

Minutes of Shire of Bordescros SCA

Sunday 9 April 2017 at Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club (AWSFC), Lockheed PI, ALBURY

TIME started: 3 pm

1. **Present:** Joy Walker (Cairistiona inghean Ragnail) [CHAIR], Tracey Sawyer (Lowry ferch Gwynwyn) [MINUTE-TAKER], Scott Murrowood (Robert Campbell), Kim Palmer (Kolgrimr Hrafnisdottir), Debbie Saunders (Eleanor Gardener).

Apologies: Scott Bulters (Gunther Boese), Tamsin Walle (Thomasina Coke), Kimberley Beattie (Isabel de Beaumont), Paul Willis (James Douglas).

2. **Correspondence in:**

Email from AWSFC re: the cost of re-painting the storeroom floor. They are seeking to recover the whole cost from Shire of Bordescros.

- (a) Despite frequent requests since last August for a copy of the current lease, none has been forthcoming, so our contributions to repairs has not been stated or agreed, to our knowledge.
- (b) We believe it is unreasonable to expect us to pay for the whole of the painting job when we are only one of the four groups that use the hall and access that area to use the facilities.
- (c) The Seneschal is to contact the AWSFC committee advising them of our discussion.

3. **Correspondence out:**

- (a) Seneschal sent an email to AWSFC on receipt of the payment request saying we were surprised to receive it as not lease has been forthcoming. There has been no reply as yet.
- (b) Email to Albury City Council confirming meeting with Narelle Vogel regarding available venues – see Other Business for further information.

4. Acceptance of previous minutes:

<p>MOTION: That minutes for the March meeting, posted to Dropbox, be accepted as correct MOVED: Tracey Sawyer SECOND: Scott Murrowood CARRIED.</p>	<p>MOTION: That minutes for the February meeting posted to Dropbox, be accepted as correct MOVED: Scott Murrowood SECOND: Joy Walker CARRIED.</p>
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Minutes from October 2016 have been found and will be added to Dropbox a.s.a.p.

5. Business Arising from previous minutes - none not covered under following reports.

6. Officer Reports:

- a. **Seneschal – Joy Walker/Cairistiona inghean Ragnail**

- There will be a small representation from both ends of the Shire at Festival. We hope all who attend have a wonderful time, and that next year we will have a larger contingent attending.
- Welcome to the new officers: Kolgrimr Hrafnisdottir is the new A&S officer; and Eleanor Gardener is the new Chatelaine.
- We need a deputy for the Web minister and this has been advertised on Facebook and Borderlist, along with the Chirurgion and Constable positions.
- At the March Albury Gathering it was decided there would not be an April Gathering as it falls over Easter and the majority of regulars will be away.

- Tracey will Steward the May Gathering in the Seneschal's absence. All members are encouraged to volunteer to organise one of the monthly gatherings as an easy way to get experience running an event.

- Expressions of interest for stewarding Border War XX are due at the end of April with the motion from last meeting being altered to:

MOTION: That expressions of interest to steward Border War XX are now and close on 30th April. Discussions will be had with those who express interest prior to the choice being made at the May Shire meeting. The aim is to have plans, program and costings finalised by July, website updated by August, and bookings to open in October.

MOVED: Joy Walker

SECOND: Tracey Sawyer

CARRIED

- Seneschal has followed up missing memberships with the Registrar: Vicki's has been updated, the Carnegies were put in Stormhold (they will be amended to BC) and Andrew's is late being done but on the way. We now have 26 adults and 7 minors in the Shire.

b. Deputy Seneschal – Loch Alba Report – Paul Willis/James Douglas

- Regular training is going ahead on Tuesday evenings at an earlier hour due to the shorter winter days, with 5 or 6 attending.

- 4 people only attended the Gathering (there was no-one from Albury)

- Grant: Deposit has been paid on a 5 x 3 x 2m saxon Geteld with awning front from a tentmaker who is well known among the blackpowder guys. Will cost \$850 plus postage or pickup. Will then have to build posts to suit. Once the tent and posts are purchased, I will complete the grant process with Wagga City. As we have not finalised this, we can not apply for a grant from Wagga this year.

