

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

As I write this I am surrounded by piles of laundry from Baronial Anniversary that need to be washed, dried and (mostly) ironed, and typing with one less finger than usual due to some Kitchen Fun. But from what I hear back, it was all worth it and those that attended BA had a lovely time. We put a lot of effort into keeping the costs down by foraging up a lot of ingredients and finding creative ways to cut costs on things like site tokens, while aiming to deliver an event that reflected the glory of the Barony, complete with tourneys and courts and a processional and 'second-stomach-required' feast and hangings and championships and... well you get the idea. To those that needed to point out their modern luxuries weren't being catered for, or didn't need to help as they felt being catered to was their right- I look forward to attending your event.

Peruse the pages of this issue and find images of the new officers, a brief roundup of Baronial Anniversary, the identities of the new Champions, a summary of the Baronial Variety Pentathlon challenge, and the second instalment of His



Excellency's etiquette class, as well as the minutes of both the March 2018 and September 2017 Council meetings.

Yours in service,
Agnes Graye

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The jester is depicted as the only person at a royal ball who is troubled by the news that the Russians have captured Smolensk in 1514. (the painting itself is post period, but it's also really pretty, and I wanted a 'fool' for April) Learn about him here <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sta%C5%84czyk>

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Kingdom of Lochac



King Rowland and Queen Tailltiu

Please send award recommendations to crown@lochac.sca.org with a courtesy copy to B&B@sg.lochac.sca.org. Please check Lochac Cannon Lore for an individual's existing awards and information about awards, additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.lochac.sca.org.

Colouring!





Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings all,

As We write this, it is the anniversary of the founding of the Barony. Like all birthdays, along with being a time for celebration, it is also a time to take stock of where we are as a group and what changes we want to make. With a number of officer changeovers, and new champions, if you have a plan you need help with or have just tried something new and don't know where the next step is, We're sure people will be enthusiastic about helping. We thank all of you who came to join us in celebrating the founding of the Barony and We congratulate our new champions in the Arts, Heavy, Rapier, Archery, and especially Boffer. We thank Lady Elena and her stewarding team for putting on the event and for going to the extra effort to run a camping event. We'd like to particularly thank THL Elizabetta (with help from Baroness Agnes) for the extra effort that she went to demonstrate how to provide a fabulous feast while keeping the costs down. This is one very practical result of the recent survey on event costs and We are pleased that people are bending their considerable intellects to this issue. For those of you who are interested, the Barony is now 22 years old.

We have been delighted to see the number of new people showing up to events and practices, alongside those taking up office for the first time. The enthusiasm they show for what we do is contagious, and can encourage those of us who've been around for a while to try something new - Her Excellency was recently encouraged to try archery, for just this reason, and has found she enjoys it greatly.

The best thing we can do to keep new people showing up is to promote an environment that they and we actually want to be in. If we share what we love, try to talk to even one person outside of our normal household or group of friends, thank stewards and cooks for the work they do so we can play, listen to people share their ideas and enthusiasm and try to model the respect and courtesy the Society is based on, We have no doubt that others will find enjoyment with us.

We also celebrate Our birthdays this month. Should anyone wish to celebrate these with us, Ginevra's favourite cake flavour is lemon or spiced apple, her favourite drink is coffee or hot chocolate and she believes that there is no such thing as too much cinnamon. Also unicorns.

Later this month we have a dance weekend to look forward to. Mistress Katherina Weyssin is coming down to teach, and from what we've seen of the timetable there should be something for people of all levels of skill and agility. Next month we have the collegium in Gildenwick. We are both planning to attend, and to teach, and we encourage as many of you as possible to join us in supporting the northern part of our group. With winter rapidly approaching, this would be a great time to find out more about the skills you need for your winter projects.

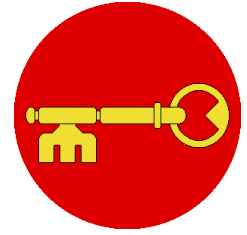
Now would also be a good time to start thinking about the events you'd like to see, or to run - the calendar is currently looking a bit empty, and it's always good to have something coming up to look forward to. Planning and proposing events early has become something of the exception rather than the rule in recent times, but doing so is advantageous in many ways and in particular allows the Council to consider the bid in an unhurried manner and for the group Officers to make any necessary arrangements without undue stress. We ask that event stewards consider this when working on your event proposals.



In Service to the Crown,
Richard and Ginevra
Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard

From the Officers

Seneschal's column



Greetings unto the Populace of Southron Gaard,

There have recently been quite a few changes in the Barony's officer corps. Our Baroness, Mistress Ginevra has handed over her long-time role as Webscribe to Lady Adrienne Furet (with many sighs of relief, I'm sure), and the role of Chirurgeon, previously held by Lord Leonhart and vacant now for several months has been filled by new/old member, Lady Rosanella Soranzo. Lady Rosanella is rejoining the Barony after a considerable hiatus from playing, so may be new to some, and remembered by others.

There are also, at the time of writing, three officer roles still under commentary, and one that will have a call for commentary shortly. Lady Cecily Montgomery (A&S Officer) and Lady Fiora Vespucci (Tour d'Or Herald) will both be stepping down shortly, with their potential...not replacements, for each Lady has brought so much of themselves to the roles, rather, their potential successors being THL Ydeneya de Baillencourt, an experienced SCAdian recently whose family recently joined Southron Gaard from Aneala (Western Australia) for A&S and THL Elisabetta Foscari for Herald.

The third role under commentary is that of Captain of Archers, a role that has been vacant for approaching 2 years. The gentile who has gamely raised his hand for this role is Tetsu of Southron Gaard.

I have been very pleased at the caliber of applicants for the Barony's officer roles, and also that there have been so many new faces joining the team. I hope that you will all join me in wishing them welcome to their new roles (after commentary, of course).

Our good Master Brian de Caffa, Knight Marshall, will also be stepping down soon, with applications currently being sought. Thank you to Master Brian for his stirring efforts over the last two years.

Just a reminder, too, that all and sundry are welcome to participate in the monthly Council meetings, not only group officers. I look forward to seeing you there (hearing, actually, as I attend remotely). :)

En Service,
Abeline Goupil
SG Seneschal.

Knight Marshal



Greetings all,

Potentially for the last time as Knight Marshall I send this monthly update of fighting activities. I wish my successor well in the role, and welcome the new Captain of Archers. I know they will both enrich the martial arts of the Barony.

