

# The Barony of Shadowed Stars

## Business Meeting Minutes

**MONTH:** January 2016

**DATE:** 01/25/2016

**LOCATION:** IPFW, Science Building, Room 168

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00pm

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 01/25/2016					
	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.	Alan Terlep	Alan Fairfax	Master	no	
4.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	no	
5.	Jane (Libby) Lianez	Zoe Doukiana	Lady	yes	Historian
6.	Jean Kerns	Gunigunda Ottilia		no	
7.	Teresa Schneider	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
8.	Phil Selman	Philipp Reimer von Wolfenbüttel	Warder	yes	Rapier Marshal/Webminister
9.	Wendy Martin-Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	no	
10.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	yes	Knights Marshal
11.	Daniel Hernandez	Alfairin Fani	Forrester	yes	Archery Marshal
12.	Dennis Oliver	Gwydion Gwrando	Lord	no	
13.	Terry O'Brien	Turlough O'Brien	Lord	no	
14.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	Lancer	yes	Chatelaine/Equestrian
15.	Mandi Brindle	Leandra Corzi	Lady	yes	MOAS
16.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid al-Sanna	Lord	no	
17.	Paul Van Dyke	Jean Paul Pierrepont	Master	no	
18.	Bruce Sauber	Pellinor of Shadowed Stars	Sir	no	
19.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
20.	Stephanie Henry	Bezawit Estegnet Seyon	Lady	no	
21.	Barbara Hernandez	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	THL	yes	Seneschal
22.	Andrew Bowersock	Ruzhko Tork	Lord	yes	Herald
23.	Veronika Kaven	Bronislawa Kraucowa	Lady	no	
24.	Nathan Frye	Gavin Hawkerton	Lord	yes	IPFW Liaison

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### Baron and Baroness – Fergus and Maggie

- Everything is going great, Twelfth Night was a good turnout
- Kingdom Twelfth Night at Tree-Girt-Sea went great
  - o nothing happened of note
  - o lots of classes
  - o Baron Fergus spoke to the Moneyers' Guild about the coins site tokens for Coronation (which will be included in later business at this meeting), he said they have not gotten back to him yet

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### Seneschal – Solveig:

- We are establishing Officers Meetings once a month
  - o minutes will be taken and published as meetings occur
  - o nothing that happens there is secret
  - o the goal is to discuss major things during these meetings and then bring back ideas or issues to vote on and/or discuss during the regular Business Meeting (hopefully to cut down on time)
  - o Future meetings will be announced and on the Barony calendar. They will be held at 2pm on Sundays at Dolnick (same time and place as A&S).
- We are establishing a Financial Committee
  - o the committee is made up of the Seneschal, the Exchequer, the Officers, the Baron and Baroness, and three paid members of the populace who will serve for one year
  - o the goal is to discuss both major and minor Barony expenses and bring info to the populace to vote on
  - o minutes will be taken and published as meetings occur
  - o we had our first Financial Committee meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o current populace members on the committee are: Prudence, Zoe, and Maureen
  - o after a year of serving on the Financial Committee, we will ask for three new paid members of the populace to serve on the Financial Committee for the next year; to encourage
  - o Future meetings will be announced and on the Barony calendar. They will be held at 2pm on Sundays at Dolnick (same time and place as A&S).
- We are establishing a Charter Committee temporarily
  - o the goal is to propose and discuss needed changes and updates to the Charter that need to happen in the next few months
  - o the committee is made up of the Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness, the Officers, and three members of the populace;
  - o current populace members on the committee are: Turlough, Prudence, and Zoe
  - o the proposed changes will be presented to the populace at a future Business Meeting to be voted on
  - o Future meetings will be announced and on the Barony calendar. They will be held at 2pm on Sundays at Dolnick (same time and place as A&S).

### IPFW Liaison – Gavin:

- good turnout at classes and practices
- currently running a pants A&S class on Sundays
- Dance will start up again when the schedule allows it (IPFW had the schedule closed down for 3 weeks due to the holidays)
- We have the Valentine's dance coming up

### Exchequer – Caterina:

- Checking and Savings balances given.
- Specific dollar figure given for the amount that was raised at Twelfth Night for site tokens at Coronation.
- Archery fund balance also given.
- Caterina is looking for a Deputy Exchequer.
- Outstanding check dealing with Equestrian expenses.
- Outstanding check for construction of cash boxes needs to be resolved.
- All donations must go through the Exchequer so that they are properly documented for the IRS.

