

DANESCOMBE MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2024

Meeting

Present: Archibald, Drazhan, Espa, Gawain, Mederi, Murdoch, Roslyn, Rowan, Schmidt, Steinn, Taitr, Taliesen, Tobias

Absent:

Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm

[Officer Reports](#)

[19:04] Meeting started

[19:04] Motion to accept previous minutes: Motion passed

Recent Events

Tir Righ Investiture

[19:05] Well attended by shire members

[19:05] Desiree wanted to thank all of us for our participation :)

Upcoming Events

- Golden Fleece - Ramsgaard - March 16
- Canterbury Faire - LionsGate - March 24
- Tournament of Roses - April 13

New Business

Canada Day demo – Highland Games in Penticton

[19:07] Possible opportunity for a demo (weekend of July 5+6)

[19:07] Didn't do it last year due to limited volunteers (attending other events)

[19:08] Gawain notes that there are lots of events in the Penticton area, but this one specifically is paid and is in conflict with other events

[19:09] There might be a better weekend and a free event to capitalize on

[19:10] Engagement is tough and there are lots of activities going on there

[19:11] Murdoch notes that there is usually good coverage (sometimes in the paper), and there is good community engagement, even if there isn't a lot of retention

[19:12] Suggests that we could collect info and send out info afterwards to promote engagement

[19:13] The games also typically give a donation to the Shire, and the members giving the demo do not need to pay at the gate

[19:16] Murdoch will organize a team of volunteers for that weekend

[19:16] We should figure out a strategy for demo follow ups to engage public interest

Change of Officer – Rapier Marshal

[19:17] Gawain will be taking over as Rapier Marshal from Rowan

[19:19] Motion passed!

Events Deputy (Seneschal Office)

[19:19] There will be an Events Deputy in our Shire!

[19:20] Tobias will be taking this office and promoting/helping people running events

[19:21] This should help to empower people to run events without every member of the Shire needing to be an events expert

Tir Righ Arts and Sciences and Bardic Event - September 28

[19:21] Mederi was site hunting in hopes of putting forth a bid for a one-day event

[19:22] Neither the Peachland venue nor the Summerland venue are options

[19:23] The Penticton United Church is tentatively booked, but they will be under new ownership so it's not 100%

[19:25] Tobias and Taliesen are interested in helping

[19:26] Mederi will put together a bid proposal for next month

Archery Practice – Penticton Archery Club

[19:27] Based in Summerland during the Winter months

[19:28] They said they can accommodate a Friday night session for us, with an instructor, 5\$ drop-in fee

[19:29] It would be a non-SCA event, but it would be a private session for us

[19:33] Steinn will contact the Penticton Archery club about booking April 5 for a Shire practice

[19:34] We are not using our waivers, it is not an SCA event

[19:35] Motion passed

Summer Demos in public parks

[19:35] We've had public demos in the past, and it generally drew the same people in

[19:36] We can organize a small team to organize demos with an assortment of people, disciplines, and locations

[19:37] Maybe reach out to wineries or other businesses where we can do a demo in conjunction with one of their own events

[19:39] Mederi brought up the risk of coordinating with businesses where this is a volunteer activity for SCA members

[19:41] Murdoch and Rowan will coordinate and report again next month

Shire events (Fall and ToR 2025)

[19:42] Tobias has checked when Peachland Hall is available

[19:43] He proposes that we should have more Superpractices (monthly)

[19:43] Drazhan brought up what the financial liability is if we book all of the available dates and cancel

[19:45] We can move the practice from the banquet hall to the gymnasium over the summer for Thursday practices, but it is 20\$/h vs. 5\$/h for the gymnasium

[19:46] We can also book another room that would allow people to break off and do different activities

[19:47] We currently have enough participation to cover the cost of the space, and we may be able to draw more people with the larger space

[19:48] Motion for Tobias to contact Peachland Hall to rent the additional space from May (banquet and main hall for 1h) and July-August (gymnasium) + practice will start at 6:30 pm

[19:50] Motion passed

[19:51] Tobias will bring a list of potential event dates next meeting

Path to Barony discussion Review

[19:53] The presentation has been pinned in discord :)

Ride Sharing channel added to Discord

[19:54] Drazhan has added a channel in discord

[19:55] Direct people within the Shire there if they need a ride or can provide one!

