

January 2018 Northpass Commons Mtg Notes

I. Better running of group items

- a) must keep minutes of meetings – Need Chronicler position filled.
- b) must keep finance committee notes – Next mtg scheduled when?
The committee met briefly after the meeting to discuss current issues. Notes were kept!
- c) an event “run book” – and a “Event planning /running 101 session” – document ½ written...session for event 101 will be held sometime in next few months
Wilhelm created this document and it is on the website, he will email it and post it to the FB group. Please check it for completeness and editing- please send recommendations, suggestions, edits to Wilhelm.
- d) Releases to us personal info on web
In order to include personal information on the website or for the pikestaff Wilhelm needs a release; proposing a once a year release that covers all venues instead of case by case basis. People seem in favor of this.
- e) EK Law section VII B 2 I – rule to report on reports
Send confirmation of report completion and submission to Alienor Salton (Ostgardr’s new seneschal)

II. Upcoming events over next 12 months (approval and budget requests as well as informal discussion on other proposed events)

1. Tavern – Blue Mtn.

- a) Event Steward -Oliver
- b) Date - March 2-4
- c) Kitchen - Lou
- d) Budget Approved
- e) Ostgardr Thrown Weapons
- f) Overnight sold out – any daytrip still available? Overnight is full; 3-4 people on a waiting list. There are a few reserved for daytrip. There is still room for day trip. Reservations being accepted at the meeting.
- g) Any problems or discussion?
Lettie’s amazing cupcakes have been requested, they will be made. Oliver okayed this addition to the event.
Oliver says bring a tankard. Plate ware and utensils available at the site, like in the past. Jenna is in charge of the wenches.
Oliver is coordinating beverages from a variety of sources to avoid overlap.

2. Brew U – Blue Mtn.

- a) Event Steward s for Northpass – Frank & Lettie
- b) Guild Event Steward - lærifaðir Magnus hvalmagi, Guildmaster of Brewers Guild
- c) Date- April 27-29 – **In flux – need to be changed!**
- d) Kitchen – Friderich
- e) Budget approved
- f) Reservations so far? Any changes in budget projections?
- g) Any problems or discussion?
- h) Event webpage being written

There was an extensive discussion about a new date for this event. The site double booked the original date with a county event. Preferred dates are April 13-15. (The day after the meeting this was confirmed with the site.)

3. Blood & Axes II - Veterans Memorial Park in Putnam Co
 - a) Event Steward – Wilhelm
 - b) Date- July 6-8
 - c) Kitchen – Countess Brekke will do dayboard
Charcoal will be provided for those who wish to grill in the evening. People can go to the near-by Diner or bring other food as they wish.
 - d) Budget approved
4. Barleycorn – Camp Morty
 - a) Event Steward – Wilhelm & Victor
 - b) Date- September 8-10
 - c) Kitchen – Not yet in stone Potentials Brigitte, Friderich
 - d) Metalsmith Symposium (expected additional attendance of 35-50)
 - e) Martial activities (Provincial Championships – Fence, Archery, Youth)
 - f) A&S, Dancing, Game area, Outdoor games, Classes
 - g) Attendance ~225 with ~180- feast
 - h) Breakfast back, attendance costs same as last year
 - i) Starting /working budget for vote (will get revote when /if it changes
 - j) “Low” attendance budget is breakeven. Higher attendance could make Barleycorn reasonably profitable
 - k) Event Online – Reservations are light so far
 - l) Youth combat set – Akaterine, Mathghamhain , and Lorenz are Marshals so far, Will need three list areas, “Barleycorn Knights at night” , We expect over 20 youth combatants

Youth fencing also in the works as a possible activity.

Accepting reservations at the meeting.

5. Dance and Games – Site not in place
 - a) Event Steward – Conandil
 - b) Date – TBD
 - c) Food – TBD
 - d) Budget – Not yet available

Conandil spoke about getting pushed out of the calendar. Still trying to pin down a potential date and site. Right now the event is on hold.

6. Goats Tavern III – Blue Mtn.
 - a) Event Steward – Oliver
 - b) Date – October 20-21
 - c) Food – TBD
 - d) Budget – Not yet available
 - e) Placeholder online

Oliver likes the “Winter is Coming” theme and will probably use it for next year.