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### Herald – Ruzhko:

- Strongly encouraging anyone who wants to be the new Herald to speak up so that training can occur.
- Solveig mentioned that Alan, Master Fairfax, has experience as a Herald and is willing to help train the new Herald for the group.
- Master Fairfax indicated that he was interested in being the Herald. Solveig said that he will need someone to be his Deputy.
- Prudence indicated Mael is willing to be supportive and help if needed.
- Solveig indicated that she thought Carrie Beth had expressed some interest in the past.
- Gwydion received his AoA at Twelfth Night.
- Baron Fergus is now a Captain of Red Company.
- Cassandra received the first Baronial Award: Star of Hroar, in honor of her late laurel, it is a Pillar Level award (grant level). It is an award for Arts & Sciences for her skill with a sewing machine and an embroidery machine, and teaching, and making all the Shadowed Stars favors for years and donating her time and money, just to mention some of it.

### Knights Marshal – Fergus:

- Practice continues on Sundays.
- Reports are in.
- Friday practices at the church are being looked into, Bishop (Todd Thieme) is handling
- Looking into using the Twelfth Night site for Friday practices
- Sergeant School – They will need the directional signs. Ulrich said that this is his last year running it, after this year Magrat will be in charge of it.

### Rapier Marshal – Phil:

- Practices starting again with better weather.
- Some interest from Amtgard crossovers.
- He will be going to Red Spears and helping with their Cut and Thrust.

### Archery Marshal – Alfairin:

- Meeting twice a month at the indoor site, Hook and Arrow.
- Getting between 10 and 15 people each time.
- Better War Through Archery event coming up.
  - o He will have 3 MiTs there so hopefully they can get their Archery Marshal paperwork done.
  - o We are helping them with a net that Jean Paul obtained for us. It will help them have a bigger area for Archery.
- Wants to use money from the Archery fund to make arrows for the Barony. Solveig suggested he purchase the supplies and make 2 dozen arrows and then submit the receipt for reimbursement. Alfairin agreed to do that. It was clarified that he needs to stay within the amount that is in the Archery fund and not go over it.
- Master Jean Paul spoke up and said that he is noticing more and more groups in the SCA doing archery. With the increasing popularity of archery, this means that the costs of archery supplies is just going to go up. He mentioned it as something for us to be mindful of.

### Equestrian Marshal – Gwendolyn:

- Report on time.
- Practices will start up again in March.

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- Indoor arena not done yet so that is why there was no practice scheduled through the winter.
- Gwendolyn looking for a Deputy Equestrian Marshal.
  - o No horse experience is not a problem.
- Wants to host a jousting practice.
  - o This will require quite a few helpers to be on hand to make it run smoothly.
  - o No date in mind yet.
  - o If interested in helping, let her know.
- Solveig asked if jousting was something that we could offer at Mounted War Games.
  - o Gwendolyn said that we have provided a demo at night for the cooler temperatures.
  - o Limited number of people authorized for jousting.
  - o It is called a demo because two people are required for jousting to occur at an event and Gwendolyn is the only person who is authorized as a jousting marshal in the area or the Kingdom that attends.

### Thrown Weapons – Master Jean Paul/Bezrawit:

- Reports in on time.
- Looking for ideas to hold Thrown Weapons, will be trying to have it at Coronation.
- Baron Fergus will be participating in thrown weapons the future.
- Solveig has spoken with someone about pressing straw for targets.

### Chronicler – Broinninn:

- No news.
- Current newsletter published today. Next publication will be in April. Everyone is encouraged to submit their articles by the end of March.
- Newsletter is electronic. Can be obtained via the Facebook group or Yahoo groups. Or it can be mailed hard copy as well.
- Solveig encourages people who like teaching classes to submit an article to be published in the newsletter to build interest.
- Still looking for a Deputy Chronicler.

### Webminister – Phil:

- Still working on the website for Coronation.
- Working with Bezrawit to get her trained as his Deputy.
- Solveig asked for invoice for web service to be sent to Caterina.
- Solveig mentioned that Phil has been donating the cost of the web service to the group. Everyone expressed appreciation to him for doing that.

### A&S – Leandra:

- A&S classes continuing on Sundays.
  - o Pants classes are a success. There will be 8 pairs of pants for Gold Key.
  - o Class info is filling the whole 4 scheduled hours (2pm-6pm).
    - Solveig said that when we have to schedule an Officer or Financial Committee or Charter Committee meeting at 2pm on Sundays in the same room as A&S, we will make sure not to schedule them when there is a long class. She said to make sure the classes are on the Barony calendar.
  - o Next A&S class will be Cassandra's "Terms" class. She will also offer info on stitches.
  - o After that will be the class on Salwar pants.
- Dance: Will start again now that campus is open after the holidays.

