

Minutes of January 8, 2025 Commons Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Hawkwood, Aaron The Arrowsmith, Phaelan Kiernan, Tysha y Kieva, Hrafn Breiðskeggr, Ellynor Redpath, Cieran a meic Thire, Evalina von Schaideg, Mairghread Ghearr
Recording Secretary – Elizabeth Hawkwood

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

OFFICER REPORTS

Baroness – Tysha y Kieva

Will be attending Birka, A&A Championships, Mudthaw. There is still a need for largesse.

Exchequer – Elizabeth Hawkwood

There was no bank activity in December. Q4 report is completed and Kingdom was notified it has been uploaded to the share drive. All paperwork for 2024 has been completed. The barony had a net income of \$1,371.7 for 2024.

Captain of Archers – Elizabeth Hawkwood.

Practice is on hiatus until Spring.

A&S – Office in Transition – Tysha y Kieva reported

Craft day went well. Planning on having another craft day on April 13. Date is tentative at this time.

Chatelaine – Ciaran ua meic Thire

No new contacts. Working on gold key, fabric has been ordered.

Chancellor Minor – Mairghread Knox - Absent

No report

Chronicler – Ciaran mac Gaeth - Absent

No report.

Herald – Aidan na h Innsi- Absent – Reported via email

Nothing to report.

Knight Marshall – Quintus Lucius Fortunatus- Absent

No report.

Mistress of the Lists – Brigit inghean ui Dhomhnaill – Absent – Reported via email

Nothing new to report. I will be at Bellringers if anyone needs their authorization card status checked. With the schedule set for Southern Army Sundays I will do my best to attend each month. Keep my budget the same for this year.

Fencing Marshall – Ellynor Redpath

Nothing to report other than it's very cold.

Thrown Weapons Marshall – Gilbert le Marchand - Absent

No report.

Social Media – Cearan mac Gaeth - Absent

No report.

Webminister – Nika of Carillion – Absent – Reported via email

December minutes were added. Submitted quarterly report to the kingdom. Changed the baronial candidate announcement on home page to have the letter of intent links and general information. Let me know if you want the wording changed or if there's a new date for a meeting.

Let me know if I should remove/rewrite the other home page announcements, they're out of date.

As discussed at the December meeting, I added a big field to the top of the barony home page that says "Come join us at upcoming local events! [Bellringers](#) Jan 18, [Southern Region War Camp](#) May 31" with links to the kingdom calendar. Does that wording sound good or do we want to change it? Do you think having it just on the home page is good or should I put it in the header so it shows up on all pages? I worry that if it's in the header people might ignore it, it's easy to assume anything there is an ad.

Spent several hours trying to figure out the officer page problem but still haven't gotten it fixed, my apologies. I'll ask Kieran or kingdom people for help this month, and in the meantime I put a note about it on the main officer page telling people to email the webminister if they need to get in contact with someone and can't due to the error, so at least there's a workaround. I suspect people needing to contact barony officers and not already knowing their emails doesn't happen often.

EVENTS

Princeton University Wintersessions – Nika of Carillion

Currently have 49 people signed up for the Viking crafting workshop (our limit was 45 so 4 of them are on the waitlist) and 20 people for the SCA overview. A thought if we do this again next year, might be better to have the crafting workshop first and then the SCA intro, since crafting is more popular so it might draw more people into the next one. We're not allowed to bring real weapons. I'm waiting for the answer about rattan ones. We'll be able to display videos/presentations and it would probably be good to have some. We're encouraged to write a welcome-and-intro message to the participants this week, if you want to draft something.

Bellringers – Mairghread Ghearr

Dayboard is set, menu is on the event announcement.

Aaron announced that going forward, no events can be held at Quail Hill if any scouts are on site that day. This impacts Bellringers. Possible solutions are having the event on a Sunday, which might impact attendance or begin a search for another site to keep the event on a Saturday. This won't impact Southern Region War Camp or Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins because we rent the entire site for those events.

Spring Crown Tournament – Evalina von Schaidag

After additional discussion, the decision was made not to submit a bid for Spring Crown, 2025.

Southern Region War Camp – Hrafn Breiðskeggr

Dayboard cook has been selected, an asian menu is planned. After discussing the cost of food, I am requesting that the dayboard budget be increased to \$1000.00. This will ensure enough food for the additional attendees we will have if our bid for Kingdom Archery Championships is accepted. I will submit a revised bid and I am moving forward with submitting that bid.

Pennsic – Tysha y Kieva

The barony has been registered for Pennsic. Tysha asked about the Barony paying the storage fee for the baronial trailer at Pennsic. Elizabeth said that the Kingdom Exchequer had contacted Society Exchequer to inquire if this was an allowable expense and the answer was yes with the stipulation that it was voted on by the financial committee and the outcome of the vote was included in the minutes of the meeting. Elizabeth also recommended that this be done on a yearly basis. After a brief discussion, a vote was held and the motion was passed to have the barony pay the Pennsic storage fee for 2025 only.

Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins - Evalina von Schaidag

A bid is needed for the event. Mairghread Ghearr announced she is interested in submitting a bid. Elizabeth volunteered to be the Marshall in Charge of Archery, to be assisted by Tysha y Kieva.

Seneschal – Evalina von Schaidag

Baronial Polling

I have the new membership list and will start to verify the emails of members.

NEW BUSINESS

Southern Region Army Sundays – Aaron the Arrowsmith

The dates for 2025 have been finalized. Site fee has to be paid. All practices will be held at Quail Hill Scout Reservation, with the exception of September practice. That Sunday practice will be at Lakewood .Renaissance Faire Demo.

April 13

May 18

June 22

July 13

August 17

September 21

October 12

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next Commons Meeting will be on February 12, 2025. Location to be determined.