

Danescombe Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025

Meeting

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

Absent: Schmidt

Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm

[Officer Reports](#)

[19:00] Meeting started

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

Recent Events

- January 10 -12 - An Tir Twelfth Night
- January 18 - Superpractice

Upcoming Events

- February 8 Danescombe Newcomers Event
- February 15 Hartwood TUTOR
- February 22 Tir Righ Investiture - Thornwood

New Business

Superpractice dates May - December 2025

[19:01] Dates booked until July 12

[19:02] Hall may be unavailable after September 2025 for Saturdays

[19:02] We do have the complete facility for Tir Righ A&S

[19:02] We may need an alternative for Saturday events moving forward, however we won't know until later

[19:03] Peachland Community Centre staff recommend contacting the Peachland 50+ Activity Centre for Fall rentals. Steinn will reach out in March or April

[19:04] Could be an opportunity to build better ties with the Peachland Community as a whole

Webminister - Calendar Event Format

[19:05] Drazhan proposing to consolidate the martial bookings on the shire calendar to simplify the view

[19:06] As they all take place on the same day (Thursday), it stretches the calendar oddly

[19:07] We can still have a blurb that provides all of the details of which activities are welcome at the practice

[19:08] Drazhan will amalgamate the martial activities and keep scribal and A&S separate

[19:10] Drazhan will also change the font to something easier to read

Coffee/Hot Water for Newcomers Event

[19:11] Motion to approve 45.50\$ to have a coffee/hot water unit for the event

[19:12] Motion passed

Donations Received from the Hope Brigade Demo

[19:12] We received a 900\$ donation from the Hope Brigade Demo

[19:13] Possible use of funds: steel key, table linens, moulds for shire tokens

[19:17] Motion to approve a budget to purchase moulds for shire awards, dependant on approval from the college of heralds, up to 1200\$

[19:19] Motion passed

Adding Rowan as a Signatory on the Shire Bank Account

[19:20] Motion to Add Rebecca MacDonald (Rowan Ewan of Otter) as signatory in preparation for her new office of Exchequer at the end of March 2025.

[19:21] Motion passed.

Motion to Remove William Litwin (Taliesan ap Hafgan) as signatory

[19:21] Motion to Remove William Litwin (Taliesan ap Hafgan) as signatory.

[19:22] Motion passed.

Funds to Replenish Shire Table Linens up to \$300

[19:23] Our linen box is depleted, we only have four remaining cloths

[19:23] Motion to purchase fabric in shire colours and white to make new cloths

[19:24] Motion passed.

[19:25] Madire will have them ready for the Tournament of Roses.

Steel Key purchase

[19:25] [Proposed budget](#)

[19:25] The shire steel key only currently has one sword, we need more

[19:26] Motion to purchase three additional swords and gorgets, up to 2000\$

[19:27] There are some concerns over sourcing the swords from the States due to potential tariffs. There is a Canadian supplier that should have a more economical option soon.

[19:28] Motion passed.

Old Business

Update on Newcomers Event - February 8

[19:29] Whole lineup of classes, their Highnesses are excited to come out, there will be dancing, small coffee/tea service, small practice space available for martial activities

[19:30] Setup will be at 8, gates open at 9, out of there by 6

[19:30] Schedule posted on event page and Kingdom calendar

New Comers Classes

[19:31] Five classes and dancing, classes are 45 minutes each

[19:32] Encourage new fighters to participate in classes rather than fighting

[19:34] Some offers to do displays (from out of shire)

Update on Tournament of Roses - March 29

[19:36] Planning going smoothly

[19:36] Motion to pass the budget for Tournament of Roses 2025

[19:38] Motion passed

Tabled Business

Practice Site Fees Review

[19:39] Went over numbers, total for Thursday is 50\$/month, our current fees cover the space adequately

[19:42] Should remove this item for the time being. We will revisit if rental circumstances change

Discuss in January 2025 Canada Day demo – Highland Games in Penticton Demo team coordination

[19:43] No update from the organization

[19:44] Should look for help from Lower Mainland for participants as well as participants from the shire

2025 Reserved dates for the Peachland Community Hall - Saturday, January 4 and 18, February 8, March 29, April 5 and 26

Meeting end: 7:46

Proposed next Meeting will be: March 5, 2025 at 7:00 on Discord

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HE Steinn

- Quarterly reports submitted.
- Dealing with reservation dates with the Peachland Community Centre.
- All Thursday practice dates for 2025 have been confirmed.
- The Names Insurance Certificate was confirmed to have been received by the Peachland Community Hall.

