

The Barony of Shadowed Stars

Business Meeting Minutes



MONTH: February 2017

DATE: 2/27/2017

LOCATION: Indiana Tech, Academic Center Building, Room 234

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04pm

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Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 2/27/2017					
	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 Halldan Ulfsson	Captain	yes	Seneschal
3.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia Del Giudice		no	
4.	Gillian Dollinger	Bean		no	
5.	Michael Malaney	Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae	THL	yes	Chatelaine
6.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	yes	Webminister
7.	Nathan Frye	Gavin Hawkerton	Lord	yes	IPFW Liaison/Deputy KM
8.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	Lancar	yes	Equestrian
9.	Libby Lianez	Zoe Doukiana	Lady	yes	Historian
10.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	yes	Knights Marshal
11.	Wendy Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	no	
12.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
13.	Teresa Schnetter	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
14.	Jean Kerns	Kunigunda		no	
15.	Tonia Brown	Aveline de Ceresbroch	Lady	yes	Deputy MOAS
16.	Janet King	Halldora Egilsdotter	Baroness	no	
17.	David Jones	Velos tou Patmos	Lord	yes	Archery Marshal
18.	Daniel Hernandez	Alfarin Fani	Forester	no	
19.	Barbara Hernandez	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	THL	yes	Exchequer
20.	Connie Houck	Aoife inghean Eoghain	Lady	no	
21.	Mandi Oliver	Leandra Corzi	Lady	yes	MOAS
22.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid al-Sanna	Lord	yes	Rapier Marshal
23.	Carrie Beth Youse	Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerig	Lady	yes	Herald

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GREAT OFFICERS

- Seneschal – Captain Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson
 - o Deputy – THL Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae
- Exchequer – THL Solveig Sigulfsdottir
 - o Deputy – Lady Caterina de Radeclive
- Herald – Lady Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerig
 - o Lady Aoife inghean Eoghain
- MOAS – Lady Leandra Corzi
 - o Deputy – Lady Prudence of Colleah
 - o Deputy – Lady Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerigh
 - o Deputy – Lady Aveline de Ceresbroch
- Chronicler – Lady Broinninn ingen Magnusa
 - o Deputy – Lady Zilia delgi Giudice
- Knights Marshal – Baron Fergus MacPherson
 - o Deputy Gavin Hawkerton

BARONIAL OFFICERS

- Rapier Marshal – Lord Rashid al-Sanna
 - o Deputy (unclear)
- Archery Marshal – Lord Velos tou Patmos
 - o Deputy (none at this time)
- Webminister – Lady Prudence of Colleah
 - o Deputy – Lancer Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars
- Equestrian Marshal – Lancer Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars
 - o Deputy (none at this time)
- Thrown Weapons Marshal – Lady Bezawit Estgenet Seyon
 - o Deputy – Lady Prudence of Colleah
- Chatelaine – THL Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae
 - o Deputy (none at this time)

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Seneschal Announcements and Report - Ulrich:

- Ulrich asked everyone in attendance if they are agreeable with the meeting being recorded for the Meeting Minutes. No one expressed disagreement.
- He received some officer reports electronically, some not.
- He turned in his report on time.
- We have been hosting a lot of Midrealm get-togethers because we are almost in the geographic center of the Kingdom. We host Sergeants' School regularly. Now we have hosted the Laurel Retreat and the Baronial Leadership Symposium. The Chivalry retreat was in Bluffton at our regular event site. The Baronial retreat, the Laurel retreat, Sergeant school, and Command Symposium in the fall are all being held in Fort Wayne. The Pelicans have not had a retreat yet, neither have the MoDs. They are not actually hosted by Shadowed Stars but both Ulrich and Fergus have been coordinating the details for them.
- Ulrich is asking all the Officers to check the new midrealm.org emails to make sure they can access them. Make sure to check them as well.

Baron and Baroness Announcements – Fergus and Maggie:

- Baronial Leadership Symposium (the previously mentioned Landed Baron and Baroness Meet'n'Greet?) was last weekend. There were 17 of 20 Midrealm Baronies represented.
- Her Highness Isolde came to the Symposium and let Maggie and Fergus know that she is very excited that Crown Tournament is being hosted in our Barony.
- Maggie and Fergus also spoke with the incoming Kingdom Seneschal and the current Kingdom Exchequer.
- Officer Reports – It has come to their attention that they are supposed to be receiving copies of this report.
 - Please include the Baron and Baroness on Officer reports going forward.
- Maggie said that she may be posting a list of upcoming events that they will be attending on the Facebook page so people have access to it.
 - So far they will be attending only 1 event in March and then they will be pretty busy the rest of event season.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer – Solveig