In the March monthly tourneys, Baroness Ginevra was most inspirational and collected both consort rings. Heavy ran a double round robin with short swords first then great weapons. Winner was Sir Ratbot. In archery the short range target was a dart board and scored as such, then a long range target multiplied each arrow score. Baron Richard was victorious.

Congratulations to the new Baronial Champions, their prowess exemplifies the might of the Barony for the coming year.

Yours in Service,
Brian di Caffa

Meet your new officers, invested at Baronial Anniversary

Tour d'Or Herald: THL Elisabetta Foscari



Arts and Sciences Officer: THL Ydeneya de Baillencourt



Archery Marshall: Tetsu of Southron Gaard



Ministry for the Arts and Sciences

Stuff Night

First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm

Avic Hill Community Centre Activities Room at 395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside in the front room.

Donations towards venue rental to lessen the direct cost to the Barony are welcomed, and a donation box will be available. **Please see the Facebook and email lists for updates!**

A&S on Sunday

Sundays, 11am. At the Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road

The Hall is open and has power, water and loads of space so just bring whatever you're working on.



Fibre Guild

The Southron Gaard fibre guild is open to everyone that has an interest in making and playing with fibre: spinners, dyers, weavers, braiders and the like. Our meetings are usually the third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 am in the Redwood Scout Hall (above) but the November meeting will be at Golden Flight. Bring what you're working on, any new resources to share etc.

The Lochac Fibre Guild has an email list at <http://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/fibreguild> and webpage at <http://fibre.lochac.sca.org/> which features a monthly "award cord" tutorial. The Southron Gaard 'branch' also has a Yahoo group list at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info.

Following on our series on SCA etiquette from last month, here is part 2:

Etiquette at Court

Business for Court

Courts are formal gatherings at which announcements are made, awards or gifts may be presented, and other formal business is conducted. Anyone may present business at a court however it must be pre-arranged. All business is done at the pleasure of the King and Queen or Baron and Baroness (hereafter referred to as “the Royalty”) that is running the court, so the first rule is:

There are no surprises for the Royalty

Generally the herald will make an announcement well in advance asking if anyone has any business they wish to conduct. If you do you should speak to the herald as soon as possible to get your business on the agenda. Be sure to explain what you intend to do. If you have an announcement, tell them what the announcement will be about. If you have a gift to present, say who the gift is for, etc. Once the herald has spoken to everyone and arranged the schedule they should get back to you to advise roughly where you will be on the schedule, but sometimes time constraints prevent this so make sure you are ready to go whenever you are called.

Courts shouldn't be used for business that is specific to a household. Ceremonies for inducting someone into a household, household awards, etc should be conducted separately.

Assembling for Court

Be on time. There should be plenty of time between Court being announced and it actually starting so unless you are late to the event itself, you should be seated before Court starts.

There are no rules about who may seat where (except for the seats at the front facing the audience of course). The Royalty and the Herald generally prefers not having to raise their voices any more than necessary so it's appreciated if people take their seats starting at the front as much as possible. It's impolite to make them ask everyone to move forward. Note there may be people that specifically want/need to take seats at the back, if for example they are part of a group that has business and the group wishes to process in together, so be mindful of that, particularly at Royal Courts.

Be sure to leave an aisle down the middle so that people that are called during court can easily approach.

Starting Court

Courts are generally started formally with everyone standing and the Royalty processing in from the back or side. The herald will appear and call for everyone to rise. Note if you are unable to rise for medical or other reasons, that's perfectly ok. The highest ranking Royalty will always process in first, ie the King and Queen of the Kingdom you are in, followed by the Crowns of other Kingdoms, Princess and Princesses, Barons and Baronesses (again, local first). There may also be an entourage including the Herald, Guards and/or Ladies in Waiting. These are collectively known as the members of the court, as opposed to the Populace (everyone else).

It is expected that everyone will reverence (bow or curtsy) to the procession as they pass. Once the Royalty have taken their seats the entourage following them will also reverence the Royalty before taking their places. If there are multiple sets of Royalty at the event, it's not necessary to separately reverence each set, just reverence the highest ranking ones in the middle then take your place.

The populace should remain standing until all of the members of the court are in place. The Herald will then ask for permission from the Royalty and ask that everyone be seated, at which point you should, obviously, sit down.

Being Called Up at Court

Being called up at Court is ALWAYS for a good thing. Although every group has unpleasantness to deal with from time to time, Court is not the place where such business is conducted, so if you are being called up for something that you haven't already arranged yourself, it will be for something good. Note the rule about no surprises applies just to the Royalty, not everyone else ☺

If you are called, stand up and move to the aisle and approach the Royalty. Once you get to about 5m (15ft) away, stop and reverence. If there are multiple sets of Royalty, reverence the ones in the middle, then reverence the ones that called you up specifically then move forward towards the ones that called you.

If you are female then guards should approach you to assist you to kneel. Modern sensibilities about independence may lead you to wish to proceed without their assistance, and if you feel strongly about such things then it's ok to not take it. The guard should be watching you for cues as to whether you want their assistance or not, so if you don't just give them a slight shake of your head or gesture in some way so that they know they are not required. Try not to make it too obvious as that's awkward.

If you don't have a strong opinion on such matters, it's a good idea to let them assist you even if you don't really need assistance. It's their job and they get a kick out of it.

For all people, when kneeling please kneel on the cushions provided. These cushions are there for that purpose and if nothing else designate a position where the Royalty would like you to be. If you don't kneel on the cushions then they'll have to move forward to you.

Generally the Herald will indicate one or the other (His or Her Majesty/Excellency) of the Royalty that is specifically summoning you, so kneel before that one. If it was not specific (Their Majesties/Excellencies) then kneel before either.

If you can't kneel it's perfectly ok to remain standing.

If you are being summoned in order for you to make an announcement then it's customary to ask for the Royalty's permission to address the populace. Once the permission is given move to the side, face the populace and make your announcement.

Once your business is complete the Royalty will signal you in some way to withdraw. One common way is that they ask the Herald to call for three cheers. This is your cue you stand up and return to your seat if you haven't already started to do so. This is the reverse of the approach, so a guard should approach you to assist you to rise if you are female (again, you can signal them to withdraw if you prefer but even if you don't need help, it's no bad thing to take it anyway). You should then take a few steps backwards, reverence the Royalty then turn and return to your seat. Easy peasy.

Cheers

Different Kingdoms in the SCA have different cheers. In Lochac we use “Hip Hip ... Huzzah” (the person calling the cheer shouts “hip hip” and everyone else responds “huzzah”).