Exchequer – HL Madire

- Shire Account Balance as of Jan 31/25 = \$10,456.75
- Prepaid Expenses Total = \$811.78
- Total Assets = \$11,268.53
- Items of Note:
 - 4 th Quarter/Doomsday Report was submitted.
 - Annual Fees for Thursday Practices & Named Insurance has been paid.
 - \$900 Donation from Hope Demo - Thank-you to those who participated.

Herald - Vacant

- No report at time of posting

Master of Stables – HE Steinn

- **Armoured:** HE Steinn
 - Thursday practices still on-going.
 - Have added Rodrick of Danescombe as a deputy to the Master of Stables.
- **Archery** - Teitr
 - Hello, nothing new to report for archery for the month of January. I will look into scheduling with the Penticton Archery Club to do semi consistent practices before next meeting. I am also in the market for a deputy if someone is interested.
- **Thrown Weapons** - HE Olen
 - No report at time of posting.
- **Rapier** - Gawain
 - This month marks a return to our regular schedule.
 - We have classes happening in the shared space and attendance has been increasing as we all work the habit of practice back into our rotation!
 - Numbers have been solid for rapier.
 - We held our first Phoenix Tournament of the year and Mateo (our Rapier Deputy Marshal) took home the mantle, well done Mateo!
 - The tournament was organized by Tobias and Muirna and was a lot of fun!
 - Nothing else to report.

- **Cut & Thrust** - Lord Tobias
 - Cut and Thrust had 4 classes. We had 7 participants total.

Arts and Sciences – Archibald Archer

- A&S Acvity for January:
 - Jan 23rd - 1 person jewellery making, 1 person sewing drawstring bags
 - Jan 30th - 1 person spinning, 1 person playing music
- Will contact bardic defender again to inquire about bardic compeon for Tournament of Roses, have followed up with A&S defender about how judging will work but have yet to get a response.

Chatelaine – Reagan

- This January has been a quiet month, again. No new emails.
- Ursalmas was fun, and a great event to be at.

Scribe – HE Taliesin

- Scribal evenings at Fighter Practice and at HACC are proceeding as normal.
- We were able to send off 8 additional painted charters to Ursulmas for the Principality of Tir Righ. This weekend we will supply them with a number of painted Thank You cards.
- We currently do not have any Kingdom charters nor do we have any charters for the new, incoming Principality reign.
- Working with the Govenor of TUTR and others we have set up 5 Novice Classes plus a Dance class for our event on February 8th. I will also be providing calligraphy for their Highnesses, as required, at our event.

Webminister – Lord Drazhan

- Nothing new on our end.
- Tir Righ looking to migrate all sites to one host. No timeline currently.

Danescombe Rapier Steel Key

	<i>Make</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Tax/Duties (~%12)</i>	<i>Shipping</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Sword</i>	Castile Economy	CA\$413.16	3	CA\$148.74	CA\$140.00	CA\$1,379.48
<i>Gorget</i>	Generic	CA\$140.00	3	CA\$50.40	CA\$100.00	CA\$520.00
<i>Total Cost</i>						CA\$1,899.48

Request Cost: \$2000

Notes:

- Outcast Arms (Canadian sword supplier) has indicated they are planning an Economy Rapier, with a price point similar to, or less than, Castile. This would be preferable as it's a Canadian supplier with less duty and shipping costs.
- There are so many options for Gorgets and they all fall within \$75-\$150 USD, so I split the difference, but I am looking into less expensive options north of the border.
- I am requesting slightly more than the proposed costs due to shifting Canadian Dollar values and shipping costs.