

Bordescros Business Meeting 14th July 2014

MEETING COMMENCED-

7.05pm

VENUE-

544 Thurgoona Street, Albury NSW.

PRESENT-

Tamsin Walle, Tracey Sawyer, John Drewe, **Paul Willis and Julie Willis (per video skype hook-up)**.

APOLOGIES:

Rhonda Drewe, Phil ?, Brianna Hallett, Joy Walker, Scott Bulters.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Cheque from Wagga Demo
- b. Bank statement.

PREVIOUS MINUTES-

Tabled and read by Tamsin Walle

BUSINESS ARISING-

- a. Changeover of bank from building society to Westpac in line with OziBoD and Exchequer.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Arts and Sciences-

All is going well. No collegias or competitions have been organised as members seem to prefer working on their own projects. The once a month Sundays will now just be for A&S and training. Loch Alba trialled a T tunic workshop and was attended by two people.

Marshal-

Due to kingdom marshal upheaval we need to wait and possibly have Paul Willis and John Drewe to resubmit paperwork. We will endeavour to have two senior marshals for our shire. Wagga section has 1 member almost authorised and 2 interested. Kimberly Beattie to become a marshal. Need to see about re authorising William Fitzsimons. Tamsin Walle to commence reporting to archery marshal as a means to become group's future archery marshal.

Chronicler-

All going well

Herald-

Nothing to report

Constable-

Nothing to report

Seneschal-

Outgoing Seneschal report - As of today, Thomasina is now the new Seneschal and we have two weeks where members are able to comment, they need to send their emails to myself and the kingdom seneschal. Congratulations Thomasina and thank you to everyone for all their support and help over the past 2 years.

Incoming Seneschal - I hope that I can assist the group's potential growth and help existing members rekindle their enjoyment of the game we play. Dealing with the general running of our group.

Reeve/Treasurer-

A \$200.00 cheque received from Kapooka Sergeants Mess Demo.

A \$50.00 float in small change ie \$10.00 notes and smaller, to be set up in cash tin

Tamsin to collect Reeves paperwork from Nikki Wilson and pass on to Julie Willis asap.

A decision has been made to change our bank account to Westpac to be in line with the rest of Lochac banking with Westpac as the Society of Creative Anachronism, SCA Ltd.

Moved by Paul Willis and Seconded by John Drewe. (All attending members in favour).

Signatories to be Julie Willis, Tracey Sawyer, Kimberley Beattie and Tamsin Walle.

Need to check about additional OZIBOD signatory too.

Check to be paid for hall rent to be given by Tracey Sawyer with Tamsin's contact details.

Loch Alba Report

After some discussion at Festival, it was decided we in Wagga would get together and do a few more things to raise the SCA's profile in the north. This included a newcomer's bash, which was held on Saturday, 14/06/14, and signalled our return to Lake Albert Hall. The afternoon took the form of a tournament and feast.

Attendance: About 30 members of the populace attended to view the tournament, about 17 people (mainly Aefic von Niemdorf's family) stayed for dinner. Gunter and Crimthan travelled up from Albury and thickened out the lists on the day.

Combat: Marshal: James Douglas

Marshal in training: Isobel du Beaumont of Belasis
Gunter Boese

Combatants (Heavy): James, Isobel, Gunter, Crimthan, Aefic.

(Rapier): James, Isobel (training bouts conducted with Aefic and Bruce James).

Lists were not kept, and after a heavy round robin, the style reverted to a king of the hill. Crimthan and James accounted well in this. With Rapier, due to 2 trainees being in the lists, it was counted as training bouts. Bruce made a proper account of himself (beware!)

