

# The Barony of Shadowed Stars

## Business Meeting Minutes



**MONTH:** June 2017

**DATE:** 6/26/2017

**LOCATION:** Indiana Tech, Academic Center Building, Room 234

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:02pm

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Barony of Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 6/26/2017					
	Mundane Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Title (if applicable)	Current Shadowed Stars Officer?	If so, position held:
1.	Mary Wiard	Broinnin ingen Magnusa	Lady	yes	Deputy Chronicler
2.	Jason Wiard	Ulrich Halldan Ulfsson	Captain	yes	Seneschal
3.	Wendy Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	no	
4.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	no	
5.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia degli Giudice	Lady	yes	Chronicler
6.	Libby Lianez	Zoe Doukiana	Lady	yes	Historian Webminister
7.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	yes	Thrown Weapons Marshal
8.	Michael Malaney	Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae	Warder	yes	Chatelaine
9.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	Lancer	yes	Equestrian Marshal
10.	Carnie Beth Youse	Muirenn ingen Faelchon Uí Cléirigh	Lady	yes	Herald
11.	David Grant	Siegfried Aberstock		no	
12.	Teresa Schneider	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
13.	Terry O'Brien	Turlough O'Brien	Lord	no	
14.	Cynthia Melville	Marchant	Lady	no	
15.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid al-Sanna	Lord	yes	Rapier Marshal
16.	Tonia Brown	Aveline de Ceresbroch	Lady	yes	MOAS
17.	Susan Purviance	Ségolène Rivière	Lady	no	
18.	Jon Zauner	Geoffrey de la Mer	Master	no	
19.	Nathan Frye	Gavin Hawkeron	Lord	yes	Exchequer

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### GREAT OFFICERS

- Seneschal – Captain Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson
  - o Deputy – THL Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae
  - o Deputy – Lady Zilia delgi Giudice
- Exchequer – Lord Gavin Hawkerton
  - o Deputy – (unclear)
- Herald – Lady Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerig
  - o Lady Aoife inghean Eoghain
- MOAS – Lady Aveline de Ceresbroch
  - o Deputy – Baroness Halldora Egilsdottir
- Chronicler – Lady Zilia delgi Giudice
  - o Deputy – Lady Brianna Duncan
- Knights Marshal – Baron Fergus MacPherson
  - o Deputy – Lord Gavin Hawkerton

### BARONIAL OFFICERS

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

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### Seneschal Announcements and Report - Ulrich:

- Ulrich said that the meeting is being voice-recorded for purposes of creating the minutes. He asked if anyone objects. No one objects.

### Baron and Baroness Announcements – Fergus and Maggie:

- Maggie said that she received a note from Her Majesty Queen Isolde asking her to specifically to thank everyone in the Barony for the gift baskets that they received in their hotel room at Crown Tournament as well as all the largesse that was given to them. She said that she also saw His Highness Count Cellach who also expressed their thanks for the largesse, Maggie said that she has had some people ask about the project and how we were able to get so much largesse completed. She has given them Aveline's name so if they have more questions she will be able to give them more information. Maggie said that she is hoping to start a trend where groups will do the same and the Royalty will continue to receive largesse to give out. Maggie said thank you again to everyone who contributed as well as getting it all into Court and then back to the Royalty Room after court.
- Fergus said that Their Majesties have reached out asking for award medallions as largesse. Maggie said that she did share the Facebook post to our group. Maggie said to Aveline that she didn't know if we wanted to coordinate some craft days to get these done. Maggie also said that the finger-braided cords created by Mairghrec were very much appreciated as well since many times they get medallions but no cords for them.
- Maggie also said that Royalty is looking forward to our Mounted War Games event in the fall. Maggie told Gwendolyn that she believes that His Majesty wants to ride at MWG this year.
- Maggie said congratulations to everyone who received awards at Crown.
- Maggie said that she was very proud of all of the Shadowed Stars folks who received awards and followed the correct procedure for approaching the Crown, etc.
- Fergus said that the Michiana Renn Faire demo is being manned by White Waters again this year, not us. They may need some people to come and participate. Those who do participate will have free entry. Fergus stated that he and Maggie will not be able to attend because they will probably need to be at Baroness Wars. Zoe asked when the Michiana Renn Faire is. Maggie said that it is the weekend right before MWG, August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Ulrich said that it is not on Kamm Island like it has been in the past. Fergus said that it is a new site because they are outgrowing Kamm Island. Fergus said he will be sending his coining equipment so that coining can be demonstrated. Anyone interested in going please let them know. They will put you in touch with the people from White Waters.
  - Gwendolyn asked if Maggie and Fergus would be the ones communicating and recruiting on social media for this demo instead of Mael. Maggie said that no, they would not be the ones doing that. It is not a Shadowed Stars demo. The White Waters contact is Verena Entenwirth on Facebook.

