

The Barony of Shadowed Stars

Business Meeting Minutes

MONTH: November 2015

DATE: 11/23/2015

LOCATION: IPFW, Science Building, Room 176

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 11/23/2015					
	Mundane Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Title (if applicable)	Current Shadowed Stars Officer?	If so, position held:
1.	Mary Wiard	Broinninn ingen Magnusa	Lady	yes	Chronicler
2.	Jason Wiard	Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson	Captain	yes	Deputy Seneschal
3.	Nathan Frye	Gavin Hawkerton	Lord	yes	IPFW Liaison
4.	Daniel Hernandez	Alfairin Fani	Forrester	yes	Archery Marshal
5.	Barbara Hernandez	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	THL	yes	Seneschal
6.	Teresa S. Schneiter	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
7.	Wendy Martin-Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	yes	Baroness
8.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia Del Giudice		no	
9.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baroness	yes	Baron
10.	Mandi Brindle	Gwerith verch Albrecht	Lady	yes	MOAS
11.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid Al-Sanna	Lord	no	
12.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	no	
13.	Carrie Beth Youse	Muirenn ingen Faelchon		no	
14.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
15.	Jean Kerns	Kunigunda Ottilia		no	
16.	Patricia Totten	Gwenyth da Lucus	Lady	no	
17.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	THL	yes	Chatelaine/Equestrian
18.	David Jones	Velas too Patmos		no	
19.	Dennis Oliver	Gwydion Gwrando		no	
20.	Stephanie Henry	Arionna of Shadowed Stars	Lady	yes	Deputy WebMinister

SENESCHAL BUSINESS:

- Both the Exchequer and the Herald are not in attendance for this meeting. Due to these absences, we can discuss things, we can do an Emergency Vote if we need any type of expenditures approved since the Seneschal, Baron, and Baroness are in attendance. Seneschal does not have the checkbook so she will have to make a note for the amount and what it is for and get the check written later.
- Many thanks to Kiersten who came by to offer used garb for purchase to meeting attendees.
- Since Caterina was not in attendance, Solveig did the review of both Checking and Savings Balances.
- Exchequer Report was in on time.
- P.O. Box has been obtained. It comes with two keys. One is being kept by the Seneschal and one is being kept by the Exchequer. Copies of these keys is not allowed. The box is at the downtown location of the Post Office which is open 5am-midnight every day. There is no restriction on who can get the mail. The key can be given to whoever is going to get it. It would just need to be returned to either the

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Seneschal or Exchequer. We will have to order checks, but we will probably have to wait until January since we don't have a meeting until then.

- Shadowed Stars had four entries in Her Majesty's A&S "Green" Challenge at RUM. The next A&S Challenge will be at Kingdom Twelfth Night at Tree-Gift-Sea on January 16th, 2016. You must be present to win. The theme will be "Heart".

BARON & BARONESS REPORT:

Maggie and Fergus

- Zilia came to Maggie with an idea for Gold Key. The concern is that there is not a lot of stuff to choose from and that what is there is old and some of it is not in the best of shape. Also there was concern that there are not enough sizes to choose from. Zilia's idea is if everyone in the Barony could either pitch in \$10-\$15 to buy yards of cotton-ish (not linen) fabric or go buy the 3-4 yards of fabric themselves and donate it to the Barony and then if we could get some people to donate their time to make plain t-tunics for both women and men it would help to expand the selection and the quality. Maggie said that she was also thinking that if everyone made something or donated enough fabric to clothe someone their size then it would give new people a variety of sizes in Gold Key to choose from. Solveig said that it was noted that the embroidery of the Shadowed Stars emblem on each piece of garb (that was added to encourage return of the items) was no longer needed since we have a new way of loaning out Gold Key items that insures return. It was mentioned that JoAnn Fabrics has a big sale this weekend and that they will also match Hancock Fabrics coupons. Solveig mentioned that everyone needs to make sure to get the JoAnn's card that gives you 10% off of everything all the time. Geneva said that we could set up nights specifically for sewing for Gold Key and she is willing to offer her house for the space.
- Their Royal Majesties (TRM) Nikolai and Serena said to tell us all 'thank you' for our hospitality, they felt very welcome, they received gifts from several people in the group and they were very, very grateful.
- TRM are bringing back an old tradition for Coronation. The outgoing Royalty serves feast to the new, incoming Royalty. They have requested to be the servers for Head Table.
- Maggie did a loose count at Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) this past weekend and she estimates that Shadowed Stars had between 20 and 25 people in attendance. Fergus stated that we had a couple teachers that were offering classes at RUM as well. Maggie thanked everyone for coming out and supporting such a close group at a great event. Solveig stated that she did buy the CD with all the class notes if anyone is interested.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Exchequer – Caterina:

- Not in attendance.
- Info given in Seneschal Business.

