

Danescombe Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025

Meeting

Present: Alister, Archibald, Chiara, Drazhan, Gawain, Matteo, Regan, Rodrick, Roslyn, Rowan, Steinn, Taliesen, Teitr, Tobias

Absent: Madire, Murdoch, Olen

Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm

[Officer Reports](#)

[19:01] Meeting started

[19:02] Motion to accept previous minutes: Motion passed

Recent Events

- March 14 - 16 Quest for the Golden Fleece - Ramsgaard
- March 29 Tournament of Roses - Danescombe

Upcoming Events

- April 5 Lions Gate - First Contact Fayre
- April 12 - Lionsdale TUTOR
- April 26 Lions Gate - Salon Artificum

New Business

Tournament of Roses Recap/Takeaways

[19:03] Roses was a great success, we profited by over 2000\$, 104 attendees, 63 paid for feast, great fighter turnout, 3 A&S entries, 5 bardic

[19:04] This is 30 people more over last year, and we are still seeing growth

[19:05] Good feedback on lunch and feast

[19:05] Challenges: calendar wasn't up to date, heavy tournament ran overtime, could have had more time for inspirations, some attendees did not have feast gear and couldn't have food, space was tight we might want to rent the field next to the hall next year, we could have had fighting outside, not enough gate coverage, more notice for scrolls needed

Having dishware by donation

[19:08] Had a challenge with dinnerware as there is a separate rental for dishes and the industrial dishwasher was down, limited soap to use

[19:09] In order to help people get feast gear, we think it could be nice to have feast gear packages, where people could donate a modest amount and get a prepackaged feast set

[19:11] We could potentially ask the Shire for donations of excess feast gear

[19:12] We can partner with A&S to make drawstring bags

[19:13] Motion to allocate 100\$ to put together six feast gear with plates, bowls, flatware, and cups. Roslyn will shop at thrift store if needed.

[19:14] Motion to allocate 50\$ for material for drawstring bags, Taliesen will coordinate with Madire and Archie,

Officer Quarterly Reports are Due by April 15

[19:17] Reminder, Quarterly reports are due by April 15

Date reservation for Tournament of Roses 2026

[19:18] There was some discontent in Seagirt over conflict between Daffodil and Roses

[19:18] To avoid conflict next year, we are on the waitlist to reserve the full facility on the last Saturday in March, 2026.

[19:21] We will have an update in August or September if we get the space

[19:23] Motion to reserve the March 28, 2026 as the date for Tournament of Roses

[19:24] Steinn will reach out to the senior's center as a potential backup

Event planning for Tournament of Roses 2026

[19:26] Gawain and Matteo are interested in putting in a bid to steward together

[19:27] Tobias will assist

[19:27] Motion made and passed for them to steward

Event stewarding

[19:29] There is some confusion over who is the marshal in charge and who to collaborate with

[19:29] There should be coordination between the marshals and Master of stables

[19:31] We need to plan for cleanup for feast/food, including doing dishes

[19:32] Need some updates for the scroll layout due to space constraints

Super practice on Saturday, April 5

[19:33] We have the hall booked for a super practice this weekend

[19:34] Tobias can show up to unlock the hall

Old Business

Proposal for Monthly A&S and Bardic practice - Update

[19:35] Wednesdays: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, and Aug 20

[19:36] Dedicated A&S night booked at the hall

Steel Key purchase

[19:37] Gawain has put an order in for three rapiers from Outcast Arms

[19:37] Still looking for a Canadian source for gorgettes, Murdoch might be able to do it

Instaprint Confusion - Billing Issue

[19:38] There was an accidental bill for the principality sent to us

[19:39] Madire has gone in and resolved it

Tabled Business

- Discuss in January 2025 Canada Day demo – Highland Games in Penticton Demo team coordination
 - **[19:40]** Reagan contacted them, we would get a portion of the field, 200\$, a scheduled time
 - **[19:41]** Please refer to the Chatelaine report for additional information about outreach options
- Budget of \$1200 for the molds for Shire Tokens once badges are approved by the College of Heraldry
- 2025 Reserved dates for the Peachland Community Hall: April 5 and 26, June 14, 2025 - Main hall only; July 12, 2025 Main Hall only confirmed. Hall may be unavailable after September 2025 for Saturdays Peachland Community Centre staff recommend contacting the Peachland 50+ Activity Centre for Fall rentals.