### Officer Reports:

#### Knights Marshal – Fergus:

- Reports are in, including the Event reports.
- Fergus said that the only change right now is that fighter practices have been moved from Dolnick to TekVenture. New people are showing up and are excited that they will be able to go inside and work on armor if they need to.
- TekVenture discussion:
  - Ulrich said that TekVenture also has a vacuum former, which is used to shape plastic. Fergus said that he does not think that fighting indoors at Tekventure is possible so they may need to work on finding an indoor site for winter.
  - Aveline said that we are in a trial membership with TekVenture right now. The management is concerned about us using the space for meetings during the winter because right now none of the space is not heated. If fighters

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were going to use an unheated area for practice it will probably not be a problem since their physical activity should keep them warm and they will at least be protected from the elements. Eventually the main room will be closed up and heated but it is not right now.

- Aveline said that she was wondering if fighting on concrete would be hard on their knees, feet, etc. Ulrich said that fighting on concrete happens at multiple events. The only issue that he sees is those that fight in period shoes will not have great traction. There was a recent incident where a fighter was in period shoes and slipped and tore a muscle recently.
- General Fighter Practice site discussion:
  - Gwendolyn asked if we have reached out to public or private schools for a practice site. Both Fergus and Ulrich said that they have used schools in the past and there was a problem with accessing the school on Sundays and also they tend to charge us and/or want someone there the whole time to monitor the site.
  - Aveline asked if we have completely stopped using IPFW. Fergus said that IPFW has changed. Indiana University has pulled out so that it is now completely Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) only. They wiped all the schedules of the groups that are using space on campus. There is no way to know when that problem will be resolved. Hopefully it will be fixed by winter but there is no way to know. At this point, we are going to start focusing on TekVenture's space to see if it will work for fighting.

### Chronicler – Zilia:

- Report is due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be done on time.
- If anyone has any ideas on what to write for the newsletter, please let her know.
- Aveline asked when the next deadline is. Zilia said August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Maggie said that she will write about Pennsic.

### MOAS – Aveline:

- Aveline has taken on two deputies:
  - Halldora
  - Geneva
- Aveline and Geneva are going to try to get some dance classes going at least once a month during the summer. Then maybe every week or every other week depending on what site is found. She has reached out to the library and is waiting on a call back from them. She will also talk to Gavin about PFW space. It may be possible to hold Dance at TekVenture as well.
- Classes have been great. Since May 1<sup>st</sup> there has been an average of 9 people at every A&S class.
- Upcoming classes:
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> – Baroness Maggie's Pennsic 101/SCA 101 class
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Baron Fergus' Coining class
  - There will be no scheduled classes the three weekends of Pennsic (July 29-30, August 5-6, and August 12-13).
  - Aveline will be teaching a Paper-Making class during the week at TekVenture in July probably during Pennsic.
  - August 20<sup>th</sup> – Kumihimo
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> – Embroidery
  - Possible classes in the works: Stained Glass, Ceramics
  - If anyone has any ideas for classes or wants to learn more about a skill or craft, please let her know.
- Gwendolyn said that during the weeks where there will be no classes she would like to host a Pennsic Pity Party/A&S Day for those that were not able to go. She will have MWG horse projects that can be worked on. Also people will be able to

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bring their own projects to work on. Gwendolyn told Aveline that she will get that info sent to her to add to the A&S schedule.

- Aveline said that on any Sunday that there is no actual program scheduled, there will always be an Open Craft Day at TekVenture unless she cancels it.
- Susan said that she would like to get into Calligraphy and Illumination. Aveline said that they are talking to someone to see if they can get a series of classes set up for C&I to help establish a source for scrolls locally. Master Geoffrey said that it is also possible to complete scrolls with an effort of multiple people (they do not have to be done completely by one person – it can be a group effort).
- Ulrich said if anyone has any ideas for classes to contact Aveline.
- Zoe mentioned that the Wassenberg Art Center in Van Wert, Ohio, is still available.

