

Commons Notes February 2-7-09

**Announcements:** Esande- Østgarðr and An Dub won bid for April Coronation. Wantag, NY

- Highly recommends everyone attend. Her family is going to hotel it and has offered floor space.
- Put in award recommendations. Note that polling orders are coming due, others need to be done soon because of scrolls, etc. Let them know people will be at Coronation with the recommendation.

**Officers:**

Chatelain- Wilhelm-

- No new potential member requests the month past
- Some confusion on recent joiners on activities and schedule. Believe that (where /when possible) that gatherings get posted sooner and details shared more efficiently.
- Hope to schedule another gathering for those newest to learn more about us and the SCA
- Year-end Report in and acknowledged

MoAS- Meadhbh-

- A&S Day Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Wilhelm and Conandil's
  - Activities to include Recorder Workshop, Embroidery Circle, and Games
- Friderich and Lilie willing to host Calligraphy, Meadhbh has requested dates which will work for them, and she will coordinate scheduling with Lada.
- Blood and Axes- if there is going to be an A&S presence we should start thinking about it now.
  - Initial thoughts include:
    - a demo on protective garb (like chain mail)
    - Display of A&S items related to combat
    - Or a demo on blacksmithing (since many weapons are made via that process)
    - Something else related... please send her any thoughts you may have  
[moas@northpass.eastkingdom.org](mailto:moas@northpass.eastkingdom.org).
  - Conandil suggested Meadhbh and Esnade check with the event steward

Chronicler- Conandil-

- Still looking for a deputy- she has gotten some interest and requests for more information
- Feb. issue went out on the 3<sup>rd</sup>
- She is still accepting submissions- had an article this month plus illuminations exploits. Lots of room available.

Chamberlain- Grettir-

- We still have stuff- gold key to catalogue (At Wilhelm's?), feast gear, loaner feast gear for new people, have kitchen equipment (the start for kitchen running).
- Esnade asked what is left to record? Grettir indicated - gold key (Esande- sounds like things are in hand)

Webminister- Victor-

- Site is up to date as far as he knows
- Report submitted and acknowledged (now quarterly reports).
- Newsletters are posted

Thrown Weapons- Wilhelm-

- No local activity to report.
- Potential changes to Royal Rounds coming (will share next month if changes approved.)
- No TW activities occurring at the moment.

Seneschal- Esnade-

- Attended curia at Birka- it was interesting.
  - There is a new kingdom exchequer.
  - The 20% profit sharing proposed for groups to pay when the event is a RP is being called a rutabaga...
    - ONLY being implemented if a better solution isn't found.

- Won't be until 2020
    - Groups are provided at least 30- day notice that royals are coming. If RP will cause undue stress to the group there is a waiver form, like if it's recovering from a prior loss. Kingdom has 15 days to get back to the group, if they don't respond, the group is exempt.
    - Now dealing with kingdom books.
    - Considerations about expenses need to be made- food might cost less, but site costs have risen.
    - Kingdom is reevaluating where money has gone, what it's being used for, etc.
    - spending limit for reigns- this is new. In the past they had to fundraise, etc.
  - Bylaw amendments- mostly grammar corrections.
    - Contentious- queens consort favor- issue with wording and question on meanings. Amending to making wording gender neutral.
    - Many of the groups don't have financial committees or bylaws. (Yay us, we have those.)
- Suspension- Esnade's goals are to heal wounds and move forward. She feels that in order to rebuild and heal, the group and individuals need to stop bringing up the issues from last summer.
  - If there are issues/information/or anything that would have a positive effect, please bring it to Esnade directly. Right now comments are hurting more than seems to be intended.
  - If there are any issues/problems in the Canton that need to be addressed, let Esnade know. The faster you let her know, the faster it can be addressed. She tries to address things within 24 hours or less.
- Addressing officers, requirements in the bylaws, and meeting attendance-
  - The Herald- has attended only 2 meetings this past year and is not communicating with the group or seneschal. We don't know what's going on.
  - Friderich- reminded this is a volunteer organization- if someone is having trouble we should try to help them. If reports are being filed and not putting our group in jeopardy as many efforts should be made to help.
    - Esnade hasn't been cc'd on reports.
  - Esnade is ok waiting until March for other outreach.
    - Friderich will try to reach out again. (She was interested in attending Archery.)
  - Kunegunde- asked if sending reports in count in lieu of attendance if life happens.
    - Yes, and remote attendance is also available.

