

Notes from Commons 8-23-18

Sign in sheet

Running of the group:

Talking horn instituted- the person holding the horn gets the floor.

Announcements- Now there is a Social Media office for East Kingdom, falls under seneschal.

Recommended that all groups have one.

The position is open for anyone who would like to take the role- all social media for canton would be responsibility of Social Media Officer.

We now have an official Page and Group for the page (Facebook) The Canton of Northpass Friderich- the distinction between the new group and the now "Friends of Canton of Northpass" Anyone can post- please announce activities/things related to the Canton on the official page first... (Before unofficial)

Officer reports:

MoAS- Meadhbh Barleycorn coming up... will have displays in the main hall. Conandil and I available to set up 11-1 Saturday...

Unofficial Archery- there's archery

Exchequer- Ben- we have money- more than he thought, but less than we should have. Haven't reconciled Blood & Axes yet... EK confused/befuddled about how to handle it... consulting with Mistress Katherine.

In a nut shell- Christiana- while we were suspended Østgarðr handled gate for Blood & Axes, and the action of them handling it for us is usually done in an inactive group; however, we were active. We have expenditures against the event. Wilhelm- as event steward- expenses on us, income to Østgarðr. Ben- trying to figure out how to handle. Also, individuals reimbursed people for expenditures, not the Canton or Province. We're on the bottom of the pile for the EK exchequer according to Ben.

Second quarter report went in- submitted.

Chamberlain- Grettir- needs inventory to work from. Archery list- Esnade has. Grettir is working on it, will sync with Ben to complete it.

Fencing- Ben- Rapier practice happening at Kensico Dam Plaza- continuing now that it's post Pennsic

Brewmeister- Oliver- Saturday class- Braggot and Mead making

Chatelain- Wilhelm- reorganizing trying to figure out what to do next and waiting for email to get straightened out.

Webminister-Victor- mostly updated. Need most recent event information upcoming. Emails almost completely up to date. Send him anything you want posted.

Archery (not the archery captain) Friderich- Last Sunday practice, this Sunday 11-1 Blue Mt. If interested let Friderich know. September- he doesn't see a Sunday available. Going forward- it can be unofficial. He listed a number of upcoming events w/ archery- Hunters moon, Barleycorn, Ost. Commons at State Island archery practice, Queens Farm Demo, Cloisters Demo.

Wednesdays- potential depending on how school year goes. (Carmel)

Steven did not become a marshal at Pennsic.

Arrows- 5 Northpass loaner sets. (A few have met their demise.)

Friderich hopes to make arrows, teaching a class; he'll see how it goes/if they are safe and shootable... they'll be donated.

Committees:

Some still need to get together to meet- if you are on a committee let Esnade know... Still in transition period.

Future of Northpass

Kitchen and Feast Gear Acquisition

(Archery)- no closed

Financial Committee- Things shifted because of bylaws and new deputies... Esnade, Grettir, Ben, Friderich, Wilhelm (Voted by Ben and Esnade)

If you are working on something, let Esnade know, just catch her up so she can update her notes.

Emergency plan- financial committee- question of what they can do in an emergency- not spelled out and seems they need a commons meeting to approve. (For example- tonight's site.) Something to consider and discuss for next bylaw changes/amendments- include/distinguish between needed confirmation- Officer meetings, commons meeting, site issues and paying for them.

Events:

Blood & Axes-

Wilhelm- post event report- dollars- unsure. (See exchequer notes.)

Little under attended, but great event. Helped with daffodils, so they came to B & A.

Friderich asked about numbers- we don't have final numbers- we don't know how we're processing numbers. (Wilhelm thinks close to scratch.)

Barleycorn-

Wilhelm- About 40 received... including a mailed note saying a check would be mailed... Event coming together- usual stuff- archery, fencing, thrown, heavy, youth... javelin throw in question

Champions- provincial? Archery, Youth (new), Fencing was pulled back- Ben asked who/what- Wilhelm was just told it wasn't happening...

Classes- various arts, outdoor games, period game area

Masque during the Meal... (Theme and a play that happens)... detailing John Barleycorn's life.

Metalsmith Symposium- they are still putting their things together

Bonfire Revel

Ball- Dancing start immediately after feast, bonfire about 30 minutes after that.- Gives time for people to get over, make fire, etc.

Food- menu going online soon. Brigitte- doing Saturday's day board and feast. Lissa- ingredients list so people can know what they are to expect. Conandil will add contact information for allergy concerns.

Read menu for dayboard and feast.

Dayboard

Bread
Butters
Assorted Cheese
Fruit
Sliced Vegetables
Assorted Pasties:
 Chauets
 Chicken Baraskaya
 Seasoned Beef
 Beef and Mushroom
Icelandic Chicken
Savory Toasted Cheese
Ham
Roast Beef
Apple Moys

Feast

First Course:

Fruit
Salad
Strawberry Vinaigrette
Brie in Pastry

Second Course:

Jeweled Chicken
Saffron Rice

Third Course:

Fish in Pastry
Herb Tart
Red Cabbage

Fourth Course:

Pumpes (Pork Meatballs)
Green Pancakes
Brussel Sprouts

Fifth Course:

Dessert Challenge
Daryols
Poached Pears
Finnish Bread

Final menu tomorrow (or maybe Sat.)

Plan on 164 Feast... 30-60 more for daytrip. Expecting 80-90 overnight... probably not going to get to those numbers. 10-15 daytrip... overnight about the same. Make motion to add to budget. \$3000 for

Saturday to Sunday. Friday- \$90 for single yurt, have access to site. Site tokens- donated, Esnade is making them... metal already paid for by Canton. Motion to add \$90 to budget, vote taken, passed.

