

# Danescombe Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

## Meeting

**Present:** Alister, Archibald, Chiara, Drazhan, Enoch, Gawain, Madire, Matteo, Murdoch, Regan, Roslyn, Rowan, Steinn, Taliesen, Teitr, Tobias

**Absent:** Olen, Schmidt

**Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm**

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[19:00] Meeting started

[19:01] Motion to accept previous minutes: Motion passed

## Recent Events

- November 9 - Masquenalia Ball - Barony of Seagirt
- November 16 - Baroness' Inspirational Tournament - Barony of Lions Gate
- November 23 - Hartwood Revel - Shire of Hartwood

## Upcoming Events

- December 14 - Superpractice - No kitchen
- December 14 - Seagirt Yule and Bardic Championship

## New Business

Update on Newcomers Event - February 8

[19:03] Date reservation form submitted

[19:03] Been in contact with TUTR representative with a list of classes he's willing to host, more info to follow

[19:04] There will be instructor courses available in January

Update on Tournament of Roses - March 29

[19:04] No updates, early planning

# Old Business

## Harvest Superpractice - November 9

**[19:04]** 81 people through gate, very good attendance for almost all classes

**[19:05]** Good turnout for feast, very little food left over

**[19:05]** Great showing of Shire members helping to clean up

## Annual Storage Inventory

**[19:06]** List is being finalized, Madire will post in FB chat when completed

# Tabled Business

- Practice Site Fees Review - no update
- Archery equipment
  - Purchased, see Officer Reports
- Discuss in January 2025 Canada Day demo –Highland Games in Penticton Demo team coordination - no update
- 2025 Reserved dates for the Peachland Community Hall - Saturday, January 4 and 18, February 8, March 29, April 5 and 26
  - Certificate has been mailed, but it is currently delayed due to Canada Post strike

**Meeting end: 7:12**

**Proposed next Meeting will be: January 8, 2025 at 7:00 on Discord**

# Officer Reports

## Seneschal – HE Steinn

- Had to adjust security settings of the Shire's facebook page. Now, the security questions are visible for people interested in joining the page. This will reduce having to deal with cloned accounts.
- Filled in the Date Reservation online form for February 8 Newcomers Event and April's Tournament of Roses.
- Sent off the request for Named Insurance Certificate for the Peachland Community Hall. Will probably not receive the certificate anytime soon due to the postal strike.
- Membership numbers - Current SCA members in Danescombe: 39

## Exchequer – HL Madire

- As indicated below our account balance is \$11,521.21.
- We have \$1,135.09 in pre-paid expenses.
- So far this year the Shire has made \$5,555.17.
- Some notes:
  - Archery Targets have been purchased - receipt received, reimbursement to follow.
  - Named Insurance for Peachland Hall 2025 submitted - awaiting statement for CDN value for reimbursement cheque.
  - Statement does not yet reflect these expenses.

Danescombe					
Balance Statement					
As at November 30, 2024					
Assets					
	Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash				0.00
	Cash Earning Interest				
	Account 1 (Primary)		11,521.21		
	Secondary Account 1		0.00		
	Secondary Account 2		0.00		

	Secondary Account 3		0.00		
	Secondary Account 4		0.00		
	Total cash earning interest				11,521.21
	Receivables				0.00
	Inventory for Sale (Major Inventory)				0.00
	Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment				0.00
	Depreciated Equipment		0.00		
	Minus Accumulated Depreciation		0.00		
	Prepaid Expenses				1,135.09
	Other Assets				0.00
	Total Assets				12,656.30
	Liability & Net Worth				
	Liabilities				
	Newsletter Subscriptions Due		0.00		
	Deferred Revenue		0.00		
	Payables		0.00		
	Other Liabilities		0.00		
	Total Liabilities				0.00
	Net Worth				

	Beginning Net Worth		7,101.13		
	Net Income		5,555.17		
	Ending Net Worth				12,656.30
	Total Liability & Net Worth				12,656.30
					0.00

