

Commons Meeting 10-18-18

Announcements/Officer Reports

Seneschal (Esnade)-

- In contact with the society seneschal – we are not on probation and we're clear to hold activities in private homes.

Webminister (Victor)-

- The website is as up to date as he knows it needs to be, let him know if something is out of date/needs to be posted.
- Esnade asked if he is still adding stuff to it? ie like adding all the meeting notes on one page.
- Send stuff to web email, he usually sees it w/in a day- usually posted within a few days, if it's longer than a week, let him know.

Exchequer (Ben)-

- 28 page report to kingdom re audit... Food and number of receipts ridiculous; audits- receipt level/event. Plus canceled checks. Ben made good scans of all receipts and submit them. More work than the whole rest of the year reporting.
- Someone asked how to avoid this in the future- have clear scans of all receipts for everything.
- Resolving Blood & Axes-
 - Kingdom Exchequer had a procedure, but now it's a different procedure, society exchequer will sort it and let Ben know what he decides.
 - Friderich asked what happened and the actual status- Esnade- when active group in suspension, what happens? The society is trying to sort it out.
 - Society exchequer got Østgarðr paperwork, Northpass wasn't in the loop. He asked for paperwork in a certain order, but it didn't happen; Østgarðr deviated from the plan sent down from kingdom.
- Southern regional exchequer has been ill and busy, Ben hasn't gotten a resolution on second quarter report.
 - Ben spoke with EK exchequer about this, EK exchequer knows there's a lot of stuff going on and is not that concerned about this as long as reports continue to get submitted and it resolves out at the end of the year.
 - There's a problem w/ the files, still/again-virus warnings, and ones directly from the bank too. At this point Ben plans on printing them out and hand delivering the statements.
- Financial committee- Brew U site tokens unauthorized expense- Ben is inclined to give him the money, can we reimburse him. EK exchequer involved too. Wasn't approved, asked for, etc. Some really object to a reimbursement from Canton funds because it is in direct violation of our bylaws since it was never an approved expense. A few also willing to personally provide the money in question. (Post commons- meeting.)
 - Friderich- if the expense is post authorized will the event lose money?

Chatelain Wilhelm-

- There are new people joining us at activities and events. Lots of excitement.
- Dripping enthusiasm for Goat's.
- No new people in the last few weeks.
- Looking to grow the group and integrate the new ppl into the SCA proper.

Chronicler (Conandil)-

- Since commons meetings have been moved from the first week of the month she decided to put the newsletter out earlier than in the past.
 - Meeting Highlights will be from the month prior- giving enough time to publish the notes and get them posted prior to “print” date.
 - Ideally she’d like to disseminate on the 1st or 2nd of the month, that way activities happening at the beginning of the month are advertised; she can also put early happenings in the prior month.
 - If you are in charge of an activity and want it included in the Stronghold, please get it to Conandil by 27th of each month. Information gets collected the Northpass Website’s calendar and FB events. She tries to contact people individually about things they are running; however, she doesn’t want to miss anything. (Conandil acknowledges that it is sometimes difficult to plan way in advance b/c of scheduling, weather issues, etc. If there is a tentative date, she can always include that in the information with contact info.)
- Printable- example printable version of Stronghold- She can create these when we are having an event, activity, or demo for distribution to new people.

Moas- from Meadhbh’s note, delivered by Conandil

- The Nov A&S gathering can be recorder (+ embroidery and games if desired) if that works for Conandil and Wilhelm and the other can be TBD - maybe something new (or not), depending on what we decide.
 - The Nov. 4 gathering is planned with Recorder, Embroidery, and Game Day- each starting at a different time.
 - Discussing December’s activity options.
 - The poll has yielded a few "new" activities: leather-working, inkle-weaving, cooking, and calligraphy seemed to dominate. I am going to close out the polls and combine the results to get a more accurate list. Maybe we can try out something new at the gathering in December?
- Goats has some cool classes, but not everyone will be in all the time. Would it make sense to set aside a table for people to work on projects between them? I have never seen the site set up for Goats...is this something worth considering?
 - Conandil let Meadhbh know that they set up lends itself to people setting up where ever and just doing their thing.
- Since we agree on making more things for events (where possible) :-D ;-) :-) :-D maybe we could float that as a goal and ask people to let us know if 1) they would be interested in helping and 2) they have any thoughts/ideas/suggestions on how to do it. If the response is positive, we'll post it on the FB pages for more feedback and get a group corralled together to start working on a plan. Or...do you think that we need a committee?? Is that a better idea??
 - Conandil suggested that this sounds like it would be part of the Beautification Committee. Esnade indicated she had discussed this with Meadhbh.

