

Shire of Southmarch
Minutes 1/18/23

In attendance: Keith filius Tedion, Ekat, Brewyn Cestelia Wynhaven, Brodie Leirvic, Myrgjol Bjarnardsdottir, Leonardus, Kazimir Moonstone, Brigitte Lindholm, Richart, Sven Gotfriedson, Patch, Steina, Attor, Kevan, Temperance Trewelove, Trinity, Eivor, Louis Magnus, Unferd, Jean Lamont, Ailin Virtually: Alaryn, Shelly, Elizabeth

Amend the Minutes:

- 1) Voting on doing the bardic championship this year at May Revel; Frostbite 2024 will be the next one.
- 2) Review whether the championships are open or closed. Also decide whether they can be hold other area championships.
- 3) The reference to “fighter practice insurance” should just be site insurance. Corpora needs 30 days to enact the insurance, not Kingdom.
- 4) There is an existing A&S Champion (Ekat) and regalia exists

Temperance moved the amended meeting minutes be approved; Sven seconded. Motion carried.

Seneschal Report (Ailin)

- Scribal volunteer for office—Elizabeth volunteered and will hold both the scribal & A&S offices
Patch moves for Elizabeth to become the Scribal officer.
- The Shire is set for 6:30 for meetings through April
- Master Alaryn volunteered to be a deputy for Seneschal

Exchequer Report (Magnus)

- Magnus’ membership information is squared away. Now awaiting Kingdom’s release of Shire assets.

??Myrgjol had a question about who was going to be the signers on the Shire’s account?
Answer: Seneschal, Exchequer, and a volunteer member shall form financial committee.

A&S Report (Elizabeth)

- We can use the meeting room for A&S. Meetings will be the 3rd Monday every month 6-8:30 (out at 9) pm

Marshal Report (Alaryn)

- Master Alaryn—no practices yet, appointment to talk with fairgrounds tomorrow

Archery Report (Myrgjol)

- Susie's Archery no longer runs the archery out at Keno unless it's a special event. Myrgjol Bjarnarsdottir was going to see if a weekly large practice would count as an event.
- KCC still was on break. They are just going again.
- Kingsley Bowmen needed a new site because the building roof collapsed.

Social Media Report (Trinity)

- Talked about maybe switching to Discord. Each person needs to set up a user account but is pretty user friendly. It is compatible with Android, IOS, Apple, etc. Doesn't require high band width. You can video screen for free. With Discord, there can be many groups, but they aren't owned by any single person. Very flexible and easy to add & remove members. Trinity says she will make a training video for us.
- A few cons—it can be a bit overwhelming if people play with many options. Large files can't be sent without the free version.

Patches suggested that we give it a try before we decide to completely switch to Discord. Brewyn moved to try it out, Leonardus seconded. Motion carried.

- Trinity will send out a Google Form to survey what kind of social media accounts people DON'T want to be on the platform (Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, etc.)

Chatelaine Report (Brigitte)

- Picked up 2 child sized tunics from Diedre (Principality Chatelaine).
- Wondered about where Gold Key was for the Shire. The response was that there's not too much worth saving in it.
- Brigitte will be getting the totes of Gold Key from Kathryn.

??Myrgjol wondered about where the serving dishes etc. Where are they? No one seems to know.

Discussion:

- Customaries don't currently say anything about champions and their responsibilities. People are going to think about what they want to say about whether championships will be open or closed. Historically, the Defender position became closed after important regalia disappeared to Washington when the victor lived there and never returned. It was suggested that championships only be open to Principality populace. This idea will be discussed and decided at the next meeting.
- Event steward process was clarified by Alain.

- The Shire needs to put together a bid for 11th Night 2023. We will open the announcement now to submit a formal bid for 11th Night. Pay attention to the customaries for requirements. The event bid timeline was shortened from 3 months to 2 months in order to have a bid for approval by Coronet. The bid would be done by March 15th.

Mason moved, AJ seconded. Motion carried.

- Ekat explained how Principality and Kingdom event bid process works.

Event Steward Report for May Revel:

- Leonardus prepared two bids to consider. The difference was on the gate fee. If we do \$20 at gate need 44 people to break even. If we do \$30 at gate need 35 people to break even.
- Hoping to get gate fee down to \$15 AND make money. The key consideration is the number of comps currently listed in the financial policy (which reflects a barony's resources, not a shires).
- Other considerations beside gate fee: Feast or no feast? Potluck?
- Will be at Midland.
- Activities will include: Rapier, Archery (Royal Round), War fighting, Arts & Sciences—2 entries with brief (1 page documentation) in 2 different disciplines, mystery box (create something on site), period fire starting, and first Shire Bardic Championship. Since there is no champion to set the bardic competition, it will fall to the Event Steward to decide. Leonardus is open to suggestions. Brigitte mentioned that Colette (Kingdom Champion) has offered to help. This discussion was tabled till next meeting where the expectations for the Bardic Champion as well as the competition will be discussed.

New business:

- Need to pay attention to the comps in the financial policy—will review the financial policy after the Kingdom approves it.
- Who will be the volunteer Financial Committee member—Tabled till next meeting
- Next meeting February 15th at 6:30

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44