

# The Barony of Shadowed Stars

## Business Meeting Minutes



**MONTH:** March 2017

**DATE:** 3/27/2017

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:07pm

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Shadowed Stars Business Meeting - Attendance Sheet					
Meeting Date: 3/27/2017					
	Mundane Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Name (PLEASE PRINT)	SCA Title (if applicable)	Current Shadowed Stars Officer?	If so, position held:
1.	Mary Ward	Broinnim ingen Magnusa	Lady	yes	Chronicler
2.	Jason Ward	Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson	Captain	yes	Seneschal
3.	Jennifer Mahocker	Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars	Lancer	yes	Equestrian
4.	Libby Lianez	Zoe Doukiana	Lady	yes	Historian
5.	Rachel Coffman	Prudence of Colleah	Lady	yes	Webminister
6.	Michael Malaney	Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae	THL	yes	Chatelaine
7.	Maureen Wilder	Geneva de St. Martine	Lady	no	
8.	Tanda Ameling	Zilia degli Giudici	Lady	no	
9.	Barbara Hernandez	Solveig Sigulfsdottir	THL	yes	Exchequer
10.	Daniel Hernandez	Alfairin Fani	Forester	no	
11.	Jeremy Glick	Fergus MacPherson	Baron	yes	Knights Marshal
12.	Wendy Martin-Glick	Maggie MacKeith	Baroness	no	
13.	Cynthia Mehille	Marchant	Lady	no	
14.	Tery O'Brien	Turlough O'Brien	Lord	no	
15.	Teresa S. Schreiter	Cassandra of Wyndhaven	Lady	no	
16.	Jean Lucke Kems	Kunigunda Ottila Gehrman		no	
17.	Carrie Beth Youse	Muirenn ingen Faelchon Ui Clerig	Lady	yes	Herald
18.	Dennis Oliver	Gwydion Gwrando	Lord	no	
19.	Brenda Ward	Mairghrec inghen Chionnaadha	Lady	no	
20.	Mandi Oliver	Leandra Corzi	Lady	yes	MOAS
21.	Marshall Oliver	Rashid al-Sanna	Lord	yes	Rapier Marshal
22.	Janet King	Haldora Egilsdottir	Baroness	no	
23.	Connie Houck	Aoife inghean Eoghain	Lady	no	

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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 reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and he asked if anyone had a problem with that. No one spoke up to say that they did.
- Ulrich said that it will be impossible for him to be at the April meeting because he will be out of the country. He, Brianna, Fergus, and Maggie will be gone from April 20 through May 1.

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

- DONATED ITEMS FROM RONIN AND KATYA - Fergus said that Ronin and Katya donated a few things.
  - They donated the banner that is hanging on the front podium. Maggie said that it was gifted to them. Since they are stepping away from the SCA it was thought that perhaps the Baron and Baroness could put their names on the back and it could be something that we display.
  - Fergus said that there is a set of bracers. They were given to them at their last court. Fergus and Maggie had been talking about which Champion would get to display them.
  - They were also gifted a nice leather pouch that were made by the same person that made the bracers.
  - Maggie said that these items are too pretty to hide and should be either gifted out by them or their successors so that they can be used and displayed instead of being packed away and hidden from sight.
- AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED BY THEIR HIGHNESSES - Maggie said that they saw and talked to Their Highnesses William and Isolde and they are very excited that we are hosting Spring Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S here in Shadowed Stars, they have heard nothing but good things about our group and the site. They also specifically said that they are looking for Award Recommendations for Crown Tournament.
  - Award Recommendation website to make recommendations for others to get awards:  
<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/login.php?from=/op/recommend/>
  - Description of the Middle Kingdom Awards that can be recommended:  
<http://www.midrealm.org/heraldry/awards.php>
  - Middle Kingdom Order of Precedence (searchable by SCA name, use this link to find out what awards someone already has):  
<http://www.midrealm.org/op/>
  - One of the restrictions of the Award Recommendation system is that Award recs put in where all the events go by and the person does not get the award disappear from view for the Crown. They go into an inactive status because the events are over. The person who entered the award into the system can still see it but no one else can. The person who entered the recommendation will see the word “Update” in red letters next to it. What they need to do is going in and update the award recommendation with future event dates.
  - William and Isolde are working on a project where they are having the last two years of recommendations downloaded from the system to start organizing that information to possibly use.
  - Maggie said that in line with this, she has created a spreadsheet of people in our group that show their names, their awards, and the dates that they received them. Anyone in the group is welcome to look at the information that she has on these spreadsheets. She is also going to give them to Muirenn as the Herald to do with as she would like to for the group. There are a lot of people in the group that do not have awards that they really should have.
  - One thing to remember when searching the Middle Kingdom Order of Precedence is that people may have awards under different SCA names. Make sure to search both names.
  - Maggie would also like to have another “How To Make An Award Recommendation” class to help people walk through how to do it as well as another “SCA 101” class that goes into awards and levels within the Society, how to recognize them and what they all stand for.
- NEXT BARON AND BARONESS POLLING AND ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR - Fergus said that it in less than a year they are going to start the polling process for Shadowed Stars to get a new Baron and Baroness. Maggie said that they are only serving one 3-year term so it is not their intention to run again. She said that if anyone is interested they are welcome to come talk to Fergus and Maggie to learn more about the job.

