

Danescombe Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

Meeting

Present: Alistair, Archibald, Drazhan, Espa, Gawain, Chiara, Madire, Reagan, Roslyn, Rowan, Schmidt, Steinn, Taitr, Taliesen, Tobias, Olen

Absent: Murdoch

Discord meeting to start at: 7:00pm

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[19:02] Meeting started

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

Upcoming Events

- May 11 - Danescombe Superpractice
- May 17-19 May Crown -Wastekeep
- May 31 - Sealion War - Lionsgate

New Business

Membership Numbers Update

[19:03] Received an email from the principality Seneschal, we're at 28 members! Yay, up by 2!

HACC presentation of Guidelines and official documents

[19:04] We have SCA wording in the docs (below)

[19:05] The secretary will keep the liaison updated if there are changes

Applicable information for SCA Outreach: (From HACC Policy and Procedures

Community Outreach Addition

[84] The Club may have connections with non-campus/community organizations and resources. The Club's Vice President External will be the liaison between the club and any external group. For any non-club members who wish to participate in club activities, the club VP External will confer with the executives and the specific external organization to ensure proper procedures and protocols are followed. The VP External will also be responsible for being the point of

contact for any external organization, as well as maintaining any documents required for non-member participation.

Partnership with HACC

[19:07] Having confirmed with kingdom, the VP external will need a SCA membership and report into the Chatelaine (Murdoch)

[19:08] Anything on campus needs signoff, like a demo, for non-university members (so SCA members who are not university members will need to sign)

[19:09] If we wanted to do fundraising for the club, we can (or other resources)

[19:12] They will need a regular gate sheet and the event waiver for non-members

[19:] The Liaison is not currently determined, the vote is ongoing, but Espa will inform us when they know

[19:16] Motion to formalize the partnership with HACC, motion carried

Annual Storage Inventory - Need an updated list

[19:16] Time to do inventory!

[19:17] Madire might have some old spreadsheets

[19:18] Madire, Taliesen, and Archie can assist with inventory

[19:19] Taliesen proposes that there's a checkout sheet for people storing equipment

[19:19] Equipment currently with Kendra, Madire, Tobias, Drahzan, Steinn, Gawain, Schmidt, Taliesen

[19:20] Will perform inventory by July's meeting

Tournament of Roses - Event summary

[19:23] Fantastic! We had 124 participants, 114 adults and 10 minors.

[19:23] We had 2200 in profit!

[19:24] 5 Defenders and an Iron Rose tourney

[19:24] We should try to bolster bardic participation

[19:25] Good participation in A&S, Rapier, Heavy, and Cut & Thrust

[19:25] Maybe run bardic during the feast next year? Maybe have a Sing-for-your-Supper type event?

[19:26] Taliesen recommends that we better integrate Bardic into more events to make it more integral

[19:27] We had good class participation, Desiree ended up running a second one, Saif's went well

[19:28] Lunch went well, few 120ish people, feast went well, around 70 people

[19:28] Good coverage for gate for volunteers

[19:29] Tons of volunteers for setup and takedown, excellent time

Practice Site Fees

[19:30] Proposal to increase our practice fees to 5\$ a practice rather than 15\$ for the month

[19:30] As we're expanding the spaces rented for our Thursday practice, we need 11 people per practice, if we reach our goal to have the entire gym, we need to have 28

[19:32] If we increase the cost to 5\$ per practice, it lowers the number of participants needed to 8 and 21

[19:32] Average attendance typically fluctuates between 11-13 (Not accounting for heavy)

[19:33] Once pickleball starts up again (after July-August), we'll lose the gym

[19:37] 5\$ per practice is a barrier to participation for many Shire members (especially if it's across the board for all practices)

[19:38] If we did 20\$ to cover all Shire activities, it would probably cover all of the spaces (including gym)

[19:40] Madire says for years we rented the Mission Hall at a loss so that all members could participate

[19:41] We'll return to this point at a later meeting

Archery equipment

[19:44] We only have one target right now, we need extra ones

[19:44] Should look into extra targets so that we can run Royal Rounds

[19:45] Look for when other targets come on sale, esp. with lifetime warranty

[19:45] 600\$ already allocated, Tate will look into it for next meeting

Armoured Practice

[19:46] Might have overlap on Tuesday or Thursday

[19:47] Lots of interest, but no consensus on best night

Indoor Armoured practice for the Fall/Winter update

[19:49] Currently looking at renting the stage at Peachland hall for the heavies at the same time as the rapier practice for 5\$ per hour

[19:50] Double-checking availability, but it looks good

[19:50] 3-4 fights could likely fit on the stage, which is in-line with what we get now

[19:51] Stage has a good floor for it, but we'd need to move the exercise bikes out of the way and then put them back

[19:53] We'll have an update from Tobias on this next meeting

Outdoor Archery Practice

[19:53] Six people came to the practice, had fun, good practice space

Tir Righ Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championship Bid

[19:54] Madire spoke with the Principality event coordinator, forwarded info to Shire, with updated bid we'll make 200-300\$

[19:55] Motion to submit the bid, passed

Thrown Weapons office and activities

[19:56] Turns out Olen isn't the Thrown Weapons officer but if he was, he'd do some throwing knife and axe practice in his backyard

[19:57] Olen's paperwork has been submitted to be re-warranted

[19:58] Submit days that work well to him

[19:58] Update for next meeting

Old Business

Signage

[20:00] The sign place doesn't have our templates anymore

[20:01] Tobias will send them to Chiara

Signatories on bank account

[20:01] All done!

