

The Barony of Shadowed Stars

Business Meeting Minutes

MONTH: October 2015

DATE: 10/26/2015

LOCATION: IPFW, Science Building, Room 176

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 10/26/2015					
	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.	Terry Schneiter	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
3.	Wendy Martin-Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	yes	Baroness
4.	Barbara Hernandez (speakerphone)	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	Lady	yes	Seneschal
5.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	yes	Baron/Heavy Marshal
6.	Jason Wiard	Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson	Captain	ys	Deputy Seneschal
7.	Libby Lianez	Zoe Doukiana	Lady	no	Historian
8.	Nathan Frye	Gavin	Lord	yes	IPFW Liaison
9.	Mandi Brindle	Gwryydd verch Albrecht	Lady	yes	MOAS
10.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid Al-Sanna	Lord	no	
11.	Stephanie Howe	Caterina de Radeclive	Lady	yes	Interim Exchequer
12.	Phil Selman	Philipp Reimer von Wolfenbüttel	THL	yes	Rapier Marshal/Web
13.	Dennis Oliver	Gwydion Gwrando		no	
14.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	THL	yes	Chatelaine/Equestrian
15.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	no	
16.	Andrew Bowersock	Ruzhko	Lord	yes	Herald
17.	Veronica Kaven	Bronislawa	Lady	no	
18.	Cynthia Melville	Marcharit	Lady	no	
19.	Stephanie Henry	Arionna of Shadowed Stars	Lady	no	
20.	Alan Terlep	Alan Fairfax	Master	no	
21.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia Del Greidice		no	
22.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
23.	Janet L. King	Haldora Egilsdotter	Baroness	no	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS – Announcements from the Seneschal

- Seneschal Solveig Sigulfsdottir (mka Barb Hernandez) is not in attendance but is on speakerphone
- Deputy Seneschal Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson (mka Jason Wiard) is running the meeting in her place
- Thank you to everyone came out and helped inventory the storage area. There are a few things that are missing so if anyone has anything at home that isn't theirs, please let us know so that we can add that to the inventory.

BARON & BARONESS REPORT:

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Maggie and Fergus

- PO BOX – The cost of a P.O. box was researched and it was determined that the cost is \$56.00 per year. It is felt that this is a good idea to do this because of the changes that occur in the Exchequer office. We do not want to have important mail ending up at an address that is no longer the Exchequer. The P.O. Box hours for pick-up are approximately 5am to midnight. Solveig was asked if she wanted to take a vote on this and Ulrich stated that the P.O. box issue is actually slated for Old Business and asked to address that then during the meeting. (See Old Business below for the resolution of this issue).
- COOL THING WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE SPRING - Then the Baroness asked if she could mention what they would like the Barony to do in the Spring. Ulrich responded that it would be considered New Business.
- PROOF OF SCA TAX-EXEMPT STATUS - Maggie stated that they were asked by Rex at the Wells County Fairgrounds for a copy of our Tax Exempt status for his records. She did research and found a letter from 1971 that indicates that the SCA is a tax-exempt organization. She has a copy of this letter in her possession if anyone needs it.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Exchequer – Caterina:

- Review of Checking and Savings balances.
- Report is due on Saturday, 10/31/2015, and she is on track to get that turned in on time.
- She has info about Cash Boxes but she will bring that up in Old Business.

Heavy Marshal – Fergus:

- Nothing has changed.
- Report will be in on time.
- Thursday practice has started. This Thursday, 10/29, we are hoping to have some Red Spears fighters attending.

Rapier Marshal – Phil:

- Practices are going well.
- Report is in.
- No new authorizations.

Archery Marshal – Alfarin not in attendance, Gwydion is reporting in his stead:

- We are getting an average of 5 people a night at the indoor archery range.
- Gwydion and David Jones are both MiTs. One more event to do for both and they will both be fully authorized as Archery Marshals.
- Gwydion won the Dragons Quest Royal Round.
- We have \$23.00 in donations.

Herald – Ruzhko:

- Report was filed on time.

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Equestrian Marshal – Gwendolyn:

- No practice since 9/28/2015 Business Meeting.
- Practice on 10/25 was canceled with hopes to reschedule but with cold weather coming they will have to wait until an indoor arena is available.
- Tentatively, the last practice of the year will be 11/8.
- Next meeting she will bring quotes for next year's practice site fees.