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- Valentines Dance coming up. There was a vote taken to have money available to buy bottles of water and some pre-packaged Valentines-themed treats for the dance. VOTE APPROVED.
- Leandra talked about something that needed to be gotten for the dance but could not be heard on the recording. Solveig asked her if she was just going to purchase it and be reimbursed. Leandra agreed.

### Chatelaine – Gwendolyn:

- New faces at Twelfth Night.
- Reports not due yet
- Gold Key – She thinks we are up to 6 tubs which means we need to do a purge and an assessment of what we are short on. Prudence spoke up and said that one of the other groups in the SCA when they had a purge of old items from the Gold Key they offered it for sale at an event so newer members could purchase it. Gwendolyn said that there is also the option of sending the items to new SCA groups that don't have much Gold Key to start off with.
- Mael is the Deputy Chatelaine and he is the Demo Steward when she is not there. If there is someone who wants to volunteer to be a Deputy to be more in charge of Gold Key, that would be welcomed.
- Demos: Maple Creek Middle School and Carroll Middle School. Both are coming up. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Gwendolyn.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Twelfth Night – Review and brainstorming for next year:
  - Solveig would like to personally thank everybody for the event turning out as great as it did.
  - Really liked the new site which was Messiah Lutheran Church.
  - Solveig asked for any recommendations to improve it for next year.
    - Bezrawit suggested kids' activities for next year to keep the kids occupied.
    - Geneva suggested having dance classes earlier in the day when people aren't so tired, maybe running them concurrent with regular classes.
    - Geneva suggested dance classes for kids.
    - Solveig suggested not having any meetings during Twelfth Night so we can focus on fun.
    - Solveig talked about a gaming-focused event that she and Alfairin went to that had game boards, playing pieces, and little direction booklets sitting out for people to try period games.
    - Other activities that were talked about were things like indoor snowball fights, a Viking game where participants hit each other with rag-filled pillowcases while blindfolded, etc.
  - Site Fee Donation: Solveig said that the site did not charge us a fee but she feels that it is more than fair to give them a nice donation since it was such a nice site. At this point, Baron Fergus and Baroness Maggie gave their ideas on an appropriate amount. Maggie said that if we want to use that site next year we could ask the attendees to pitch in a small amount at the door to cover the site fee. She also suggested a food bank donation; Silent Auction proceeds were ear-marked for coins for Coronation. Gavin suggested the difference be used to pay the site fee. Then it was clarified that we do not know how much the coins will cost yet. A VOTE occurred on the amount to give to the church for this year. Master Jean Paul suggested that in the future we donate both money and food bank items. The Baron and Baroness are going to check into what the church needs. Donation baskets are a good idea, too.
- Coronation:
  - Ulrich stated that we have confirmation that there will be hound coursing at Coronation.
  - Ulrich mentioned that he wants to meet with Coronation Department Heads after the Business Meeting. One-on-One Meetings will start soon between Ulrich and each Department Head.
  - It was brought to Ulrich's attention that the Kingdom Event calendar has the wrong dates listed for Coronation. He is working on getting that corrected.
  - The Moneyers' Guild is going to be providing bagged coins as site tokens. Still waiting on finalization of the total number needed and the cost. Ulrich said he would like 3,000 coins made (6 coins x 500 people). If there are extras left then they will just go to TRM for the reign.

