

Hartwood Council Minutes

Aug 11th, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Called to Order 7:31pm

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott

Exchequer – Mualana Halima al-Rakkasa

Chief Archer, Master John MacAndrew

Chief Chucker -

Deputy Seneschal – Bantiarna Elphin o Flaithbheartaigh

Deputy Herald -

Chamberlain – Thyra

Minister of Arts and Sciences –

Minister of Stables –

Chatelaine – Lady Scarlet O'Tomelty

Chronicler –

Minister of Blades –

Populace:

Isabella de Firenze

Alicia le Wilfulle

Absent:

HE Conall MacLagmayn

Armiger Maurus Ioinur

Beatris ingen Ghiolla Mhuire

Baron Alfredo d'Chieti

HL Theodora van Zeeland

Vacant Offices:

Herald

Family Activities

Chief Scribe

Webminster

TUTR Minister

Call to Order at: 7:31

1. Reading of Previous Minutes

Moved to approve : Thyra

Seconded: Connal

Accepted

2. Officer Reports

Seneschal

Letitia Cecily Talbott – January 2025

July was a busy month, with practices being held and MidSummer Defenders as well.

There has been no news from Kingdom of note.

We have had royal attendance baronially and principality.

There are many projects being worked on, and we are down to only 5 vacant positions:

1. TUTR Minister
2. Webminister
3. Herald
4. Family Activities Coordinator
5. Scribe

As well we have had a few new members join our branch!

All in all July was a wonderful month.

Cheers!

HE Letitia Talbott

Seneschal of Hartwood

Chatelaine

Scarlet O'Tomelty – July 2025

Chatelaine Monthly Report August 7, 2023

Hello this has been an eventful summer! I held a potluck BBQ on my home on July 8 with approximately 20 in attendance!

Our Baroness did the same with Archery and a market also in July with many more in attendance.

Many members going off to various off island events as in Pennsic and Clinton war.

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I personally have finally received business cards and am busily handing them out! I have many people interested.

Looking forward to seeing all at Investiture I will be marketing and also will have a Chatelaine booth set up.

Still Looking for volunteers to chaperone interested parties around to show them what we do.

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Friday evening there is a stitch and bitch at my home anyone interested in making garb be it a beginner or a experienced sewer is invited..... there will be baking! If you would like to bring a tasty snack from your kitchen variety is the spice of life!

I do have items that are available for use pins, measuring tapes patterns some threads and fabric.

3-10 PM 1197 ASPEN ROAD, MALAHAT

Demos-no demos planned

Yours in Service,

Lady Scarlet O'Tomalty

Chatelaine, Shire of Hartwood

Chronicler

Nothing to report. Struggling to find time to do newsletter in between events, working, and processing food.

Apologies for not being here – attending Clinton

Exchequer

Halima al-Rakkasa – end date Feb 2024

All in Order

Chamberlain

Thyra Svendsdottir – end date May 31, 2025

Since taking office I have reclaimed the Iron Key from a member who was unable to do the repairs intended and turned it over to our MoS, Lord Mauris. I still hold a handful of shield blanks to use as sign templates.

The sign project progresses, we will get 6 new signs, 4 large and two medium. I will be making the arrows adjustable as I discovered that finding good, arrows pointing the right way, was surprisingly hard to do, while setting up for Hartwood Summer Champions. If someone is going to mess with our signs, it will probably be drive-by or theft.

The locker has a new padlock, and four keys done, all under budget, but we may need one more cut to have for a local key holder. Should this person be nominated by myself or must it come to council?

I'm going to establish a list of key holders, copies to be posted; in the locker, kept by me, the exchequer and seneschal.

I'm working to try to find some *cheap* battery lights to make our collection of tiki torches usable for all events, regardless of fire restrictions.

Last piece of business I have to submit at this time is the plan to inventory and organize the locker by seasonal access, to put the Yule stuff in one place and the rest of the equipment where it won't be blocked or damage the window art panels.

Deputy Herald

Theodora van Zeeland

Greetings Hartwood!

It was my pleasure this month to be a voice herald with my feet on Hartwood soil! Mid-Summer Champions was a lovely event; I'm so pleased I could attend.

In July I did one name consultation for a Hartwood citizen. I know our herald-at-large Mistress Alicia has been busy because I received a copy of submission paperwork for one other Hartwood citizen, and Blue Inkhorn Herald tells me that another submission is in progress.

Early this month I spread the wordfame of Hartwood when I travelled to Tir Bannog for their Penguin Crusade and Fields of Gold events. I did name and device consultation for members of Tir Bannog and Cold Keep, and heard fond memories from a gentle who started their SCA experience on Insula Magna, in the groups that would become Hartwood. Taran says hello.