The Hall: After the group decided to recommence public meetings, a venue had to be sourced. To this end, I have commenced negotiations with several groups to access their facilities. Wagga Car Club had decided to up the fees to \$100. Per rental. Wagga City had decided they should charge a commercial rate when I mentioned we would eat together (\$170 rental fee and \$355. Bond!) Scouts were approached about a disused hall in Lake Albert, and negotiations are continuing about this. Wagga City was eventually convinced to provide Lake Albert hall for the community group rate of \$31.00. At this time, it has been decided to continue using this hall for our local get togethers, and these will continue on a bi monthly basis, with the next bash & feast to be held in August (date to be confirmed). One of the council conditions was "No fee is charged to anyone participating in your event". They did, however, allow us to receive donations, resulting in \$55.00 being given to the group to cover hall hire. The balance of this will be used for the next hall hire. Negotiations will continue with Council about use of this facility and gaining greater freedoms from Council as we prove ourselves as good community citizens. Concessions being aimed for are: Being able to charge a properly costed fee for participation,

Consumption of alcohol during feast.

Potential Growth:

From the event, we had some very good contacts. One person who had played in Toowoomba 20 years ago, and holds a Silver Rondell has returned and thoroughly enjoyed herself, and bought a friend. Aefic's family showed enthusiasm, as did 3 other young people who attended. From here,

now some introductions have been made, we will conduct a basic fighter training and basic garb manufacture back at our place. These will happen prior to the August Bash & Feast.

Group Name:

Since I have commenced playing SCA, we have been known as "Loch Alba". This name has been discussed with a high placed Herald, and considered unsuitable due to Alba being one of the classical names of Scotland. Consultation with the citizens resulted in a direction of the name being something related to the mundane name, an indigenous term for place of many crows. So far the following names have been suggested:

Loch Alba

Moran preachain (irish gaelic) many crows

ait ina bhfuil moran preachain (irish) place of many crows

Loch Corbie (scots gaelic) Corbie meaning crow

Magnus Corbie (Latin) many crows.

In a quick vox pop on the night, Loch Corbie was considered popular, however, this will need to be formalised, once these names have been circulated and commented on, then further consultation with a Herald.

Annual Grants Program:

It was decided to again participate in the Wagga City Council Annual Grants Program, and this was discussed at some length with the AussieBOD, who decided to call for a volunteer to be the SCA Grants Coordinator, and Wagga to be a test case for Grant writing. An application was submitted to the Grants Coordinator, who maintained regular phone and email contact, and provided a conduit to the BOD. The application was completed and submitted to the Council with time to spare, and we will find out in early August 2014 if we have been successful. The funding is a cultural grant for \$1400 to purchase 2x Heavy Helms, 2x Arming swords suitable for C&T combat, and silk, silk paints for making banners. A further grant application may be made to Eastern Riverina Arts to fund a silk artist to come and teach silk banner painting if we are successful in getting the grant.

Fundraising:

I was approached at the Welcome to Wagga Demo in February by the head of the Kapooka Sergeants Mess to assist with their annual medieval night. This event is on in a couple of weeks, and we will conduct a demonstration of heavy and rapier combat. The mess will make a donation to our group for this.

Banking:

As there is no WAW Credit Union in Wagga, we will have difficulty in banking any monies raised due to the distance to the nearest branch from Wagga. We are considering approaching Exchequer to request opening an SCA Westpac account to be able to bank any monies raised.

Officer positions:

Julie Willis (Mathilde de Lilburne) has offered to fill the position of group Reeve for Bordescros. Julie is a Senior Accountant and is Chartered, holding a degree in Accountancy and Economics, with over 25 years experience in accounting. She has been a member of the SCA for about 7 years.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Inventory. We need to do a stocktake/inventory of our assets as part of the policy in the reeve's role. We will work on getting this done ASAP. Also the idea of branding/tagging our property was put forward.

- a. John Drewe got the spit back in poor condition. An idea of a rental fee to members to use group items was proposed. This will be discussed further at next meeting.
- b. Trailer. It needs to get registered and approved by the OZIBOD. Tamsin, Julie and John to liaise to amend this issue.
- c. Border War 2015. Tracey Sawyer to steward. Advertising to go out soon. Venue hire for the event looks to be staying the same price for next year.
- d. Paul Willis to set up a display at the Wagga library one month before Border war 2015 in a glass cabinet.

Meeting ended-
8.05pm