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- His Highness is requesting 6 coins per person because he would like to have gambling and games at any event that he is at. The Magician Henry Best is putting on a royal casino. Solveig pointed out that people use the coins to vote in A&S displays, they could barter with them, and they could even tip servers with them. Ulrich also mentioned that they run the book at Crown Tournament where you can bet who is going to win, etc.
- Fergus said that the Moneyers' Guild would like to have a spot to have a corner or table at Coronation to be making coins. Ulrich said that a spot could be found for sure... perhaps the quanson hut.
- Gwydion mentioned that he spoke to one of the guys at Tandy Leather and they expressed interest in setting up a table or booth at Coronation as a merchant. Ulrich said that he would contact them. The Merchant Liaison for Coronation is Master Sigulf from the Barony of Rivenstar.
- Coronation Website: Will be up as soon as Phil can get it up. It will start as a basic website and things will be added to it as details are finalized.
- Fighting: Sir Pellinor stated that HRH would like to have a speed tourney. They would also like to do a Queen's Invitational Tournament. He would also like to have a 3-, 5-, or 10-man tournament if there is enough time between morning and evening court.
- The Saga of Pellinor's Family: It is still undecided if there will be time for any schtick regarding Pellinor's wife and children being given to Shadowed Stars. If there isn't enough time to get it done, then we may have to wait for a future event to get Pellinor's family officially given to Shadowed Stars.
- Lady Ells (Laney) will be making the desserts for Coronation. She is a pastry chef.
- As the event gets closer, we will be having tastings of different dishes.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Youth Marshal:
  - Bezrawit brought up filling a Youth Marshal position for the Barony
  - Must have a background check and then go through the regular warranting process
  - Asking for names of anyone who is interested.
  - Master Jean Paul said that the names of those interested need to be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - Anyone who is interested in being a Youth Marshal or a Youth Minister or assisting with youth activities will need to have a SCA background check. Send your info to Solveig. Ulrich said that the Kingdom Youth Minister is Gebhard and he asked if Solveig wanted him to contact Gebhard. Solveig said yes.
- Autocrat for Twelfth Night next year:
  - Solveig said she hadn't planned on doing it so that someone else could have the opportunity
- SCA 50-Year: Solveig's Responsibility:
  - She will be part of the Food Lab, focusing on cooking over an open hearth for those interested.
- Striking Coins:
  - Solveig asked if making coins could be an activity offered to the Barony
    - Fergus said that it could be done anywhere, even at A&S
    - Cassandra said that we could even do it at demos
- Barony Championships
  - Maggie said that since they were originally going to choose half of the Baronial Champions at This Land and half at Mounted War Games it has to be rescheduled because This Land is technically not happening now because of Coronation. It may be best this year to do all of the Baronial Champions at Mounted War Games and then start splitting them half-and-half the following year.
    - Maggie would like to make sure we do the Champions at an event instead of at a non-official event. She likes to have recognition for those competing.
    - Ulrich agrees that everyone's minds are going to be on Coronation duties and it would be unfair to try and cram those activities into an already busy event.

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- Master Jean Paul said that ultimately Coronation is the Prince's day. Anything extra we do on that day will detract from the Prince and Princess' focus. It does a disservice to the new King and Queen and also to those that will be competing.
- Gwendolyn asked if the Champions could compete at the particular practice and then have those that won be announced at Mounted War Games. Baroness Maggie said that she feels that not having the championships at an event would detract from the attention the participants could get.
- Master Fairfax suggested a Champions' Day just for us. It would in effect be another event for the Barony. It was thought that it would be a lot to try to manage in a year with Coronation and with the full event schedule this year due to 50-year.
- Gavin suggested getting a pavilion in town and inviting neighboring baronies. The heavy event schedule this year was mentioned again as a negative when trying to manage this.
- Prudence said that there is a problem when moving around when the championships are every year means that some champions end up with six months as champion, some end up with fifteen months, etc. If we keep all the championships on Mounted War Games then everyone gets a full year as a champion going forward.
  - Solveig agreed that it is a great idea. She said that since it is a multi-day event we are always trying to find other things to fill in the weekend and we are always trying to fill it in with more fighting.
  - Prudence said this year would be weird because the Champions are in place for more than a year but after this year it would be exactly a year every time
- Bezrawit asked if anything else was heard about Mounted War Games becoming a ToC
  - Baroness Maggie said that the Prince hasn't seen the site yet and he doesn't know yet
  - Bezrawit asked if it would cause a problem if we had all of our Baronial Championships at an event that was also a ToC
  - Ulrich said that if it was made a ToC then it would become a Kingdom-level event and then we may have to move the Championships to a Barony-only day to get them done
  - Master Jean Paul spoke up and said that he would find it odd if one group was selected to handle two major kingdom-level events in one year
  - Solveig said that we may have to come up with a Plan B to get the championships done anyway since as a new Barony we are being looked at to do more Kingdom-level events
  - Phil said that even if we do get a ToC at Mounted War Games it is not as stressful as Coronation so we should be able to manage our championship competitions
  - Master Fairfax said that he thinks it would be find to tell the King that we would be happy to have a ToC at Mounted War Games but please let us do our Baronial Championships since we couldn't do it at Coronation
  - MOTION TO HAVE BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT MOUNTED WAR GAMES:
    - Seconded.
    - VOTE APPROVED.

### COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Zoe said that there is a group in Van Wert is getting rid of a bunch of fabric if anyone is interested. It is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>. A lot of it is cotton fabric.
  - Maggie said that she will post a picture and then will bring the flyers with her to the next meeting.
  - Solveig said the Kingdom needs scroll covers.
  - Solveig said that we will need bags for all the coin tokens for Coronation.
  - Zoe can give directions if needed.
- Turlough brought the video of the investiture ceremony and will play it here in the meeting room
- Ulrich needs to meet with the Department heads out in the hall

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:27pm