

The Barony of Shadowed Stars

Business Meeting Minutes

MONTH: March 2016

DATE: 03/28/2016

LOCATION: IPFW, Science Building, Room 185

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00pm

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Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet

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	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.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
4.	Barbara Hernandez	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	THL	yes	Seneschal
5.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia Del Giudice		no	
6.	Wendy Martin-Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	no	
7.	Stephanie Howe	Caterina de Radeclive	Lady	yes	Exchequer
8.	Andrew Bowersock	Ruzhko Tork	Lord	yes	Herald
9.	Veronika Karen	Bonislawa Krawcowa	Lady	no	
10.	Daniel Hernandez	Alfairin Fani	Forester	yes	Archery Marshal
11.	Dennis Oliver	Gwydion Gwrando	Lord	no	
12.	Tonia Brown	Aveline de Ceresbroch		yes	Deputy MOAS
13.	Sean Gibson	Sean the Lost	Lord	no	
14.	Stephanie Henry	Bezawit Estgenet	Lady	no	
15.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	Lancer	yes	Chatelaine/Equestrian
16.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid al-Sanna	Lord	yes	Deputy Rapier Marshal
17.	Mandi Brindle	Leandra Corzi	Lady	yes	MOAS
18.	Phil Selman	Philipp Reimer von Wolfenbüttel	Warder	yes	Rapier/Webminister
19.	Terry O'Brien	Turlough O'Brien	Lord	no	
20.	Brenda Ward	Mairghrec inghean Chionaodha	Lady	no	
21.	Carrie Beth Youse	Muirenn ingen Faelchon Uí Cléirigh		no	
22.	Alan Terlep	Alan Fairfax	Master	no	
23.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	no	
24.	Michael Malaney	Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae	Warder	yes	Deputy Chatelaine
25.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	yes	Knights Marshal
26.	Jean Kerns	Cunigunda		no	
27.	Teresa Schneider	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
28.	Cynthia Melville	Marcharit	Lady	no	

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GREAT OFFICERS

- Seneschal – Captain Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson
 - o Deputy – (none at this time)
- Exchequer – Lady Caterina de Radeclive
 - o Deputy – THL Solveig Sigulfsdottir
- Herald – Lord Ruzhko Tork
 - o Deputy – Master Alan Fairfax
 - o Deputy – Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae
- MOAS – Lady Leandra Corzi
 - o Deputy – Lady Prudence of Colleah
 - o Deputy – Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerigh
- Chronicler – Lady Broinninn ingen Magnusa
 - o Deputy (none at this time)
- Knights Marshal – Baron Fergus MacPherson
 - o Deputy Gavin Hawkerton

BARONIAL OFFICERS

- Rapier Marshal – Warder Philipp Reimer von Wolfenbuttel
 - o Deputy – Lord Rashid al-Sanna
- Archery Marshal – Forester Alfairin Fani
 - o Deputy – Gwydion Gwrando
 - o Deputy – Velas
- Webminister – Warder Philipp Reimer von Wolfenbuttel
 - o Deputy – Lady Bezawit Estgenet
- Equestrian Marshal – Lancer Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars
 - o Deputy (none at this time)
- Thrown Weapons Marshal – Lady Bezawit Estgenet
 - o Deputy – (none at this time)
- Chatelaine – Lancer Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars
 - o Deputy – Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae

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Baron and Baroness Announcements:

- Baroness Maggie said that once per reign the Baron and Baroness are required to send a State of the Barony letter to incoming Majesties and that it was required that it be made public to the Barony. She will make sure that she gets the current one to the Chronicler for publication. Also, if needed, she can get the previous one that was submitted for publication also.
- SCA 50-Year – Part of 50-year celebration will be a memorial for SCAdians who we have lost. There is a memorial wall being posted and it does not require official heraldry of the person who has passed. Maggie encourages everyone to submit info about Shadowed Stars members that we have lost.
 - o Website for SCA 50-year memorials: <http://www.sca50year.org/history.html>

Seneschal Announcement:

- Solveig announced that she was stepping down as Seneschal and that her Deputy Ulrich would be stepping into the Seneschal position until the next election.
- Solveig indicated that she intends to run for Exchequer.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE – Proposed Changes for Populace Vote

