

In Attendance (either at the beginning or through the meeting)

Ragni
Rozalind
Helen
Judith
Tsvia
Menken
Xristinia
Aelflaeda
Melisande
Derfel
Gudrun
Eleanor
Ansfrid
Heather
Kolborn

1) Council addressed by Kolborn, who is the new Kingdom Exchequer. He has understood that there have been some issues around replacing the Baronial Exchequer. He will support whichever candidate we choose, and be the one signing the roster for them. The Council will decide the changeover timing as we see fit. He encourages us to not make this a Kingdom issue. The council thanks him for his words

2) Comments on Meeting notes: In last times minutes it was stated that "by law and custom the baronial Seneschal should be on the bank account". Judith points out that there is no law to support this- there must be two officers, but they do not have to include the Seneschal. She asks if we have a financial committee, and who should be on it. Ragni asks to table this discussion to a period when we have more time.

3) Seneschal Selection: The two candidates are Kirstiken and James. Marion has pointed out that they are both busy with other offices at the moment (List mistress, and exchequer respectively). However Ragni has offered to stay on until the selected officer can settle their affairs, and offers herself as a drop-dead deputy. Secret ballots are distributed, and counted by Aelflaeda. Kirstiken wins. Ragni will do the Domesday, and will hand over the office at 12th night or Practicum. Derfel asserts that both officers should change at 12th night.

4) Exchequer Selection: The two candidates are Wilhelm and Gina. . Secret ballots are distributed, and counted by Aelflaeda. There is a tie vote. As Baron and Baroness, Eleanor and Menken are asked to break the tie, but they defer to Derfel and Melisande due to household considerations and their stepping down in a few hours. Melisande is reluctant to break the tie, and some discussion of the candidates ensues, with good points being made for both candidates. Melisande admits that she had made a decision before the meeting, but wanted more input. Wilhelm is selected. The Council thanks Aelflaeda for her help in the voting process. Rozalind will work out a timetable with Wilhelm, but wishes to see the A+S event through to its conclusion. Derfel asserts that both officers should change at 12th night.

5) Eleanor and Menken excuse themselves from the meeting after thanking the Council for many years of hard work.

6) Officer reports/changes: Derfel resigns as the Baronial Marshal, but will serve until replacement is found. Advertise immediately.

Ansfrid will continue to serve for 6 more months- May/June advertisement anticipated.

Judith would like to complete the 2007 subscription year, but will step down at Hare to facilitate the new officer. This position may be difficult to replace, therefore advertising is suggested to begin in the early summer.

Tsvia has served for 2 years, but will serve another year if necessary. Advertise immediately, but Tsvia could apply for a one- year term if she chooses.

Melisande asks that advertisements be clear about what the position entails so that people will not be afraid of the unknown.

7) Kingdom Arts and Science event next week- No council meeting. Pleased the event is going well

8) Constitution/bylaws discussion: Derfel favors having a document that would consist of flexible rules, 'on paper' outlining what we do so that we are all on the same page. He notes that a number of groups do have these things, and find them helpful. It would 'bind us to what we do within existing structures'. Ragni notes that it would be a document of "how we want to get along". In response to questions, Derfel indicates that he doesn't care what this document is called as long as it contains this sort of information. It could be "rules and Customs"; "Constitution"; "Stuff we do in Skraeling" etc. Judith doesn't understand why such a document is necessary since we have already many rules and laws to follow from the society and Kingdom levels, and a Baronial financial policy on the Kingdom web page. Others remark that it would be useful in organizing officer change over times and other things. Ragni reads the opening section of the Ardcreag Constitution and it seems interesting, (it is available on line) and she suggests that we look for further examples to base ours on. She notes that it will not have the force of law, but it would serve to pass Knowledge through the group. Derfel and Melisande excuse themselves from the meeting.

9) Twelfth night budget is confirmed.

10) Officer concerns: Judith has a gift subscription that was unused and the giver would like it refunded. The difficulty in this is that the giver would like to remain anonymous, but has been communication to Judith through Anne. We agree to make a cheque out to Anne, and if that is impossible to make one to Judith and have the money passed back the same way it came. It is noted that a small discretionary fund might be useful in the future so that this sort of thing need not come to the full council.

11) Tsvia notes that Tor Brant has no Chatelaine. She encourages Gudrun to ask for her help if they need it.

12) Judith reports that paper copies will be ending with this issue- all forthcoming issues will be on PDF files unless specifically requested and paid for by the subscriber. The Arts and science issue is next, please submit articles. For "canton" issues, the articles and are should be collected by the seneschal or a deputy.

13) Canton concerns: Flaming sky: The former Seneschal has 'disappeared' and the Exchequer has been having serious family problems, and "Lori" is helping out. Things are being worked out. Tor Brant: Meetings are happening regularly, and they are getting new contacts and the group is growing. Greyfells is flourishing with 6-10 new people recruited this season. They would like to host 12th night in their canton in 2008. Caldrihig: We are all working hard at Hare! Harrowgate Heath has finally passed their name, and Anne is working on paperwork to get full status for the group.

14) Constitution talk is tabled for now, but we should continue to work on this. Ragni supports having the canton seneschals on the council (apparently this is unusual for Baronies in this Kingdom.)

15) Web administration: Our web site is fine, but the Skrael list has been killed. A Skraeling Yahoo site has been set up- please join! Rozalind notes that the cantons had agreed to pay \$24 each for two years of hosting service. Caldrihig is in arrears. Helen agrees to get this moving.

Meeting started about 2 pm and concluded at about 3:30

Items in quotes are likely paraphrasing, but are as close as I could come to.