

Meeting minutes

Sunday October 13th at 4:00 pm

Attendees: Gina, Dubhessa, May, Ysabel, Michael, Duncan, Constance, Cecilia, Christy, Johann

Agenda:

1. Words from our Landed Nobility

Baroness Dubhessa: working on a Spring Coronation bid – April 26, Lombardy site. Needs a feast cook. Also wants to focus on dancing, maybe equestrian activities in the future at that site but we need an equestrian marshal. For feast of the hare let Their Excellencies know who you feel deserves a bunny tail. Consider submitting award recommendations for Practicum and other events in the New Year.

2. Hare updates

Baron Duncan: in the process of finalizing lunch and feast menus. All essential personnel positions are filled. The event schedule is in process.

2: Practicum Bids

Ysabel and Constance: Due to last year's site unavailability and a conflict on the Kingdom Calendar with last year's preferred date, looking at holding the event on February 15 or March 1. They need to find a site. The tram are also thinking of class ideas with an onboarding theme (introductory classes). \$20 members fee. They need a feast cook; no lunch will be provided (pack your own), there will be a staffed refreshments position (already filled). The feast will be small – for about 40 people.

3. Officer Reports

Exchequer - Lady May of ye Wolde:

Currently preparing Q3 report; books are balanced and we seem to have a fairly healthy balance in the canton bank account BUT given increased site rental fees from the City of Ottawa, the populace is encouraged to think about ideas for fundraising; a month with practice site rental cheques and event expenses could see our account dip too low for comfort.

Feast of the Hare is coming up:

1) if any event need a cash advance (ex to purchase supplies for cooking) please get in touch well before the end of October, as this is a busy time of year for me mundanely and it may take time to coordinate filling out forms and signing checks

2) hare event staff who will need to be reimbursed for expenses are reminded to bring receipts to the event (if you can pre-fill your portion of the cheque request form and also bring it along, that would be a big help)

Chatelaine -- Lady Amalthea:

Has been in touch with Duncan re: lunch for Hare. Will start thinking about a plan for attending strategic demos. There is a sewing day this Saturday at May's, as long as folks are still available and interested.

Rapier Marshal -- Lord Gavin MacAidan, Johann reporting:

Money collection at practices has increased. There is a stable number of participants, from 6-10 people. Last Thursday there were visitors from Montreal who threatened a bunny and put up a ransom note, challenged out fencers to face them on their grounds.

Minister of Arts & Sciences – Ysabel Hudon:

Trying to recruit people for QPT, also reached out to potential sponsors. Would like to coordinate a monthly A&S meeting with Lady Amalthea.

Dance Mistress – Lady Cecilia the Sinister:

Dance is going great! It is well attended with friendly people.

Archery Marshal – Baron Duncan MacLeod

He was archery marshal in charge at Gwyl Y Flamm, no archery activity since then. He hopes for on or two practices in October.

5. Around the Room

Christy:

It would be nice to have a potluck in January. Will work on dates and a financing plan (supported by Canton funds, participants pay a fee, or both). This item will be added to the November agenda for a vote.

Duncan:

Made a waterproof rain cloak which will likely result in rain free events for the foreseeable future. Completed making 24 arrows.

Constance:

Will offer her pointed insert class at Feast of the Hare.

Johann:

Had a chat with a seasonal market company at a steampunk event regarding demos in the late summer. We would need to reach out. Also expressed interest in being Practicum's feastocrat.

Eleanor:

Pricing for thrown weapons target stands and targets – roughly \$130. Pricing for loaner weapons (three knives, axes, and spears) – roughly 206. All prices are before tax. The plan is to have thrown weapons practices held at the same time and location as archery practice. It would be nice if more people were trained as thrown weapons marshals. Will reach out to the community to see how to get that started (setting up the range at an event and inspecting weapons are part of the process).

Meeting ended at 4:57 pm.