Herald – Ruzhko:


- Not in attendance.

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- Maggie filled in for him with information.
- We had 3 awards given out at Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) this past weekend. Rashid received a Cavendish Knot. Alfairin was made part of the Greenwood Company. Solveig received a Dragon's Heart.
- Here are the descriptions of the awards from the Middle Kingdom website located at www.midrealm.org/heraldry/awards.php:

Order of the Cavendish Knot	
OP Abbreviation	OCK
Letters	C.C.K
Title	Lord/Lady
Form of Address	Companions of the Order of the Cavendish Knot
Precedence	440
Reason Given	Given to those who show proficiency on the field of rapier combat or exemplary service in furthering rapier fighting. Members may wear the order's badge: Four Cavendish knots conjoined in cross, vert. Conveys an Award of Arms.
Law	Midrealm Law XVII-1000
Blazon	(Fieldless) Four Cavendish knots conjoined in cross vert
Principal	Seven individuals were entered into this order on - May 8, 1993
Notes	

The badge of the Order of the Cavendish Knot is a green cross-shaped emblem. It consists of four interlocking knot-like shapes, one in each quadrant, joined at their centers to form a cross. The knots are stylized and symmetrical.

Order of the Greenwood Company	
OP Abbreviation	OGC
Letters	C.G.C
Title	The Honourable Lord/
Form of Address	His Lordship/Her Ladyship or Companions of the Order of the
Precedence	540
Reason Given	Given for service, skill and leadership in Archery. Conveys a Grant of Arms.
Law	Midrealm Law XVII-1400
Blazon	(Fieldless) Upon a hurst of pine trees vert, a pheon inverted Or
Principal	Eight individuals were named to this order on - Feb 3, 1996
Notes	

The badge of the Order of the Greenwood Company features three green pine trees of varying heights arranged in a row. In the center, between the trees, is a yellow inverted pheon (a triangular arrowhead pointing downwards) with a black outline.

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Order of the Dragon's Heart	
OP Abbreviation	ODH
Letters	C.D.H
Title	The Honourable Lord/
Form of Address	His Lordship/Her Ladyship or Companions of the Order of the
Precedence	560
Reason Given	Given to those who have performed services on behalf of the kingdom above and beyond that normally expected. Members may wear the order's badge: Argent, a heart vert scaly argent. Conveys a Grant of Arms
Law	Midrealm Law XVII-700
Blazon	Argent, a heart vert scaly argent
Principal	Duncan MacGregor and Roland de Tourgrise - Oct 13, 1973
Notes	



IPFW Liaison – Gavin:

- Campus is closed this weekend so no practice or A&S at Dolnick. The two weekends after that the campus is open. Dance is submitted for those two weeks. The week of December 6th is Dead Week (the week before finals). The week of the 13th is Finals week. The weeks of December 20, 27, and January 3 campus is closed for Winter Break.
- Gavin will be requesting names of IPFW Students that are in the Barony for the student roster. These names are needed to maintain us as a Student group.

Archery Marshal – Alfarin:

- Practice has been going great. Average attendance is about 14 people.
- December 13th there will be an Arrow-building class. The only thing not decided is where the class will be held. Gavin said that he will verify if we will have the use of Dolnick on that day. Maggie stated that if campus is closed that day that she may be able to offer her home for the class. Class charge would be about \$4.00 for all the supplies to leave with a completed arrow.
- Two Marshals in Training (MiTs) Gwydion and Velas that both plan to go to Toys for Tots. That will be their last event and that should make them both Archery Marshals as well.

Rapier Marshal – Phil:

- Phil not in attendance. Information being given by Rashid.
- Rapier practice is continuing twice a week with regular attendance.
- They went to KWAR and took some classes and helped instruct.

Webminister – Phil:

- Phil not in attendance. Information being given by Arionna.

