

Sunday January 12, 2025  
Meeting minutes

Meeting started 4 pm

**Attendance:**

Abigail, May, Constance, Duncan, Gary, Gina, Michael Corvisor, Sanna, Ysabel, Cydney, Elsebeth, Cecilia, Matt Petpitas, Philomena Sherwood, Eleanor of Bonwicke

**1. Budget vote -- Lady May**

- summarized budget
- October bank balance around \$7,700
- fundraiser recommended

Vote: unanimous

**2. Canton Financial Policy discussion (vote in February) -- Lady May**

- Proposed change to section 10d, event admissions
- Constance: maybe Kingdom prefers the old text, as it was theirs
- Sanna: Maybe add a procedure or addendum to clarify
- Constance: Were last year's changes accepted by Kingdom?
- Elsebeth: I don't know
- Eleanor: Any further changes to suggest? Vote is in February.
- May: Checking would be useful.

**3. Fall Crown Tournament 2025 discussion – seeking volunteers to steward the event – Eleanor**

- Elsebeth and Constance are preparing a bid for October 25. Greely Hall, Mitch Owens Drive. Site \$850.
- Eleanor: Last 2 Crown tournaments had attendance of 150. Do any key positions need to be filled?
- Elsebeth: John Moran offered banners. Need help hanging them, with setup, takedown, we have tentative cooks, Annette volunteered for gatConstance: Estimate \$750 profit.
- Eleanor: bids will be due at February meeting, vote in March.

**4. Demo for Hunt Club Curling Club update – Baron Duncan**

- Looking for people to setup. Have a good crew of people. If you're coming bring a display item with a description. How much honorarium?
- Eleanor: \$300
- Cydney: Clarification on era. Is a mix okay?

- Duncan: Mix is fine.
- Constance: Event next day is in Guelph.
- Questions for the Canton (Eleanor):
  - Are Ross and Christy planning on attending? Can rapier happen without Ross? Does a fencer want to come to the site visit to ensure appropriate space? If so, are there any restrictions on availability?
  - Ross and Christy were not present. No fencers present.
  - Is there crash space available for Chantal Robinson - i.e. is someone willing for her to sleep over on the Friday night (See Baronial Post, on the Baronial Facebook Page)?
  - Cydney volunteered.
  - Do we have a budget for supplies? i.e. calligraphy engagement craft (Susan Clarke is willing to run this - she contacted me through private msg so this is not visible on the Canton post)
  - Constance: the barony has some equipment. Might not need a budget.
  - Gina: can attend A&S table if needed.
  - Elsebeth: Willing to purchase hooks. Do the organizers have specific wants?
  - Duncan: No food, artifact display, people, dance, trebuchet tourney, medieval presence and flair, can recruit.
  - Cecilia: for people offering an activity it would be helpful to ask for guidance. Should we teach? Set up a performance? Time slots? Space available?
  - Duncan: Hall is used for dances, not small. Can get back to you. Organizer was enthusiastic about 2 dances taught, 2 demonstrated.
  - Cecilia: Need time frames.
  - Elsebeth: Pictures of available space?
  - Ysabel: Temperature?
  - Duncan: Site visit planned.
  - Are there other questions that I'm not thinking about that we should ask the Canton and/or the Organizer (see next list)? -- No additional questions

### **5. Practicum 2025 update – Ysabel and Honourable Lady Constance**

- Ysabel: filling schedule, two one hour slots left. Class listings should be available soon. No feast, everyone is teaching. Also no lunch.
- Constance: Have not heard back from Royals
- Cydney: Is food available nearby? (Yes) Can we bring food? (Yes)
- Philomena: Potluck feast?
- Constance: It's feasible. Don't use the kitchen.
- Cydney: cold potluck?
- Ysabel: We'll discuss.
- Duncan: How long do we have the hall for?
- Constance: full day.

### **6. Officer Reports**

- Seneschal - Seeking bids for Feast of the Hare for March. Written notice will go out prior to February's meeting (aside from the posted meeting minutes). Bids due in March, vote in April.
  - Cydney: Ysabel, Rachel, Amalthea working on a bid.
  - Cecilia: Contact the site right away to get a good weekend.
  - Me: Let me know what date you want.
  - Cydney: Week of the 15th.
  
- Chatelaine -- Lady Amalthea (not present)
  - spoke to a newcomer Math Petitpas and he may attend today's meeting. (He Did 😊 ) We're in conversation about him coming to Practicum. He seems keen and lovely!
  
- Armoured Marshal -- Sir Laurenz Tonnemacher Not present
  
- Rapier Marshal -- Lord Gavin MacAidan Not present
  
- MoAS – Ysabel Hudon
  
- Contacted Glengarry ren faire, hope to hear back. Monthly A&S meeting is next Sunday.
  
- Clerk Register -- Dame Elsebeth Ffarberyn
  - Submitted report
  
- Dance mistress -- Cecilia the Sinister:
  
- Dance is going awesome. Impressed by the volunteerism of the group.
  
- Archery – Baron Duncan
  - Carleton University archery club is restarting for the new year. Prices are reasonable.

*Meeting break – generated a new meeting and link*

## **7. Around the Room**

- Abigail: Can we make two back to back meetings at 4 and 5?
- Eleanor: I'll look into it.
  
- Philomena: Issue of the Canton and Kingdom's presence on Facebook, how that affects flow of information. The issue is that information is posted in multiple

places (event start times, details, website, etc.) and it's difficult to navigate. Old websites lose maintenance, and the information is not de-listed. Example: there are 40 feast seats for Coronation. Where is the signup posted? We need best practices for web sanitation. Event things should be posted through official domains.

- Abigail: In light of mundane events, the Society's presence on Facebook is detrimental to growth. Information gets missed. Facebook infrastructure is not good. Facebook is changing moderation, specifically with regards to LGBTQ topics. Would like to move away from Facebook.
- Cecilia: Kingdom agrees with you about websites. They have webspace for events.
- Elsebeth: Dissemination is in two forms, announcements and discussion which is more problematic. Moving to Discord may have benefits but would need more end user engagement.
- Philomena: WordPress has comments.
- Ysabel: Make a Caldrihig Discord channel?
- Philomena: There is a problem with rampant dissemination of AI generated images. We need to have a discussion about our level of tolerance and alternatives with respect to what we put on our webpages.
  - Duncan: We are a club of artists. AI generated artwork is an insult to our artists.
- Elsebeth: Is there an ideal platform?
- Philomena: Canton website could have forum features.
- Elsebeth: Can users be managed?
- Philomena: mentioned a plugin so commenters don't need an account.
- Ysabel: The problem with comments on a web page is that it can't be updated quickly.
- Philomena: news feed/bulletin
- Elsebeth: too many emails?
- Philomena: set different "levels" of interest

- Eleanor: our Social Media Officer office is open. Will post the information.
- Philomena: Facebook is a corporation.
- Duncan: We want Facebook from five years ago.

Meeting closed 5:33 pm