

Commons Notes Jan. 10, 2019

Officer reports:

Webminister- Victor- website is still up, correct and up to date as far as he knows. Check the stronghold for upcoming events, activities, etc. The stronghold is posted. We have a website.

Excehquer- Ben- still working on reconciling the reports.

Chamberlain- Grettir- archery gear, some feast, some loaner heavy gear.

MoAS- Meadhbh- upcoming activities: dancing 1/15 and 1/27, games 1/27, and event stewardship 101 1/27.

- Feb- 10 A&S afternoon, Dance tentatively scheduled for 2/12 and 2/17
- Illuminations workshop- Conandil reported: It was very cool and clinician willing to do it again, after her May graduation. Conandil is willing to share what she learned.
- A&S meet up scheduled for 1/13 not happening- Cat issues.
- She is going to check for calligraphy dates with Friderich since he offered to host.

Seneschal- Esnade-If there's a problem Esnade needs to know about, let her know early... Dec. was difficult. Let her know when there is an issue. She prefers to put out fires early.

Example- Bear's Tavern- issue major fire- crossed oceans. She didn't find out until 18 hours into the mess when her sister saw comments about Esnade.

- Commons meeting dates need to be solidified through June.
 - Second Thursday- ok for reliable and expected, but Feb. it's Valentine's Day- A week earlier to the 7th!
 - Feb. 7th is planned.
 - Prospective second Thursday dates: March 14th
April 11
May 9
June 13
 - Esnade is entertaining options on day change (Meadhbh doesn't want Thursday anymore. She has a standing thing, but if it works for everyone else, she'll deal. Fencing- day in question; it was on Thursdays. Question to go back to Tuesdays? Conandil reminded that Tuesdays and Wednesdays are typical dancing days especially once the warm weather comes.
 - Looks like Mondays or Thursdays.

Attendance has dropped by about ½... estimate. Doesn't know if it's caused by day switch or because of suspension. Since being reinstated the highest attendance was 16 that made it to Panera when voting in Sept. The substitute meeting at Wilhelm's was about the same as tonight's meeting. We had close to 30 at the beginning of summer. The drop in attendance is concerning her. Ben asked about member numbers- membership is up 55-57 people.

Events:

Bear's Tavern-

Esnade has 3 more preregs for Bear's Tavern- Meadhbh asked if they were daytrip or overnight- unsure. Prereg- Meadhbh- 30 (not all are overnight), Richard offered to give her a check now... Esnade asked if she was ok collecting cash; yes.

- Need to figure out what we're going to do.

- Almost booked out on pre- reg.
- Site is unavailable for date currently planned. Brett -Have we looked at other sites? Meadhbh- There aren't many around with similar character/overnight ability.
- Esnade went through Kingdom calendar to look for available dates. Suggesting May. (Aside from Esande) Wondering if there'll be a conflict with Blood and Axes and Northern war camp.
- Meadhbh is looking for a place to hold it- reminder that local staff is in place, reminder that we'd like to keep it local. Still our choice to make requirement. Brett offered that they could help. Esnade talking about event requirements and the need that 75% needs to be Northpass. Meadhbh looking for locals to run other activities? People are willing to volunteer under a Northpass member running it.

Blood & Axes-

- Update asked of the deputy autocrat for B&A- Grettir- I don't know status.
- Discussing dates- First weekend of July opposite war camp- Esnade will check with Wilhelm. She'll contact him to see what he's planning. Someone suggested July might be getting too close to Pennsic. Conandil contributed that she didn't think Wilhelm was planning on July this year- it got pushed last year because of EK 50th.
- Esnade offered to teach the 2nd half of the pewter class at Blood and Axes. Meadhbh didn't know what B&A entailed... Esnade said it is under her prevue because she is A&S. Esnade thought space would be useful for that.

Barleycorn-

- Esnade asked Meadhbh (Deputy Steward) how planning for Barleycorn was coming.
- Meadhbh planning on discussing the event at Event Steward 101
- Esnade brought up issues of accessibility for the site. How do we accommodate accessibility? Esnade- couldn't leave gate to venture to anything because of the hills. Requirements for the site- not that it's inaccessible, but it's not easily accessibility.
 - Esnade's suggestion - in planning the event try to make it so the people doing activities don't have to go back and forth. Esnade suggesting the Gate house- for serving lunch or breakfast? Ben- question of site and pushing wheelchair.
- Calendar question and date- Esnade published that we were doing BC that weekend on the seneschal's FB group. She got a courtesy email that we could move the date- suggesting to move it- Esnade said this conversation has happened before, the fact that the event has consistently been planned for that weekend for 25+ years was taken into consideration by Northpass. Scouting camps during camping season isn't easy.
- Esnade- for Barleycorn and events in general- Feast cooks need to put out menus in advanced with ingredients- if a change happens/swapped day of, it needs to be announced! (This is dangerous.)

General Announcements:

Esnade will be going to Birka- if you have opinions re changed to law, let her know since she is the vote for Northpass. (They are posted- she thinks on the EK page.) Some changes- who can participate in a polling- lapse in membership won't be sent a poll, but you can request if membership is renewed within that time. If you need help finding the posted proposed changes, let her know.

Don't go to the whiskey house in Yonkers- Esnade, promising menu, but nothing in stock.
Motion to end meeting, meeting over.

Attendees:

Officers: Esnade O Murrin, Victor Maximus, Meadhbh O'Gairbhith, Ben Rivera, Grettir bjarnylr
Conandil ingen Donngaile, remote

Locals: Richard the Poor, Kunigunde

Visitors: Brett Kessler

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