

Barony of Stormhold

Baronial Officers Meeting Minutes

COULSEN RESERVE, STORMHOLD. HELD ON MONDAY, 06TH OF MAY 2019 AT 7:30PM

Chair: Magnus Thorbjornson

Minute taker: Magnus Thorbjornson

Attendees: Magnus Thorbjornson, Miriam bat Shimon, Brian Dorcha ua Conaill, Gillucan ua Tomaltaig, Seumas MacThorsteyn, Amelia dela Mere, Dafydd of the Glens, Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Cecilia Ine Queerke, Amanda Kohlman, Benedict of York, Quinten Baker.

Apologies:

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1	Welcome to the meeting. <i>Meeting Commenced:</i>	Time: 1945																																																																						
2	Previous minutes to be accepted: Monday, 25 th of March 2019	M: Miriam S:Amelia Passed Y																																																																						
3	Correspondence: Lease agreement – John Gardner Changes - \$20 to \$30 an hour, all else remains the same.																																																																							
4	Business arising from previous minutes: 4.1 Advertise Herald, Hospit and Dep Sen – Magnus 4.2 Poll for Quarterly Bash – Miriam 4.3 Poll for Dancing alternatives – Magnus Quotes: Fencing Equipment – Seumas – Change in direction, Cancel approved spendings. Remove with new proposal to be submitted. Heavy Equipment – Mikhaila	N Y N M- Thorfinn S – Miriam Passed																																																																						
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12	Meeting Closed	Time: 2019

Attachments:

4. Outstanding Business

4.1 –

4.2 – General response to poll was that monthly was preferred as it allowed them an option to attend if they wanted to and that it was a lot easier in their day. Taking the increase from \$5 to \$20 to \$30/hr and attendance it is not economically viable to continue to use the current site for the same hours as we currently do. Alternatives are being investigated, such as rotation of site usage and alternate sites that allow archery.

Reports:

5.1 Baronage – Brian/Miriam

Had event, handed out awards. Spoke to Jon at event to promote attendance:

Meet the peers activity, drag in old to invigorate the new.

Stowe, tassy crackers do it as well

Festival happened, joined with KG, played nice.

5.2 Seneschal – Magnus

Past month has been busy with Festival and Chess challenge.

We are actively looking into alternatives for the bash including Waverley Archers and Kew City archers at Hays Paddock.

Monthly bash as per general business.

5.3 D. Seneschal –Vacant–

5.4 Reeve –Cecilia

Bank accounts as of 12 April 2019

Community Solutions one \$976.14

Cash Reserve Bonus \$4683.83

Income

Regular Activities

Craft Hall - \$150

Dance - \$51

Bash - \$127 + \$15 archery

Events

Chess Challenge bookings to date: \$230

Expenses

\$910 hall hire for Chess Challenge

5.5 Knight Marshal – Mikhaila

Monthly Bash – Heavy - four fighters, nil fencing. No incidents, quiet month due to festival.

5.6 Capt. of Archers – Michael – Archery happened over Easter, construction of new equipment in the works.

5.7 Hospitaller – Vacant

5.8 Rapier – Seaumas – Average of 1-2 participants. Rapier cracker has an iron ring, training will take on other forms whilst members are injured. Monday activities to be joined with Thursday training at KG.

5.9 Constable – Clara – NTR

5.10 Herald – Vacant –

5.11 Webminister – Gillucan –

Summary

Lochac WordPress installation update

Website timezone

Regnum page update

Lochac WordPress installation update - During the last month, the Kingdom Webwright and Masonry team deployed an update (5.1.1) to the Lochac WordPress server, affecting all hosted sites – including Stormhold's. Most of the changes are invisible, or only affect the backend of the site. Therefore editors and administrators may notice the difference, but the general populace should not.

There is an option to install a plugin that mimics the 'classic' (pre-update) interface. I do not feel the need to avail myself of it, but if other editors wish to have the plugin installed I am happy to facilitate that.

The update does not seem to have adversely affected any aspect of the site; all functionality appears to be in order.

Website timezone - The end of daylight savings time necessitated a manual change to the time offset setting on the Stormhold WordPress page, since the automatic "Melbourne" setting has been found to be buggy. This may have been rectified in the update, but testing would be required to determine if this is so.

Regnum page update - A plan was proposed last month to update the Regnum/Contact List page with blurbs explaining the roles of the Baronial Officers. Implementation of this idea is still pending, as other matters have been occupying the Webwright's attention.

In general, the website and the rest of the Barony's digital presence is stable.

5.12 Arts and Sciences – Benedict –

Dance continues to happen. Mobile chess board completed. Plans to hold working bee soft kit classes. Interest to continue work on Stormhold decoration banners has been shown so will organise Monday nights for this. Miriam and Bree involved in laurel prize tourney at festival.

Apr Bash – Item of clothing for torso – Nill entrants.