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- Arionna said there was nothing to report.
- Arionna is hoping to become Phil's Deputy.
- Arionna suggested a committee of people to meet and decide what may be best for the group website (what platform to use, what hosting to use, etc.).
- Solveig said that the Barony is looking to make a change to a website that is easier for multiple people to have access to and update.
- Solveig announced that if anyone is interested in becoming the Webminister that they should put their name in at the January meeting and then at the February meeting we will be voting in a new Webminister. Interested parties are going to build websites for the group to look at by the end of January. Gavin said that if the websites are publicly accessible then we could use the technology in the meeting room to pull up each site and look at them.
- ## Please see the Addendum at the end of these Minutes.

Heavy Marshal – Fergus:

- Nothing has changed.
- New people have been coming out to practice.
- Almost all the loaner stuff has been returned.
- Fergus stated that there are 3 full sets of loaner armor and most of a 4th set.
- Solveig asked if it was possible to get the heavy fighters together to have a Baronial representation for melee fighting perhaps at St. Valentine's Day Massacre in February. Fergus thought it might be possible.
- Armor day was held 11/22 at Gian's house.
- Fergus mentioned the need for all heavy fighters to make sure that their name is listed as an authorized fighter with the Middle Kingdom List Mistress because they are moving to an electronic database. If you have not put in your name and made sure that they have your information, you will no longer be an authorized fighter and previous authorization info may be lost – which means even though you are an authorized fighter now you may not be in the future if you don't get your name in.
- Thursday night practices will continue through the end of the year. Then it may have to switch to a Friday night because of the availability of the site.

Chatelaine – Gwendolyn:

- Report was in on time.
- No demos.
- Upcoming: Carroll Middle School, Dekalb, or Maple Creek.

Equestrian Marshal – Gwendolyn:

- They had a meeting the first Sunday in November. Paid up through one last meeting for this year, but the weather is touchy. The site should let that unused meeting time carry over into next year, if necessary.
- The site is working on completing an indoor site and they are hoping it will be done for January.
- Solveig said that perhaps we could have practice more than once a month when they have the indoor arena completed. Gwendolyn said that she would need approval to leave the stuff for the games on site there since it is too much work to have to load it up, use it, then load it back up more than once a month.
- Since we cannot vote on the expenditure tonight, Gwendolyn stated that the money for the insurance has to be paid at least 30 days before the first practice.

Chronicler – Broinninn:

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- Nothing has changed.
- Broinninn encouraged everyone to submit Event Reports, pictures, etc., from SCA events.
- The next newsletter will come out in January 2016.
- Maggie did have an idea for those with experience in the SCA to write stories or articles that tell of their first experiences, memories, etc., for the newsletter.
- Solveig requested that Gwydion write up something about his hawk and Falconry for the newsletter. Maggie suggested an article about how he got into Falconry.

Dance – Gwerith:

- Dance practice has been going well with the new students coming.
- Dance will be taking at least a 3-week break over Christmas due to IPFW closing during that time. Gwerith will be going in to delete those practice dates from the calendar soon.
- Geneva offered her new house as a potential place to hold Dance. Her house is in New Haven.
- Gwendolyn said that if there are IPFW students in the dorm that want to go to dance at Geneva's house she would pick them up and bring them back.

Arts & Sciences – Gwerith:

- Fergus said that he would be willing to hold a class for coin-striking. He has joined the Moneyer's Guild. He just needs time to get the supplies together.
- Solveig stated that either she or Tonia would be teaching a class on how to make pants. That will probably be in January 2016.
- Cassandra stated that she could do the second half of the Terms and Tools class to talk more about the terms and how to pattern. Both Solveig and Maggie said that a pattern class would be wonderful.
- Gwenyth stated that she found out that the local JoAnn Fabrics has a free space available for classes. Participation would need to be at least 4 people.
- Solveig suggested maybe a how-to-make-Pasta class. If she did this, it would be at her house.
- Solveig also asked if anyone was interested in a hands-on bread-making class. She would like to do this kind of class for us also.
- Solveig said that she would like to have these A&S classes in a big space with a nice kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS:

Twelfth Night

- Maggie stated that we did manage to get the Messiah Lutheran Church for Twelfth Night. It has a big kitchen and a huge gymnasium. It could be a good site for future events. It is a free site, but Solveig suggested that we make a donation to them. We can propose that and vote on it in January.
- It is unclear if the site is dry or not. Maggie will check to make sure.
- Solveig said that we need to talk about the meat we are going to have for Twelfth Night. She has a turkey that she would like to donate.
- The food idea was to make something from your home country (either your persona's country or your own personal background). If you don't know something medieval then make it something modern. There is a lot

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of room at the site to plug things in. There is a stove. There is room to do some cooking on the day of. There is a professional dishwasher.