### **Events:**

#### Bear's Tavern- Meadhbh

- The event has been canceled.
  - Westchester sites can't be booked until Jan. 1- another group got to the site to reserve before us.
  - The site is booked out until Pennsic minus one week in June that conflicts with other things.
  - Next year a person will be at the park on Jan. 2 to get the date.
  - Esnade will be working with Meadhbh and Ben to get checks back to people who reserved- someone asked if anything had been cashed? No, it'll be literally sending people checks back.

#### Blood and Axes- Wilhelm (Event information provided by Wilhelm)

- Target date in May was taken by an Østgarðr SCA event (other weeks in May taken or conflict with Roses & Panteria.) Site was confused between SCA vs SCA.
- A few weeks in June are available (1-2, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30)
- 15-16 has a few conflicting events
- Best option Wilhelm sees (avoiding week after Roses and not last week of School) is June 29-30
- Event post prospectively made to EK Calendar for the last week of June
- It is unclear if he can get kitchen help for that site or that we would want to have event food
- Once date approved, plan will be to have most staff and non-staff coordinators in place by March commons meeting. Feel free to volunteer!

#### **Staff includes:**

- Thrown Weapons
- Archery
- Fencing

- Rattan
- Youth Combat
- Gate
- (possibly) kitchen
- And much more!
- There are chances for other “new” martial activities and for forester ones. (Watch this space.)
- We could have a modern grill and such at a la cart costing as a fundraiser separate then event budget
- Request a vote to confirm June 29-30 and **ONE OF** the following budgets
- Request approval from Commons meeting for site and insurance checks

#### **With food**

- Attendance 50 persons (1/2 stay for dinner)
- Expenses
  - Site fee \$200
  - Named Insurance \$ 50
  - Food \$200 for dayboard
  - Food \$230 for dinner meal
- Income
  - Daytrip 50\*10 =\$500
  - Feast /dinner fee (additional cost) = 25\*10=250
- Projected Profit = \$750 – \$680 = **\$70**

#### **No food offered**

- Attendance 50 persons
- Expenses
  - Site fee \$200
  - Named Insurance \$ 50
- Income
  - Site 50\*6 =\$250
- Projected Profit = \$300 - \$250= \$50

#### *Blood & Axes discussion and business:*

- Conandil passed along the information that if a dayboard option is wanted Wilhelm will create a budget for that option. (There is not a functional kitchen at the site.)
- *Vote taken*- Esnade- all in favor of June 29 and 30- Aye, none opposed- passed. Blood & Axes is the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Friderich commented that this is after his school year and will likely be able to help. Conandil said if he wants to be an archery marshal she’ll put in a good word for him.
- Friderich- motion to approve budget with feast with proviso that if we change our minds we can revisit later. Esnade- *Vote taken*: All in favor of approving the budget with feast, events cost not to exceed \$680 without approval of financial committee.
  - Friderich asked if financial committee has looked at this- not yet, but majority has seen and just approved from the majority.
  - Approved budget by the financial committee.
- Regarding lack of cooking amenities at the site
  - Esnade commented that this actually provides an opportunity- she has taught fire cooking classes and offered that she’d be willing to do that for A&S at the event.
    - Conandil, unsure about A&S at this event, suggested she talk with the event steward.
    - Also, the foresters are planning on attending, and there might be the possibility of working with them.
    - Various people offered dutch ovens, and Stephen offered that he has a sizable cauldron.

#### Barleycorn- Wilhelm

- Stub event submitted
- Need to go through contract terms with site

- Expect to bring budget request to March Commons
- Will need to staff up. **All the following will be needed:**
  - Kitchen (Dayboard, Feast and Breakfast X2)
  - “Area coordinators” (It’s a large site)
  - Scheduling coordinator
  - Publicist
  - People to bring “stuff” to and from site
  - Gate (One person for Friday and a pair for Saturday AM and Afternoon.)
  - Archery, Fencing, TW, Rattan, Youth Combat
  - Dance, Games (in and outdoor), Brewing, A&S display, Classes
  - Setup (Field, Gate, Kitchen, Feast hall.)
  - Breakdown (Field, Hall, Kitchen, and event end site-walk.)