Chatelaine – Gwendolyn:

- She received the scroll for the Grove award that the Barony was given at This Land. She has a color copy to file away. A token was given to Gwendolyn; a token was given to Prudence. The other tokens will be given to Gwendolyn to hand out to whomever wants to wear one. If someone replaces the original tokens with a better one, please return the originals to the Barony so that if others want to wear one they can. If anyone who has been heavily involved in demos would like a color copy of the award, contact Gwendolyn.
- Here is the description of the Grove award from the Middle Kingdom website located at www.midrealm.org/heraldry/awards.php:

Award of the Grove	
OP Abbreviation	AG
Letters	
Title	
Form of Address	
Precedence	300
Reason Given	Similar to the Silver Oak and the Willow, this award is given to branches, guilds, or organized groups who have shown proficiency in the arts and/or sciences, or exemplary service in furthering such fields. Those groups so honored may bear a banner: Per p
Law	Midrealm Law XVII-1200
Blazon	Per pale Or and argent, a hurst purpure
Principal	Jaravellir Music Guild - Dec 11, 1993
Notes	Group award



A&S – Gwrydd:

- We are having open craft every Sunday at the IPFW Dolnick Center.
- Classes planned are: a basic T-tunic class and Sewing 101.

Dance – Gwrydd:

- Halloween Ball scheduled for this Wednesday, 10/28, at IPFW.

Chronicler – Broinninn:

- Fall edition of the newsletter was published.
- One person in the group asked for a printed copy to be mailed so that was sent.
- Deadline for submissions for the Winter edition of the newsletter that will be published in January is December 15.

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- We have the Fiction Challenge Contest going on until 10/28. Make sure to get your votes in. Winner will be announced on 10/29.

IPFW Liaison – Gavin:

- Halloween Ball is scheduled, Walb Student Union Atrium, Wednesday, 10/28/2015, 6:00-11:00, we can feed ourselves but we cannot feed the students unless it is prepackaged or professionally made food (such as pizza, donuts, etc.).
- The Dolnick Center is scheduled for Sundays through the rest of the school year.
- Baroness Maggie is requesting a schedule for when IPFW is closed so that we can update the Baronial Calendar appropriately. She is wanting the dates because she may be able to reach out to her church to see if we can use the gym there on Sunday afternoons. Gavin said that he would like to look at alternate sites for dance also. Gwendolyn also stated that she checked with Indiana Tech for space to hold dance and/or fighter practices and they said that they had no space available for indoor practices.
- Gavin did bring up that it may be possible to use the IPFW fieldhouse but that there would be a fee involved. Baroness Maggie said that the only way that we may want to use the big gym would be if we did a coordinated practice with surrounding groups and took up a donation. Baron Fergus said that he could speak to the Regional Commander about possibly setting up a war practice. Ulrich said it would almost be best to contact Sir Denewulf who is the General of the Midrealm Army to see if it can be an official Midrealm War Practice.

Webminister – Phil:

- He has updated the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- P.O. BOX – Solveig did some research and found out that a P.O. Box is \$56.00 per year. This is at the downtown Fort Wayne Post Office. That is the price for the smallest box. That size will hold up to 15 letters a day so it should be fine for our purposes. If it gets filled up for some reason, the Post Office staff puts a note in there that there is more mail and we pick it up at the window. Ulrich would like to propose that we approve \$56.00 for Post Office box for \$56/year. **VOTE – APPROVED**. Seneschal and Exchequer will have a key (thinks there are two keys with the box). The Post Office will charge us if we lose a key.
- HALLOWEEN BALL – Halloween Ball is scheduled, Walb Student Union Atrium, Wednesday, 10/28/2015, 6:00-11:00. Gavin had a couple flyers to hand out. Garb is suggested but not required. Gavin stated that it has not been clarified exactly what exactly we will be doing for this year. Baroness Maggie said that last year she believed that we provided bottles of water with little flyers on them and we had some pre-purchased snacks for the visitors and students. We did a bit of a carry-in for ourselves. She volunteered to go to the store if that is what is needed. Gavin offered to provide whatever printing is needed. Maggie asked if we could have \$25.00 approved for bottles of water and some Halloween-candy-type things. She put forth a vote for \$25.00 for snacks for the Ball. **VOTE – APPROVED**. Gavin said that it would be wonderful to have a table or something off in the corner that had information available about what the SCA is, what we do, etc. Baron Fergus said that last year he actually had his armor in the car and brought it in to show to those that were interested.
- VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS LAND – Ulrich would like to move the discussion regarding This Land to New Business.