5.13 Lists - Amelia –

Apr Bash – List by Porfinn Hrolfsson

Entrants:

Dafydd of the Glens

Cormac Lenehan

Aidan Mac Dara

Brennan Halfhand

Marshal in charge – Hanbal al Barbari

Format - Valhalla tourney

Tourney - 1 Brennan

Tourney - 2 Cormac

Tourney - 3 Brennan

Winner Sir Brennan Halfhand

6 – Events

Midwinter Feast: Status Report 5th May: Midwinter

1. **Venue:** The Burgher Hall is booked and I have paid the deposit. I have inspected it, and the following observations might be made:

It is long and narrowish, but nothing is too far away. It is shiny, new, beautiful to look upon and pretty close to ideal for our purpose. The table at the far end will be sufficient for all the buffet.

The kitchen is up-to-the-minute shiny and has a good-looking stove, extensive bains-marie, one of those 2-minute dishwasher hoods and a serving hatch.

There are no hooks on the walls, but period wall hangings may be suspended from dowelling and rested on top of the air-conditioners. We are allowed to use blu-tack if we wish; but I suspect dowelling would be better.

There is abundant street parking outside, and those wishing to come by train will find it very close to Clayton station.

2. **2. Date:** August 3rd. I have not heard anything from KG yet, to see if they would like a tourney in the morning, with lunch. I have suggested this to TEs.
3. **3. Constab and General Assistance:** Amelia and Folkve are pencilled in, plus other members of Vox Monicae as needful.
4. **4. Casting** is pretty much complete. I even have a lutenist (Cormac)
5. **5. Puppets:** Alaine will do this.
6. **6. Silly subtitles:** I will do this. Estel will be in charge.
7. **7. Dance band:** organized (Emma, Kaitlyn, Paul). Probably need a drummer; me to ask Rodrigo.
8. **8. Script:** Still to do. It won't take me long once I get time to concentrate on it.
9. **9. We need to get the booking form underway.** Mim, can you give me a hand with this?
10. **10. Once we have 9 done,** I will send to Pegasus, with permission.
11. (3->8 haven't advanced any further because I had a major project to finish. This is now complete.)

Dafydd

7 – General Business

7.1 – Monthly Bash – Site hire has increased from \$20/hr to \$30/hr. In last 12 months we have lost roughly \$1000 due to bash site hire, with price increase this will result in \$2000 loss at the same rate of usage. Bash at the current site is poorly attended in months that are too hot, too wet or when other events are held (festival or other events). To this end it is intended to hold bash at the current site quarterly and hold events elsewhere in the “off months” such as Chess Challenge, Winterfeast, Baronial championship and William Marshall. This will result in four other “monthly” bash activities to be co-ordinated at alternate sites. This will require us to organise events that members will want to come to and may encourage members to show up to bash as some one will have made an effort to run an event for their enjoyment.

7.2 – Budget Review:

COSTS FOR GROUNDS HIRE – REGULAR ACTIVITIES 1 JAN 2018-31 DEC 2018

- A) Coulson reserve - \$871.2
- B) Fitzroy Church hall - \$862.5
- C) John Gardiner Reserve - \$1771
- D) Total: **\$3504.7**

INCOME FROM REGULAR ACTIVITIES 1 JAN 2018 – 31 DEC 2018

- A)** Monday training and craft hall - \$1164.05
- B)** Thursday dance - \$473.5
- C)** Monthly Bash and archery at John Gardiner - \$748
- D)** Total: **\$2385.55**

Notes:

Fitzroy hall costs are calculated based on self-reported actual use.

John Gardiner does charge for cancelled bookings at late notice (e.g. if weather is bad on the day).

7.3 – Use of Square: The kingdom is encouraging branches to adopt Square - Cheryl can probably provide some information on this too, as it is used at gate, particularly at Festival. Square does cost some money to obtain and maintain, but greatly reduces time spent on administration for event runners, reeves and the BoD treasurer and auditors.

7.4 – Banking of funds: Stormhold (and other branches) are also being encouraged to move away from the deposit system we have been using whereby someone takes the money gathered at an event, then deposits the same amount from their account into the Stormhold account. Instead, those who collect cash at events are asked to deposit the cash directly into the Stormhold account. This is a significant change in practice for our barony, but apparently one that has been pushed for some time!

I believe the issue with the electronic transfer has to do with ensuring money is trackable from the time it is received. When people take the cash and then transfer from their own accounts this constitutes mixing of the funds - it's not technically the same money going into our account as was received, and someone else has to check to make sure the correct amount has been cashed. It's something to do with how we are incorporated and the rules around auditing currently in place, and will supposedly make dishonesty more difficult. As far as I'm aware there hasn't actually been any dishonesty, and in Stormhold we've more often got the opposite "problem" of having slightly more money than the paperwork says we should. Basically, it's to help cut down work for the BoD auditors and treasurers.