I will be teaching at Investiture: Stage Presence for Performers, Heralds, Royalty and Showoffs. If you have ever considered learning to do voice heraldry, or if you suffer from any degree of performance anxiety, I invite you to join me for this class.

I now am official and have had my name, device and badge accepted.!

In Service,

Theodora van Zeeland ,Deputy Herald for the Shire of Hartwood

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Baron Connal MacLagmayn – March 2024

Weekly Social 1 – South Hartwood A&S

South Hartwood A&S has met each Monday this past month. Activities have included a lot of sewing and garb fitting as people get ready for summer events as well as working on beaded cup covers for largesse, kumihimo cording, tapestry weaving, and music. Attendance has ranged from 3 to 6 people. This week we had two newcomers attend who are very interested in a wide range of SCA activities so there was lots of discussion and demonstration of different aspects of the SCA including music, weaving, costuming, scribing, heraldry, archery, food and more.

Currently no A&S competitions but would like to see a Super 3 held in the near future.

YIS,

Connal MacLagmayn

Minister of Stables

Armiger Maurus Ioinur – Jan 31st 2025

Working with Sir Duncan on adding an Armoured practice in Coombs when the Bradley Centre becomes available again. We are also looking into promoting Combat Archery in the Shire, should anyone be interested

I have qualified for Senior Thrown Weapons Marshal and Junior Armoured Marshal.

Have not filed the paperwork yet, as I hope to add Junior Cut & Thrust and Senior Rapier before the end of the season.

Hartwood Midsummer Defenders was a great success. Event paperwork (MIC and List reports) has been submitted

Will be working with Thyra on full inventory and organization of Stores. I have collected the Iron Key, and it is now in Stores, including a donation I collected of a complete Heavy Kit. I will be arranging an armouring day with the generous help offered by both Hartwood and Seagirt members to make sure we have at least three complete Heavy kits in a variety of sizes.

Chief Archer

Master John MacAndrew

Archery practices are being well attended at all three Shire sites. No incidents to report.

Lord Borgarr was the successful winner of the Shire archery championship.

TW practices are ongoing in North Hartwood. Attendance is anywhere from 2 to 7.

Archos Harold was the successful winner of the Shire TW championship.

Huge shout out to the marshals looking after the ranges during the weekend and during the competitions. Huge shout out to the roadies that got all the gear to site.

Master John MacAndrew, OP, OGS

Chief Chucker

Master John MacAndrew – 2024

See Chief Archer report

Minister of Blades

Alfredo di Chieti – March 2025

No report – Pennsic!!

Webminister – Halima and Elphin

No issues, everything ticking along beautifully

3. Past Events

🔗 **MidSummers Champions & Defenders** – Halima al Rakkasa

Report on Hartwood Defenders (Champions)

Event Stewards: Halima and Elphin, and trainee Thyra

MAC: Maurus

Financially, our profit was \$408.77, a little over the anticipated minimum. The refreshment stand intended as a quiet fund-raiser did not do so well, and I have bought the remaining stock, to the benefit of Hartwood.

Outside of that... It was a great event! We had Royalty!

Of the campers, we had 27, and a total of 71 people.

People loved the site and the atmosphere, and wanted more events to happen there! (When I spoke to the site manager, I was encouraged to book for next year. If you're interested, we can talk.) The biffies were excellent, and the on-site person ensured we had all we needed from them.

The parking worked well. The main gate may have worked well, despite its steepness; there were no issues with access.

The river was at a nice level, with pools to soak in when the air got up to 30-ish.

The scheduling of activities around the field and woods worked well, with shade exactly when needed.

Kudos to Maurus for being an excellent MAC, ensuring not only set-up, but that forms were prepared, and competitors had all they needed. I heard that each of the competitions was well-attended by spectators! People even traveled the circuit and demonstrates wonderful support for the competitors.

Not much in lost & found. Site was well-cleaned; kudos to Thyra for being one of the last few out, doing just that.

So, there were a few things that could be improved...

- The mosquitoes were not welcome. The breeze helped a little.

- We need more volunteers to help set-up and clean-up. Kudos for those who helped and persisted!
- We need to begin set-up earlier (with those extra volunteers), because it tends to take longer than expected. That means, too, signs, and Gate; attendees come sooner than expected.
- We should probably ID/label the shelters for better set-up.
- Maurus spoke of creating some list field kits.
- We could've used some on-site signage, or a concierge to direct people, especially to the areas we were permitted to use.
- The exchequer is going to update and clarify the Hartwood Gate Head Manual for more clarity, and include specifics for gate staff to ensure procedures are followed.
- To finish this long report, my deepest of thanks to Elphin for being my feet on-site, and my sounding board, and for stretching herself far to thinly to help bring my vision to fruition. And thanks, too, to Maurus for being a rock when we need that anchor. Thank-you to all who made this event possible!
- A reminder to all those to play major parts in running an event: Remember the self-care of setting up your bed first, eating regularly when you're not hungry, staying hydrated when you're not thirsty, delegating where possible, and taking breaks when you need them.

