

Canton of Harrowgate Heath
March 9, 2014 at 2pm
Nav Canada Center, Room D358

Present: Gwendolyn (Seneschal), presiding

Jane, Christine (Laili), Steven, Magnus, Michel du Maine

Seneschal report:

Kingdom level Webminister is now considered an officer position, and no longer a deputy under the Chatelaine.

The position of Chiregan is being withdrawn after looking at liability issues. This was reported in "The tidings" as well.

A deputy Seneschal is still being looked for. This person will be trained for a year in anticipation of taking over the Seneschal position. An e-mail was sent out listing the responsibilities of the Seneschal. She is currently taking names for this position and it will be voted on at the May meeting.

The option of meeting a Mike's place will be available again in March of 2015. Please remind Mike that he promised us his location then. ;-)

Seneschal provided both Persuivant and Chatelaine forms to sign, which they executed on the spot. Membership numbers must still be provided by the Chatelaine.

Exchequer report (Lady Jane):

We have received a settlement check from the SCA and this check has been deposited into the Canton's bank account.

The exchequer is also looking for a Deputy to train in preparation for her having to step down. The responsibilities would include being a signing authority, filing reports, issuing checks. You might be called upon with little notice regarding some financial matters.

She is looking into making the form for check requisitions available online.

Persuivant report (Magnus):

Magnus indicates that he has not had much opportunity to work in his position.

He did attend several classes at practicum that are pertinent to his role. "How to be a good Canton Herald", as well as a personae development class.

He has registered with Oscar in order to start doing submissions.

He will be applying his new personae developing skills by helping develop a personae from scratch.

During his report, the Seneschal asked the persuivant if there was a way to give a list of what level current heraldry submissions are.

Chatelaine report (Laili):

Chatelaine reports that there has been no contact to the chatelaine via the website. She requests that we follow up on what kind of traffic goes on the website.

Laili is looking to brainstorm ideas for upcoming tradeshows and events and for recruitment. Topic of recruitment to follow.

Webminster report (provided by Michel du Maine on behalf of Cennedig):

Currently there is work being done on adding a page for “All things Marshall”, which appears to be an event that will be held May 31st (rain date June 1st).

It is confirmed that monthly traffic reports could be provided to the Chatelaine, provided she requests them.

He also indicated that, if e-mailed directly, he can set up a page for members of the Canton that wish to be listed under the “members” page.

A&S report (provided by Seneschal in officer’s absence):

Our A&S officer strongly recommends that we attend “A day in the life of” and “Kingdom A&S” events.

Kingdom A&S submissions are closed, at the exception of Beginner submissions, which are open until the day of the event.

She is still looking for submissions to the Dirty Dozen Largesse, entitled “Little Hands”. Any submissions from members unable to attend Break the back can be brought to the Thursday night fighter practice and given to a member that will be attending.

Armored Combat Marshall (absent)

No news

Rapier Marshall (absent)

No news

Business items:

Meeting times:

Seneschal proposes that Cornwall meeting time be moved to 3pm. All voted in favor. Seneschal abstained.

It was suggested to give ample notice and reminders for the Cornwall meeting times in order to make sure that everyone is aware.

No change will be made to the Chesterville meeting time.

Recruitment:

Recruitment was discussed at length.

The canton of Harrowgate Heath has approximately 50 members at different levels of participation.

We do have a variety of different ideas to increase awareness of what we do.

Suggestions were:

- [Doing A&S activities in the park instead of a home in order to have general public attend.
- [Using the Shareable content on the official SCA facebook in order to discuss and post about the SCA on our own facebook pages.
- [Creating Banners and signs to have at outside events in order to draw attention to what we are doing. Laili indicated that she will send out an e-mailing inviting everyone to create banners and signs for our practices. Michel du Maine proposed that we try to highlite our “colours” as we were charged to do so. Yellow and Blue are our canton colours.

Specific business:

Magnus has brought to our attention two possible venues for SCA exposure.

1. Firstly, his wrestling group will be holding an outdoor benefit show on August 16th, 2014. This event will allow us to hold a demo.
2. He has also mentioned that we will be allowed to do demos at the half-time of his wrestling event. This 15 minutes can be used to do small bouts.

In both cases, Magnus has been asked to get a group together to start working on possible scripts for these events and other upcoming events.

Other venues suggested were:

Doing a demo at the mall. Laili will contact the Cornwall Square in order to discuss possibly using the first level to do demonstrations. Considerations such as space needed, time allotted, insurance, cost, and floor padding were discussed.

Trade shows and fairs. Laili will try to get a list together of dates, locations and costs of participating in area trade shows and fairs. Depending on the dates and cost, we would like to try to have a presence there. It was discussed the there was a baronial A&S presence at Upper Canada Village in 2013 and that we might leave it at that.

Borderspat 2014

This is a baronial level event. We must submit a bid if we wish to run it. It was suggested that we must first see if we’ ll have an autocrat for the event before making a bid. We are looking for possible autocrats.

Because this is a baronial event, we must split the cost with the barony.

His excellencies recommended the theme of “Saracens vs Crusaders” . As “monster” theme was passed up last time, it is available as a theme for this event.

Summer Siege

Kaolin is autocrating this event, and the planning looks good. The theme is "Celebrations after the Siege" .

Daffyd will provide a rapier marshall if unable to attend.

Nathanial will be contacting "Grod" .

Jewelry has been made as tokens and prizes.

The location is John Woods farm. Cost is based on attendance and it has been indicated that we might not make any money at all on this event. We are working with a tight budget.

We are still open to suggestions and locations for events in future years.

Event reports:

A game of Queens: no one from our canton attended

Practicum: Michel de Maine showed some of the bone carvings he completed. Both he and Kaolin entered the "White wolf ____" .

Michel and John Marion received "Orions"

Magnus reminded us that Gwendolyn received accolades "Queens favour" and "Scroll of Honour" .

Upcoming events:

- [March 15th - Break the Back of Winter, hosted by the Canton of Greyfells
- [March 22nd - Late Winter Shoot, hosted by the Canton of Petrea Thule
- [March 29th - Spring Arts & Sciences, hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth
- [April 5th - Daily Life in the Dark Ages, hosted by the Shire of the Northern Outpost. It is strongly suggested to register on their site.

Around the room:

Fulke:

Has shown an interest in possibly hosting the sewing nights in his home in Maxville. Possible start date in May. Details to come.

Fulke mentioned that St Johns Ambulance will sometimes attend events, with enough notice, in order to provide first aid.

Stephen of Cornwall, Magnus, Lady Jane, Laili had no new news to report

End of meeting