Closing the Court

When all of the business is done the Herald will confirm with the Royalty that they wish to close the court. They will then call for various cheers, including (but not necessarily limited to) the current King and Queen, the local Baron and Baroness, the local group and parent groups. There may or may not be three cheers at the end. The cheers will go something like:

Herald: For His Majesty, King Hardwrapper Blursword, long live the King!

Populace: Long live the King

Herald: For Her Majesty, Queen Fineneedle Likessilkalot, long live the Queen!

Populace: Long live the Queen

Herald: For Their Excellencies, Baron Talksalot and Baroness Doesalot, long live the Baron and Baroness!

Populace: long live the Baron and Baroness!

Herald: Long live the Barony of Southron Gaard!

Populace: (repeats)

Herald: Long live Lochac!

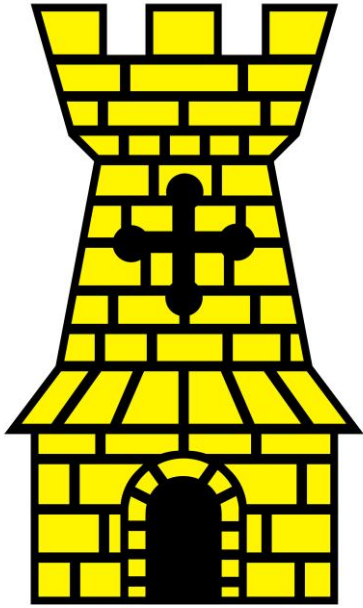
Populace: (repeats)

Herald: Hip hip (Huzzah). Hip hip (Huzzah). Hip hip (Huzzah).

During this, the Royalty may or may not process out. Once it's all done the Herald will announce that the populace may now depart or go about their business.



Baronial Anniversary ASLII



Baronial Anniversary AS LII (2018) was held over Easter weekend at Rimu Park, stewarded by Elena Sophia di Luciano dei Medici and Agnes Graye.

There were several courts, a dinner with Pie and Custard on the Friday (thanks Vigdis), Custard Guild Business, various championships contested and a fabulous feast (thanks Elisabetta) on the Saturday, an Easter Hunt and monthly tourneys on the Sunday. Feedback has suggested a good time was had by all.

Our new Baronial Champions

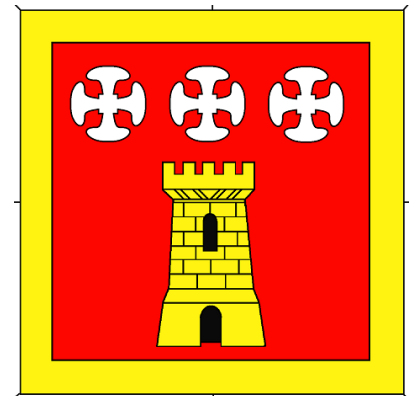
- Boffer Champion: Cassandra (not pictured)
- Heavy Champion: Sir Ratbot von Borg
- Archery Champion: Lady Ellen of Whytley
- A&S Champion: Sir Vitale Giustiniani

Awards given at BA

Winners of Chivalry prizes in Boffer - Stephanie and Charlotte

Order of the Tour d'Or

- Lady Iuliana Morosini (services to music)
- Lady Elena Sophia di Luciano dei Medici (services to stewarding)
- Lady Ellen of Whytely (services to cooking)
- Lord Osbeg, (Service in a variety of fields including flaming list fields, armour and general helpfulness)
- THL James (services including Mong, Reeve, Rapier, generally being awesome)
- Lord Maximillan von Monsterberg (services to stewarding, being helpful)
- THL Elisabetta Foscari (services to cooking).



l'Order de Coeur Loyale:

- Master Brian di Caffa
- Sir Sigurd Hardrada

The Baronial Variety Pentathlon Challenge



The seven successful completionists (of 13 entrants) were:

- Baronessa Ginevra di Serafino Visconti
- Meisterin Christian Baier
- Dona Isabel Maria del Aguila
- Mistress Katherine Kerr
- Mistress Taddea di Gregorio Mellini
- Baroness Agnes Graye
- Lady Melissa Wijffels

The token (pictured) was sand cast bronze by Lord Godric of Twynham. The most entries were entered by Katherine Kerr and the most popular project was hoods (five hoods and a French hood).

THL Elisabetta promises a recipe or two in next month's FTT.



Upcoming Events

Come along to Gildenwick's first-ever Collegium!

This is a garb-optional, family-friendly event that's open to the public.

There will be a variety of arts and sciences classes, heavy fighting, rapier, archery, a feast and much, much more!

Tentative schedule: Friday May 11- setup and heavy fighting pickups

Saturday May 12 day - classes and have-a-go fighting/archery, followed by a feast

Sunday May 13- continued classes and have-a-go fighting/archery

Prices: Adult Full Event (Friday midday-Sunday):\$15 Adult Full Event Plus Feast: \$30

Adult Day Trip: \$10, Adult Day Trip Plus Feast: \$25

Child Full Event (Friday midday-Sunday):\$7.50, Child Full Event Plus Feast: \$17.5

Child Day Trip: \$5, Child Day Trip Plus Feast: \$15

Note: Bookings are required for the feast

For bookings and more information, contact Fiona at aoteapsyche at [gmail.com](mailto:aoteapsyche@gmail.com)

April Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1 Baronial Anniversary event – Combat etc on site.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
9	10 Stuff Night	11 Council Meeting	12	13	14	15 Heavy Combat A&S hall: Fibre Guild Rapier Archery
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
23	24	25 FTT submissions due	26	27	28	29 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery

MARTIAL PRACTICES

Armoured Combat

Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Rapier

Sundays from 2pm at Redwood Scout Hall.

Archery

Fine Sundays at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.
archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

Tourney days

First Sunday of the month as announced

ARTS GATHERINGS

Arts & Sciences

Sundays from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

Stuff Night: first Tuesday of the month from 7pm at Avic Hill Community Centre. Topics or projects are announced on SG list and Facebook.

Fibre Guild: every third Sunday of the month, 11am at Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.

UCMRS Dance

Mondays 7pm -8:30pm in KF08. Kirkwood Village.

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month, from 7:30pm – details, agenda etc. are posted to the SG list.

All welcome

Baronial Open Homes

Informal, un-garbed, social activity to allow people to chat about projects, the SCA and life in general, share a pot-luck meal and maybe watch a video.

May Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
6	7	8	9	10	11 Gildenwick Collegium	12 Gildenwick Collegium
13 Gildenwick Collegium	14	15 Council Meeting	16	17	18	19 Heavy Combat A&S hall: Fibre Guild Rapier Archery
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
27	28	29 FTT submissions due	30	31		

Southron Gaard Regnum

Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses.