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- ACCEPTING CANDIDATES FOR EXCHEQUER – Ulrich said that this is the meeting where anyone who is interested in being considered for the Exchequer position would speak up now. The vote for Exchequer will be at the next meeting. Caterina, our Interim Exchequer, was the only one who put her name in to be considered. Baroness Maggie said that an announcement would be placed on the page to see if anyone else is interested.
- CASH BOXES – Caterina researched prices and has seen a wide range of prices that start at about \$20.00. During this discussion, Ulrich asked if there were any requirements by the SCA for lockboxes. Solveig stated that there is no requirement. Ulrich asked if we would like to have wooden boxes that lock. It was said that would be great. He has volunteered to make two wooden cash boxes that the current bill trays can fit into. He is guessing he could get something together by next meeting. Solveig asked for the money for this to be approved tonight so that we can get going on this as soon as possible. Ulrich proposed a budget of \$50.00 which will get two boxes with padlocks. Maggie made a motion to approve \$50.00 for Ulrich for the wooden cash boxes. **VOTE – APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- SPRING CORONATION BID - Baroness Maggie said that she and Fergus would like for the Barony of Shadowed Stars to put a bid in for Coronation and combine it with our This Land event.
 - o As preliminary steps, Maggie and Fergus have:
 - checked with Wells County Fairgrounds (the same place we had Mounted War Games), and if we were to use that site we would also rent the big building where they have wedding receptions and that is where we would have feast and court, etc. That building also adds much more parking.
 - verified that the weekend of May 7th is free at Wells County Fairgrounds
 - talked with Ulrich about making it a camping event because we were going to do This Land as a camping event
 - o Ulrich spoke from an Autocrat perspective:
 - “We toyed with the idea of still trying to do both events. The biggest thing it came down to is that is two weeks in a row trying to pull a 3-day camping event followed by Coronation” which will have attendance of about 500-600 people. This Land last year we had 260 so twice what we had at This Land. So we decided to push towards just doing Coronation.
 - “This is a huge deal. I have to be honest, the one thing that scares me is the number of volunteers we had at This Land. Double the people.” “It is going to be more work.”
 - The reason Wells County Fairgrounds was decided upon instead of Whitley County is the indoor spot. With it being the first week of May, there is no way to tell what the weather will be like. Also we are talking about adding Equestrian to this event and there is indoor Equestrian. Also there is great parking.
 - One thing to keep in mind is that we will have to split the profits with Kingdom.
 - o We are not doing both events. If the vote goes to bid for Coronation, we are just doing Coronation.
 - o Bid submission is due by midnight, November 8th.
 - o Estimated that we need about 80 volunteers. Each volunteer can be an hour or two at a time.
 - o It was mentioned that there was a concern about the number of and state of the bathroom facilities at Whitley County Fairgrounds. We had been told they were going to be redoing the restrooms. If they are not completed by May 7th, we may need to budget in money for building or renting showers, and renting porta-potties.
 - o Ulrich proposes that we write up and submit a bid to host Spring Coronation on May 7th in combination with This Land 2016. **VOTE – APPROVED.**
 - o Ulrich asked if anyone wants to run anything on Friday evening or Sunday morning, then we make it a day event. But if someone wants to run something on those days, then it would be good as a camping event. Phil said that a torchlight tourney Friday would be doable. Gwendolyn said she will do Equestrian on Sunday morning. Archery will probably fill the weekend as well.
 - o Budget approved. Ulrich will submit the bid.
 - o If anyone wants a copy of the bid, they will need to send Ulrich an email or message.

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- Ulrich is asking for any pictures we have for the Wells County Fairgrounds either empty or preferably in use (any pics of Mounted War Games that shows the site).
- We should know by the end of November if we won the bid or not.
- If we do not get awarded the bid, we will keep things as they are at Whitley County and it will just be a This Land event (4/29-5/1/2016). We will leave things as they are on the Midrealm Calendar as they are until we find out for sure if we are hosting Coronation.
- Ulrich said that if you want to run something at This Land/Coronation, bring what you want to do to the next meeting.
 - Phil is already going to run Rapier;
 - Gwendolyn is running Equestrian;
 - Ruzhko is taking care of voice heralds (criers);
 - Gwryydd is going to take care of coordinating classes so if you want to teach a class she is the one to speak to;
 - Baroness Maggie stated that she would like someone to volunteer to run Gold Key since Gwendolyn will be running Equestrian; Ulrich stated that it could be whoever is running Troll/Gate since it will be in the same area; Gwendolyn stated that set-up and tear down takes the most time.
 - As of right now, our one Exchequer is going to volunteer to run Troll/Gate.
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PROJECT – Baroness Maggie and Solveig are involved in it. It is being headed by Baroness Hadley down in Sternfeld for the Constellation region. It is a Kingdom-wide project. They are looking for ways to show appreciation to volunteers at events. Maggie said that they are contributing the leftover salt cellars from our event. Solveig will donate salt in little plastic bags to go with them. Solveig also suggested maybe someone could make little drawstring bags to hold them and make it easier to hand out as a complete set. Maggie said that anyone who has something that they have or can make that would be a good token or gift of appreciation for volunteers to let her know. The first event that they would like to reward the volunteers at Midrealm Fall RUM next month (11/21) which will be about 75-100 volunteers. We are not responsible for all of those so any amount of things given will be appreciated.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:08pm