

Northpass Commons Notes 9/13/18

Officer reports:

Webminister- Victor Maximus- website is as up to date as he knows of... If anything needs to be fixed or updated, let him know

Chamberlain- Grettir- Canton has archery equipment; it's in Friderich's care. Grettir has pictures of the archery gear, he plans on giving them to Ben.

Exchequer- Ben-

Receipts, etc. being requested by EK for Q2. Ben plans on gathering things this weekend. Report submitted, some odd issue with the bank record- virus filled?- EK picking up an issue, so he is going to get a printed one. The file in question keeps going back and forth, going to just get one from bank.

Waiting for event report from Barleycorn; there are some outstanding issues holding up the completion. Money still to be deposited for Barleycorn.

Wilhelm asked about Blood and Axes and the money situation, no closer. Still waiting to hear from EK exchequer.

Brewmeister- Oliver- Brewing contest- Barleycorn- deferred to Richard for results.

Oliver wants to host a brewing class in his home Sat/Sun, early Nov... Beer and mead

Date choices, he'll watch out for Musicians Day (brought up by Friderich).

MoAS- Meadhbh- another recorder workshop and game day- are potential- pending interest and availability.

Barleycorn- she's compiling the various classes and activities for the A&S report.

Planning on surveying people's interests for other activities.

Chatelain- Wilhelm- we have gained some new paid members, and some people are looking to become members. Many site people from Barleycorn are also looking at/interested in being members.

Chronicler-Conandil- Sept. newsletter being worked on... releases sent far and wide for photo and model releases.

Special Barleycorn edition ([can be found here](#)) with event specific info sent out. Aug. newsletter went out.

Committees:

Esnade brought up various committees that are "out there"

Future of Northpass- Conandil volunteered that the committee did their job, and it was disbanded... Originally decided to present decisions to move shire at September's meeting.

Esnade suggested the status change should be put on hold...

Ben- voiced objection that moving forward was being suggested to be put on hold, because it was previously voted on to hold the status change vote at this commons meeting. A motion was made to proceed with the vote.

- Officers previously decided to go forward- Sept. to put vote for moving forward.
- Best interest to go Shire, not Barony, then in future moving Barony when have officers-

Knight Marshal.

Vote- Friderich- what are we voting on.

Ben continued:

- Ben looking up info- Summary from Officer Meetings and Commons- everything decided to table until fall. Will confirm proceeding, etc.
- At the May Officers' Meeting- decision made to follow up in Sept. for status change- decision for barony / shire. Consensus for Barony if Knight Marshal- Shire w/o... (Reading from Meeting notes). Reading motion and vote... plus the officers there (all at the time).
- Group has the right to make the motion and defer decision/vote.
- Ben- made motion to discuss... Victor Maximus to defer until bylaws amendments voted on. Motion to hold vote To Vote, seconded, passed. (To bylaws) ***

Beautification of Northpass- pageantry, banners, baldrics, etc. This is a new committee.

If you wish to be part of committee, let Esnade know, also committees will be organized so they can meet.

Events:

Goat's- Oliver- prices were asked by Friderich. Krishna to be involved. Really hoping to have Astronomy walk this year; wanted for years... Family/kid oriented.

Friderich kitchen-

Arranging for kitchen help and prep help and gear pick up 10/14.

Please direct dietary concerns to Friderich ASAP.

Tentative menu:

Saturday

Breakfast: Eggs, Bacon, Oatmeal with Cinnamon, Raisins, Coffee, Tea, etc.

Lunch: Sausages with Mustard, Chicken Pieces, Chard or Spinach Tarte, Bread with Butter, Pea Soup, Seasonal Fruit, Cheese

Dinner: Roast Pork Loin, Apple Moyse, Chicken with Sauce, Bread with Butter and Cheese, Roasted Carrots and Parsnips, Collards or Cabbage, Turnips (Buttered and Fried), Spice Apple Pie with Raisins.

Sunday

Breakfast: Eggs, left over meat, Paine Perdu with honey, Seasonal Fruit

Please contact [Friderich](#) with dietary concerns or menu questions

Barleycorn- Wilhelm- preliminary report, there are a few things still to be sorted:

- About 200 people, one of the largest Barleycorns we have had in recent years, biggest minus investiture years.
- Martial Activity- Thrown Weapons activity drop was especially noticeable, Wilhelm made a conscientious decision ahead of the event to not push attendance against the newly added inclusion of Thrown Weapons into the Rose Tourney at Ducal. Also, archery and heavy were unsurprisingly impacted. All activities happened and were successful and by all reports fun and well received.
- Classes
 - Classes- varied. Everything from singing to Kubb
 - All teachers reported that classes went well
- Metalsmith- worked out despite schedule issues, there were multiple class changes.