- Demo for Apex: 3 of us participated in a demo of heavy combat for the Apex club who we rent the facilities off. They seemed to enjoy this.

c. Reeve – Scott Bulters/Gunther Boese

The report is up on Dropbox.

- The Balance at the Bank at 31st March is \$8,358.02

GST (tba by OZIBoD), event insurance \$265.00 and Kingdom levy \$161.00 still to be paid for the past quarter.

- Border War XIX made a profit of \$2,281.51, which with the opening balance of \$1,500.00 gives a total balance of \$3,781.51

MOTION: That the profit from Border War be put into the general account, taking the Border War account back to \$1,500.00 for Border War XX starter fund.

Moved: Joy Walker

Second: Debbie Sanders

CARRIED

d. Marshal – Scott Murrowood/Robert Campbell

- No changes to numbers since the March report.

- Training has been off since Border War but will be back on soon. Date and place to be advertised.

- Border War report still to be done.

e. Herald – Tracey Sawyer/Lowry ferch Gwynwynwyn

- Herald finally has a new colour printer/scanner, as soon as it is connected the paperwork on hold will be scanned and sent to Kingdom submissions officer for: Eleanor N/D, Robert N/D, and anyone else who gets their paperwork in.

- Discussions held in the past with Ardwen, Wulfric, Helga (temp name), Grissell, Aelthwyn, Thomas... herald can go no further without paperwork from the clients.

f. Arts & Sciences – Kim Palmer/Kolgrimr Hrafnisdottir

- Deputy/mentor is Tamsin Walle-Semmler
- Organising collegia in things such as: njalbinding, shieldmaking. Welcomes suggestions. (Other suggestions at meeting: banner making, brewing, Commedia dell'Arte, leatherwork).
- Seneschal suggested an A&S Collegia weekend, in spring. Discussion: only needs to be a one day event, does not have to be a full camping event; another idea is to hold it on a long weekend with two days for travel and a full day of activity in the middle – two PH in spring (NSW first weekend in October, VIC last weekend September). Could coincide with idea of Quarter Day event- Quarterly A&S comp set previously and Joy is to provide these details to Kim. A competition has opened for badge for Border War and another for Bordscros' fighting unit 'The Crossing' that can be used for heraldic banners, tabards, gear, etcetera. It would be good if heraldic rules could be followed, but the heralds can adjust it to fit the rules, if necessary.

g. Lists – Scott Bulters/Gunther Boese

- There have been no tournaments this month to report on.

h. Constable - Vacant

- There was an error in the last minutes as the application for constable has not been put in yet. Application may come soon, but the position is still open.

i. Webminister – Kimberley Beattie/Isabel de Beaumont – not present

- Reported that nothing has been done for the past month due to mundane commitments.
- Request for a deputy who can step in and assist in catch up of updates required. Deputy needs: good IT skills and access.

j. Chatelaine – Debbie Sanders/Eleanor Gardener

- Willing to do the reporting side of the role as well as care for all the equipment.
- Would like a deputy to assist with the Hospitaller side of the role, newcomers etcetera.
- Has already been through one box of clothing creating an on-line register of all clothing items available.

k. Chirurgion – vacant

- Anastasia Jubba/Isolda Deye has indicated interest in the position, but has not yet applied, nothing to report.

7. Events:

a. Border War:

1. Expressions of interest as moved in Seneschal's report.
Timetable per discussion:
 - i. EOI to close 30 April 2017, followed by discussions with those interested
 - ii. Decision made 14 May
 - iii. Detailed costings by 1 July
 - iv. Website updated with all information 1 August
 - v. Bookings open 1 October, with cut offs of 1 December, 31 January, 15 February
2. Profit as reported in Reeve's report.
3. When the last report comes in, the Event report will be sent to Dropbox.