## Herald - Vacant

- No report at time of posting

## Master of Stables – HE Steinn

- **Armoured:** HE Steinn
  - Weekly armoured practice on the stage. Four to ten participants per week. The stage works well for combat.
  - Authorized a number of new fighters, as well as promoted two fighters to become Junior marshals. Glad to see the growth of the shire's fighting community.
- **Archery** - Teitr
  - There was one indoor archery practice hosted by the Penticton Archery Club on Nov. 22nd. We had 10 attendees at the practice.
  - Due to an early Black Friday sale on bulldog archery targets, I have purchased 4 targets using the shire's pre approved archery supplies funds. 548.90\$ The targets arrived on Monday, Dec. 2nd.
- **Thrown Weapons** - HE Olen
  - No report at time of posting.
- **Rapier** - Gawain
  - This month was a busy one for rapier practice. For clarity, I've organized this report into the following sections: Super Practice, Regular Practice, and Baroness' Inspiration and I have tried to be concise.
  - Super Practice
    - We hosted a highly successful Practice Rapier Tournament during the November 9th Super Practice, with over 20 participants.
    - As it was a practice setting, we allowed non-authorized fighters to participate under the supervision of a Senior Fighter to assess safety. Despite these precautions, two injuries were reported, caused by the

same fighter. This issue was escalated to the Principality Marshal, who addressed it appropriately.

- Moving forward, we will implement stricter guidelines for non-authorized participants and reinforce safety protocols, including proper sword use and procedural discussions before events.
- Baroness' Inspiration
  - Danescombe was well-represented both on and off the field. Highlights include Don Enoch being placed on vigil (huzzah!) and exceptional performances from our fighters. For the fourth (or fifth?) year running, Gerhard's Riposte was awarded to a Danescombe fighter—this year, Micholaj (sp?).
  - Concerns were raised regarding some newer fighters not meeting expectations for fair play and safety during bouts. These issues have been addressed by senior leadership in the rapier community and will remain an ongoing point of focus.
- Regular Practice
  - Practices have been well-attended throughout the month.
  - Mateo has been instrumental in sharing practice duties and contributing to discussions about potential improvements.
  - Kristophe has resumed teaching his Rapier Fundamentals class, which we hope will help address some of the challenges with newer students.
  - Tobias, Murdoch, Enoch, Mateo, and I met to discuss the practice's future, including space utilization, the needs of both rapier and C&T fighters, and current challenges. Together, we developed a plan to address these concerns.
  - We've restructured the practice space to better accommodate our growing numbers, designating areas for C&T, open practice, and classes.
- Addressing Challenges
  - Some specific issues with newer students include:
    - Fair and decisive blow calling
    - Reporting promptly to lists after bouts
    - Minimizing post-bout discussions
    - Delivering safe strikes (stiff shots have been a concern) These matters will be tackled through direct communication and focused training. Thank you for your attention and support.
- **Cut & Thrust** - Lord Tobias
  - Cut and Thrust has been given more dedicated time and space. This has allowed for much more participation, and looks like it will result in increased growth of the the C&T community within the shire.
  - We had 3 C&T practices with 8 participants across the month.

## Arts and Sciences – Archibald Archer

- A&S activity for November:

- Nov 14th - Two people painting, 1 person embroidering, 1 person hand sewing
- Nov 19th - HACC demo had 8 students in a spinning class, 4 student making bottle cap pin cushions
- Nov 26 - HACC demo beading / keychain drop in 2 students Nov 28th - Pin making two people

## Chatelaine – Reagan

- I received a request to get a hold of a couple. They wanted to know if there were any recent activities that they could attend. I explained to them that there was a super practice, and they informed me that they will be attending.
- I was told by gate that a couple had asked for the chatelaine, but the gate forgot who chatelaine was, so they directed them to Murdock.
- I did approach the one couple, that I did not recognize, and I chatted with them while I was waiting to partake in the rapier tournament. They had left by the time it was all over. This couple did ask if there was going to be a yule feast, I did inform them that there would not be one.
- There were no other interactions with anyone else for November.

## Scribe – HE Taliesin

- Scribal evenings at Fighter Practice and at HACC are proceeding as normal. We were able to send off a number of painted charters to Baroness' Inspiration for the Principality of Tir Righ. As a result they sent back additional charters for painting. We are waiting for charters for the new reign but don't anticipate receiving until the new year.
- I am also working with the Governor of TUTR to set up Novice Classes for our event in February.

## Webminister – Lord Drazhan

- The following occurred in November:
  - Critical error on Shire website fixed
  - Updates on Shire website completed
  - Discord member engaged in inappropriate behavior was given the first of two warnings before banning.