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### Officer Reports:

#### Exchequer – Solveig

- We received more money in donations for Archery.
- Make sure if a check is needed to request it before or after the dates that the Seneschal will be gone.

#### Knights Marshal – Fergus:

- Sunday practices continuing.
- Although fighter practices are going to be moving outside soon due to the weather, if we keep getting additional interest and more people showing up we are going to outgrow the Dolnick space. We may need a new fighter practice space for next winter.
- Report was turned in on time.
- Fergus is now also the Deputy Regional Marshal.

#### Chronicler – Broinninn:

- Chronicler report due April 1st.
- Next newsletter coming out soon.

#### MOAS – Leandra:

- A&S Classes – Classes are going well.
- Dance – No one is showing up to those again.

#### Herald – Muirenn:

- Not much happening this month.
- Muirenn would like to remind everyone that she wants to do a Heraldic display at Crown Tournament. She is asking that anyone that has arms registered to turn in something that displays that. Solveig and Ulrich reminded Muirenn to make sure to talk to the Event Stewards to make sure there is space for the display and to not wait until the last minute. Solveig said that it is a good challenge and maybe we could even have another A&S class on making banners.
- Quarterly report is due and will be on time. She will be working with Aoife to get it done.

#### Chatelaine – Mael:

- The Carroll Middle School is done. Fourteen people showed up. We did fighting, fencing, fiber arts, arms and armor, we demonstrated a dance instead of having a dance class.
- There is another demo coming up tomorrow which we will talk about later.
- There is potential for another demo that is very different from anything we have ever done before. It would put us in front of approximately 2,000 people. It will require firm commitments from every Barony member that is willing to take part in it. We will talk more about that in New Business as well.

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### Webminister – Prudence:

- Prudence is still looking for ideas for the front page of the website.
- Solveig asked if the scrolling Facebook info at the bottom that pulls posts from the Facebook “SCA Shadowed Stars” page can be gotten rid of. Solveig said that there are no updates coming through that so it looks kind of off. Prudence said that she could start putting updates through the “SCA Shadowed Stars” Facebook page. Solveig said that would be cool. Fergus said that even if all Prudence does is put a bigger link to the Barony calendar there that would probably help as well. Prudence said she can do that.

### Equestrian – Gwendolyn:

- She is still working on getting an equestrian practice site.

### Rapier – Rashid:

- Practice continuing as usual.
- There are visitors coming from Red Spears every other week.
- They do have newcomers that are learning.
- Report is not due until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

- Attendance has been slowing down.
- With spring arriving they will be moving archery practice outside.

### Thrown Weapons – Bezawit not in attendance, no report given to Ulrich.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- OFFICER ELECTIONS
  - o Ulrich started handing out written ballots and pens for everyone in attendance to cast their vote. Votes were cast by all in attendance and their ballot was placed face down in a stack. Ulrich stated that the number of ballots has to equal the number of signatures on the attendance sheet.
  - o CANDIDATES:
    - MOAS – Aveline
    - Chronicler – Zilia
    - Archery – Velos
    - Thrown Weapons – Prudence
    - Equestrian – Gwendolyn
    - Seneschal – Ulrich, Zoe
  - o Ulrich informed everyone that there will be two teams of three people to help count the votes. Each team will have one of the Baron/Baroness, a Baronial officer, and a member of the populace. There will be one more team of three that will watch the two teams count the votes. This team will consist of a Regional Officer, a Baronial officer, and a member of the populace. Anyone who is involved with or married to one of the candidates is ineligible to be part of any of the teams. Each team of counters will go out and count while being supervised by the third team. Once the two teams have both counted, then the supervising team will compare their answers. If

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the answers are the same, everything will be put into the manilla envelope and we will announce the winners. The envelope will be sealed. Everyone who counted will sign the outside of the envelope. Once that is done it will be passed on to the Regional Seneschal.