- Ulrich said that the first order of business to resolve was the proposed Charter changes.
 1. Moving Chronicler to Great Officer to comply with Kingdom
APPROVED
 2. Adding: Article V Financial Planning Committee
APPROVED
 3. Adding: Article VI Election of Officers
APPROVED
 4. Adding: Addendum – Addressing the off-schedule for officer elections for the first year only
APPROVED
 5. Wording: “All Baronial Great Officers shall maintain a minimum of one Deputy who will be prepared to take over the responsibilities of the office in the event of the Officer moving, quitting, or being otherwise unable to complete his/her duties”
APPROVED
 6. Wording: “As a Deputy steps up into the vacated office, there will be an automatic Vote of Confidence at a Baronial Business Meeting”
 - majority vote
APPROVED
 7. Wording: “Officers are required to announce all deputies at Baronial Meetings”
APPROVED
 8. Wording: Changing “paid member” to “member in good standing”
APPROVED
 9. When Officer Elections come up and there is no new candidates to run for the office, there will be a vote to remove the office
APPROVED
- Ulrich said that as of this meeting the new version of the Charter is now ratified and will be posted to the Barony Facebook page and forwarded to the Kingdom Charter person for review

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VOTES OF CONFIDENCE:

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- Solveig asked for a Vote of Confidence for her Deputy Ulrich to fill in as Seneschal until the next election
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE GIVEN BY MAJORITY OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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- Fergus asked for a Vote of Confidence for Bezawit to be the Thrown Weapons Officer for the group
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE GIVEN BY MAJORITY OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICER REPORTS:

Exchequer – Caterina:

- Checking and Savings balances.
- Archery funds balance given.
- Funds that were raised for Coronation site tokens have some funds left now that the tokens have been obtained.
- The number of people that have pre-regged for Coronation so far was discussed.
- Exchequer reports are now required monthly.

Chatelaine – Gwendolyn:

- Gwendolyn expressed gratitude for everyone that participated in the school demos at Carroll Middle School and Maple Creek Middle School
- Upcoming demos:
 - o Peony Festival in Van Wert, Ohio
 - o Michiana Renn Faire at Kamm Island
- Michiana Renn Faire
 - o This demo is at the end of August
 - o We received a contract for the Michiana Renn Faire but we have not sent it in yet
 - o Solveig said that she has a message out to the White Waters Seneschal to make sure it is alright for us to do that demo on their lands
 - o Ulrich reminded everyone that at the last Business Meeting we voted to do this demo as long as we get an approval from White Waters
- It was asked if we have heard anything about Germanfest yet – no, we have not heard anything yet
- Aveline asked if we get any donations when we do demos. It was answered that yes, we do sometimes.
- Aveline asked if we are interested in doing more demos or if we are busy at this point. Gwendolyn stated that there has been an issue getting enough demo participants in the Barony during the workday during the work week. While the Barony members' lack of ability to participate is a concern, we should not push away opportunities for more demos. Maggie said that it would be wonderful if groups wanting demos could be encouraged to have weekend slots available for us.
- Aveline mentioned that there is the Enchanted Lakes Renaissance Faire which includes the weekend before 50-Year. If we are interested, we could contact them.
 - o <http://enchantedlakesfaire.com/>
- Aveline asked if we ever connected with the girl that mentioned a demo opportunity in Columbia City. Gwendolyn said that more details are needed before we can determine if there are conflicts.
- Gwendolyn mentioned the fall demo idea that was brought up at the last Business Meeting about a demo that could be paired with a Nelson's Chicken fundraising opportunity needs more research. Bezawit mentioned that Sunday would be a great day for the Nelson's Chicken idea because they are not that busy on that day of the week.
- Chatelaine Deputy is: Mael

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Equestrian – Gwendolyn:

- There have been a couple practices since the last meeting. They were well-attended.
- We have access to the indoor arena now so it is being held in any weather.
- Practices are listed on the Barional Calendar.
- The Jousting practice is the next Equestrian practice April. Gwendolyn is still looking for ground crew to help with it. She is thinking of offering a potluck for those that volunteer to help so that they will be fed that day.
- Gwendolyn will be verifying the site fee for that day.
- Equestrian Deputy is not filled currently.