Canada Day demo – Highland Games in Penticton

[20:01] About five Sire members available that day (July 5)

[20:02] Murdoch will update next meeting

Summer Demos in public parks

[20:04] Concerns about Gyro park, not much parking, and most is paid parking

[20:05] Maybe 2 days available a month

[20:05] Rowan will update more next meeting

Shire Hall Reservation Dates

Proposed event dates for Peachland Hall: Nov 9th, Dec 14th, Jan 18th, Feb 8th, Mar 1st, Mar 29th, Apr 5th, Apr 26th

[20:05] Danescombe Academy couldn't be hosted at Peachland Hall in October

[20:08] Date of April 5, 2025 for Tournament of Roses, think about it, tabled until next time

Tabled Business

[20:09] Regalia - pictures were collected at Tournament of Roses, Chiara will send to Madire

[20:09] Will send to Drazhan for website, no pictures of faces

Meeting end: 8:10

Proposed next Meeting will be: June 5, 2024 at 7:00 on Discord

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HE Steinn

- Quarterly report submitted to principality. Supported new officers to complete their quarterly reports to their principality superiors. Danescombe held the Tournament of Roses. Event was well attended. New Defenders were installed. Thanks to past defenders, as well as all the volunteers who helped to make the event successful.

Exchequer – HL Madire

- All the paperwork and cheques have been filed and sent for the Tourney of Roses. We did awesome!! 😊
- Signatories have been updated at the bank - as of today - so next month's report?
- Please find the current summary of the Shire Ledger. *Please Note there is an outstanding cheque for \$70.05 - the person has been notified. Account Balance - 7878.51

Herald - Johan Jacob Guggenheimer

- There has been no heraldry activity this month.

Master of Stables – HE Steinn

- **Armoured:** HE Steinn
 - Finally restarted shire armoured practices in conjunction with the Rapier and Arts and Sciences on Thursdays at the Peachland Hall. Great to be actively part of the shire again.
 - New Danescombe Defender: Laric Godwin of Lionsgate was chosen at the Tournament of Roses. MIC report was submitted to the Event Steward.
- **Archery** - Taitr
 - There were no shire archery practices in April, however, since the last shire council meeting we have had one shire archery practice. The May 7th practice went from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and had 7 attendees.
 - There were no archery competitions scored due to a lack of targets and grass-cleared ground. The grass will continue to be cleared for the use of longer ranges in future practices. The shire archery practice used one shire target and two targets loaned by Viscount Sir Olen and myself. Of these targets, only my target would be large and heavy enough to hold the 60cm paper targets without falling to allow for the scoring of royal rounds.
 - I have ordered the 60cm paper targets (I am fine donating these to the shire but the council should decide whether to order them for the shire in the future), however, shipping times will prevent us from having them for the next 2 practices. To sustain the growth in archery provided there continues to be interest, I suggest the shire look into purchasing additional targets when they are on sale.

- **Thrown Weapons** - HE Olen (Pending)
- **Rapier** - Gawain
 - Rapier practice went well this month. We had an average of 13 people coming out to practice. This month we did open practices and encouraged rapier fighters to come with personal goals to work on their training. This, coupled with invaluable support from Master Murdoch, I believe led to a fruitful and enjoyable month of practices.
 - We had some new folks - some from ToR and others just heard about us and wanted to try Rapier. With the good turnout numbers and the style of open practice, we did have some issues with space on a few of the days. Some folks did some rapier work outside (luckily warm enough to do so).
- **Cut & Thrust** - Lord Tobias
 - We had 2 C&T practices with 2 people doing cut and thrust (and 3 people doing rapier).
 - We had a C&T tournament at ToR with 10 people.

Arts and Sciences – Archibald Archer

- April 11th: Open A&S night; 1 person doing leatherwork, 1 person sewing and 1 person working on tokens.
- April 13th: Tournament of Roses occurred, A&S competition and new champion chosen. Crafting Haversacks with Mistress Desiree Aurelia Chiarestella class held.
- April 26th: 3 people working on fleece preparation doing flicking and hand carding.

Chatelaine – Master Murdoch

- The month of April saw an uptick in inquiries and new people attending events! With Tourney of Roses on the 13th, the Shire had several newcomers attend the event. They were engaged by multiple Shire members and encouraged to return. One family was from the North and I've referred them to our neighbors in Krakenfjord. I remain in contact with the family as they are excited to attend Danescombe events in the future as well.
- Shire Rapier practice had 3 newcomers attend and pick up a sword and were tended to by Gawain, Tobias and Vera.
- As for email, we've had two external inquiries about demos at events locally. I will be responding to those emails shortly and bringing possibilities to Shire Council.

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 April, we sent 6 Kingdom Charters, 2 Principality Charters, 16 Principality Thank You Notes and 1 Principality Promissory note down to Canterbury Fayre to be passed along to the respective Royal and Coronet Scribes.

- We currently have no Kingdom Charters on hand, as all have been painted and returned. We have 5 Principality Charters on hand, and the expectation is that they will be completed and passed along at June Coronet. In addition, I have been provided the 'pdfs' of the current reigns charters so that I can print a few additional wants for painting as the Principality is short a couple of specific award charters.
- The Historical Arts & Combat Club is now closed for the summer and it is anticipated that Scribal support will resume in the Fall. I will continue to attend on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, offering Painting and Calligraphy support (classes).

Webminister – Lord Drazhan

- I just got a response about what is going on with the old website. The old website has been removed and the old URL no longer works. Work is underway to make the old URL work again, but will take some time. Some of the shire sites were set up with the Kingdom account instead of the Principality account, making them impossible to administrate or modify without taking it up with Kingdom. Sites included in this are Danescombe, Coil Mohr, and Lionsgate.