### Herald – Muirenn:

- The Quarterly report is due on the 30<sup>th</sup>, it will be completed on time.
- Still helping quite a few people with their names and devices.
- She has copies of name and device submission forms if anyone needs one.
- Crown Tournament awards:
  - o Ulrich is now Sir Ulrich
  - o Maggie was put on vigil for Pelican
  - o Warder Philipp received a Dragon's Heart
  - o Prudence, Leandra, and Aveline all received Order of the Willow
  - o Gillian received her Award of Arms
  - o Eoferwulf received his Silver Mace (Sergeant in Red Company)
  - o Gwydion received a Dragon's Barb
  - o Gwendolyn was named the Kingdom Equestrian Champion (it was announced at Crown Tournament)
- Baron Wars awards:
  - o Shimazu received his Gold Mace (Captain in Red Company)
- Muirenn said that she checked our Shadowed Stars badge and it appears to not be registered. Cassandra said that she believes it was registered when Dave Ternes was our herald. Muirenn said that she would check again and look in the older files. She said that if she does not find it we may have to submit it again.

### Chatelaine – Mael:

- Germanfest demo went well. We had 13 participants from the Barony. There was heavy fighting, rapier fighting, dance, and A&S display. We did get contact info from one person who would like to come and see what we are about.
- Mael stated that he may need a Deputy Chatelaine since he is not sure if Zilia is still interested. Zilia said that she is still willing to be his Deputy.
- Mael said that he was in contact with the Kingdom Youth minister. The information about demos is in the Youth manual. At any demo where children are involved, someone with a valid SCA background check must be present. Also, at no time can an SCA person be left alone in a room with children. The contacts at the demos need to be told that we must have a teacher present at all times.

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### Webminister – Prudence:

- The MWG VII event page has been added to the Barony website.
- Publications have been added, specifically the most recent newsletter and minutes.
- Everyone in charge of a specific activity at MWG need to make sure to send schedules to her to have them added.
- Aveline asked Prudence to have a FB event added so that she can start sharing it and start recruiting teachers for classes. Ulrich reminded Prudence that it needs to be added through the SCA Kingdom of the Middle page on Facebook.

### Equestrian – Gwendolyn:

- There is nothing to report since we continue to not have practices because we still do not have a site.

### Rapier – Rashid:

- Rashid said that practice is continuing as normal.
- He feels that the new practice site at TekVenture is a good one. The indoor space has not been tried out yet but seems that it will work well.
- We have a new fencer that authorized at Crown Tournament.
- All of his reports are in, both the Kingdom one and the event one.

### Archery – Velos not in attendance, Ulrich reporting:

- Practice is still being held at Alfarin's house every other Wednesday. The next one is this coming Wednesday (6/28).
- During practice, we are doing more Kingdom shoots such as Royal Rounds.
- We had a good turnout for the bow-making class in Lafayette and more of our archers have period long-bows now.
- We are attempting to join together Baronies and other groups for more Kingdom-oriented practices. Ulrich is not sure but it sounds like their practices might travel or it will give others the opportunity to travel to us for our practices.

### Thrown Weapons - Prudence

- Nothing to report regarding a place to start practices up again.
- Fergus, Aveline, and Rashid pointed out that there is more than enough space to start practices at TekVenture.
- Fergus pointed out that there are also a lot of people that walk by us going to play beach volleyball.
- Sego said that she would be interested in attending practices.
- Prudence said that she will attempt to get one of the targets out of storage and bring it to TekVenture for next Sunday (7/2). Fergus told Prudence to not worry about it Sunday, 7/2, with the holiday and Simple Day going on.

### PFW (now Purdue Fort Wayne college) Liaison - Gavin

- Nothing to report.
- Ulrich said that since we have pulled back from the school the only thing that we may still use the school for would be Dance and possibly as an indoor site for winter. He said that we probably will not need regular reports unless there is something that needs to be brought up.

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Exchequer – Gavin:

- Checking and Savings balances were discussed.
- Ulrich thanked Gavin again for being willing to be the Exchequer.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### BARON WARS

- Maggie said that we won Sir Pellinor's wife and children officially. They are now permanent residents of the Barony of Shadowed Stars, not the Barony of Red Spears, which is where they live.