Knights Marshal – Fergus:

- No changes in Heavy Fighting.
- Sunday practices continue.
- Thursday night practices at Brookside Church on Evard have been approved. They need to be scheduled. Once we know the start date, it will be communicated.
- Knights Marshal Deputy is: Gavin

IPFW Liaison – (Gavin not in attendance, Fergus reporting):

- Nothing has changed.
- Maggie spoke up and said that Gavin did say that we are still looking for current IPFW students to fill in as the Liaison when he graduates. We must have a current IPFW student in the Barony to continue to use IPFW rooms for things like Business Meetings, A&S, fighter practice, etc.
- We will try to be better about checking and communicating the dates that campus is closed.

Herald – Ruzhko:

- Anyone who has received an award since January please see Ruzhko to make sure that it is include in the Order of Precedence for the Kingdom.
- Ruzhko stated that he will need signatures from Officers to get award names further along in the approval process.
- Herald Deputies are: Mael and Fairfax.

Archery Marshal - Alfairin:

- Practice going really well, they get 9-18 people in attendance.
- Supplies have been purchased to start making arrows for the Barony.
- April 6th will be the Closing of the Range event (celebration get-together at the last indoor archery practice for the season), there will be food (potluck – so bring food if you can, come anyway if you can't), garb is encouraged because there is always a picture taken by the archery site owners
- Archery Deputies are: Gwydion and Velas (David Jones)

MOAS - Leandra:

- Classes on schedule.
- Attendance going up and down.
- April classes: Beekeeping, Thorsberg trousers, Research.
- A&S Deputies: Aveline, Muirenn, Prudence.
- Baron Fergus said that he will eventually be teaching a coin minting class now that he has most of the supplies.

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Chronicler – Broinninn:

- Reports are on time.
- Newsletter will be published in the next week or two.
- Still looking for a Deputy.
- Chronicler Deputy is not filled.

Webminister – Philipp:

- Philipp is preparing the site to be moved to a new server.
- He is toying with the idea of setting it up in a way that would be easier to maintain.
- He will not be running for the Webminister position in the upcoming election.
- He has been making lots of additions and changes to the Coronation event website.
- Webminister Deputies are: Broinninn, Gwendolyn (Admin access to Facebook group as Chatelaine), and Bezawit.

Rapier Marshal – Philipp:

- Philipp said that Tuesday night practices are being canceled
- Sunday practices are still continuing
- He will not be running for Rapier Marshal in the upcoming election.
- Rapier Marshal Deputy: Rashid

Thrown Weapons Marshal – Bezawit:

- Working on finalizing a practice space at Guldlin Park in downtown Fort Wayne and setting up practice dates.
- Is working on having more than two targets.
- May be able to have spears made to supplement the weapons to be thrown.
- Mael mentioned that it was a concern that projectiles were not allowed in public parks. Bezawit will verify.
- Solveig mentioned that Archery practice will be setting up for Thrown Weapons as well
- Thrown Weapons Deputy: Not filled yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Suggestion to have Business Meeting Agenda Published One Week Prior
 - o Aveline requests a formal agenda be published one week prior to the meeting.
 - Maggie and Ulrich went over how the Business Meetings standardly run. We go through Officer Reports. New Business is brought up at the Meeting. Old Business is what was discussed in prior meetings and is still unresolved or hasn't happened yet.
 - Gwendolyn seconded Aveline's proposal to have a formal agenda published one week prior to the Business Meeting.
 - Solveig said that she went to the Kingdom Seneschals' group to see if other groups are doing this. They said that it is up to the Seneschal how they want to run the meeting.
 - Ulrich said that he would not do a formal agenda prior to the meeting.
 - Zilia expressed a concern that publishing an Agenda prior to the meeting locks us in to the topics that can and cannot be discussed.
 - Zilia asked what would be done if there was a topic to bring up that there was no time to bring up and the person who wanted to bring it up couldn't make the next meeting to bring it up
 - Maggie said that she felt that there is already enough work for a Seneschal to do and adding a requirement of a published Agenda prior to the meeting is
 - Prudence said that one way of doing this that has worked in the past is that there is a reminder posted of the date of the next Business Meeting and what the highlights are that will be discussed, it doesn't include all of the topics but does include the important ones

