

Baronial Meeting Notes: September 15, 2011

Officer's Reports:

Baron and Baroness: Aleksii and Elspeth – Lord Defenders is this weekend. Please everyone try to keep it brief.

Seneschal: Baron Yusuf – Nothing to report.

Exchequer: Veronica Paone – \$28,690 and change combined balances before today's deposit (Accepts money from Autumn War).

Herald: Dafydd Caerfyrddin – Nothing to report.

Arts & Sciences: Kathryn de Gonneville – Kathryn's final report; stepping down at Lord Defenders. Zoya will be taking over. Last month's A&S meeting went well. There was an Apron Dress/Sewing 101 class that was so well received that it will be repeated this month. Social at 6:30, class starts at 7. Class will be at Zoya's home. She will post the address to the Gate.

Scribe: Annaka Poznanska - We're down to the wire on the Lord Defender's Champions' new charters. They will be ready in time. The rest are coming along. Still need ideas for the Panther's Torch Design. Also, Annika needs the text that Baron Aleksii wrote resent to her. We're not painting any Kingdom charters for this reign, partly because of time restraints, but also because we haven't gotten any to be painted.

Rapier: Thorbjorn – Looking forward to Lord Defenders this weekend and I hope there are others there to fight for our Barony.

Archery: Leif Moonshadow – Practice is still Sundays at 1PM, at Skookum. We lent Glymm Mere our loaner gear for September Crown and it was not returned in the condition in which it was presented. No damage, but care was not taken.

Chatelaine: Edith de Chelched – A couple of new contacts – e-mails. One couple came to fighter practice/social and had a good time. The other couple is looking for a good opportunity to come to an event. Gold Key is well maintained and ready.

Chirurgian: Vashti – Nothing to report.

Chamberlain: Otto – Trailer's ready to go.

Chronicler: Milisandia verch Watkyn – Summer 2011 Newsletter is complete, posted on the Website and printed (15 copies), which are up front with Their Excellencies. Fall 2011 Newsletter has been started.

Old Business:

Autumn War: We made \$7,995.43 after all expenses – highest profit in 5 years. We will explore giving some to Fire Mtn. Keep as they have been so gracious and helpful. At Sept Crown, many of us received compliments about AW layout. Only 2 complaints total, both very personal to the individual with the complaint. Mr. Nix may open a 2nd road for us if we have AW there next year, one for entrance and one for exit.

Repairs: Repairs of the irrigation damaged at Nix Ranch during Autumn War went very fast and well. Deep Water Keep was indispensable. They brought tools, bodies, snacks and water, and worked very hard. Mr. Nix is very impressed and happy. Thanks to Thorbjorn for setting up the repairs and Baron Aleksii hopes to be able to thank Deep Water Keep personally, as well.

Harvest Feast: Sir Brand asked about checks from last year's dessert auction. They were given directly to the charity by the Barony, as required.

Lord Defenders: The Autocrat is currently packing but he would like to remind everyone to be there or be square. No rain is currently forecast. There will be a potluck. Zoya will send out the announcement and info on the Gate. People should bring items in containers that are disposable. Also, the Baron likes Mac-n-cheese, but it doesn't like him, so mac-n-cheese will make him sad and should not be provided in large quantities. Conversely, both he and his lovely Baroness like bacon-wrapped things, which, ideally, SHOULD be present in large quantities.

New Business:

Celtic Bardic: Will be March 17th at Longbranch. One day, morning to night. The feast will be awesome! The Bardic activities will be awesome! Bring your bellies! Bring your fingers, voices, and other bardic accessories! Celtic Bardic will be more awesome than the most awesome awesomeness that ever occurred or ever will occur. Attend or you will miss out on the epic awesomeness!!!

Lord Defenders: Lord Defenders 2012 will be 9/21-23 and will be combined with Dragon's Lair's Last Chance at the Longbranch facility. This will be very cool! Each Barony will have their own champions tourneys, but there will also be a combined tourney.

Autumn War: Dafydd has submitted a bid for AW2012. Expenses will be less next year because of extra items that were purchased last year. Additionally, we'll be marking the irrigation better, saving us those repairs. Dafydd estimates approx. \$12K in profits in 2012 because of decreased expenses and increased attendance. The Warlord of the Summits has invited Blatha an Oir to come to their Eleventh Night celebration with a declaration of war, and if we do, the Summits would be delighted to be involved in 2012's war. Dafydd has volunteered to go providing he is provided with a scroll to read in Court, with a poetic declaration of War. He will consult with Aleksii.

Sergeant Trials: 10/1-2 At Skookum this year – venue change! Potluck dinner. We'll be trying to create a great hall out of Dragon's Wings. Still gathering lights and heaters.

Harvest Feast: Harvest Feast 2011 is about to open Pre-reg. Pyoter will handle that again this year. 11-19. Sir Brand will have a dessert auction again this year. We are not on the Kingdom Calendar for this year due to a conflict that Mithaven wouldn't allow. 2012 Harvest Feast will be the first Saturday in November and we're setting it up now to avoid the same problem next year.

Honeywar: 2012 will be "All About the Bacon" Sir Gernan has offered to make the bacon mead again, and Baron Aleksii will make bacon beer.

Candlemas: Baroness will be approaching Glymm Mere about possibly a combined Candlemass, since they're both smallish events. We're trying to put stuff on the Kingdom Calendar soon so as to avoid conflicts. We're going to need an Autocrat.

Toys for Tots Drive this year? Yes! Details to be figured out eventually.

Adjourned: 7:36 PM