- Muirenn has an idea for entertainment at Twelfth Night to be Period Boasts of each other (not of ourselves). So after the toasts to the King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Baron, and Baroness, we will do toasts to others in the group. She will give those interested in doing this a fill-in-the-blank form to use to do a boast for someone who is at Twelfth Night.
- Solveig stated that she will be giving a cheese-making class in the morning on the day of Twelfth Night and then we will be having the cheese for dinner that evening.
- Solveig stated that Ruzhko told her that he will be putting up a Heraldic Consultation Table at 12th Night a couple hours before dinner probably about 3:00pm. He will have reference material and may have the paperwork needed for name or device submissions.
- It was decided that with the ham and turkey we already have enough meat so no expenditure needed to be voted on for food for Twelfth Night.
- There should be dancing.
- People can bring period games for guests to play.
- Prudence said that she would offer Embroidery Help or Troubleshooting at Twelfth Night.
- There will be a Silent Auction during Twelfth Night. Please bring anything you would like to donate.
- Gwendolyn suggested a rack sale where people can bring outfits that are no longer wanted. They can be hung on a rack off to the side and each piece would have the owner's name and the dollar amount that it is selling for. That way if anyone is interested in a piece of clothing they can speak to the owner and buy it from them.
- Maureen asked if there would be a Baronial Court at Twelfth Night. Yes, there will be one.

Coronation

- Ulrich stated that we won the bid for Spring Coronation.
- We are officially canceling the reservation at Whitley County.
- Equestrian is still going to be there. Ulrich has received no direction from Their Highnesses yet.
- Ulrich said that in the guidelines for having a Kingdom level event it is encouraged to have Peers hold certain positions on the Event Staff. Master Fairfax is helping with Feast. Master Sigulf from Rivenstar has agreed to be our Merchant Liaison. Master JP has been asked to be our Royalty Liaison (both sets – so he will be looking for help). There will also be a Baronial Liaison who coordinates the Champions' Tourney between our champions and the Red Spears champions to determine the fate of Sir Pellinor's family (and even if the Red Spears champions win we are pretty sure that there will be a Royal decree still giving them to us). Ulrich is the Event Steward. He will be announcing the Deputy Steward. He just needs to speak to the person first to confirm. We are looking for someone to be in charge of Heavy Fighting other than Baron Fergus. Phil will be running Fencing. Alfairin will be taking care of Archery. Prudence will be running Thrown Weapons. Ruzhko will be in charge of the Criers with announcements throughout the day. Gwendolyn is taking care of Equestrian. Gwerith is taking care of A&S/Dance. Ulrich stated that we may want to do a Laurel A&S Challenge and that will need to be run by a Laurel. Caterina (our Exchequer) will be taking care of Troll/Gate. Pre-registration is going to be offered and will be handled by Broinninn.
- Maggie has offered to run the VolunteerSpot page for the event. She will make it and keep it just to our people to fill and then publicize it closer to the event so that people outside the Barony can volunteer also.
- Ulrich took this opportunity to remind us that Coronation is one of the largest events. Spring Coronation is normally just a day event. We are stretching it to a weekend event and we are also throwing in Equestrian. We are going to need MANY, MANY VOLUNTEERS. This is our event so we need to expect to spend more of our time working than playing. This is one of our two weekends a year where we work so that everyone else in the SCA who attends can play. We aren't expecting people to give up their whole weekend unless they are running something. If you are running something, then you are giving up your whole weekend. Everyone else needs to give a few hours to work the event. Big things that are needed:
 - o Royalty Retainers (we will have at least two sets of Royalty, probably more, and we need Retainers for all of them, all day);
 - o Baronial Retainers (for our Baron/Baroness as well as the Red Spears Baron/Baroness);
 - o Royalty Room Guards;
 - o Criers;