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- Bezawit said that she would like some way to propose New Business items prior to the meeting itself that could be discussed. Perhaps a way to put it on the Facebook page so people could say their thoughts on it. This would help connect those who have ideas or input about the topic and save time during the Business Meeting itself.
 - o Ulrich said that he will pin a test post up on the Facebook page to try this.
 - Zilia expressed a concern about our ideas being discussed on the Facebook page since our Facebook page includes people who are not part of the Barony,
 - Marcharit asked if there was any way that we could get an unofficial private, Barony-only Facebook group set up for discussions about different topics
 - o Ulrich said if someone wants to set it up then people need to talk to Phil
 - o Phil said that it would be possible to set up something in a different place than Facebook, he will present the idea at the next meeting
 - Solveig asked what happens when there are multiple topics being discussed. Facebook limits one post to be pinned to the top of a group page. Solveig suggested that there be a separate group page made for a specific project or discussion (for example, Aveline's Largesse Project). That way the people that want to be involved can be invited to the group and all of the discussions can be viewed and interacted with by those involved in the project.
 - Bezawit said that there was a concern that maybe someone who wanted to be involved in the project would be missed and not be part of the page.
 - Ulrich said that the pinned post could be used to let people know there is a group devoted to this discussion or that and directs them to a group where the main discussion is occurring.
 - Bezawit suggested that we use the pinned post as a test for the next few months and see how it works for the group.
- Fergus proposed that we table all of these discussions, he suggests that whatever ideas people have that they come up with both Pros and Cons for their ideas so that it can be presented and voted on by the group
- Gwendolyn said that since the meeting time was essentially over (9:02pm) and we hadn't even discussed Coronation, she suggested that the entire next Business Meeting be devoted to Coronation
- Ulrich said that the April Officers Meeting will be posted on the Facebook page. The meeting is open to everyone but non-Officers will not get to vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Coronation Business:
 - o Gwydion spoke up and said that they are making items for the Coronation shoot as prizes (arrows, arm guards, a quiver)
- Coronation Business:
 - o Aveline said that she talked to Master Jean Paul about largesse for Royalty at Coronation (including TRM and TRH as well as any visiting royalty), it was mentioned that baskets could be given, she has been speaking with Chamberlains to get info about each set of royalty,
 - Aveline mentioned that we need to decide as a Barony what we want to do for TRM and TRH and visiting royalty as well as perhaps Barons and Baronesses that attend
 - Solveig mentioned that all of this has to be donated since we cannot use baronial funds, Aveline said that she is aware of that
 - Aveline has talked to several people who are willing to donate
 - Aveline mentioned that she wants us to try and make sure that the same people in the Barony are not being approached by multiple people asking for donations of time, etc., to not overtax people
 - Fergus mentioned that a great idea was reserved parking spaces instead of largesse
 - Solveig asked if there would be reserved parking for royals
 - Aveline will be hosting some nights at her house to work on the largesse items
 - Solveig asked Aveline to publish a list of supplies that are needed so those that could give would know what was needed.
 - Aveline asked if anyone wants to help to send her a message or see her after the meeting
 - Ulrich asked Aveline to come to the Department Head meeting he will be having after the Business Meeting
- Coronation Business:
 - o Maggie is organizing the Silent Auction for the Royal Travel Fund

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- Coronation Business:
 - o Zilia said that she is making a chocolate cheesecake for Her Highness and wanted to pass on info that HH said to her: HH is requesting that if anyone makes food for them to give it to them in a disposable container that they do not need to return to the person who gave it to them
 - Solveig said that HH is allergic to hazelnuts
- Coronation Business:
 - o Site Tokens: Baron Fergus spent the day at Red Spears stamping out 1,600 coins for Coronation site tokens. Their Highnesses have requested 6 site tokens (coins) per person because they are going to have gambling and gaming at their events. We have little muslin bags to hold the coins, pictures of different bag preparations (dyeing, stamping) will be posted on Facebook, this might become an A&S activity for the group
 - o Childrens' Site Tokens: wooden disks, less of a choking hazard
 - o Feast Tokens for Below the Salt: Solveig said they will be wood
 - o Feast Tokens for Feast: will be little glasses about the size of shot glasses, may have momento design
- Coronation Business:
 - o Site Visit: Ulrich said that on Sunday, April 3rd, there will be a site walk that will include Department Heads but anyone is welcome to come out to see it, will start at 11am and the plan is to be done by 1pm

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Turlough thanked everyone for the sympathy card.

