

DANESCOMBE MEETING AGENDA

November 8, 2023

Present:

Absent:

Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm

Officer Reports (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tournament of Roses 2024 -
April 13, 2024

Past Events

Fall Event - - Danescombe Academy (see attached event report)

- This event was awesome! Biggest complaint - too many good classes happening at the same time.

New Business

1. February Investiture (Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall) (Steinn) - IE lending eric ropes, marshalling staffs, and volunteers.
2. Danescombe holding Superpractice (Steinn)
 - a. at the Peachland Community Centre
 - b. One Sunday each month on Winter months - dates available
Jan 6, 13 Feb 3, 17, 24 March 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 20, 27 May 4, 11
June 1, 15, 29
3. Update your Office e-mail with phone number and personal e-mail address
 - a. In Your Home | Microsoft 365 screen, click on cog (top right)
 - i. Dropdown menu and click on "update contact preferences"
 - ii. Menu on left, click on "Security Info"
4. Shire Customary - has everyone read it?
5. Official

Old Business

1. Principality Event Stewarding (Chiara) -
 - a. Possible sites - Summerland Rodeo Grounds, Summerland Boy Scout Camp, Mark Whitehand's Property
 - b. Events Deputy - Tir Righ Facebook site and classes
 - i. Thursday December 9 - Where Do I Start? What You Need In Place For Your Bid by Mistress Desiree
2. Multi-Shire Indoor Practices (Steinn) -
3. UBCO activities - We did put the weekend armour workshop up for the shire members as well as UBCO students. It was really well attended. The possibility of becoming a college has been broached. This may be a slow process.
4. Empty Offices
 - a. Chamberlain - Deputy of Exchequer - Keeping track of Our Stuff
 - b. Herald - Key position - Serves as a local point of contact with the college and ensures heraldry happens, be it through voice, art, or study
 - i. Voice Heraldry - in court, on the field, or other times during an event where people need someone to convey information
 - ii. Art and Study - The basics of heraldic design is to create a "trademarked" name and device for individuals. Something that you can wave in the air to say "that's me".
 - c. What else would people like to see?
5. Regalia - I need help with this
6. Phoenix Cloak - how is this coming?
7. Archery - \$600 dedicated to buy targets and rapier kits when on sale.
8. Awards - Our (baronial) awards are in progress! - waiting to hear back from Red Flame Herald

Meeting end:

Proposed next Meeting will be: December 6, 2023 at 7:00 on Discord (or maybe Zoom)

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal – HE Chiara -

- Our team is awesome!
- Land Acknowledgements - waiting to hear back from An Tir
- Baronial chat w/Styrkarr - waiting to hear back from Styrkarr
- New Tir Righ award “Silver Hand” for long-term service to the Principality of Tir Righ

Exchequer – HL Madire -

- see below

Herald - There has been no new activity this month.

Master of Stables - Viscount Steinn

Armoured:

- Nothing new to report

Archery - HE Olen - Coming

Thrown Weapons - HE Olen - Coming

Rapier - Rowan Ewan of Otter- Rapier practice went well this month. We had an average of 13 people coming out to practice. Murdoch and Gawain emerged as the winners of our second Phoenix Tourney!

Cut & Thrust - Lord Tobias - There were two cut and thrust classes at the Danescombe Academy

A&S - Deputy Archie Archer:

- October 12th - One person doing spinning, another painting fabric for a buckler.
- October 26th - Made some site tokens for Danescombe Academy.
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Chatelaine – Master Murdoch -

There has been no new activity this month.

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.

Out 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 October, we worked on Principality Charters for the current reign. Arrangements have been made to deliver completed charters to Baroness' Inspirational, in Lionsgate.

In addition, I now have almost 2 dozen thank you cards which are completed and ready to turn in to reign, for their highnesses use.

Also, in October, I was able to attend the Historical Arts & Combat Club at UBCO on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday weekly fighter practices. (The 2nd was scribal (painting) and the 4th was calligraphy (Norse Runes). There were upwards of 6 participants. November will be Uncial. There will be no calligraphy in December. At a later date, we will re-visit the plan for 2024.

I was able to assist with Danescombe Academy, arranging 10 of the classes offered, including the Norse Runes class I taught myself with 5 students.

Webminister – Lord Drazhan

- Still waiting on regalia pictures and position descriptions to fill the content of the created pages

Exchequer – HL Madire - Coming

EVENT REPORT:

Danescombe Academy ran quite smoothly with minimal hiccups. 2 of 24 planned classes were not run (1 canceled due to family issues, 1 did not happen because the teacher forgot about their virtual time slot until it was too late. This one is partially on me as I should have checked in

with them earlier in the day), 1 of the classes that did run had a second run later in the day as people who were unable to attend its first run were interested in taking it, so the teacher asked permission to run it later in the day in an open slot. That makes a total of 23 classes that ran over the day.

The feast went smoothly as far as I was able to see.

While there were not many people who officially volunteered to help with set up and take down, quite a few people did show up so set up and take down went quickly and smoothly. Gate was a little less smooth as gate was run by the same small group of volunteers for most of the day. I would like to do better at getting people to commit to taking a gate shift at future events.

Things I would like to do different/better at future events. I would like to have lunch on site, the options for food near site are not great and very few people packed a lunch and instead left site to have lunch. I would like to give people as few incentives to leave site as we can.

I liked having 5 classes running at a time as this meant that there was always a class people wanted to take, but the stage was not a space that we can control the noise level on very well, so it's not a great space for a class due to that. Also, the 2 spaces I made for pick-up fights did not get used as those wanting pickups were considerate enough to not want to make too much noise for those teaching classes and the weather outside was good for fighting. I would like to leave designated time for pick-ups, or a time for a simple fun tournament so that there is a designated time to fight without concern of drowning out someone teaching a class.

I am sure there will be other things that we will want to address for future events, but we can go over those at council meeting.

Thank you for your time,

Tobias