- Once a year the Office of the Exchequer makes available the Domesday report for the populace. She brought copies for everyone to pass around. It needs to be published in our newsletter.
- Ulrich said that everyone needs to recognize that the exchequer has to do the Barony checkbook every month. She also has to track down the Seneschal every month to sign all the reports and bank statements. He is fairly sure that the Exchequer puts in more work than all of the other officers combined. He is asking that everyone take a minute to thank Solveig for all that she does. Applause ensues.
- The Savings balance will be changing because we need to pay the site payment for Crown. She said that she was doing some preliminary numbers and even if Crown has a low attendance of 400 people we will still not lose money on it.
- Since this is a new year, we need to finalize and approve any monies that the different departments in the Barony (such as Archery, Thrown Weapons, Heavy, etc.) expect to need.
 - In addition to this, Solveig said that although all the departments had money approved for last year none of them requested the money for expenses.
 - Ulrich said that the goal with the money was to obtain loaner gear but then no one ever submitted anything to get funds for that.
 - Heavy – Fergus said that Heavy had a lot of stuff donated so he feels that there will be no money needed for Heavy for 2017. If that changes, he will come before the group to request it.

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- Rapier – Solveig said that there had been money approved for last year. Rashid said that Rapier ended up not needing to use the funds. They have enough loaner gear right now. It was agreed to cancel that request. If money is needed for 2017, he will come before the group to request it.
- Thrown Weapons – Prudence said that Thrown Weapons was held up because Bezawit was having a hard time getting prices. Ulrich said that since it was never done the request for money just needs to be canceled for now. When Thrown Weapons gets a proposal together, then the request for funds can be made at that time. Solveig said that there is already money approved for Thrown Weapons. If we leave it as is then it will be a budget that Thrown Weapons can use once the equipment is found and priced. As a group, we need to re-approve this amount for 2017.
- Gavin suggested that we table the yearly budgets for the departments until the next Business Meeting so that they all have time to figure out if they need funds for the year or not.
- Solveig said that the expected yearly budget is supposed to be set every January per the Barony Charter. This applies for all departments, not just the Martial ones (for example, practice sites, insurance, rental fees, etc.).
- Equestrian – Solveig said that there had been money approved for last year. Gwendolyn said that it was for armor for jousting practice. As a group, we need to re-approve this amount for 2017.

- Fergus put forth a motion to approve the budget for Thrown Weapons for 2017.
- Multiple people seconded.
- **VOTE:** Raised hands vote. Two opposed.
- **VOTE APPROVED.**

- Fergus put forth a motion to approve the budget for Equestrian for 2017.
- Multiple people seconded.
- **VOTE:** Raised hands vote. One opposed.
- **VOTE APPROVED.**

- Historian – Solveig said that the Historian still has money set aside. Zoe said that it should be more than enough.
- Exchequer – Solveig said that the Exchequer office has money set aside from last year. She said she only used. She does not think that the office would need that much this year but it will be there if she needs to use it.

- Vote put forth to approve the budget for the Historian for 2017.
- **VOTE:** Raised hands vote. One opposed.
- **VOTE APPROVED.**

- Vote put forth to approve the budget for the Exchequer for 2017.
- **VOTE:** Raised hands vote. One opposed.
- **VOTE APPROVED.**

- Storage Unit – Solveig said that we need to figure out if we need or want a bigger storage unit. They are offering us another unit of the same size for the same reduced price (we are getting a reduced price for the current storage unit). The second unit would only get the same discounted price if we need it.
 - Gwendolyn said that the location of the storage facility is not convenient.
 - Solveig said that we can hang lights in the unit. We can screw shelves into the wall.
 - Solveig said that this year we need to do an in-depth inventory of all of our Baronial stuff. We need to figure out where all the Barony stuff is (camping stuff, etc.). Halldora said that she will check with Edward to see if there is any is at his house.
 - Last inventory was fall 2015. We did not get an inventory done in 2016.
 - Solveig said that with us hosting Crown tournament, we need to figure out if we need more signs, or more stuff for the fighting lists, or serving stuff for feasts. Because the Barony is short on serving items for feasts she personally went out and bought a bunch of needed items, like bowls, baskets, platters, pitchers, etc. The Barony is welcome to buy it from her. She said that most of what she has was bought at the dollar store so however many she has

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would be \$1 each. The Barony also needs its own serving utensils and even silverware. The sites that we have Feasts in may not have these things for us to use.