Events

Barleycorn-

- paperwork closed out... made a profit. Report came in clean, took a little bit to get reimbursement back from kitchen. She came in under advance by a good bit. Under budget on breakfast too.
Income \$5345, expenses \$4894.94, profit \$450.06
- Attendance light on feast, heavy dayboard. Attendance was good- 212.
- Demographics- we're growing in the non-province membership coming to the event. DHS, Frosted Hills, Nordenhall, Andub, Midland Vale, Østgarðr attendance down- slight decline; competing event... N, W, E came out... Settemore Swamp too. Site looking forward to us coming back next year. Some site ppl interested in coming to other events.

Esnade- Do we authorize Barleycorn for next year? Friderich raised the point that this is something we've done for 30 years... Is authorization needed? Esnade indicated that she understands the bylaws to include all events.

- Ben made a motion to do Barleycorn next year- Seconded by Esnade, vote taken, passed.
- Wilhelm- Can we direct the exchequer to cut a check?
- Discussion over dates- it's always been the weekend after labor day... 2019 would be Sept. 6-8
- Friderich- Can we continue to go against another event and succeed?
- Wilhelm expressed that the event doesn't happen by itself. It needs to be promoted, talked about, etc. Many loved the event, excited to come back next year.
- Wilhelm's opinion is if we grow Northpass so we can sustain this event in group.

Motion made to reserve site, motion made to have the exchequer write a check, seconded, passed.
Put Barleycorn on the EK calendar.

Yule- competing bids, but neither are here. Chris and Lissa have put bids for Yule. (Someone can collect other members if they need rides to get to the meetings.)

Officer changes

MoL (Seónaid) has asked to be a minister at large. In favor of being our Herald. Vote/approval held until November's meeting; hopefully when Seónaid is present.

Next Meeting: Nov. 8 Ossining Site. 7-9 PM
The Ossining Public Library
53 Croton Ave
Ossining, NY 10562 (Thank you Meadhbh)

Other stuff-

Conandil- this space MAPSpace) can also be secured for other activities, A&S, etc... Dance!!!

- Thank you note for Dosalena, please sign it, also leaving a Northpass Strong.
- Silk banners- painting could be here.

Committees

Beautification- (Esnade) no one has volunteered, awaiting confirmation from other people. Working on pageantry. Wilhelm super duper confirmed.

FoN- Back up and running; anyone can contribute.

Future Items

Blood & Axes- Wilhelm is willing to run this, but only w/ someone as a second to train to pass it on. Call will be put out there. Esnade indicated that there was at least one other interested in putting in a bid for this event.

Status change status- Esnade reported that the society seneschal sent instructions to Mistress Katherine to send a petition packet. We are currently awaiting the petition packet from Katherine. Otherwise everything is going. Katherine promised Esnade that she will send something to Esnade in the next few weeks.

- Someone asked about the letter of intent- was going to be drafted, but instead the procedure is to complete above mentioned packet.

Archery practices Friderich intends on planning practices for Nov. and Dec., but is not sure after that. He's considering moving the day of practices. Conandil brought up not wanting to conflict dates with dance practice.

Dance practice – Conandil-Prospective dates Sun., 11/11; Tues, 11/27 (Or Wed. 11/28 depending on Archery). Wilhelm and Conandil will see which day works better for people (Sunday or weekday) and plan accordingly going forward.

Other

From Ostrgardr via Suduur-

- Sir Jabril planning May 18th event in Lions End area. Fighting event- heavy, rapier heavy. It's in the beginning stages.
- Officer positions coming open
 - some officers are staying in, but coming up as open so interested people can apply for them
 - Openings
 - Chamberlain
 - Knight Marshal
 - Youth Combat
 - Captain of Archery
 - MoAS
 - Chatelaine
 - MoL
 - Chronicler
 - Friderich inquired about how many have candidates versus needing candidates?
 - Following offices probably need someone- MoAS, Chatelain/e, Chronicler
 - Send Letter of Intent to Østgarðr seneschal if interested.

Suuder offered if we need anything, just let him know- Friderich extended the same, other direction.

Motion to close, seconded, passed.

Attendees:

Officers- Ben Rivera, Conandil ingen Donngaile Esnade O Murrin, Friderich Grimme, Victor Maximus, Wilhelm Larrison

Local- Richard the Poor

Visitors- via phone Suuder Saran

Notes prepared by Conandil ingen Donngaile