4. Future Events

Event A Court d'Argent

Fiongualla

The kingdom calendar is up and running. We can now publish the event to FB, which is done. Have to send out copies to Lionsgate, etc.

Still looking for kitchen manager

Looking for a dance person (possibly Master Nick or Athelina)

Aspasia in charge of setting up classes – she will tackle that later

Still negotiating with people

Doing scholar, Bardic and craftsman – Thyra to send her challenge to Fiongualla

Event B – Tir Righ Investiture

Elphin

Event Update for August Council meetings

6. Kingdom event website updated
7. Facebook event page updated
8. Weekly “Fun Facts” continue
9. Master Event Staff list updated

10. TUTOR classes coming in,
 11. Principality wide TR regalia quest has multiple branches participating
 12. Team meetings continue
 13. 14+ merchants and artisans signed up
 14. Eric party happening
 - Hot wing contest
 - Pillow fight
 - Food/snacks
 15. Biffies scheduled for delivery and pick up
 16. No fire pits or torches (fire or propane)
 17. Looking for volunteers for transport of stores from both branches
 18. Volunteers needed for site set up and tear down
 19. Schedule to be posted soon
 20. TUTOR classes updated and looking for info sheets for classes
 21. Event insurance received
- I am working tonight but if you have any questions, please message me and I'll do my best to answer

Still looking for performers for the stage

5. Demos

Demo A *Fall Faire*

HL Isabella de Firenze (reporting from her car while it is charging)

22. Still waiting for St John to confirm attendance...they want a 3rd identical form filled out
23. 36 vendors have signed up as of today
24. Only have FB for entire event; suggest FB just for demo on Sunday so that we can send it everywhere
25. Site wants a copy of general insurance
26. Letitia will try to find it and Isabella will also follow up
27. Site has received payment – thank you Halima
28. Make sure that public info is correct – ie Sunday demo
29. Still need performers for stage
30. Christine Platt is responsible for vendors

6. Projects

Project A –DAGGING

blue/white, dagging purely white, purely blue

- Letitia will follow up on borrowing list field dagging from Seagirt
- Reimbursement to Giovanna for cost of her materials - \$84.65 (after \$50 stipend) - Is council agreeable –
 - Johanna moved Scarlet seconded. Approved

- Letitia: what would it cost to get a bolt of yellow and green and blue and white for branch and principality projects

Project B Tir Righ Banners

31. Aline to make Principality Banner

32. Maker for Gonfallon maybe Layla or Fiongualla

33. Make budget for buying cotton felt now \$50 budget for white

34. Black, yellow, green from Thyra for remnants

35. 1 sided only

Halima: Move we give \$50 towards reimbursement \$15 to material for Gonfallon, and shipping to Thyra, and to purchase the white felt

Seconded Theodora

Thyra abstained. ---Approved

7. Old Business

📄 Location of Hartwood Silk Banner.

- Has been found and is now in Stores.

★ Signs

- 4-5 panels out of 4x8 sheet. 18"-24" high black/silver reflective letters
- \$49.27 4 x 8 yellow coreplast Thyra has reflective tape and will include grommets for anchoring.

Maurus move we pay Thyra \$50 to get the coreplast

Seconded Aline

Approved

📄 New lock for stores with wider shackle

Aline moved

Seconded Thyra

Approved

📄 Need \$30 for hardware etc to Thyra

Scarlet moved

Alicia seconded

Approved

📄 Largesse challenge has been issued for the A&S championship at Yule by the current champion, Thyra

8. New Business

- Combine the Chief Archer and Chief Chucker position

Halima moved to combine the Chief

Scarlet seconded the motion. Approved

★ Request to Move meeting to 0730 PM

Move Connor said yes

Seconded John

Approved

★ Brochures

- Scarlet wants to get brochures – Letitia will check with Aniko re her costs vs elsewhere

- Will go to Financial committee with the quotes. Brochure is already approved
Connal moved to approve \$250 for 500 brochures
Halima seconded
Approved

Round Table

Duncan:

- looking at doing heavy practice at Coombs during Historic Arts to foster fighters and more interaction between members
- Concerns about using completely dry sites, as this can be problematic for event stewards/event sites

Thyra:

- looking at solar lanterns with replaceable batteries.
- Maurus/Thyra making poles for Gonfallon
- Of note: Boy Scout camps can be requested to get a waiver to allow alcohol on site.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

SEP 12th 7:30 PM

OCT 10TH 7:30 PM

Adjourn at: 8:58 pm

Motioned: Sir Duncan

Seconded: Alicia