(Note- the Canton did not pay for the metal- Wilhelm's family did because of the bank account being suspended by kingdom)

Reservations being taken tonight.

Gena- horn, but no speaking

Goat's Tavern-

Oliver- 10/19-21; site paid for, teachers still adding, food budget needed to be gone over 60 ppl, 10 kids- Friderich kitchen will talk with Oliver to discuss numbers.

Brewers guild will be there discussing their things and doing panels.

Bear's Tavern-

Esnade asking if there is an event steward willing to step up- Oliver thought he was, Esnade pointed out it needs to be brought up for a vote according to bylaws. Oliver said he'd like to volunteer, motion made to make his event steward, seconded, vote taken, passed. Comped for Barleycorn- Genie and new person asked for refunds from last Bear's

New business:

Amendments to Bylaws... Shared officer documents... looks like we need new bylaws, but at the officers' meeting we narrowed it down to changes absolutely necessary at this time. Might look at a smaller group/committee to discuss further changes. Meadhbh and Friderich had extensive suggestions... they were on the table and will be posted online. The changes- minimum needed moving forward. They will continue to be improved, and the final was suitable for if we go shire one day.

Ben- To consider points in the future. Friderich- realizes that bylaws are necessary, but we function under the current w/o an issue. Suggestion of waiting a year, but this stuff on the back burner.

Changes- include de facto drop dead seneschal... mostly because of past year's issues. List of succession to act until the next commons.

Slight modification to the chamberlain- inventory and donation handling.

Note in officers' policies to allow members living outside of Northpass to hold office, excluding seneschal and exchequer.

Officers may hold multiple offices where permissible by kingdom and province.

Presented today at commons, voted at following commons. (Friderich asked if vote taken tonight.)

New Events:

Esnade- Last year we had a successful *Yule* event... Is there interest in holding another one this year?

Would the group like to hold one this year, vote taken, passed.

Volunteer event steward?

We don't have a site yet... if there is interest in running the event- anyone who would like to run, create a bid to present in Sept.

Blood & Axes III- is there an event steward willing to run? (Wilhelm asked if we voted to do it again....

Ben, yes we did... motion put on the floor to do it, seconded, vote taken, passed.) Wilhelm said he's willing to run this again. Wilhelm suggested we wait until Sept. to confirm him as event steward.

Brew U 2020- Wilhelm- The brewers guild at conclusion of last year... they asked if Northpass would be willing to do another year. The head of the guild said no, because some members are in Maine... he suggested every-other-year... so maybe 2021.

Zillah- local brewer guild member in the room- Happy to be in contact with the head of the guild to see if they are still interested in having Northpass host. Motion for Zillah to run Brew's Guild 2020 perspective..., seconded, vote taken, passed.

In coming Royalty- friends of Northpass from DSH. Calls for contributions to the crown... Would we like to make favors/largesse from the Canton? Either inviting them to one of our events or going to one they'll be at to present gifts in court. Ben- cautiously in favor- we just did that, and it seemed to disappear/melded into the next reign or which group it was from.

Esnade willing to spearhead... Organize in way similar to west... heraldry/pageantry- happy to direct to person who wrote original script.

Motion for Esnade to run this, seconded, vote taken, passed.

Pennsic- members of Northpass there... suggestions of encampment, so everyone is together. Used to have camp. Esnade thinks it would be a good idea if there was a Northpass Pennsic encampment as past of/ within Østgarðr's encampment. Esnade likes their location. Lilie- used to have areas set aside for cantons. This changed based on the block... it got tight. Sees issue – there is un campable ground in their camp. Would have to talk about them early on b/c of hills, etc. Anyone living in Østgarðr is entitled to camp with them.

To mull over/consider camping with them.

Work on *pageantry aspects*- banners/decorations/etc.

Officer regalia- Wilhelm - Motion made to spend up to \$1000 for these items.

Friderich suggested committee.

Form a committee to spend up to \$1000 on these things.

This has been discussed for a year now.

Motion (Wilhelm) form a committee to discuss banners/pageantry, etc. to form solid ideas/plans going forward, seconded by Friderich, vote taken, passed unanimously.

Lilie- offering heraldic consultation. Just contact her.

Brewing Workshop at Zillah's on Saturday. 10:30 start. All day to brew a couple of period beers in small batches... 1 gallon batch. Oliver helping too, offering expertise. Going until 4:30.

Martials- Lissa- looking for accessibility info for Marshal activities; Lissa asked if there is a Chancellor Minor... Didn't know if there's someone who can do the youth activities...

Victor- take leftovers... Ben- comment about the chamberlain.

Oliver- wine crawl- hoping early November. Esnade suggested putting it on the page so we can coordinate... Caleb availability needed, since he's designated driver. Oliver will post to Friends of FB page.

Lissa- Cultural festivals in Putnam and Westchester- would like to contact ones that fall into our period; please consider. Esnade motion made- Chatelain and deputy chatelaine contact and bring back info for demos, seconded, vote taken, passed.

Motion to close meeting (Grettir), seconded, vote taken, passed.

Attendees: Ben Rivera, Grettir bjarnylr, Erika Zamek, Esnade O Murrin, Friderich Grimme, Oliver de Bainbrig, Lissa K Terra, Victor Maximus, Wilhelm Larrson, Lilie Dubh inghean ui Mordha, Vladmir, Zillah Sighira al Hurra, Molly Gibbs, Kirsten Berger

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