* **Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page for details.

Baron & Baroness:	Richard d'Allier & Ginevra di Serafino Visconti
Seneschal	Aveline Goupil
Reeve	Lisa
Tour d'Or Herald	Elisabetta Foscari
Castellan	Hadrian de Listrille
Quartermaster	Raffe de Massard *
Knight Marshal	TBA
Captain of Archers	Tetsu of Southron Gaard
Captain of Rapier	James of Southron Gaard
Lists Officer	Melisande de Massard
Arts & Sciences	Ydeneya de Baillencourt
Chronicler	Agnes Graye
Librarian	Jayne Bolyn
Web scribe	Adrienne Furet
Chirurgion (first aid)	Lady Rosanella Soranzo
Constable (safety)	Raffe de Massard
Youth	Avery Smith

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youth@sg.lochac.sca.org

Wildmoor Hamlet: Otago

Vacant* please email seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org with enquiries.

Nelson Hamlet

Fiora Vespucci (Fiona) HeraldRadish@gmail.com

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There are two different types of membership available to event participants in New Zealand.

Subscribing Membership

Grants full rights of participation in the SCA (including voting, entering Crown Tournaments, holding office and affiliate membership with overseas branches). Subscribing membership also includes a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter which is an electronic newsletter (PDF).

1 Year with E-Pegasus* \$ 15.00

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A SCA (NZ) Inc. membership form is included on the final page of this newsletter, or can be accessed on the SCA (NZ) website.

Event Membership

For all non-members aged 18 years or over attending an event. Event membership lasts for the duration of that event only and is not sufficient to hold office or fight in Crown Tournament etc.

If the event has a cost, and it is not held by a College, the levy will be charged.

Per event \$ 2.00

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www.sca.org.nz

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Wellington **Shire of Darton** <http://darton.lochac.sca.org>



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Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____

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*We are required to collect and keep your occupation on file by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

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Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

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Membership + e-Pegasus (PDF) **	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
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Southron Gaard Council Provisional Minutes

March 2018

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, time

Online Meeting Link: Baronial Council <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/218803173>

Wed, Mar 14, 2018 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM NZDT

Physical Meeting Location: Upper Riccarton Library

Meeting opened: 7.34

Present: Agnes, James (chair), Fiora, Kotek, Max, Ginevra, Richard, Raffae, Cecily, Lisa, Mandy Hadrian, Brian, Avery, Rosa, Ratte

Apologies: Aveline

1) Provisional minutes from previous months meeting

James moves to accept minutes, some approve.

One in opposition, due to the minutes not recording a discussion about the proposed Canterbury Faire committee. Discussion ensued over whether this discussion happened at the council meeting, or at an earlier meeting that was separate.

Minutes not yet accepted until this is decided.

No further concerns.

2) Business Arising

Recommendation to send loaner kit. Kit sent.

No further.

The following item was added to this record AFTER council, though it was supposed to be before, due to a technical failure. It has been left in, as the intent was for it to be disseminated, and will be carried over to the April meeting for further discussion.

a) Feedback from populace member re Feb meeting item: 5) Event Reports b. Canterbury Faire i. Hazardous activity concern.

Lady Ellen of Whiteley contacted the Seneschal with feedback on this item from the Feb minutes, which she has given permission to be read to council/shared:

'This parent really ought to have known what their child was doing, or have had their child in the charge of an adult who they trusted to make sensible choices. We do not let Stephanie roam free; she is always within what we call 'howling range' of an adult who is in charge of her, either one of us or a friend we have asked. For a dangerous activity, we would be much closer by. As I read current SCA policy, that is what should apply to all children anyway. Please avoid lumping the rest of us with anything too onerous to accommodate this one incident.

I suppose there could be a gap for children who are 14 and over, i.e. legally able to be unsupervised, but under 18, when they are adults. But at that age, the parents should be having discussions with their children about expected behaviour when apart from the parents.

The policy outlined is not too terrible, but if the ORIGINAL policy was adhered to, it would be unnecessary.

Regards,
Ellen'

3) Officer reports

a. B&B

Attended -
- Fibreguild

- practices
- Etiquette class
- March Monthly Tourney,
- Stuff night,

Conversations about -

- youth activities, dance, A&S, food, and scheduling at BA,
- upcoming dance events,
- Gildenwick collegium,
- other upcoming events
- new populace badge idea
- officer changeovers

b. Seneschal

- Applications for officer roles
- Sent in quarterly report
- Discussion around loaner gear
- Actively requesting CF bids
- Participated in working group re CF committee
- Many communications with various members of the populace and Kingdom

c. Reeve

Report from 01.02.2018 to 28.02.2018

Opening Balance \$54,864.70

Non Event Income

Hall Donation	\$30.00
Interest	\$ 2.24
Total	\$32.24

Non event Expenditure

Hall Hire	\$31.50
Total	\$31.50

Event Summary this month

CF2018	\$-28,631.00
Gildenwick Royal Event	\$ -391.82
BA2018	\$ 242.00
Total	\$-28,780.82

Closing Balance \$26,084.62

00 - \$23,139.82

03 - \$ 2,944.80

d. Herald

I will be stepping down as of the end of March

I am still working through the considerable submission backlog

I am continuing to write up handover documentation

e. Chatalaine/Castellan

'Members' have enquired via email - one may or may not have gone to training.

There is a possibility of appearing on Community radio in the future.

Raffe mentions 'meet up site' to be mentioned. This is an internet thing, which has shown 'good results' at a cost of \$20 a month. This has been attracting newcomers in other places. Suggests we investigate this. Raffe and Hadrian to look into this.

f. Constable

Brought all lost property back from Cf site. Will check it off and put details on-line as soon as time allows. Constable can't come to BA, may send Lost Property in his stead, if someone can be arranged to take it. There's nothing valuable within it.
On-line meeting into possible CF committee.

