

Baronial Council Meeting of the Barony of Skraeling Althing

Date: March 4, 2006

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: A Fowl Winters' Night, Winchester, Ontario

Attendees:

Viscount Menken Brechen (Michael)
Mistress Ragni Dazintri (Ruta)
Mistress Helen of Greyfells (Helen) for Lord Ansfrid (Michael)
Lady Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees
Lady Judith the Quiet Seeker (Judy)
Lady Roan ingen Chormaicc maicc Morgaind (Melissa)
Lady Cristabell Wensleydale (Christy)
Lord Dragul Maksimov Vodnikof (Howard)
Lady Kersteken Janzdochtere (April)
Lady Heather Shea (Kelly)
Lord Orderic von Lothringen (Rod)

Topics of Discussion

1. Baronial Exchequer Report - Reporting officer – Rozalynd

- (a) The Barony of Skraeling Althing's Doomsday Report has been received and accepted by the Kingdom Exchequer for 2005.
- (b) In 2005 Offangaard was able to raise \$1400.00 which is being held in trust by the Barony.
- (c) The Baronial Sur Tax, created by Tsvia, has helped out the baronial bank account. All Cantons are encouraged to participate in holding a BST at any event to raise money for the Barony. Cathaldrig confirmed that they will be sending 10% of all event profits to the Barony.
- (d) The current Baronial Bank Account total is \$4242.38, including Offangaards portion being held in trust.
- (e) A reminder was given, that the council would like to achieve \$3000.00 working capital in the Baronial account by here 2006.

2. The Chronical

- (a) A motion was brought forth by Judith, the Quiet Seeker, and read as follows:

“Judith’s Motion: That the Baronial Financial committee fund the Skraeling Althing Baronial Newsletter for 12 complimentary paper copies each issue to the following offices: TRM, TRH, KS, Tidings, Society Archivist, 5 Canton seneschals, Baronial seneschal and TE. Said financial expenditure is roughly \$185.00 annually and that this \$185.00 expenditure be added to the Skraeling Althing annual budget.”

Further information was provided by Judith and was presented as follows:

Cost Breakdown

Cost per Issue	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.90
21 paid subscriptions	\$45.15	\$ 46.20	\$ 39.90
5 required	\$10.75		
12 complimentary copies		\$ 26.40	\$ 26.40
Total Expense	\$55.90	\$ 72.60	\$ 62.70
Total Revenue (21x\$2.00)	\$42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
Net Loss Per Issue	\$13.90	\$ 30.60	\$ 20.70
Estimated Loss for 2006	\$90.10	\$183.60	\$124.20

- (b) **Judith’s comments**

- b.1 4 issues have been published and the Cantons have been designated to provide for 1 issue each.
- b.2 No extra monies were set aside to cover for the complimentary copies.
- b.3 Articles will not be refused unless they are deemed inappropriate for print, therefore the size of the Chronical fluctuates according to the number of articles included.
- b.4 Receipts are provided directly to the Exchequer, Rozalynd, who in turn pays Judith directly.
- b.5 It was confirmed that an anonymous person donated funds to offset the cost of the complimentary copies.

(c) **Council comments**

- c.1 The size of the Chronical must remain constant ie 6 pgs.
- c.2 Extra articles should be kept for a chronical that may not have enough to fill the space, as long as proper credit is given to the authors of the articles.
- c.3 Free copies in paper format to the Senechals should stop.
- c.4 Change to a standard #12 envelope and fold the Chronical to fit.
- c.5 Postage must not exceed the current standard postage as per Canada Post for a #10 envelope. (Currently \$0.51)
- c.6 Judith is to investigate the exact number of pages able to be sent in a #10 envelope for \$0.51.
- c.7 Judith is to provide a costing of all the above requests in a budget format with projections for 2007 for the next Baronial Council meeting.
- c.8 Cantons are encouraged to post subscription forms on their individual websites to promote the Chronical. Judith will email the Seneschals a digital copy of the form.
- c.9 Advertising space in the Chronical can be sold to help the budget. Ad sizes and prices to be determined at next meeting.

MOTION – Motioned by Vod and seconded by Helene (Ansfrid)
 Motion – **Carried** with 1 opposed – Cristabell

“The 5 Senechal copies shall be in PDF format until further notice with the following exception: Should the Chronical contain pertinent information with regards to the running/operation or a “NEED TO KNOW” of a Canton, then a paper copy should be sent in place of the PDF.”

3. **Kingdom Arts and Sciences Event**

- a. A formal bid was submitted by Mistress Ragni and failed to be accepted by the Privy Council.
- b. The bid is to be resubmitted by Kirsteken with a change in the date and location. Also the bid shall include all Cantons participating and providing funding for the event of equal share.
- c. As November 11 2006, falls on a Saturday, Hare must be moved back 1 week to November 18, which conflicts with the traditional date for the event.

4. **Officer Reports**

Mistress Ragni

Mistress Ragni advised the Council that her term as Baronial Seneschal would be coming to an end in September 2006. With this in mind, requests for applicants for the position of Baronial Seneschal will be sent out in early summer, with the successful applicant to be chosen prior to Pennsic 2006 and announced at Baron's Howe. Mistress Ragni was requested to remain in the position until Practicum 2007, to allow for the new Seneschal an extended transition period to prepare to take over the position. Mistress Ragni agreed to this proposal.

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The Baronial Website is up and running well. Elrik of Flaming Sky, has helped with the redesign of the site and will continue to help as needed. Many compliments have been received with regards to the “NEW LOOK”.

Baron Menken – Baronial Succession

Applications will be accepted until April 13, 2006. All pertinent information has been sent out via e-list and is posted on the Baronial Website. Potential Applicants will be announced at Dandelions on May 6, 2006 in the Canton of Tor Brant.

The schedule for the Canton Meetings with the Applicants will also be announced at this time. The first meeting shall be held at Dandelions, in Tor Brant, and the second will be at Akhbar's Feast of Nations, in the Canton of Flaming Sky on May 20, 2006. Good luck to all who put forth their names.

Kersteken

Tor Brant will be hosting an event in conjunction with the Children's Wish Foundation on July 15, 2006. All are invited to come and participate to help in raising money for this worthy charity.

Heather

Heather thanked everyone for their warm welcome to the position of Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences. Heather also reminded the Council that Akhbar's Feast of Nations would be coming up in the Canton of Flaming Sky and all are welcome. Heather also informed the group of another event to be held on October 21, 2006 to be called Autumn Collegium which will follow the same idea of Practicum and Forward Into the Past.

Cristabell

Cristabell brought forth a proposal from Willheem with regards to Baronial Regalia. The cloaks are in need on mending and will required material to fix them properly. Willheem proposes that it will cost no more than \$150.00 for the material and wanted Council approval to go ahead and facilitate the repairs of the cloaks. The Council would like a full inspection of the cloaks and a more accurate idea of the amount it will cost to have them repaired.

Next Meeting – Dandelions, May 6, 2006 in the Canton of Tor Brant.

Meeting Adjourned at 5 p.m.