- o Classes- went really well but the schedules were a little chaotic, 4 different schedules floating around when he went to print as nearly everyone involved made last minute changes. The changes were continued well after Wilhelm was on site.
- Food- went extremely well, many compliments, improve- original expectation- menus and recipes to each table. Menus were... recipes on request... caused problems for some people, including our seneschal. Going forward this should be considered.
- Breakfasts- never know numbers... MANY. People day tripping and coming for breakfast- not worked into price- serving breakfast many hours on Sat!!!
- Games alongside dancing worked. Games were popular this year... with the ball and during the day in the Pavilion.
- Dancing more successful than previous years with scheduling feast earlier this year. Usually people are done after feast, but many enthusiastic dancers this year.
- Fireside revel still going 1 am, 3 am... mellow, but good. Singing, storytelling. Worked well.
- Rain- not scheduled... Weather report lied- there wasn't supposed to be rain until Sunday at 3. Day-time weather- worked well this year; cooler in hall. Court in the hall did not cause overheating.

Doesn't have final numbers yet. Appears within a few hundred of breakeven, no promises as to direction because still things to work out.

All in all, very successful event. Take away- Not royal progress, directly conflicting event, many other challenges, we can still be successful. Applause... Comments/thoughts for future years will be in event report.

Running of the Group:

Bylaws- Motion made and seconded to make a vote on the amendments to the bylaws.

(Esnade)-Amendment to the bylaws made, posted in accordance with current bylaws, hopefully people had a chance to read. There were some good points brought up after posting the changes; however, the points would need to be new amendments and would have to go through processes.

Motion made- all in favor of passing bylaw amendments, seconded, all voted yay, minus one opposed. Passed as proposed.

****Back to status change discussion-*

Caleb- Motion to wait until bylaws settled, this was already done; he had not realized it just occurred. Voting raise of hands- all in favor of discussing the subject of moving to shire (Esnade)- 8 people for discussing moving to Shire, Richard- opposed to discussing.

Ben- Brought up that it was dangling... We've been discussing this on and off for 2 years, more active in the last year... we should make some decisions. It's causing dissention. He almost favors majesty's words regarding making decisions- ripping band-aids off. We're not being aided by postponing this, instead it's creating grief. In his opinion it is worth moving forward. He noted that this vote is not binding, we still have to go through the EK procedures... Just whether we're requesting polling and which status change.

Caleb- this has come up time and time and time again... as long as he's been a member of Northpass (decades), he asserts, we have the people, the debacle left him furious; the way Northpass was treated. Thinks we can move forward.

Wilhelm- process and reminders- Process if we choose here to go forward, a 60% plurality of the officers need to sign a petition asking for this to happen. The next step is the kingdom confirms if everything is in

order- the rules required for status change are not many, but they need to push papers forward. After that we move forward to a polling the results of which would be tallied by kingdom.

Polling- If the polling results are too close, kingdom can decline the change. Technically only need +1.

Wilhelm's opinion- he's waivered all over the place. 7-8 years ago he said it isn't the right time. There was a lot of anger between Northpass and Østgarðr, and he felt we weren't ready... However, now we've become big enough and strong enough, relations aren't what they should be, but suggest we do it for the right reasons. We've grown up, we will be stronger as a larger unit, regardless we are open for friendship with Østgarðr... most members of Østgarðr have been awesome to us, there has been friction, regardless the vote and decisions, we should put it past us. He's strongly in favor of the decision.

Lissa- asked, "What happens if it doesn't pass?"

Esnade- 18 months- 2 year wait time... every 18 months can revisit... asked for confirmation... Wilhelm said yes, practically (from paperwork standpoint) 2 years...

Lissa- What about "Probation"- this is a gray area (Esnade), there's nothing called probation in the rules (Wilhelm).

Friderich- started around 1995/96, and since the day he started, he's been hearing about Northpass being separate. When started the intention was to be separate Shire, he heard this from the person who created Northpass. Reason it became Canton was because the lands were owned by Østgarðr. He's lived in both in Østgarðr and Northpass... He's witnessed that in Østgarðr they think things are going wonderfully, and there's a different sense of what's going on in Northpass. Times when Northpass thinks everything is going wonderfully, and there's a different sense in Østgarðr. Conclusion, that there is enough distance and travel time, that it's hard to get it to work. He thinks, instead of trying to be part of a family, for 25+ years has been arguable dysfunctional, better to be friends. Acknowledges that we just went through a trauma; not attempt to separate, unless we are ready to be a good neighbor. He wants to wait 6 months to a year... let wounds heal. Suggests we revisit the decision in a year.