g. Chronicler

April FTT underway - will be released slightly early or slightly late due to BA spanning the end of the month. This will depend on when content is submitted, so probably after

h. Quartermaster

Trip to Waipara to bring home last of baronies gear - boffa, crockery, banners etc.
Chain sawed up the tree that had fallen over in front of 2 containers
Attended some Sunday practices. Sorted thru Gambesons - looks like we have 8 already (Lord Osberg bought his father's along for us to use).
Compiling list of what we actually need to get more of the interested heavies kitted up.
Sent away an application to Resene for paint to paint our "cousins" from the North's container - rustier than it was supposed to be. Will organise a working Bee
if paint comes thru b4 winter (or ask for donations of roofing paint from populace)
Emailed youth officer regarding possible demo opportunity 7th April Seftonian Battle sports (Rangiora) and rang contact person regarding make up of this event and if it would be suitable
for us to attend/display/boffa/heavy fight. No reply back from him yet.
Haven't had chance to re-sort crockery yet (from CF) but real miss mash of boxes with all kitchen gear
Asked for prices for the 9-10 tent bags we need from Canvas tech and another place in Rangiora - no quotes in yet
Started some research into options for tent/flag poles for baronial banners

i. Knight Marshall

Weather has been good on Sundays, archery and heavy practise each week. Newbies Ian, Karl have turned up various weeks. Amy and Glen sharing a loaner armour, plus the newbies. Need to get a second suit in working order again, including some items of different sizes. Raffe reviewing what we can renovate from spare gear, and what we are lacking.
I have some concerns about reports of a skills shortage in making fighting gear, related to getting newbies kitted out if they don't want to buy it- including heavy, rapier and archery. Learning to make basic gear is an important skill for subsequent repairs, so we should consider making stuff before buying it- even if we can afford it, and include the newbies in those workshops as much as possible, especially when we want to free up the loaner gear.

March Monthly tournaments

Heavy: Winner Sir Ratbot (MIC), inspired by Baroness Ginevra

Other entrants: Baron Richard, Master Brian, Glen, Lady Gisla

Round robin sword and shield, followed by round robin great weapons.

Archery: Baron Richard, inspired by Baroness Ginevra

Other entrants: Lord Darius, Lord Ceallach, Lord Bjorn, Master Brian, Baroness Ginevra, Amy

Short range target was a dart board and scored as such, plus long range target multiplying each arrow score.

j. Captain of Rapier

Has been away recently, but have maintained communication with people. People keen to continue doing stuff.

k. Arts and Sciences

Held Stuff Night, on the topic of SCA Food. Had 11 attendees, and fine examples of homemade raisins, cherry pies, mushroom tarts, potted cheese, pears in wine and meat pie. The most delicious Stuff Night to date. Collected 22.50 in donations, witnessed by Ginevra.

Correspondence:

Email correspondence with Eleanora, current A&S Champion, regarding A&S Championship for BA, and with Elena and Agnes, regarding A&S arrangements for BA and displays of both the A&S Championship entries and the

Baronial Challenge entries (if provided). Many thanks to Eleanora for coming up with a really excellent plan for the A&S Championship, incorporating the new Kingdom guidelines.

Correspondence with KMoAS regarding my stepdown and applications for replacement. Quarterly report sent in on time. KMoAS is going to integrate the idea of scheduling Guild meetings before/after related A&S classes at large events into Kingdom guides.

Correspondence with Amabilia, my Gildenwick deputy, regarding her excellent organisation of Stuff activities, and her role. Still awaiting email address creation and Regnum entry for this role - have followed up with webscribe about it. We also need to look into ways to incorporate Gildenwick activities into the online calendaring.

Email correspondence with dancers regarding keeping A&S in the loop, calendar scheduling, and a potential scheduling conflict with B&B's newcomers class. Email correspondence with webscribe, B&B and Castellan regarding same. Castellan not involved, no response from B&B, but all sorted by the dancers in the end. Webscribe has moved dance to an A&S calendar, for continuity and access purposes.

The next A&S officer may want to seek clarity about the use of the hall interior on Sundays, and who is overall in charge of that scheduling. Alternatively, the Barony could benefit from policy regarding scheduling of events/classes/etc, as during my tenure there have been several instances of different officers or individuals arranging or planning and then announcing events or activities that either clash directly, or might be better spaced out over a longer time period than all jammed into one weekend. A greater integration and communication between officers/organisers may benefit the Barony overall.

Regarding dancing : I have reminded the dancers that SCA dancing is an A&S activity, which falls under the A&S officer, who reports to Kingdom about it. The A&S officer needs to be kept in the loop regarding Baronial dance practices or activities. This may have slipped the general consciousness locally because of local medieval dance practices being primarily run by non-SCA groups for so long.

It's really wonderful that so many people in the Barony are interested in running various kinds of A&S activities, both official and non-official (I'd love to see even more!), but official activities using Baronial spaces/resources should at least notify the A&S officer. Unofficial activities are a different matter, although if one keeps the A&S officer in the loop, the activity can be publicized by A&S, and included in reports to Kingdom.

l. Webscribe

Sent off quarterly to Kingdom. Updated handbook, had successor confirmed (YAY!!!), sent handbook to successor and will be finalising handover tomorrow (Thursday) night. Many thanks to Amy for taking over.

m. Youth Officer

This month has seen little activity on my part, due to mundane life intruding. Have talked to Baroness and Raffie about some activities and events in the next month, one being BA.

4) Hamlet reports

a. Gildenwick

Did a Stuff afternoon.

Collegium planning / organising / booking / advertising underway.

Funding request: \$80 for banners for Gildenwick, to be taken from the Fighter Auction Tourney Fund. This will cover the cost of fabric for at least 14 banners. - sent to general business.

Query re. Handbook funds? Alith bought books, was suggested afterwards she put in a funding request. She's happy to self-fund, rather than use FAT funds or otherwise.

b. Wildmoor

Further attempts have been made by Aveline to recover the loaner garb currently in possession of a local, no response to emails, text or FB messages. Strong possibility we won't get that garb back.

5) Event Reports

a) Gildenwick Collegium update

Funding request/even bid modification: \$200 for Hope Hall Hire deposit, to be added to the Gildenwick Collegium budget. I have been informed by the caretaker of the Hope Hall that there is a fully-refundable \$200 deposit required for the Hall booking. I have the account details, which I can pass on to our Reeve. Pondering shipping in some Laurels, requesting funds from Stronger Kingdom Fund. (particularly for calligraphy and costuming)

Discussion over the benefits of applying for this, as there are other laurels coming.

The SKF accept submissions on a case by case basis, from the steward, not the group. Gildenwick can apply for laurels for the Collegium if they want to.

b) CF Final event report (Lord Maximilian, please see Google doc link)

Made a profit, preliminary \$3266.28.

Some expenses outstanding still to be paid (fees to SCANZ, levies to Kingdom, GST) so this figure will change.

Final reconciliations still be to sorted

No significant Health & Safety events. One case of The Pox.

Feedback over the fact it was hot, and menus for the meal plan weren't available. Max is aware of this, and would have preferred it to have happened at the time as well, but it didn't.