- First counting team = Baroness Maggie, Lady Leandra, and Baroness Halldora.
- Second counting team = Baron Fergus, Lord Rashid, and Lady Cassandra.
- Supervising team = Forester Alfairin, Lady Marcharit, and Lady Muirenn.
- Maggie said that the reason that the vote is being handled so carefully is so that there is no question that the outcome is a valid one.
- Maggie came back in to the room and said that they only have 22 ballots but there are 23 people. She asked if anyone chose not to vote? Ulrich forgot to turn in his ballot. He filled it out and gave it to them.
- When the last team of counters came back in the room with the supervising team, Maggie said that the tabulation sheets are signed as well.
- ELECTION RESULTS:
  - Equestrian Marshal: Lancer Gwendolyn
  - Thrown Weapons: Lady Prudence
  - Archery Marshal: Lord Velos
  - Chronicler: Lady Zilia
  - MOAS: Lady Aveline
  - Seneschal: Captain Ulrich

### THANKING THE PREVIOUS BARONY OFFICERS

- Maggie said that we need to make sure to thank all the previous officers for their service to the Barony
- Thank you to Alfairin (previous Archery Marshal), and to Leandra (previous MOAS), and to Broinninn (previous Chronicler), and to Bezawit (previous Thrown Weapons). Applause ensued

### UPCOMING MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL DEMO

- Various discussions about the Maple Creek demo, who is able to show up, who is doing what, etc.

### NEW DEMO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE MAD ANTS (Fort Wayne's basketball team)

- Mael said that we have an opportunity to be able to present during the Half-Time show at a Mad Ants basketball game
  - Apparently one of our long-time members who is not active is in the drum line. They people running the half-time show were heard saying that they wished they could get something medieval out there.
  - They will put down mats to protect their floors. It was suggested that we do a 3-ring circus format: Heavy fighting in one, Dance in a second, and Fencing in a third.
  - It would be for about 20 minutes and that is it.
  - Solveig said that she imagines a whole scene with a girl coming out screaming in medieval garb and different groups of fighters clashing as some try to save the girl – it would be very loud!
  - Mael said there is no date for this idea. It is just proposed for some point in the future.
  - IMPORTANT – Mael says that if we commit to it then it will be a firm commitment, we cannot have people saying that they “might” be able to make it
  - It would be evening hours so it should not interfere with most people's work schedules
  - Turlough said that we could also request a secure room to change in and to hold our things
  - They are working on planning for next season since this season is almost over
- Mael said the other thing offered was to have a table with brochures and things on it for when people walk by

### SPRING CROWN TOURNAMENT AND KINGDOM A&S

#### - CROWN SITE TOKENS

- Solveig said the site and A&S tokens are done. Attendees will get:
  - Saturday only: just the masks
  - Sunday only: metal bookmark with dragon
  - Saturday and Sunday: they get both

