

Meeting Minutes November 20, 2022.

Quorum achieved.

### 1. Budget

The budget was kept to bare bones, locker rented until January but should not be needed beyond that date. Does not include midsummer as it is undecided if that will happen next year (generally positive murmurings that we should). The budget was accepted as is. (Link)

Our Exchequer has also drafted a retrospective and will be sharing that with the Council. A summary will eventually be shared with the Barony on the website.

### 2. Bidding for Crown Tourney

There are two people working on a Joint bid (Ann and Natasha). The site they are looking at is the site of the Lombardy Agricultural fair near Smith Falls (<https://www.lombardyfair.ca/>) They have not decided whether to submit their bid to Baronial Council or one of the Cantons. I told them that I thought that with the location being in Smith Falls, I personally, would be comfortable with it being any of the cantons or us and urged them to get in contact with Tor Brant who had members interested.

Note: I had been planning on asking the Council, particularly our Seneschals to encourage development of a bid, I forgot in my excitement of learning that there was probably going to be a bid, to do so. I still urge anyone interested in bidding to submit to their local group or the Baronial Council.

### 3. Removal of Regalia from the inventory

Proposal: 1. Set up a meeting to decide with Council and their Excellencies and any interested parties what items should be removed from the Regalia. 2. Contact the provider of the regalia to offer it's return with thanks (if provider, unknown, seek information online) 3. Auction off items that cannot be returned or which the original provider donates to the auction. Auction funds could go to offsetting the extra costs for people at their first 2 events (if permissible)? For the travel fund? Repair of other regalia? Commissioning of regalia?

The broad strokes of this plan were agreed to. No decisions on whether to proceed with an auction or what to do with any funds raised were made given the uncertainty of the outcomes of 1 & 2. Other options were added: a) retiring some items to the Museum; b) creating a virtual museum; and/or c) having a "touring exhibit" of some of the items so that they can be seen at events.

In the coming days, I will work with the Exchequer to establish a commentary system on the inventory.

### 4. Open Council positions and soon to be open Council positions

Herald (current officer has offered to continue): voted to accept this gracious offer. Thank you for your service, Todd, it is much appreciated

MOAS (current officer has offered to continue): voted to accept this gracious offer. Thank you for your service, Cynthia, it is much appreciated

Chronicler (current officer cannot continue): this is a position that must be filled according to Corpora. If you are interested, please contact me or the current Chronicler. I will be posting more about this position in the coming days.

Secretary (unfilled): Seneschal (i.e. me) is seeking someone to poke them to call meetings and meet deadlines.

Signet\* (current officer cannot continue) (non-voting): Council does not always vote on this position; it can be filled by the Kingdom Signet and/or the agreement of their Excellencies. Please contact me, the Signet, or their Excellencies if you are interested in the position

\*note originally on the agenda as scribe.

#### 5. Recruitment of new volunteers -shadowing?

The Seneschal and Council are actively seeking new volunteers. If you are interested and concerned that you really have no idea what a position entails, please reach out to any of us. One possibility is the current officer to be shadowed for a few days to see if it is the right fit (or even just have a conversation about the roll of the officer).

If you know of someone who might be a good fit for any position at the Baronial or Local level but think they might need encouragement, please let us know. It can be very easy to overlook an SCA member and miss that they might want to step into a new or completely different role within the group.

#### 6. Content for website.

I noted that I am seeking content for the website – which could be anything from the highly practical budget to regular letters from their Excellencies or an article on something frivolous. One suggestion at the meeting that was of general interest was to encourage people to add their stories about items in the Virtual Museum as that is developed.

#### 7. Input from their Excellencies. (including discussion of hiring a Consultant re name of Barony)

This part of the meeting was long and I took only vague notes. I will not be attributing comments to individuals except for the introduction by His Excellency Joffr.

Joffr related to the Council that at his first event meeting Their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing (who at the time were Giovanni and Lucia) he gasped because he'd heard it used by white supremacists. He is worried about the name becoming more prominent in the white supremacist movement, about newcomers who are familiar with that use staying away, and about negative journalistic articles on the subject. Options for moving forward include changing the name immediately, consulting with groups to whom the term is applied or of interest (e.g. Inuit and Mi'kmaq), and deciding to retain the name.

Comments during the discussion:

- Currently used pejoratively in some languages eg. weakling, barbarian
- Issue has been raised in internal to the SCA EDI groups
- Might there be an issue even if the term is not pejorative and the understanding of its use in the Sagas has changed to mean specific peoples rather than generic "outsiders"
- Noted that in the past the Barony had had interactions an individual who seemed to be complaining

about the name without evidence but that if more people are expressing a concern that changes the discussion.

-One person disclosed that they found it extremely unpleasant and debated upon leaving the SCA over the issue.

-Also noted that while tradition was extremely important, people, especially new people, are essential for the growth of the group.

-The point was also made that it is understood that there was absolutely no negative intent when the name was chosen (and perhaps no negative impact then too), but that what does matter is the impact now.

-Concern expressed about the name as a joke/comment on Parliament could be exclusionary as it is meaningless to outsiders

-There was discussion of some of the previous attempts to look at this issue and the realization that the whole of the community was not aware of any of these efforts or of their results.

-Consensus that barring new information, it does appear that it may be appropriate to change the name and that consultation may not be necessary

Colyne, as Herald, volunteered to assemble the current information that he has for the Council and for the Populace. A Moot has been proposed for Bunny Ball after information shared with the populace and feedback received.

#### 8. Date for next meeting:

Weeknight so that possibly different people can attend, in approximately one month (as I type this, I realize that it will be Holiday Season and we will probably put it into early January so that we avoid Solstice, Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa)

#### 9. Any other items

People mentioned a few upcoming Canton events (Bunny Ball, Canton of Greyfells) (bid for Practicum, Canton of Caldrithig)

People also discussed that they were pleased that the meeting was made open to the Populace. I noted that they generally were open in the past but being held at events were often only attended by the Council and that Zoom meetings may improve access for some individuals and that I hoped to be better at providing notice for future meetings.