James moves to accept event report. Final numbers TBA. Lisa would like to check it.

Pending accepting this until after numerical analysis.

6) Event Proposals**a. Dance Weekend**

(Documents on Google Drive)

Dance class/workshop 28 April. Budget \$10/pp. Site TBA. Est loss \$213 pending applying to SKF for Katherine's flights, in which case it becomes a small profit. Suggestion to add a ball at the end.

James moves to accept bid, discussion continues.

Ginevra suggests maybe better timeline, music, games, snacks, maybe a Thing After to increase numbers.

Not a risky event, financially. Maybe add a potluck to increase numbers.

Cecily moves to approve conditionally, pending a more detailed budget along these lines at the next council.

All in favour, none opposed, motion carried.

b) Avery raises a "**battlesport thing in Sefton**" for improved exposure, April 7th in Rangiora. Can we send people / do a display? There's a person that comes to Fighters Practice that's involved. Raffie has pondered the idea. Is it worth the effort? James thinks yes, if people want to, but not in a formal fashion, it's short notice. Raffie keen to Make It Go and / or communicate with That Guy.

7) General Business**a. New awards and badges proposal**

item of business: new badges and order/award

It has been suggested that we create a new award, the 'Golden Urchin' for services to Canterbury Faire and register the badge "Gules, a hedgehog statant and a bordure embattled Or" to accompany it.

I am proposing a new fieldless populace badge for the Barony. This is not a replacement for our current badge and can be used alongside it. The proposed badge is a gold Canterbury Cross. Benefits of this badge:

It's simple and easy to paint/embroider/cast in metal.

We already have Canterbury crosses on our award badges and coronets, so it still reads as 'Southron Gaard.'

It's more unique than a tower (which a lot of groups have in their arms)

It reserves a chunk of heraldic real estate for the Barony, which will be useful if we want to register any new awards in the future.

If the Council approves these, I will submit them for the March Kingdom Letter of Intent. After the end of March, I cannot commit to doing any more Baronial submissions.

Cecily moves the heraldry proceed.

Richard wants to have it discussed further, BA & collegium and (Cecily suggests) online.

Max makes a secondary proposal vote on the registration of the hedgehog badge.

Cecily withdraws previous proposal

James seconds.

All vote yes, none opposed, none abstain, motion to register hedgehog badge carried
Canterbury cross out for public consultation.

b. CF Committee - exploratory/working party update. POSTPONED

The following statement was not read but was circulated prior to the meeting, from the Southron Gaard Seneschal:
After consultation with my Kingdom uplines, I have been advised that the Kingdom Seneschal is currently working on a guidelines document for sub committees, which is immediately relevant to this evening's Council meeting as there was to be some discussion around how a CF committee might work. While waiting on the guidelines document from Baron Lachlann, further work on the proposed committee will be suspended pending its release, and the concept re-examined with reference to the guidelines document once available.

As such, this agenda item is no longer relevant. Prospective Faire stewards and group officers (and everyone else!) should continue to work on their bids assuming business as usual for the 2019 event, please.

En Service,

Aveline Goupil

SG Seneschal

B) Banners of Gildenwick's founders heraldry - funds to make.

Founders Personal Arms. To stay in the group, sort of as a relic.

Funding request for \$80 from the FAT funds (for at least 14 wall banners)

Richard raises concerns over personal heraldry rather than group, or group with personal nod.

Others agree.

Some spitballing over what other options there are, and Raffie wants to know the dimensions.

Kotek moves to just accept the proposal.

James seconds

5 in favour:

7 opposed

1 abstention

Motion not carried.

Suggested random, simple heraldry, SCAdian motifs. Discussion over why we need to approve their FAT fund withdrawals. Concern re. 'Personal gain' suggestion on banners. Max argues this is for the good of the group, not the people.

Debate ensues over whether the banners should have personal arms on them, and what that means.

James suggests Gildenwick discuss other options to put on the banners, since we want them to have banners but not personal devices. Raffie happy to show them the SG banners.

Debate continues over whether the banners should have personal arms on them, and what that means, and how it could be enacted.

Ydenya suggests a variant of using an aspect of the heraldry, rather than the whole arms.

Rotte asks what we're buying. Fiora answers it's calico. Rotte clarifies the proposal is actually to buy calico for 'arts and crafts for the event'

Moves.

Dissent.

James moves to approve the raw materials, with discussion of what they're to be used to create to be discussed at next meeting.

Raffie opposed.

9 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain

Motion carried to buy calico

Closed 8.55.

Minutes for Southron Gaard Council Meeting:

September 2017 (which were not published earlier, so included here for reference)

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 7.30pm

Start Time: 7.33pm

Present (all online): Aveline Goupil, Richard d'Allier, Fiora Vespucci, Lisa of Southron Gaard, Eleonora van den Bogaerde, Brian di Caffa, James of Southron Gaard, Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti, Raffe de Massard, Cecily de Montgomery

Apologies:

1) Provisional minutes from August meeting

- Moved to accept by Lisa, seconded by Richard. Accepted.

2) Business Arising

- **Facebook pages**
- The officer level pages identified in earlier meetings (Heavy, Rapier and A&S) have all been archived.
- **Garb box purchase update**
- No update at this time.

3) Officer reports

- **B&B**
- Went to the monthly tournament, were going to be in Wildmoor (Dunedin) for a demo and event this weekend.
- **Seneschal**
 - Submitted quarterly report to Kingdom.
 - Meeting about retention and recruitment - draft plan yet to be produced, will start work after this weekend.
 - Request from Explorers - Medieval day - not yet answered.
 - GST update – Svartr made an enquiry and IRD hadn't started work on the IRD number application yet.
 - Been too busy at work to chase up Christchurch Community Accounting.
 - Got seneschal details fixed up on Pegasus.
 - Attended timetabling meeting for CF.
 - Authorised payments.
 - Query from member of populace re funding scribal supplies.
 - Noted information coming in re neck protection for heavy fighters.
 - Starting to organise a process for handling Demo requests.
 - Emailed a bunch of people who had renewed or started new memberships.
 - Stewarding event this coming weekend.
 - Demo at Palmerston Friday evening (arrangements and prep).
- **Reeve**
- Southron Gaard
1-Aug-17 31-Aug-17

Opening ledger balance as of 1-Aug-17 \$23,318.39
 00 - \$20,477.59 03 - \$2,840.80

Summary of non-event income:

Interest \$1.94

TOTALS \$1.94

Summary of non-event expenditure:

