

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF BORDESCROS (CURIA)

Held 16 November 2016 at 7 Heyington Place, Wodonga and via Skype

Meeting opened at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Cairistiona, Lowry, Gunther and James

Apologies: Thomasina, Robert, Mathilde, Isabel

Correspondence in:

1. Email from Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club acknowledging our email regarding lease.
2. Medieval Fight Club advising no Saxon tents available at this time.

Correspondence out:

1. Emails to Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club regarding lease.
2. Apex regarding Wagga Hall lease

September Minutes: *Minor changes made regarding Reeve's report. Moved Gunther, seconded Lowry - carried*

October Minutes: *Moved Lowry, seconded Gunther – carried.*

REPORTS:

Seneschal: Joy Walker/Cairistiona inghean Ragnail

Numbers appear to be improving in both Wagga and Albury following last month's demos at Fusion and Border Dimensions respectively.

An alternative to Skype needs to be found, because there seem to be technical difficulties no matter where it is based.

Suggested that we change the name of these meetings to 'Curia' which is a term used after 1066 for the administration/advisers to the King. Would really like to have members participating more, as officers do not have a monopoly on good ideas and suggestions.

Name change for the 'monthly bash' in each location 'Gatherings' as it is a shorter title. A Seneschal's 'Court' to be held so our newbies can become familiar with court etiquette etc. This used to work well, and adds a touch of theatre. Ideas for a name for the 'court' to be sought.

Shire Champion be chosen by the cumulative scores of the heavy and rapier tournaments, and target archery comps held in Loch Corbie and Central in December, to be announced at the Christmas Gathering in Albury on 17 December. This will hopefully encourage more travel between the two events. Winner of the combined events be the Shire Champion, and that the highest scoring 'local' in each be included on the Shire Guard. Again, more theatre and something to aspire too.

Acknowledged the last champions from recent years were Magnus (heavy) and James (rapier) but starting again due to the passage of time.

It was moved by Cairistiona, seconded by James that:

The Shire champions be chosen by cumulative scores in Heavy, Rapier and Archery to be fought on an annual basis, in a Round Robin format. The highest scoring combatants in each area to form Shire Guard. Carried.

Deputy Seneshal Loch Corbie: Paul Willis/James Douglas

No Tuesday training coming week, but 4-5 attending each week . An existing SCA member is transferring to Wagga, but not sure who that is at present, but already authorised. The Tennis Club hall is working very well as a venue/base with the next Gathering on 3 December 2016. The cost for gatherings is to be \$5.00 for members, and for trainings \$4.00 with additional \$5.00 for non-members for each event.

It was moved by James, seconded by Tracey:

Approach to OZIBOD with proposed lease for the Wagga venue approved in principle so that it can be actioned without loss of time when received and checked by Curia.

Carried.

James is to do the regular event notices for the activities in Loch Corbie.

Reeve: Scott Bulters/Gunther Boese

Opening balance \$6,297.52 Income \$110.64

Closing balance \$5,940.52 Expenses \$350.00 Albury hall, Insurance \$100.00, Levy \$25.00 GST 7.36

Marshall: Scott Murrowood/Robert 'Rab' Campbell

Thank you to James for his past work. Last month busy with the two demos. Fighter training in Wodonga has not happened but resume in November with a change of date to be decided. Two new trainees in Albury from demo. Wagga training going well with better weather hopefully going to lead to more starters.

William Fitz Symon and Daryl South have both been authorised for heavy. James advised he has been delegated authority to authorise Daryl for rapier also.

Group Marshals are: James, Sir Thomas, Isobel, William

Cairistiona raised the question of Junior Rapier for 10-13 year olds, and James is going to check on this as to the requirements.

Herald: Tracey Sawyer/Lowry verch Gwynwynyn ap Llewellyn

Lots of activity and has enquired with the Rocket Herald regarding the use of the online submissions and its requirements. Gunther provided advice regarding 1 colour plus 1 black and white. Currently working on submissions for 6 adults and 1 youth.

Arts & Sciences: Vacant

Most of the recent Albury A&S was spent on inducting newbies including research on garb, heraldry as well as kites and puppets ahead of Border War.

Constable: Vacant

Some sign-in sheets yet to be scanned and uploaded.

Lists: Scott Bulters/Gunther Boese

No tournaments have been fought recently, as only training conducted due to low numbers of authorised fighters.

Gunther requested that when tournaments are fought, the results should be uploaded to the Dropbox so that he can prepare his reports.

Webminister: Kimberley Beattie/Isabel de Beaumont de Belasis

No issues or concerns. Kept site updated with reeve reports and meeting minutes. With 2017 Border War Steward (Tracey Sawyer aka Lady Lowry) ensured website was up-to-date with information for 2017 Border War. A direct link has now been added for BW.

Hospitaller: Vacant

Joy advised that the coverage of the two demos had been positive. Cairistiona is to publicise the Albury Christmas event. (After online consultation with populace, it was decided to go with a 'Crusader Christmas in the Holy Land' theme due to the anticipated hot weather.)

EVENTS:

Border War: Steward Lowry verch Gwynwyn

5 bookings to date, including Lowry and Cairistiona. Details to be widely circulated to all other mainland groups in the Kingdom.

Working with Marshals regarding scenarios, and also doing "Mongolian/Saracen Archery" so looking for saw horses or vaulting horses that can be used.

A&S collegia coming along and going to include kites and puppets as these were also brought back to Italy from China at this time.

It was moved Cairistiona, seconded Scott

That a half price discount be offered to Master Owain in recognition of the amount of time and effort that he puts in each year to the teaching of rapier and running of rapier activities.

Carried

General Business:

Shire meeting times to revert to 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon, to be based at Tracey's home til further notice. Platform to be decided, but default to Skype.

Next Meeting: Sunday, 11 December 2016 at 12 noon at Traceys and remotely.

Meeting ended at 8.42 p.m.

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Tracey Sawyer/Lowry ferch Gwynwynwyn ap Llewelyn – Minute Taker

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Joy Walker/Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill - Chair

Date: 04 December 2016