#### CROWN TOURNAMENT

- We hosted Crown Tournament.
- The building was hot. That was the only complaints that he heard from attendees.
- Shout-Outs:
  - o Gate crew – We received a lot of compliments about how quickly people were able to get through Gate. Gate sheets were very well put together.
  - o Feast crew – Feast was amazing. Their Highnesses Northshield were impressed with everything. The fact that all of the food except one thing was out of Her Majesty's cookbook was awesome. The only thing people said about Feast was that they wish that it had been advertised more that the dishes were from HRM's cookbook.
  - o Site crew – Mael was in charge of this and was always there doing things that needed to be done.
  - o Lunch crews – Both did awesome managing their budgets and not losing money.
  - o A&S Coordinator – Aveline took over and handled all the negotiations with Old Crown, handled the needs of the A&S competition judges and participants. She also helped with taking care of the Royalty Room.
- Attendance: 671 paid adults, 52 of those were non-members, 2 of them came out to Germanfest as well.
- Maggie said that she wants to thank Ulrich for running the event as well as he did. Ulrich said that it ran so well because of everyone in the room, not just him.

#### MOUNTED WAR GAMES VII

- Gwendolyn asked if we are able to do Epay yet, if we have anyone trained yet. Gavin responded and said that he is unable to attend the training at Pennsic. Gwendolyn asked if a Deputy could be trained. Yes.
- Prudence said that the current Staff list is on the event webpage.
- It was pointed out that there is no Gate coordinator listed, there is no Pre-Registration info listed, there is no Volunteer sign-up listed, there are no Youth activities listed.
- (recording unclear)
- Muirenn volunteered to be Royalty Liaison.
- Volunteer sign-up should be added as soon as possible but a month out at the latest.
- Gavin said that it is possible to come up with ways to comp people who volunteer at the event. The comp is easiest when it is for food. The financial committee just has to approve any comp proposal. Prudence said that she would like to offer a discount to those that are running specific areas.
- Brianna asked if the comps being discussed are for those outside the Barony only or if it is for those in the Barony. Gavin said that it would apply for both. Brianna asked if it is a comp that would be advertised so that it would encourage people to volunteer. All of those details would have to be worked out while insuring that the event doesn't lose money.
- Maggie proposed that we as a Barony pay for a hotel for Their Majesties. This would be outside of Prudence's approved event budget. Her Majesty has a problem with the heat. She does not want to have to make them walk across the camp to the showers. This will allow them to have some down-time space.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Maggie put forth a motion to pay for a hotel room for Their Majesties during MWG.</li><li>o Gwendolyn seconded.</li><li>o <b>VOTE:</b> Unanimous Aye.</li><li>o <b>VOTE APPROVED.</b></li></ul>
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- Final hotel costs will be announced at the July Business Meeting.



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### TEKVENTURE

- Update: A trial membership was offered to us for just over what two individual memberships would be). The official start date of the trial membership is July 1<sup>st</sup>. This trial includes:
  - o Every Sunday from 2-6pm for A&S
  - o Heavy and Rapier Fighting outside
  - o Allows up to 3 of the Barony of Shadowed Stars to be using their equipment and/or services (must show blue card)
  - o They are allowing us to store some things there (such as a 10x10 pop-up for shade during fighter practice)
- As part of the trial membership, they are asking that once a month for these trial months we teach a class that is open to the general public. TekVenture will assign a fee for the class for people who are not SCA Barony of Shadowed Stars members (should be between \$5-\$20 depending on the length and complexity of the class). SCA members must have a blue card to have the class fee waived. TekVenture will keep the class fees that are charged. If no one shows up to the class, we do not owe them anything for it. We will just do our due diligence and promote it. Materials fees charged by instructors will not be kept by TekVenture, they are for the instructor.
- Aveline has administrative access to the TekVenture Facebook presence and she will be creating class events there that can be shared on our personal Facebook pages.
- Gavin pointed out that on Facebook if you at least mark that you are Interested in a Facebook event it does help spread it farther to those that are local to the area. It does also get added to the "Events Going On In Your Area" section of Facebook as well.
- Ulrich and Aveline also pointed out that anyone who finds themselves using the TekVenture equipment a lot then they should consider purchasing their own individual membership.
- Gwendolyn said that we should have a Bring-A-Friend Day to help promote TekVenture.
- Gavin suggested that if necessary we can do a pass-the-hat donation option during meetings to help fund us using this space in the future.
- Ulrich pointed out that if SCA people used TekVenture enough that they purchased their own individual memberships that would definitely show them that we are a valuable promotional relationship for them.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### POSSIBLE HOSTING OF EQUESTRIAN AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SYMPOSIUM

- Gwendolyn attended the Equestrian and Animal Husbandry symposium that was held near Evansville, IN. The site was great, it was well attended, they made their money back. However, the group hosting it is a Shire and they feel that it was too much work for them to host it again.
- It is a traveling event and has been hosted by the Barony of Rivenstar in the past.
- She said that this may go into New Business if we would consider hosting it.
- She said that it is not necessarily an event she would want to host since it is second only to Mounted War Games in size. She is hoping that Sternfeld will host it since they are the epicenter of the Equestrian populace in the Kingdom.