Royal Flights \$432.00

Hall Rental \$397.50

TOTALS \$829.50

Event summary - this Quarter

	Income	Expenditure
CF2018	\$2,682.00	\$0.00
Fiery Nights	\$1,184.00	\$0.00
Rustic Repast	\$126.00	\$0.00
Spring Royal Visit	\$60.00	\$0.00
Tavern Revel	\$45.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$4,097.00	\$0.00

Income for the month
 \$4,098.94

Expenditure for month
 \$829.50

Profit/(loss) for month
 \$3,269.44

Closing ledger balance at 31-Aug-17 \$26,587.83
 00 - \$23,695.03 03 - \$2,892.80

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- Reeve needs to do reimbursements for Fiery Knights, and the one for Katherine (for excess baggage costs related to getting the new feast gear back from Australia in October).
- **Herald**
- Quarterly reports, 17 on the latest letter of intent. Wildmoor badge and name submitted and should be on the next letter.
- **Constable**
- A few items of lost property from Fiery Knights - most returned direct to owners. Will take other items to Tavern revel this month for people to claim.
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- No issues from Fiery Knights for Constable to worry about.
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- **Chronicler**
- Quarterly report, FTT went out, certificate posted for William Blackfox. Ad went in for the position, next month need a date.
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- **Quartermaster**
 - Tons of gear used for Fiery Knights - all dried and packed away.
 - Finished the build of the gas fire list field but have some alterations to make for future uses.
 - Joined in recruitment and retention discussion.
 - Email to Cluain to check progress for return of SG banners. No reply as yet.
 - 2 Loaner swords repaired and back to scout hall.
 - Painting of new loaner shields coming along nicely
 - Repaired the cupboard doors in scout hall. We broke into them to get gear out.
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- Lots of other stuff happened. Feedback sought re Fiery Knights, any advice or responses as Raffe would like to see it run every year. What did people think, what could improve it etc.
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- Some feedback:
 - It was hard to fight on a full stomach. Maybe have the meal earlier.
 - Better kitchen setup on out in the field, as food was almost an hour behind schedule.
 - Another attendee reiterated that any problems were largely scheduling based and things not running on schedule. Having an official herald to keep things on time may help.
 - Few more people to help with organisation.
- **Knight Marshall**
- Heavy combat was held at Sunday practise every week except the day after Fiery Nights tourney. No archery practise on Sundays in the past month except a tourney at Fiery Nights, due to a wet Winter, including no monthly archery tournament. No reports of heavy combat or archery from the SG hamlets.
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- The Fiery Nights tourney started brightly, was very impressive and excellent attendance.
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- September monthly tourney featured 2-handed weapons in preparation for a Pas d'Arms at CF with 7 entrants. Lists was Yuliana, Marshal was Sir Ratbod. 3 came equal first and 3 came equal 4th so equal 4th fought a mini-tourney and the winner – Baron Richard, joined the top 3. Sir Tycho and Sir Ratbod made the final and Sir Tycho was victorious (consort not present). The fairly even field indicates that we need to practise more to develop excellence.
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- Some recommendations and messages from Earl Marshal recently: Internal helmet inspections was supposed to be completed but we hadn't been notified. However, we did them a few months ago due to a concussion (reported), and got the regular fighters checked. Will try to test the remainder now that we know. Will also schedule it for the initial inspections at CF. There will be a review about how helmet/gorget gaps are to be inspected with a view to stopping low profile thrusting tips getting up fighters' chins. Carry on as we are for the moment but people need to start thinking about what they need to do.
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- There was some discussion about purchasing some poles for pole arm weapons. Our usual buyer didn't have enough capital to make the purchase entirely on their own. After some

discussion about how much it would cost and whether or not GST would have to be added on (it would) it was decided at this time to not pursue this further as Raffé had plenty of weapons he was willing to loan. The matter of suitable hand protection was raised and Brian was tasked with doing a stocktake of our existing hand protection and getting some quotes on some gumbees (hockey mitts) for the loaner kit.

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- **Captain of Rapier**
- Reports seem to be going well.
- Continuing to encourage people to make their own gear and get authorised.
- Hoping to have better attendance once the weather is better. Plenty of people interested.
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- Brian reminded James and Council about rapier mask inspection requirements that were mentioned some time ago at Festival. New restriction was about to come out about fencing masks not being able to make contact with the face due to someone getting a broken nose at a tournament.
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- **Arts and Sciences**
- Sent in quarterly report to Kingdom
- Held Stuff Night - nine attendees, including two newcomers. We discussed early period garb. \$5 donation (observed by Ginevra), deposited electronically.
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- Updated southrongaardarts.blogspot.com with the last few months of Pentathlon entries.
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- Commentary from members of the populace that were only on the A&S FB list and only want A&S stuff that they weren't happy with not being polled. The Kingdom A&S officer said that other groups did have specialist groups. There was discussion on this, Aveline acknowledged the point about not polling the A&S FB group with the question (only the main SG page) and apologised for the oversight, with a suggestion that a check in be done in December to see that peoples communication needs are being met and to consider bringing FB groups back if that's what people want.
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- **Webscribe**
- Took down the Baronial poll, did some stuff, approved messages etc. Got a question from someone who would like to link to a photo in our gallery as being a good example of fingerloop braiding in a wheel format. Haven't responded to that as just came in. Only one, unknown person is identifiable in that photo. The suggestion was made to check who posted the photo, as they are the person who owns the copyright to it.
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4) Hamlet reports

- **Gildenwick**
- Few A&S evenings being run by Thorald and Anabillia. Some discussion on ways to get teachers and attendees to come to a collegium event in Nelson from other parts of the Barony/country, sometime in Autumn in 2018.
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- **Wildmoor**
- Wildmoor has done little, except prep for upcoming feast. Raffé raised the topic of how to support the Wildmoor group more and there was discussion. Part of the discussion raised the point that Aveline should step down as head of Wildmoor as holding two group leadership

positions was less than ideal. It was decided that this topic would go on the agenda for the October meeting.

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5) Event Reports

• **Fiery Knights**

- Food preparation took longer than expected – spit roast machine slower than expected and will start earlier next time.
- Peas got missed – 10kg still in freezer.
- Gas Tourney List field had issues when wind came up. Metal guards sorted this and will adjust the uprights to separate gas bottles. Need to remember to have warm water on hand to keep gas bottles from freezing as it slows gas flow.
- Set up and pack down could have done with another couple of people – first time so understandable. Next year will run easier.
- The time delays meant people were getting a little cold before Treb and bonfire – aim for an hour earlier next year. More outdoor braziers in and around the field and a “heated” pavilion.