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 9:07pm

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UNRESOLVED ISSUES:

Month: September 2015

- PAVILIONS/SUNSHADES FOR THE GROUP: Ulrich suggested that the group consider buying two pavilions/sunshades for the Baronial presence *and* for the Royal presence at events. A bigger one for the group and then a smaller one for the Royal presence. Ulrich will be researching prices and will get back to the group. It was seconded that we buy them outright instead of starting a fund.
- PAVILIONS/SUNSHADES FOR THE GROUP: Halldora suggested that if we purchase a pavilion/sunshade for the Barony that we document whose responsibility it is to keep it and take care of it between events.
- PUTTING SAVINGS MONEY INTO A CD TO EARN INTEREST: It will tie up funds. Do we want to do it? Caterina will look into the interest rates available.

Month: October 2015

- None.

Month: November 2015

- BREWERS' NIGHT PROPOSAL: Prudence suggested that if there was interest we could start up a Brewers' Night where all things brewing could be discussed. She said it would be for brewing anything, not just beer. Based on the discussion, Solveig decided that there was definitely interest and said to pick a day and get it listed on the Baronial calendar.
- SCA 50-YEAR GROUP CAMPING: Bezawit mentioned that a group can camp together at the SCA 50-year celebration. It was discussed that just like at Pennsic, when a group pre-regs for a space someone from the group must be camped in the space the every day to hold the space. It was discussed that some groups use the Facebook page to post about it and gauge interest, see who is going, etc. Maggie asked if everyone wanted a Baronial camp. It was not a vote, but there was a resounding "yes".

Month: December 2015

- No meeting.

Month: January 2016

- GOLD KEY – REVIEW AND PURGE: Gold Key is up to 6 tubs and is need of a review and purge of unwanted items. When is this being scheduled for?
- GOLD KEY – WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE UNWANTED ITEMS? There were two suggestions:
 - o Offer it for sale at an event so newer members could purchase it
 - o Send it to newer SCA groups that do not have much to start with
- YOUTH MARSHAL: Bezawit discussed our group having a Youth Marshal or Youth Minister. Interested parties were to send their info to the Seneschal.
- AUTOCRAT FOR TWELFTH NIGHT: Solveig said that she was not planning on running the event in 2016.

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- FUNDRAISING IDEA – NELSON'S CHICKEN: Bezawit suggested the group use Nelson's Chicken to be a fundraiser for the group.
- T-SHIRTS: Gwendolyn is overseeing the Barony t-shirt project. She will be presenting the idea to the group.

Month: March 2016

- DEMO OPPORTUNITY – ENCHANTED LAKES RENAISSANCE FAIRE: Aveline mentioned this event as a possibility for a future demo.
- DEMO OPPORTUNITY – DEMO WITH SOMEONE IN COLUMBIA CITY: Gwendolyn said that more details were needed.
- IPFW STUDENTS IN THE BARONY: Gavin is still looking for current IPFW students to be the Liaison when he graduates.
- POSSIBLE ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARD: Philipp said it may be possible to set up a discussion board separate from the publicly-viewed Facebook page.

TABLED ISSUES/IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- TWELFTH NIGHT
 - o January 2016
 - Recommendations:
 - Kids' activities
 - Dance classes earlier in the day, possibly concurrent with regular classes
 - Dance classes for kids
 - Not having any Baronial meetings that day
 - Possibly incorporating period games
 - Site Fees
 - Possibly ask attendees for a small fee at the door
 - Food bank donations
 - Donation baskets
- MOUNTED WAR GAMES
 - o Suggestion about Mounted War Games being a ToC.