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- Feast Servers (through Solveig – it will be an Anglo-Saxon Feast – she will have 14 slots to fill – servers get feast for free – Feast will be serving 104 people);
- Set-Up (need people there on Friday to help set up, we need people on Saturday morning for when the Royalty arrive to help unload vehicles, set up the presence, breakdown and site clean-up on Sunday – we leave sites cleaner than when we arrived, that is the way we do it, that is why we get our deposits back)
- Site Maintenance (people to change out trash bags, we should have a golf cart or two to help with this)
- Security
- Checking with TRH to see if they want to do a Silent Auction for the Travel Fund, if we do this we could possibly do a separate A&S competition for items to go into the Silent Auction?
- The Wells County Fairgrounds site is secured, the deposit has been paid, we have the entire site this time (not just part of it), this is the same site that we had Mounted War Games at this past fall, the people that run the site are great to deal with
- Solveig said that Lunch Tavern will be run by Broinninn and she will probably need some volunteers to help; lunch will be boxed lunch; we will have a pre-reg option to have lunch delivered out to the battlefield; both Saturday and Sunday breakfast should be up at the main building and the shack will be for lunch on Saturday;
- Ulrich said that everyone needs to think about where they want to give their volunteer time
- At a future meeting, we will be voting about who will have their site fees comped.
- If any questions, contact Ulrich.
- Gwendolyn reminded Ulrich about the Equestrian insurance that needs to be in the bid, she said it must be turned in 30 days prior to the event.
- Arionna stated that she spoke to someone that offered to give a brewing class for our Spring event. There was then some discussion of serving alcohol at Coronation and people in the Barony who have valid liquor licenses. Maggie did bring up that there are a whole lot more expenses involved if liquor is being served so it would not be a good idea for Coronation. Ulrich is going to check with Rex, who runs Whitley County, to see if there is any option available for that.
- Baron Fergus said that we will probably not be doing Baronial Championships at Coronation. They will probably be done a couple weeks before that. If TRH and TRM allow, we will do announcements in Court.

NEW BUSINESS:

BARDIC PRACTICES PROPOSAL – Muirenn suggested that we set up a Shadowed Stars Bardic Practice on alternate Wednesdays from Archery practice. She has checked into the Little Turtle Branch of the Public Library, which is right near the corner of State and Sherman Boulevards. It has a large meeting room. One of the walls is glass so anyone coming in or out of the library will see us there (will encourage recruiting). They are talking about starting in January. She and Master Fairfax are going to put together some selections for people to start out with. Muirenn is going to contact the Little Turtle Library to get dates scheduled for Bardic in January and February. Once she gets those dates, she will get the dates to Gwerith to be posted on the Baronial Calendar.

BREWER'S NIGHT PROPOSAL – Prudence suggested that if there was interest we could start up a Brewer's Night where all things brewing could be discussed. It was suggested that maybe Thursday nights starting in January maybe since Heavy Fighting may have to move to Friday nights. Maureen said possibly Saturday nights. Prudence said it would be for brewing anything, not just beer. Solveig said yes, there is interest in this so let's pick a day and get it on the calendar.

PRE-REG FOR SCA 50-YEAR GROUP CAMPING – Arionna mentioned that a group can camp together at the SCA 50-Year celebration. Maggie checked into it and learned that starting December 1st they are opening up pre-registration for groups that want to camp together at 50-Year. The rest of the camping will not be opening up (for singles camping) until January 1st. Arionna thought that maybe we would want to have a Baronial camp at 50-Year. It was discussed that since it is like Pennsic Land pre-registration, someone from the Barony would have to be on-site at the Baronial Camp every day to hold it. Arionna talked about a document that Sternfeld posted on

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their page to get information from their group: who is planning on going, when you are planning on being there, how many people you are expecting, if you have any other requirements. Phil told Arionna that he could put one together for our group. Solveig said why don't we just put up a poll to see who is going and when are you going to be there. Solveig volunteered to be the one in charge of it, similar to the "Land Agent" at Pennsic. Maggie asked if everyone wanted to have a Baronial camp. It was not a vote, but there was a resounding 'yes'.

MOUNTED WAR GAMES 2016 – Gwendolyn asked Prudence about whether Mounted War Games was voted on. Prudence said that it was decided we were having it and the funds for the deposit were already voted on and approved. The check has already been taken for the deposit. The site is approved and ready to go. Prudence will get it on the Kingdom calendar.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Solveig said that since we are going to have a change in the website, she wants to make sure that we all thank Phil for all the hard work that he has done because he has put his heart and soul and sweat and tears into his website and it has been really fantastic. We need to make sure that we let him know that we appreciate all the hard work he has done. Fergus said that we did receive a lot of compliments from outsiders.

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:38pm

ADDENDUM: Per the Seneschal – With the upcoming changes to the Baronial Charter, there will be no changes in officers at this time.