Meeting end: 7:43

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

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HE Steinn

- Was part of adding Rowan as a signatory on the group bank account.

Exchequer – Rowan

- Account Balance March 31/25 = \$13,543.18
- Prepaid Expenses = \$811.78
- Outstanding (Un-cashed) Cheques:
 - Cheque # 0537: \$23.11
 - Cheque # 0538: \$11.03
 - Cheque # 0539: \$100.00
 - Cheque # 0540: \$51.50
 - Cheque # 0541: \$502.22
 - Cheque # 0542: \$127.22
 - Cheque # 0543: \$310.00
 - Cheque # 0544: \$7.70
- Some of this is a bit of an estimate, as I'm still figuring out the bank account and spreadsheets. Forgive me if they're a little off, I'll have it all settled for next month.

Herald - Vacant

- No report at time of posting

Master of Stables – HE Steinn

- **Armoured:** HE Steinn
 - Thursday practices still on-going.
 - Coordinated with tournament organizer for Tournament of Roses. There needs to be clarification of the procedure for organizing event tournaments (many are not following the already established procedures outlined by our kingdom resources - lack of awareness).
 - Few concerns from the MIC Report from Tournament of Roses. Will be addressing this with the specific individuals.
- **Archery** - Teitr
 - The Penticton Archery Club hosted archery practice for the Shire and the HACC on March 7th and March 21st. We had 4 and 5 attendees for each practice respectively.
- **Thrown Weapons** - HE Olen
 - No report at time of posting.
- **Rapier** - Gawain

- This month we continued a class series taught by Kristophe, on the topic of Italian Rapier Fundamentals, though some absences slowed the progress a bit. We have had some challenges.
- University students who usually attend have been busy with their classes and so attendance has been a bit low (but still well above where we need).
- Rapier activities at ToR went swimmingly, thanks to Kristophe (man he's getting a lot of praise this month).
- Mateo took responsibility for the practice for one of the weeks I was away and handled themselves perfectly.
- Thanks to Tobias for supporting the other week.
- **Cut & Thrust** - Lord Tobias
 - Cut and Thrust had 3 practices. 7 participants total across the month.

Arts and Sciences – Archibald Archer

- This month has had many things. We had folks out doing leatherworking, naalbinding, stamping and making the Tournament of Roses tokens. Numbers fluctuate week to week.
- Bardic nights are in planning.
- This year's bardic and A&S competitions yielded our new defenders, Kelsey of Danescombe for bardic and Jay of Danescombe for A&S.

Chatelaine – Reagan

- This March was a great month. We had the Tournament of Roses, which I unfortunately could not attend, but I heard great things about it.
- I have been trying to reach out to some local events to see if we can run some demos.
- I reached out to the woman who was in contact with Murdock in regards to the Scottish fest that is happening July 4th. She got me in contact with the new organizers. They will be happy to have us there. I have now emailed them with some questions, as I have never participated in this event. If I hear back from them before the meeting, I will let everyone know.
- I also reached out to Peachfest, which is from August 6-10. I got a response from them. To set up a 10x10, they require \$945 including GST. They also have a parade that happens on Saturday August 9th. I have emailed them back to ask if we needed to have the 10x10 to also be part of the parade. If I hear back from them before our meeting, I will let everyone know.
- I will keep looking at events locally, and thinking of other ways to organize demo

Scribe – HE Taliesin

- Scribal evenings at Fighter Practice and at HACC are proceeding as normal.
- Our support for HACC continues with a monthly painting evening and a calligraphy night each month.

- We have forwarded 7 AT Kingdom Charters and 4 TR Principality Charters, now painted and ready for presentation, as a result of our recent Tournament of Roses.
- We were able to offer a Drop-In Painting Table at our recent Tournament of Roses. We had a couple of charters plus a number of 'newbies' painting bookmarks and thank you cards.
- Currently we have 8 AT Kingdom Charters and 6 TR Principality Charters out for painting that hopefully will be painted and ready for presentation by the end of this month. This will leave us with only a small number left to paint for the two current reigns.

Webminister – Lord Drazhan

- The following changes have been made to the shire website this month:
 - Plugins updated
 - Security certificate updated
 - Site content widened
 - Combat Practice events consolidated
 - A&S Night events created
 - Font for calendar events changed for easier reading