concentration has been recently. Sir Jon and Lady Astrid both entered and one their levels for fishing, Grainne and Scott B put in an entry relating to Scotland and won. Very few entries this year. Her Majesty one the Mouth of the South, and Gwynfor Lewd would be horrified if he knew how it was being judged rather than by simple acclamation by the crowd.

There were a good number of classes across rapier, wire weaving, medieval English, Persian costume. Thank you to Kim for running this.

Grainne has entered A&S a number of times and is now in 5<sup>th</sup> position. We need to do something for the youth in A&S. Not fair for her to be called youth champion when we did not advertise it as a competition, but recognition would be good. Carried. It needs to be easier on documentation, Jeff suggested age bands. Tracey suggested talking to the A&S and Youth Officer to see if there is something that we can use, target archery also. Kim noted we need to have someone step up as a Youth Officer with a WWCC. Emmy suggested that Erin may be interested in doing this due to her current training.

Scott B moved that we have a Youth Competition for next year starting in May, seconded by Emmy. Carried.

Scott B moved that we recognise Grainne's efforts in AS52, seconded by Kim. Carried

Emmy raised spinning as an endeavour as so many have them. Joy suggested that we could do both fencing and spinning by inviting Tariq and Julianna down, and cover off with rapier as well. It was noted that it was difficult for people who want to do that. Emmy is to look at organising this, over 2 days, and it won't be before Festival.

**Constable: Tracey Sawyer**

Tracey indicated she is new to the role. Kim noted that although Andrew is no longer a member he is able to help with background to the role. 75 adults and 18 minors at Border War, most were members. A cream adult male tunic, and a flower sheet were the only lost property, to be stored at the hall. Owners were impressed with our behaviour and OH&S. Telstra coverage was okay, but other providers were not good on site. Issues with some people thinking they had paid and not having done so. 3 injuries, 1 brown snake seen and near incidents with wasps.

**Hospitaller: Kim**

Will look at taking Debbie off as Chatelaine if she is not interested, now that Tamsin has taken on Marshal. Kim is to call for interest in taking on that role. Need to go through and sort the storage room, especially the garb boxes. Scott M suggested getting rid of a lot of stuff. Kim would like to organise some garb making A&S, such as tabards and side-less surcoats. Joy suggested putting the others out for people who want them, or offer them to SC. Jeff suggested seeing what can be repurposed.

Scott B raised the need to do a stocktake at some point, as it is overdue. It is part of the overview of the Reeve.

**Chirurgion: Kim**

Nothing other than bruises, plus the injuries at Border War. Cut finger, broken nose and bruised shoulder. Near misses involving people nearly drinking wasps. Need to look at how to address this for next year.

**Lists: Kim**

Joy looked after lists at Border War and provided the report.

SC need to provide a report on lists, especially in the light of ending up this year's championships.

Scott B will do lists until such time as a new officer is found

Scott M queried whether we are still going to include SC as part of our championship. Joy noted that at the moment they are still part of us, but they are to be asked as to whether SC want to be part of our championships.

**Web: Kim**

Will be looking for someone to do this. Kim has done some minor updates, and there is a lot of cleaning up and modernising of the site to be done. Putting information out on our FB page

**Chronicler: Joy**

Nothing to report as yet, but have some articles to go in it already. Tracey asked about doing our newsletter and Cockatrice, and it was felt an abridged version would be good locally for cross-fertilisation. Kim happy for me to contact Helen regarding SC inclusions.

**Event Reports:**

**Border War XXI: Scott B**

Good numbers to the debrief, very good points were raised for going forward. Kim took notes and will type up. It went well and reports are still coming in. Hope to have full report and financial report done by next meeting. We need to do refunds to those who overpaid.

Rudds - \$80

Rae Connor - \$60

Jeff - \$55

Narelle Carnegie - \$20

Already covered in BW budget that was already paid.

Shirley Brownlow – asked for her deposit to be a donation.

Late cancellations on the Thursday for the Souths, and it was agreed to reinforce the non-refundable deposit, which was paid. We need to be consistent. Vicki didn't come because of car troubles, told us further out – discussion. Fern Bartels and Thomas Callum to be asked to pay \$40. Chris Hearn not his fault due to our mistake. Lorcan paid \$110 should have been \$120, but he does a lot of work at every Border War teaching, Michael Hill he was in Rowany had car trouble, but obviously no-one was able to bring him down. We ask them to pay \$40. We are only charging people who did not let us know before the food being ordered. This was agreed, as it was on the website, and people should be asked nicely. Next year people not to be considered booked until deposit

Scott B moved that these steps be taken to wind up Border War, seconded by Jeff. Carried

**General Business:**

Scott M suggested that we buy a 'square' for EFTpos for the group, which will help every month as well as with events. Scott B

Moved by Scott M, seconded by Emmy. Carried.

Joy raised that we have a book of our local policies, so that areas such as deposits are covered, before leaving.

Moved by Scott M, that we get a quote to buy a bow poundage/draw measure. Quotes to be obtained for the next meeting.

Jeff, conversation on the subject of our visibility. Meeting at the Fishing Club which is not visible. The possibility of doing things in a more visible profile, and this needs to be followed up. We have also been looking for new venues for over 12 months, but without success. Retro Café is free for community groups, can do A&S there perhaps.

Next meeting: Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, but discussion as to whether if it stays on the Sunday, or have the meeting around lunchtime on the Saturday at Kim and Scott M, then stay there for catch up. Next month we try Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April from lunchtime and then a BBQ to follow.

Meeting closed at 2.06 p.m.