7. Northpass Schola – (Should we have a different name?)

- a) Event Steward – TBA
- b) Date – TBA
- c) Food – TBD
- d) Budget – Not yet available

Wilhelm is looking to do a schola event in the fall. Still formulating plans. Tabled discussion as other items are more time sensitive.

8. Northpass Yule– Will we do this again ?

- a) Event Steward – TBA
- b) Date – TBA
- c) Food – TBD
- d) Budget – Not yet available

YES!!! Yule 2018

III. Recent Successful events

1. Northpass Yule – Lettie – any remaining items?

The cupcakes were great!

Conandil pointed out lost and found; take your stuff!

How much donations were there?

Donations are still being accepted; right now \$100 has been donated.

Francisco - NMS sent in

Financial report will be sent to Ben cc to Wilhelm once donations are collected.

IV. Ostgardr Events in Northpass and beyond (how can we help?)

1. K&Q A&S and Bardic – Mt Kisco Feb 10

Lodging request; there will probably be 4-5 requests.

Lada requested help at the event, especially set up and clean up. We need times and more specifics so we can plan!

2. Deck the Halls of Valhalla –BrokenBridge Jan 13

3. Lions Awaken – Lions End (Locust Valley) April 21

4. Lion's End Demo – June 2nd

Conandil and Wilhelm asked to do dance. Is anyone else going?

5. Musicians Day – Blue Mtn. November? – We are helping informally to get site for Ostgardr Date and Site reserved.

6. Are there other non shared events planned?

Dancing Fox- some people attending

Hrim Schola- a few maybe attendees.

BBM Investiture- May 19

V. Officers and activities

1. Seneschal - Status of office and recent activity

- a) Suggestion to make meetings rotate – Want to schedule who will host March, April May, June

- Feb 6- Conandil and Wilhelm
- March 6- Lettie and Francisco (Note- they have 2 dogs)
- April 10- Esnade and Victor

b) Online meetings -

- It is agreed we should have remote capabilities.
- Probably someone with a computer is needed to administer.
- Question whether it'll just be to listen or participate. (Wilhelm said "participate but not vote")
- Aurora is concerned people will stop coming to meetings if they can remote in.
- The intent is to accommodate those who aren't able to attend for whatever reason.

Archubeas has volunteered to figure out the tech so we can experiment over the next few meetings to see how it works.

Motion made for him to research and put this together. Approved.

c) Start of "Kitchen Gear acquisition committee" - Not yet met

d) Friends to the north- Frosted Hills; the current situation presented. They are having difficulty filling officer roles and being active generally. They are facing incipient status. Planning on meeting with regional seneschal at Birka to see how to move forward. They would like to have their group more active and involved.

Wilhelm has offered assistance. Northpass again resolved to help however possible.

e) Friends to the east – Dragonship: working on communicating with them to see how we can coordinate.

f) Q4 report filed

g) Status of Ostgardr – new Seneschal , etc.

We greeted and congratulated Alienor

2. Exchequer – recent reporting and upcoming needs

a) Reporting status

b) Review of books

c) Financial review scheduled for Birka; however, the review will probably end up being in an electronic format... So many items will need to be converted.

d)

e) Anything else

- Deposit slip for Yule given to the stewards.
- Financial committee needed for the end of month report.
- Committee to meet after the meeting.
- Checks ordered, due to arrive Dec. 19 (2017); they didn't arrive, expected in the next 1-2 day(s).

3. Chatelaine – Q4 report filed?

Deputy- There's a new person who emailed; they are interested in Blacksmithing, so we're looking for anyone locally who does this.

Colin added someone to the FB group who is interested in Long sword.

4. A&S (Conandil) – Soon to be scheduled activities

Jan. 28, 1-3 PM Embroidery Circle

Jan. 28, 2:30-5 PM Game day

Feb. 25 Bead making- tentative date, more info to follow

March 18 Calligraphy either at the A&S afternoon if hosts available or at Conandil's if not.

A&S Afternoon tentatively scheduled for 3-18 dependent on host's spring semester

Illuminations- the teacher wasn't available for the original date, still working on getting a date.