4. Tracey and Joy will liaise on updating the Event Handbook over the next couple of weeks, so it is ready for the incoming Steward. The handbook sets out a timeline of what needs to be handled and when, so is like a template for running this event.
5. Suggested that theme only needs to be 20th anniversary, does not need to have an historical theme.
6. Scott M suggested a means of promoting Border War XX, might be to offer a free ticket as a prize for the winner in some of the events held around the local areas. The ticket is for attendance at the event, which includes camping (dorm accommodation not included). Suggestions FAT & RAT at Rowany Festival, William Marshall, La Prova Dura, perhaps College War and a Polit event.
Benefits: gets Border War mentioned; if the person does not use it, there is no cost to the Shire, if they do use it we can factor it in, as we have always done for stewarding team and royalty. Cost would come under Advertising & Promotion for the event, and should be included in the budget. It is an affordable promotion, especially as the winners may bring households or other group members with them.

MOTION: That six vouchers for attendance at Border War XX be made up to be given as prizes at events in nearby Baronies as discussed.

Moved: Scott Murrowood

Second: Joy Walker

CARRIED

b. New Events:

1. Joy feels that there should be new event/s added to the calendar. The suggestion of an A&S event is welcomed, perhaps a mini-'University' similar to Polit's, similar to the Collegia weekend we used to do one on the June long weekend. Spring has been suggested, there are two long weekends as discussed in A&S section, however, it does not have to be a long weekend.
The last weekend in September is a long weekend in Victoria (AFL). It is Friday to Sunday, which means wayfarers could drive up on the Friday attend the event Saturday and drive home Sunday. There is plenty of accommodation in Albury-Wodonga. Suggestion that if we do use this weekend, we have a 'mundane' area with a TV for die-hard AFL aficionados.
2. Kingdom has no bids for 12th night, but it is too close to Border War for us to consider running it. Discussion of potential for 'picnic' event as a very last resort.

8. Other Business:

- a. **New Venue for large events:** Shelley Camp. Scott has a phone number and will contact the camp regarding when we can come up and check it out, get an idea of facilities available.
- b. From last minutes, suggestion mooted that we **combine gatherings**, to draw group closer together. Discussed that may be counter-productive and mean people play less, rather than together. Suggestion is that we have monthly meetings but have **QUARTER DAYS** once every three months with activities that are interesting enough so that folk will travel from Wagga to Albury and Albury to Wagga. No decision made as no-one from Wagga present in meeting and consultation is required.
- c. It was agreed that more **wayfaring** needs to happen, not just within the Shire, but to neighbouring Baronies. Discussed the possibility of using some of our funds to make that possible.

MOTION: That wayfarers who's cars are used to carpool to official events outside Bordescros may request a contribution toward fuel for the journey if some conditions are met: a full car, not an individual or an individual family group; that approval is sought and given at the meeting prior to the event; that it is an official kingdom or baronial event; Rowany Festival is excluded.

This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

d. **New Hall for Albury/Wodonga**

Due to issues around the lease we have been looking for a new venue

* Wodonga Cricket Club – no go

* Whitebox Rise Scout Hall – hall is twice as large as present venue, would need a container or storage as none available. Would need to visit and discuss prices, as only pricing known is for one-off events at \$150 per occasion. (May be a good idea for A&S weekend), although not really suitable for monthly Gatherings.

* Wodonga Band Club – Tracey spoke to one of the Band Members, the Wodonga council is demolishing the building and is being pressured by three groups to provide a new purpose built meeting house for local clubs. Tracey presented a list of the items we require and some we would like if possible, to be added to the presentation to WCC.

* Albury City Council – Joy met with Narelle Vogel at ACC to discuss available venues. Ms Vogel said expressions of interest are being sought for a hall at Moresby Park, which is tucked in behind houses, next to MP Pre-school. There appears to be a large carpark and a children's playground. A visit will be arranged to check it out. ACC was presented (by email) with a list of our needs and wants:

Kitchen, commercial preferred

Internal space for 30+ people

Lock up storage

External space for outdoor activities, including archery

Ample car parking

Ability to advertise events and our presence

Able to have BYO alcohol at feasts

Exclusive use is desirable

Next meeting: 2nd Sunday of the month is Mother's Day, so meeting to be held on the Saturday: SATURDAY 13th May at 1:30 pm; VENUE: Rob Campbell's home in Wodonga or via Skype. Contact Yokel for address and directions on 0407 674 470 or yolkesm@yahoo.com.au

Meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Tracey Sawyer/Lowry ferch Gwynwynyn ap Llewelyn – Minute Taker

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Joy Walker/Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill – Chair