Arts and Science Calendar

[19:57] Archibald is currently working on the A&S calendar

[19:57] Some taught classes, some open A&S

Old Business

Shire Connection with UBCO

[19:58] Met with Taitr and Espa to talk about HAC being a college in the SCA

[19:58] The Shire can be a partner with the club, which allows us to support activities as if they are demos using the appropriate waivers

[19:59] We can use our sponsorship to put on workshops that can't necessarily be done at the university

[20:03] Will have material to review next meeting

Signage

[20:03] Will follow up with Chiara next month

Signatories on bank account

[20:04] Will update last month meeting minutes

Superpractices for Winter Season

[20:04] Tobias' list of dates for upcoming events to vote on next month:

- Nov 9th
- Dec 14th
- Jan 4th
- Jan 18th
- Feb 8th
- Mar 1st
- Mar 29th
- Apr 5th
- Apr 26th

Tabled Business

Archery - \$600 dedicated to buy targets and repair kits when on sale, still in the works

Upcoming Danescombe Superpractice - May 11

Regalia - Pictures to be collected at Tournament of Roses

Meeting end: 8:05

Proposed next Meeting will be: April 3, 2024 at 7:00 on Discord

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HE Steinn

- Completed officer changeover after Feb 7th meeting.
- Hosted Duke Stykkarr's presentation on Road to Barony presentation.
- Completed the summary of the presentation.
- Hosted a brainstorming session with council on February 21.
- Actionable items added to meeting agenda.

Exchequer – HL Madire

- Bank account Balance - \$7603.51
- No outstanding owing.

Herald - Johan Jacob Guggenheimer

- Feb 26th - Met with Steinn over Messenger for onboarding.
- Looking forward to sinking my teeth into more

Master of Stables – HE Steinn

- **Armoured:** HE Steinn
 - Lent shire erics and equipment for February Investiture.
 - The pole that the bases are stacked on for storage was not returned when packed up and returned.
 - I will be replacing this.
- **Archery** - Taitr
 - Nothing new to report
- **Thrown Weapons** - HE Olen
 - Nothing new to report
- **Rapier** - Rowan Ewan of Otter
 - Rapier practice went well this month.
 - We had an average of 16 people coming out to practice.
 - This month Gawain will once again step up with Kristophe and lead several classes.
 - I'm looking forward to seeing them in action!
- **Cut & Thrust** - Lord Tobias
 - We had Cut and Thrust at the super practice on Feb 3rd.
 - We had 3 people participate in C&T combat, and I held a Junior Marshal class that resulted in 6 new C&T jr. marshals (as well as 6 new rapier marshals).
 - Regular practices are not planned until weather warms up or space becomes available.

Arts and Sciences – Archibald Archer

- Feb 8th - 1 person spinning
- Feb 22nd - 1 person working on Tournament of Roses tokens
- Feb 29th - 1 person working on Tournament of Roses tokens
- Tokens for ToR have been completed, they just need safety pins on them.
- Spoke with Shire Webminster to add A&S Calendar on the shire website. This will allow for the planning of classes and for people to better attend them.

Chatelaine – Master Murdoch

- The Shire had one contact this month via email.
- There was also a confab a couple weeks back about newcomer attraction, retention, and how to go about doing these things.
- Brainstorming is in the works for the ideas that were put forth in the meeting, along with rereading the Chatelain guidebook, and hopefully there will be some plans to work on in the coming weeks.

Scribe – HE Taliesin

- We continued to hold Scribal Nights, in conjunction with our Weekly Fighter Practices, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
- Our attendance fluctuates from week to week, but we have a core of 3 or 4 people weekly, with 2 or 3 others that pop in from time to time.
- In February, we worked on Kingdom Charters for the current reign, received at 12th Night.
- We received Principality Charters at February Investiture, which we will work on (painting) in the coming months.
- Also, in February, I attended the Historical Arts & Combat Club at UBCO on the 2nd Tuesday weekly fighter practice for scribal (Painting). There were upwards of 6 participants. The calligraphy class on the 4th Tuesday weekly fighter practice was Carolingian.

Webminster – Lord Drazhan

- Rideshare channel added to our Discord channel
- Much easier to find a ride within the populace without clogging up other sections!
- Arts and Sciences calendar added to our website
- Nice and clear about what events are happening when
- Appearance may change depending on feedback from the A&S officer and/or the populace
- Arts and Sciences login added to our website
- A&S Officer can add the A&S events to the calendar and make changes as required without having to go through me
- Meeting minutes user added and passed along

- Meeting minutes should be added to the website minutes list in a much timelier manner than previous!
- Old website still up
- I have been engaged by someone about what our issue with the website is, but once I gave them the information there has been no further communication