*Barleycorn discussion and business:*

- Friderich would like to be included in the kitchen- dayboard, feast, or both. It’s a large event and he doesn’t get many opportunities to run a kitchen for big events. He’ll have to check his calendar, but there is usually a holiday weekend.
  - Conandil commented that she is aware of a few other potential offers, but said she’d pass the information along to Wilhelm.
  - Friderich really doesn’t want to do archery.
- Esnade wondered how to address / what to call the people working on this event- Conandil suggested the event steward and deputies. That seemed acceptable to Esnade and the group.
- Friderich asked how the event team was progressing, since he’d missed a few meetings.
  - Conandil offered that she was aware of the Event Steward 101 workshop being conducted and that Barleycorn was being used as a sample event.
  - Clarification was asked about who is involved-Esnade reminded that Wilhelm said he would run the event under the condition that he has deputies to train. Those in question are Meadhbh, Grettir, and Hawk.
- Friderich confirming site status- Check written to site, just contract stuff.

**Old Business:**

Largese for their majesties-

- discussed last fall, Esnade reminds that Coronation is coming up- is this something we want to readdress?
- (Kunegunde- what is largesse? Friderich described- people from kingdom put together things that can be used by the crown to give to people. Examples- home brew, bows, crafts, banners, flags, some have lists of things they need. These items are then typically presented in court. Kunegunde- what do they use it for- gifts, toy chest, etc.)
- Do we want to pursue for Coronation- to get allotted space for court.
- Stephen- how much is needed? He can contribute leather covered bottles- small and growlers. Esnade- would be most welcome.
- Organizer- Esnade can wrangle this.

*Vote taken:* All in favor of creating Largese for Coronation? Many yes- passed.

Beautification/pageantry committee-

- No progress was made on this because of timing; entered holidays
- If anyone is interested in painting silk banners/learning how- to have to present with let Esnade know.
  - Friderich can offer space.

Bylaws committee-

- Welcoming more volunteers for local.
  - Mostly formatting/grammatical things.
  - Some other issues were brought up when looking to clean them up- looking to work on those too.

Proposed Østgarðr bylaws-

- Esnade- encourages everyone to look at these, if you have input, let her know.

- Fears there is a Catch 22 in there, unintentionally? Gives groups and out to not approve them/agree to them, but according to Kingdom law it would mean we choose to dissolve the group.
- Esnade still working with Østgarðr- if we don't approve, that means we're not being bound by them; therefore causing issue with EK law.
- Beyond that, they looked good.
- Østgarðr is also welcoming people for this committee.

### **New Business-**

#### **Commons dates and locations-**

- After discussion over other potential days of the week, it was decided Thursdays work best for the majority, and the second Thursdays going forward are mostly free from holidays.
  - The following dates have been approved for meetings:
    - 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/22\*(Pennsic considerations and wanting a meeting prior to Barleycorn), 9/12
- Location- for the time being the Ossining Library will be the location of the meetings. If we find a better option/s we can move.
  - Library- parking is a toss up. Otherwise seems to work.
  - We don't necessarily know where in the library we'll be put until day of, however; Esnade plans on arriving prior to the meeting time and posting the exact location. We have been slated for the common area on the bottom floor, the conference room on the second floor, and the theater in the past months.

#### **Reports-**

Did everyone submit their officer reports? End of year- discovered that not everyone has that requirement as dates are different for each office.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

#### **Open offices-**

Minister of Lists  
 Captain of Archery  
 Chancellor of Minors  
 Knight Marshal  
 Deputy Seneschal  
 Deputy Chronicler

#### **Committees-**

Opportunities for people to be involved the following have openings:  
 Bylaws committee, pageantry, kitchen gear acquisition

### **Local Happenings:**

Archery- there is practice. Posted on FB, if you are on FB, please reply so Friderich knows you are coming, that way he can let you know if he is running late. Esnade asked if youth archery was a possibility. There are restrictions on age; Conandil confirmed that Flying Arrow has age restrictions- 10 and over. At events – as long as parents are there and ok with that, they are welcome.

#### **Attendees-**

Officers- Victor Maximus, Friderich Grimme, Esnade O Murrin, Grettir bjarnylr, Conandil ingen Donngaile  
 Locals- Francisco de Braga, Kunigunde, Stephen C. King

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