

Baronial Council Meeting Minutes- Bonfield 2006 meeting

In Attendance:

Constance Payne (for Tsivia)

Helen

Christobel

Menken

Heather Questrix

Judith

Anne

Ragni

Elric

Gudrun

Kirsteken

- 1) Ragni announces that she will be stepping down in the new year, possibly at twelfth night, more likely at Practicum
- 2) Judith has had the “ancient and official Chronicler’s Belt” returned to her.
- 3) General Introductions of new members on council
- 4) Report on Baron’s Howe Event: 188 people in attendance, with income of approximately \$1600, therefore the event has made money, possibly about \$300. Presently, this is a baronial event (bankrolled by and for the barony) it was requested that we think about sharing profits with the hosting group in future.
- 5) Twelfth night is to be held in Offangard this year: Jan. 6, 2007. Break even is set at 50 people
- 6) Hare preparations are going well. Constance requests that all cantons and attendees bring banners of all sorts. Kersteken offers to be royalty liaison, and offers large Tor Brant banners.
- 7) Kingdom A+S meeting was help the day before, all was going well.
- 8) Heather has set up a Yahoo group list for the Baronial council; please send your contact info to her to get on the list.
- 9) Exchequery: Rozzie’s term is coming due. It would be best if she left before Ragni- this needs to be resolved soon. To Do: Ragni will call her to talk and set a deadline, preferably Hare. Ragni will let the yahoo list know what is up after this call. Then advertise the position, though Rozzie could reapply. When the Signing authority must be changed, the Baronial Seneschal should be on the account by law and custom.
- 10) Chronicle: Sept. is the Flaming Sky/Barons Howe issue. Finvarr and Ragni to write articles. Caldrithig is next on the rotation; Duchess Genevieve has offered to collect articles by Oct 15. Subscriptions have increased from 11 to 30 issues this year. 6 of these are Paid PDF subscriptions. Many are expiring at the end of Dec. Budget is now working well, and the Chronicle is again breaking even. The Council thanks Judith for her work.
- 11) Polling for the new Baron and Baroness. The process needs a bit of work- leaks were made in a general sense. In particular- Their Majesties asked for anecdotes at the Skraeling encampment at war. Many people took this to be “information”.

Votes only express the thoughts of people, and Royalty can do as they like really, as long as their choice is not “substantively opposed”. Austrian balloting information on the web site was difficult for some people to understand. People were not following the instructions, and only marked one candidate, but Ragni interpreted this as best she could. No Ballots were spoiled. Kirstiken notes that it was a very long process and that co-coordinating the schedules of the candidates was a nightmare with all their different types of work. The Special issue was a good thing, and helpful. The race in general was very friendly and the potlucks were good and the meetings were handled well. Every way it was counted the results were very close for all the pairs. We all look forward to the new Excellencies.

- 12) Kingdom Chronicler congratulates Skrael for three “Blackfox” award nominations: two of these were Vodnikofs article on making a bone needle, and Isabella’s poem “Ode to a Heavenly Bean”. I didn’t catch the third.
- 13) Christobel asks canton seneschals to ask their people to find Demonstrators for the Kingdom A+S fair. Not classes, but an example of their work.
- 14) Menken notes that this is his last meeting as Baron, and he thanks the council for their support and help over the years. He suggests we not dwell on the polling process, but turn our minds to supporting and helping the new Baron and Baroness in their new duties.