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- Feast tokens will be sachets of herbs. We have picked 5 medieval herbs and there will be different sachets available with each. There will be extras on the Gate table so that people could switch out the herb that they initially received for one that they would prefer. These sachets are not done so there will be a sachet-making party between now and Crown Tournament.
  - There are 500 bookmarks and 300 masks.
- CROWN FEAST
  - Solveig said that Lady Zilia will be cooking Feast along with Lady Teegan from White Waters
  - The feast is in tribute to Her Highness Isolde. Isolde wrote a cookbook on Anglo-Saxon feasting and food.
  - Feast will be \$10. There will be 104 tickets available.
  - Ulrich asked if we have a Hall Steward for Feast yet. Solveig said that she will probably be doing that.
- OLD CROWN COFFEE – BREWING COMPETITION WILL BE THERE
  - Solveig said that we will be encouraging people to go over there for coffees and even lunch if they do not want to have our lunch or even after.
  - We will be giving them free advertising for being so accommodating with us.
- VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED
  - Ulrich said we need someone to run Parking on Saturday
- PAYPAL MIGHT BE AN OPTION FOR PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT
  - Solveig said that it might be possible for us to use PayPal for pre-reg for Crown. The problem is that there is training and it is after our event.
  - If we use PayPal for pre-registration for our events, there is a fee for however much we collect. As a group, we need to vote and decide if we are willing to pay the fee to use PayPal for our events
  - Training is directed at: the Seneschal, the Exchequer, the Event Stewards, and Gate people (pre-reg only)
  - If it is too soon for us to use PayPal for Crown then we can consider using it for MWG
- VOLUNTEERSPOT IS BEING SET UP
  - Maggie said that any department heads that know that their area will need volunteers to please send her the details so she can add them (Feast, Gate, etc.)
  - She is taking care of entering the retaining and guard volunteers that are needed
- NO FIGHTING OTHER THAN PICK-UPS ON SATURDAY
  - No listed martial events listed on that day in the main gym
  - If there are pick-ups then it will probably be in the auxiliary gym
- MORE A&S CLASSES NEEDED
  - Leandra said that she has been pushing for that
  - Fergus said that he will message Konrad to see if he would be here to do a coining class
  - Solveig said that we might be able to message Bina to see if she can do a class on Saturday
  - Solveig said that we really need a pretty robust class schedule and if we can manage some childrens' classes or family-oriented classes that would be wonderful
- CRASH SPACE IS BEING REQUESTED
  - We have quite a few people requesting crash space for Crown weekend. There is a request for anyone who has space available to make that known.
  - Hotel block info is on the event website.
  - Gwendolyn said that she does not mind coordinating the crash space info
- NO SPACE FOR THROWN WEAPONS
  - Prudence asked if there is any space available for Thrown Weapons. No. There is no outside space available and there is no space indoors either.
- SITE FEES MISSING FROM EVENT WEBSITE
  - Site fees are missing from the website.
  - For Members, site fee is \$10/day and \$15/weekend, Family Cap is \$25. Gate will have to watch this since the Family Cap does not equal two weekend adults.
  - Non-member surcharge is \$5 per adult (this is in addition to the Family Cap).
  - Lunch is \$6. Feast is \$10.

### NEW BUSINESS:



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### - MWG BUDGET PROPOSAL

- Prudence said that she has a proposed budget for MWG this year
- It was brought up that the Event Steward for MWG was never opened up for bids from the group.
- There was some discussion about whether Prudence's proposed budget included food, she says it does not include food, she said that she asked for bids for people to do the food and got only "maybe"s.
- Solveig said she has no problem doing the food.
- Fergus said that we will still need to use the main room at the site because Their Majesties are coming.
- Ulrich said that he would like to table the MWG issue until the next meeting. There was no objection.
- Ulrich said that he would put up on the Facebook groups that MWG Event Steward bids are due before the next meeting.
- Ulrich asked Prudence to work with Solveig and get the food budget added to the budget proposal that she already has.
- Ulrich apologized to Prudence that this wasn't already announced so that we could handle it at this meeting.

### - APRIL MEETING MOVING UP ONE WEEK

- Gwendolyn said that the room we use for our Business Meetings is open on the evening of Monday, April 17, which would be one week before our regular meeting.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Fergus made the motion to move the meeting up one week to Monday, April 17, 2017.</li><li>○ Rashid seconded.</li><li>○ <b>VOTE:</b> Pending approval with Indiana Tech, raised hands vote for moving the meeting to 4/17/2017.</li><li>○ <b>VOTE APPROVED.</b></li></ul> |
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### - CHARTER DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL PLANNING MEETINGS MAY NEED CHANGED

- Prudence asked if we are not going to be having separate Financial Committee meetings then shouldn't we be changing the Barony Charter wording?
- Ulrich says that he does not want to go through changing the charter again. He said he would rather go back to having Financial Committee meetings instead.

### - GERMANFEST DEMO – HAVE WE HEARD FROM THEM YET?

- No, we have not heard from them yet.

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marcharit said that she received a message from Master JP to say 'hi' to everyone.
- Geneva said that if anyone is interested in outside Dance she has brochures for Knowne World Dance in June which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. Also this coming weekend she is heading up to Ann Arbor to the Terpsichore event and if anyone is interested in going she can offer them a ride.

### - MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:43pm

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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

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- 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.
-