- Maggie said that since we are hosting more royalty-level events it would be nice if we went out and bought nice things for the Barony to use. As a reminder, we have royalty coming to both events this year. We should probably step up our game a bit.
- Halldora suggested commissioning some pieces for Head Table.
- Ulrich said that it sounds like someone needs to put together a bid or proposal. Solveig said that she can put something together.
- Alfairin said that we also need some bins to store stuff in.
- Fergus said that we can put some shelves in the storage unit to store things.

Knights Marshal – Fergus:

- No new authorizations.
- Practice continues on Sundays.
- Ulrich said that we have had two advanced authorization. Gwydion authorized in polearm, an additional weapon style. Joey authorized in great sword.
- Heavy practices have been increasing in attendance due to Darkmoon coming out.
- Ulrich said that we need to find a site for practice that has an actual gym because we are running out of space.
- Fergus said that the contact for the Salvation Army demo is an Atlantian transplant and may be willing to work with us for a space for fighter practice. Someone needs to reach out to see if that is a possibility.

Herald – Muirenn:

- Helped a couple people with their names and devices.
- Muirenn has taken on a Deputy Herald – Lady Aoife inghean Eoghain
- Solveig said that the check for the submission of the Barony badges has been cashed

MOAS – Leandra:

- A&S Classes - Sunday classes are going well. Attendance is going up due to the weather warming up.
- Dance – IPFW Liaison Jawhara sent Leandra a list of confirmed dates for Dance through the end of the school year except for Spring Break since the school is closed.
 - Our reserved times for Dance are: Mondays, 6:45pm to 9:00pm.
- Gold Key project – Leandra said that she did ask last month for \$50 to get sewing needles, etc, for the Gold Key project. Cassandra did donate thread, sewing needles, and some snaps. We still need buttons, toggles, and larger clasps for some of these pieces. She will be using some of the approved funds to get those. She will give receipts and any change back to the Exchequer.
- Solveig said that the supplies for the A&S classes that are working on largesse can be paid for by the Barony. Ulrich said that there was an amount of \$200 that was approved for the Largesse Project in January. Solveig was not aware of this. Ulrich let her know that Aveline is in charge of that project and will get with Solveig for those funds.

Chronicler – Broinninn:

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- Chronicler report not due until April 1st.
- Broinninn has taken on a Deputy Chronicler – Lady Zilia delgi Giudice

Equestrian – Gwendolyn:

- Report is due soon and will be turned in with copies to Seneschal and Baron/Baroness.
- She is still working on a new equestrian practice site.
- There have been no practices during the winter.

Rapier – Rashid:

- Practice continuing as usual.
- Rapier has some new interest. A new fighter has purchased his own equipment and is focusing on getting authorized.
- He would like to see more participation from the Barony.

Archery – Velos:

- He has not yet submitted his report.
- Archery has been doing fairly well.
- There is one more indoor practice paid for at Hook and Arrow. After that if more indoor practices are needed, it will be a discounted price per archer.

IPFW Liaison – Jawhara not in attendance. Gavin reporting:

- As was said previously, Fighter Practice and Dance is scheduled through the end of the school year. The last date of class is April 30. After that we could try to get on the limited summer sessions schedule but it will probably be hit and miss.

Webminister – Prudence:

- Prudence said that she did her report and copied in Ulrich. He confirmed that he received it.
- She will be switching out the email addresses for logging in and updating the Barony calendar. She is switching them from the personal email addresses to the new shadowedstars emails. It hasn't happened yet. She is in the process of completing it. She would like everyone to log in to make sure that they can get in. If they have problems she is asking for them to let her know.
- As far as the Facebook groups, she said that official announcements need to go on both the Shadowed Stars group (300+ members that includes people from outside the Barony) and the Shadowed Stars Members Only group (approx.. 50 members that are specific to our Barony). Ulrich clarified that if we are having a discussion about something that would go on the Members Only group but if we are making an announcement that would need to be posted in both groups.
 - o Maggie also asked that if there are comments that are not complimentary to the SCA, to the Barony, to the people in the group that they do not get posted in the public group because it is not appropriate. There are over 300 people in that group and they are from all over. Posts there are seen by many people and it affects their impressions of us. Be careful what you say in the groups. If you are not willing to say something to someone's face then you probably do not need to say it at all but if you do need to say it do not post it publicly. Ulrich said that is why we made the Shadowed Stars Members Only group on Facebook to talk about things that are Baronial business.

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- Gwendolyn asked if there is going to be a website for Crown. It is already there and linked at the top of the Barony website.