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- Food was delicious – spit roast highly praised
- Excellent ambiance with pavilions, fire braziers, arts and crafts going in and around area where populace seated.
- Gas tourney field and heavy tournament a crowd favourite – Gas list field to be adjusted further for even greater effect.
- Flaming Trebuchet was spectacular.

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- Notes to future stewards:

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- Request a little more assistance for set up and pack down.
- Have a better on-field kitchen (rather than spit between house and field)
- More Braziers on Field for general warmth and atmosphere.
- Aim for food @ 6pm, Heavy @ 7pm, Treb @ 8pm and Bonfire by 8.30pm

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- About \$300 surplus.
- **Tavern Revel at the Cross and Raven, 30 Sept**

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- Site is booked and paid for approximately now. We currently have 23 attendees (excluding the stewards) so have passed the break-even of 20.

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- Planning and creation of paraphernalia is afoot.

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- Bookings close next week, will send out a reminder email this weekend.

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- Payment is either online or cash on the day, as is standard. Patrons will be reminded of this, and the details, and any other stuff, on a follow-up email once bookings close.

• **CF Update**

- Bookings are slow, but there was a marked uptick at the start of the month. Planning continues apace. Max is quite excited about Luan having convinced Heather Dale (Mistress Marian of Heatherdale) to attend the event.

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- Timetable will be going around the end of this month, price rise in early Oct.

6) Event Proposals

- **Golden Flight**
- Pre-magna carta theme, diplomacy, etc. To be held at Omaka Scout Camp 17-19 Nov 2017, there were several caveats to the booking, and Richard had asked for changes to the standard booking terms. These had not all been confirmed with site before the meeting. Richard to also check that we get exclusive use of the kitchen and dining hall if we're going to be paying to use them (site booking is non-exclusive).
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- At present there aren't any groups booked for show weekend but that could change. Some discussion about how much of the site we would have exclusive access to.
- Event Prices:
- Full Event: Adult member \$92.00, Child \$46
- Feast Only + 1 night: Adult member \$36, Child \$18
- Day Only: Adult member: \$18, Child \$9
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- Motion: To approve the event in principal pending confirmation of acceptable booking terms. Raised by Raffae, Cecily seconded. Carried.
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7) General Business

- **Fighter Auction Tourney Fund request – Faire attendance costs for bard and partner (Lord Luan an Fael)**
- (Via email) Hoping to be able to access some of the CF fighter auction funds to help me to bring an amazing SCA bardic talent from Toronto to CF to perform for us all.
- Heather aka Mistress Marian of Heatherdale is a Laurel Bard from the Kingdom of Ealdormere and a very well loved SCA and Folk performer in Canada and the USA.
- She has agreed to come to CF and perform as well as help with Bardic stuff and generally enjoy and add to our event.
- I'm hoping I can get the CF FA fund to help pay for her and her partner's entry into fair and food plan.
- Costs involved:
- • Canterbury Faire Site Fee Full Event (SG Seneschal requests that this be at the 'First Faire' attendance rate of \$130) for 2 attendees: \$260
- • Bunk surcharge for 2 attendees: \$30
- • Adult meal plan x 2: \$160
- Query: include feast ticket or repast ticket? 2 x feast = \$44, 2 x repast = \$26
- Lowest total (includes repast): \$476
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- There was a lot of discussion. Supportive comments were expressed by Ginevra and Cecily, the latter advising that she is extremely well regarded in North America. Queries whether was opportunity for her to go to Australia as well.
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- Questions were raised as to why the funding application included the partner, and some advised they were not in support of funding that portion of the request. It was advised that the partner was her accompanist.
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- An itinerary was requested, and also the general agreement that if we funded it then the feast ticket rather than the repast was included. Brian had to leave at this point (8.55pm).

Motion: That SG will see up to \$500 contributed to comping Heather and partner to Canterbury Faire, pending further information on the role of the partner in the performance and contribution to classes. Raised by Cecily, seconded by James.

6 in favour

1 against

1 abstention

- Motion: That the Stronger Kingdom Fund be approached to contribute up to \$250 towards the cost of comping Heather and partner. Raised by Richard, seconded by Cecily.

- In favour: 7

- 1 abstention.

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- Cecily advised she would speak with the CF steward further on this. Council would like more information regarding plans/what they would be contributing to the event. Would report back to seneschal and B&B asap.
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- **Fighter Auction Tourney Fund request– rest stop (material for 2 x benches, THL Aveline Goupil)**
- Some CF attendees have mobility and/or other health issues, and have been indicating that the walk from the tournament field area to Tui lodge/distant camping areas can be problematic for them. In the interest of catering for the needs of this group Master Edward Braithwaite volunteered to make 2 x sturdy breakdown benches, to be marked as SG group property and set up as a rest point between the stairs and Tui lodge. These will be stored in the SG container between uses.
- Costs involved:
- Master Braithwaite has agreed to charge only the material cost of \$50 for these benches and will be donating his time.
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- Motion: That these be funded from baronial funds. Raised by Cecily, seconded by Fiora. All in favour.
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- **Gildenwick**
- There was some discussion about how the fighter auction tourney funds were used. Most people support that the requests come in before hand and that we have the funds split.
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- Gildenwick would like to run a fighter auction tourney with donated prizes to get gear for the group. There was extensive discussion on this topic and disagreement as to how the funds were administered. The need for a documented policy was stated by the seneschal. Richard volunteered to produce a draft of this policy for review by council and the populace.
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- Motion: That Gildenwick be given the running of the fighter auction tourney fund for CF 2018 and that all funds from it be used by the group for starter equipment. Raised by Cecily, seconded by James.
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- In favour: 5

- Against: 2
- Abstain: 1

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- **Demo requests (Canterbury Explorers, Homeschoolers)**
- Demo documentation for demos request coming next meeting.
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- Raffe asked for an in-person group meeting for staffing and supporting demo's, the Hamlets and other facets of recruitment and retention, in addition to the recent online discussion. A focus for 2-4 years ahead was suggested. Aveline to raise the prospect of a scheduled meeting with the CF steward.
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- **Bid for land use?** <https://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/96687555/new-life-to-be-injected-into-vacant-christchurch-red-zone-block>

This was acknowledged as a unique opportunity and a good opportunity to set up a sub-committee to set up a plan.

Aveline to put out calls for a sub-committee and a possible chair for the sub-committee.

Meeting closed 9.27pm.