#### THIS LAND 2018

- Gwendolyn said that looking forward to 2018 and our spring This Land event:
  - o Have we considered what dates we want to hold it?
  - o Will Ulrich consider running it again next year?
    - Ulrich said that he will run it if the Barony asks him to, but he would like to see someone else step up to run it and he will be an advisor.
  - o Bids should be put in soon.
- Maggie and Ulrich pointed out that whoever runs This Land next year will be handling the investiture of the new Baron and Baroness.
- Ulrich said that whoever is interested in bidding for it can put their name in by the August meeting and then the bid presentations and voting will be done at the September meeting.
- 2018 available dates on the Kingdom Event calendar were discussed.

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- Fergus suggested that we table this until further research is done. Maggie is going to call and speak to the site manager about the dates it is available.
- Maggie contacted Rex the site manager during the meeting. He said that May 18<sup>th</sup> is open. Ulrich said that if it is just a day event that the date would be May 19<sup>th</sup> then.
  - o Maggie said that the site manager confirmed that the new shower building will be done by then.
- It was discussed that This Land does not generally pull attendees from 3 hours away. Royalty will be there and it will be the investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of Shadowed Stars, but it will not be a huge event like Crown Tournament was.
- Ulrich said that we can put May 19<sup>th</sup> on the calendar for This Land and his name can be put on there as the Event Steward until we determine who will be running it.
- It was asked if we were doing a day event or a weekend camping event. A vote was taken:
  - o Ulrich asked for a show of hands of who would like to make This Land 2018 a day event = 6 hands raised.
  - o Ulrich asked for a show of hands of who would like to make This Land 2018 a weekend event = 7 hands raised.
  - o Several abstained.
  - o **VOTE APPROVED to reserve the entire weekend for now.**
- Ulrich said that he would put together a sample cost comparison of a day event versus a weekend event for the next meeting.

### BENCHMARK – FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL CLUB

- Zilia said that she works at Benchmark, which offers assistance to physically and mentally handicapped and disabled people. She is in charge of one of the activities which is called Friday Night Social Club. She said that most of the mentally-challenged people that attend Friday Night Social Club are about a middle-school-age mindset. She is thinking that we could do something for them that isn't necessarily a demo but would be more interactive (classes, etc.). She does not know yet if any sort of martial activity would be acceptable or not.
- Class ideas: cooking, crafts like finger-braiding, etc.
- Aveline asked if there is a specific location that they would want this to occur. Zilia said that there is a building that they currently use for their cooking class and their regular class. She is pretty sure we could use that building.
- [recording unclear]
- Fergus asked how much time are they talking about. Zilia said that usually they go out to dinner about 5:00pm or 5:30pm and then they go to whatever activity they are doing after that. The whole evening usually lasts until about 9:00pm or 10:00pm. She said that we could potentially include dinner with our activity and do dancing or other types of entertainment while they are eating so they feel like they are at a medieval feast.
- Zilia said that the clients pay for their own activities. If the Barony wrapped up its costs (materials, etc.) into one suggested donation amount per person including dinner that would be best.
- Maggie mentioned that it might be difficult during event season for the Barony to commit to something on Friday nights.
- Zilia said that she was hoping to try this during the coming fall or winter. She said that if it is successful she was hoping that maybe the Barony could commit to doing it once or twice a year.
- Aveline said to Zilia that she would like to work with her directly to start getting something set up. Then they can come back with some ideas for the group to vote on.

### UPCOMING NEW BARON AND BARONESS POLLING AND INVESTITURE

- Gwendolyn asked when the polling will start for the election and investiture of the new Baron and Baroness.
  - o Maggie said that it was mentioned a couple meetings ago if anyone was interested to come and talk to her and Fergus. She said that no one has come and talked to them. They do not have to come and talk to them at all to be able to run.
  - o Maggie thinks that polling will probably be in fall or winter if we are looking at investiture in May 2018.
  - o Ulrich said that he has seen elections for replacements they didn't start polling until like January.
  - o Gwendolyn said that she thought that there would be a mentoring period. Maggie said that she would like there to be.
  - o Random and anonymous chanting breaks out in the room: "Three more years! Three more years!"
  - o Fergus said that he and Maggie will talk with Their Highnesses about when they would like the polling to start.

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### **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:51pm**

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