Chatelaine – Mael:

- The demo at the Salvation Army went well.
- Carroll Middle School demo is coming up. Also Maple Creek Middle School.
- There was some discussion about whether SCA background checks are needed for demos at childrens' schools. Ulrich said that he would get with Justice to get clarification. He will post his findings on the Members Only Facebook group.
- He has not heard from the people in charge of Germanfest yet.
- Peony Festival – Zoe said that she is going to talk to them to see if she can get us 1.5 to 2 hours of demo time. It is held the first full weekend in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SPRING CROWN AND KINGDOM A&S**
 - o Ulrich met with Mr. Doerfler at Concordia Lutheran High School. They did a walk-through of the site.
 - o There will be no outdoor activities at all.
 - o It is air-conditioned and has plenty of classrooms.
 - o The rifle range is too small to have archery in it.
 - o The contract will be turned in next week.
 - o Maggie said that she and Fergus would love to have the Baronial Champions process into court with them.



- o Solveig ordered the site tokens.
 - Flat metal bookmark with roses engraved along them.
 - Dragon charm
 - A&S – theater masks on a pin
 - Feast – herb sachets, the sachet could actually be used in cooking or the seeds can just be planted
 - (picture to the left taken by Solveig Sigulfsdottir, copied from the Facebook group)

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- The Pale ad is in and will be running for both April and May
 - The earliest we can get in to the site is 8am on Saturday
 - Maggie is handling the VolunteerSpot, she is asking all the department heads to let her know how many volunteers they will need so she can build the volunteer signup slots
 - Gwendolyn asked if we would be able to come in on Friday night to get tables set up. Ulrich said that he would check.
 - Solveig said that Zilia is going to be the Head Cook. They developed a feast menu using a cookbook made by Her Highness and everything being served is out of that cookbook
 - Solveig said that everything needs to be cleaned up and out of the kitchen by 10pm Sunday
 - Rashid said that he is planning fencing workshops
 - Leandra is planning A&S workshops
 - Solveig said that she has an off-site place for brewing entries since it is not allowed at the school,
 - It will be at Old Crown Coffee on North Anthony, it is within walking distance but we will be offering shuttles between the site and Old Crown for the brewing folks.
 - There is limited parking there so the shuttle will help with setup and judging.
 - Solveig said that we may need signage.
 - Ulrich said that we are also giving them some advertising in the site book.
 - Maggie as Royalty Liaison said that it is possible that we will have visiting royalty at this event, she will be coordinating retainers not only for our royalty but also any that are visiting
 - Maggie said that there is something that happens on Sunday right after Crown Tournament called the Princess Tea which is where all the former queens who are present pull the new princess in, host her for a tea, and give the new princess advice and words of wisdom. The most recent queen hosts it. Her Majesty Kateryn wants it to be like an actual tea with scones and finger sandwiches and the like. Maggie is hoping for some nice teapots and dishes to use. If anyone has any to lend, please see her.
 - Ulrich is putting together a Crown planning group on Facebook for discussions like this.
 - Solveig said that the Crown website needs the contact info for the department heads.
- ALTERNATE SITE FOR ONE OF THE LARGESSE PROJECT DAYS
- Zoe asked if the persons working on the Largesse Project were going to be using the Wassenberg Art Center in Van Wert, Ohio, for the day that Dolnick is unavailable this coming Sunday, March 5.
 - Aveline asked if there are kitchen facilities available. She is hoping to make some soap. Zoe says that there is a kitchen available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING BARONIAL ELECTIONS
- MOAS – Aveline
 - Chronicler – Zilia
 - Archery – Velos
 - Thrown Weapons – Prudence
 - Equestrian – Gwendolyn
 - Seneschal – Ulrich, Zoe
- No write-in ballots.
- We will vote in March. There will be a panel of 3 people to vote.
- For any offices that change hands, the change has to happen by June 1st. Do the next report together and change over then. The outgoing officer is responsible for getting the Change of Office form completed and turned in to the appropriate areas.
- Ulrich will be posting the candidates on the Facebook groups.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

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- **MEETING ADJOURNED TIME:** 8:32pm
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ONGOING PROJECTS:

- Coin-making for a Barony A&S class (Baron Fergus and Leandra?).
 - Gold Key inventory and purge (Zilia?).
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TABLED ISSUES/IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

- NELSON'S CHICKEN FUNDRAISER/DEMO IDEA:
 - o This will be looked at for 2017.
 - o Lady Bezawit needs to present the proposal details to the group to be voted on.
 - DEMO OPPORTUNITY – ENCHANTED LAKES RENAISSANCE FAIRE:
 - o This will be looked at for 2017.
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