Pewter Casting- will be getting a date on the calendar soon.

5. Brewmeister

Oliver is getting local brewers to come to Tavern.

His homebrew group is doing a picnic at Croton Point Park, we are welcome to join them.

Once the weather is warmer he'll plan an outdoor brewing session behind his shop on a Saturday or Sunday

6. Website

a) Gfnp – Email migration

Official distribution is needed, so an email group really is needed. Too, Wilhelm sent an email to find out if people are currently using the yahoo group and in what capacity. There are few who do use it... About 98% of activity on the group isn't Northpass related.

He estimates that half of Northpass activities this year didn't make it onto the email group list.

Right now the contention is to use the Google group to start fresh.

Wilhelm wants all the activities to be on the email group, officers should be on it, but it should be a Northpass focused group.

Ben asked about forwarding FB to email; Wilhelm reported that there are people who do not like FB because it's just too much information that isn't relevant to them.

Richard- The SCA is pushing us to use Google, and it's an official way to point to information.

b) Calender- it's on the homepage of the website; check it out.

c) Member bios- Please submit these

d) All items need to be on website to be "official"

e) Future of yahoo group- see discussion from a)

7. Chronicler

a) Nomination of office candidate

Conandil and Esnade volunteered for the office-

Conandil summarized her intentions for the office; she already takes notes in an unofficial capacity for dissemination, planning on a monthly e-newsletter, also able to create flyers/ handouts for events. Has warrant information to pursue. Handed around a sample newsletter.

Esnade withdrew her offer when she discovered it's a warranted office requiring membership. For the time being it was discussed that she could contribute in an unofficial deputy capacity.

b) Vote taken on nomination

A motion was made to endorse Conandil as the Canton's Chronicler; passed

A motion was made in favor of Esnade filling the role described.

8. Any other officers (or people doing a job that should be officer) with something related to their office to tell?

9. Open offices – Any to be filled?

a) Archery Captain – Want to fill this office- Lettie would like to be considered for this after Pennsic once she's a marshal

b) Fencing Captain – Someone to do this formally or not for now?

c) MOL

d) Knight Marshal – Who could do this informally until we have this office filled? We have need to train a Northpass militia

10. Future of Northpass Committee report
Nothing to report- Archubeas seconded.

VI. Report of FoN committee

1. We are looking closely at options with group changes
2. We are looking at plans to help accelerate growth

VII. Back to school

Focus on growth- PACE expansion. Colin is heading the effort to establish a group on PACE campus. The hope is to bring the SCA back to campus. Colin reports there are people who want to try it, and he's added people to the FB page.

People feel it's a unique group and people love the idea.

Conandil asked if there's a spring activities fare- yes, but it's too soon to be able to do it. Something to plan for the fall!

Colin was officially thanked for his efforts.

VIII. Other thoughts /Ideas / Projects

1. Floor open for other ideas / comments /dinner suggestions, thoughts on wineries (usual Northpass stuff)

Mathghamhain offered to help register people's names, devices, badges, etc.

Also asked for EK 50th help gathering materials like stories, pictures, old stuff. He's accepting scans, uploads, files, etc.

Heavy list- how do we get this going in Northpass? If you want to do this or have ideas, please talk to Wilhelm; he has a few ideas, currently thinking of doing group field trips to outside practices.

Largese for King's and Queen's Bardic and A&S (Oliver). Discussion of possible items- talk to Oliver about donations to this project.

IX. End times

1. Confirming next meeting dates for Feb, March, April
2. A motion to close will be in order (if not also begged for by all present)
3. We remain Northpass Strong! (Ask after meeting if there is anyone not knowing the story behind this.)

Attendees:

Ben Rivera

Victor Maximus

Chris Roeder

Esnade O Murrin

Colin Murphy

Dee van Eyck

Francisco Duraes

Aurora ffolkes

Lettie Harris

Oliver de Bainbrig

Conandil ingen Donngaile

Richard the Poor

Thomas of Northpass

Archubeas Grimore

Wilhelm Larrson

Alienor Salton

Mathghamhain Ua Ruadnàin