Oliver- agree to wait a little, a year too much. Suggests discussing again January, see what happens.

Wilhelm- At the May officers' meeting, he counseled and suggested we wait until the previously discussed September timeline, he feels it was the worst mistake he made as seneschal. If we'd done this then, his contention is this wouldn't have happened... Esnade interrupted him, stopping him from speaking.

Esnade- admits she hasn't been in Northpass very long but has listened since she got here.... Anyone who had an opinion to share (from Northpass, Østgarðr, and Kingdom). She has heard a lot of "dirt" this past year. She's noticed that every time this conversation has come up it's been tabled, and always for the matter that relations aren't what they should be; let's wait to see if they level out. Honestly, she doesn't have strong opinion to voice tonight on separating or not... But discussion... It's been 25 years of this discussion... time to put up or shut up.

Ben- agrees.

Wilhelm- made a motion to move to the decision. To vote on proceeding... Seconded... Grettir (and someone else)- (Wilhelm noted that history is being made).

Esnade- Motion made to vote to go shire- all those in favor of Northpass requesting a polling to go shire, raise your hand- 10 in favor; 4 opposed.

To proceed... (Esnade) Officers now have attending populace's will...

Asked again, just officers voting- Officers who are in favor please raise hand- 6 in favor; 2 opposed.

Meadhbh- Asking clarification about poll...

- (Esnade) if not *granted*, we can re-request... If polling fails... Then 18 months...
- Meadhbh- Will it be taken seriously? Would it be better to waiting 2-3 months to do it.

This has already been discussed, March and May, that this would be the serious discussion... and vote already cast...

- Also- Ben- administrative leave... 1-3 months until the polling would be prepared (Wilhelm).
- Meadhbh- wondering if time was right with the current climate. Conandil reminded that in October the climate changes.

Due process (Friderich)- even if disagree, a vote was taken...

(Esnade) Officers will proceed with process to request polling.

Ben- needed to rip the bandage off, he knows many people are on the fence, in SCA since 1992... he's heard about things between the groups forever.

Archery- Friderich- not the archery captain report (This was given during the officer reports section of the meeting- Archery went well at Barleycorn. One disagreement over one shoot, but it worked out, everyone had fun, looking forward to coming next year. 19 active archers. 11 people used loaner gear. 7 partook in the novelty shoot. Down 2 additional arrows. Poison ivy, one broken, all else returned in good condition.

Indoor practices at Flying Arrow: Wed- 10/3, 10, 24 indoor practices.

****Even without 40-yard range... can record royal rounds. Just know that there aren't 40-yard shoots available for scoring.

Friderich asked Webminister where practice information should be posted.

Outdoor practice on hold because of life.

Needs- Arrows- he plans on making... 24 trial if shootable, he'll donate.

- Bow rack, folding- winter project...
- long term 3 target butts, keep them, consider getting another for 20 yards... Fundraising, long-term? Potential. 4x6 durable foam target...
- Garb/sewing workshop- marshal baldrics so easy to see who is actively being a marshal. (Like at Pennsic). There were many marshals on the field.

Archery report went in today.

Gear to Staten Island practice... Sunday- commons w/ archery practice...? more than normal amount of new commers... good faith, good neighbors, etc. Wants to take equipment with him down and back.

Motion made for Friderich to bring archery equipment with him, Esnade seconded, vote passed.

Future events:

Yule- held until Oct. meeting due to site closing

Next Meeting:

Oct. meeting 19th at Goat's, Esnade will discuss with the event steward how to handle gate so commons doesn't mess it up

New business-

Oliver- signs to mark locations- beaten up... recommended make new ones. Esnade considers it to be part of the Regalia / pageantry committee.

Lissa requested to join pageantry, yes, okayed by Esnade.

Other Miscellaneous Stuff:

Oliver- Winery Crawl- Caleb to drive... prospective date 11/10; room for about 15 people

Motion to close Friderich, Richard seconded, all in favor...passed.

Attendees:

Officers: Ben Rivera, Conandil ingen Donngaile, Grettir bjarnylr, Meadhbh O'Gairbhith, Esnade O Murrin, Oliver de Bainbrig, Wilhelm Larrson, Victor Maximus, Friderich Grimme, Lissa K Terra

Northpass: Brian Smarsch, Richard the Poor, Kunigunde, Francisco de Braga

Visitors: Suuder Saran, Alienor Salton

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