

Hartwood Council Minutes

2023 December 12

Zoom Meeting | In Person Meeting

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott

Exchequer – Muallima Halima al-Rakkasa

Chamberlain – Thyra of Hartwood

Chief Archer, Chief Chucker - Master John Macandrew

Deputy Seneschal – Lady Scarlet O'Tomalty

Deputy Herald - absent

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Baron Conall MacLagyman

Minister of Stables – Armiger Maurus Ioinur

Chatelaine – Chronicler – Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

Minister of Blades – Baron Alfredo d'Chieti

Populace:

James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd

Tangwstyl Tudor

Aspasia

Fionnguala

Johanna

Nicholas

Alicia le Wilfulle

Absent:

HL Theodora Van Zeeland

Vacant Offices:

Herald

Family Activities

Chief Scribe

Webminister

Call to Order at: 7:33 pm

1. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

As per message

Motion to Accept: Letitia

Seconded:

2. Officer Reports

a. Seneschal

Letitia Talbott – December 2023

We still have 6 open offices

Family Activities

Herald

Thrown Weapons (rolled into archery for now)

Chief Scribe

TUTR

Webminister

There has been no news from Kingdom at this time.

While we have our major demo coming up in 2024, we should have a round table about a few smaller demo opportunities coming up in the new year. Keep our eyes out for places to give demos.

(Maurus) suggests potluck picnic with pirates in the park and just start fighting.

(Thyra) demos – malls etc. Malls fussy about insurance etc. Keep Family Day in mind.

(Halima) have table at craft fair on Saturday. I should bring SCA info there – have been wearing garb. Will bring some cards.

(Aspasia) May - many farmers markets will be opening. Aspasia will check out her market.

(Letitia) will check out Duncan market

We should hold a mini AGM in the new year. Since we had a major over haul last January, believe it will be very short. We need to add the new customary to the website so that it is available to be gone through by the populace.

I would like to have in person/zoom chats with each of the officers in the new year to touch bases with everyone and see where their thoughts lay for the Shire and it's growth in 2024, as well as an Officer's Moot, where we can all have a chat together outside of council.

Happy December Everyone! And I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year 😊

Yours in Service!

HE Letitia Talbott

Seneschal

b. Chamberlain

Thyra Svendsdottir

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There's some aging coffee that's being contributed to the Bradley Center for use by us and the group we have been sharing with.

Also being disposed of is some expired and solidified Iced Tea mix.

Reports are the locker is very packed and cluttered right now and there's plans brewing for a big sort and cleaning day to coincide with a History Arts day and they can help us with the chore. I'm looking forward to seeing what's hidden in

stores.

We can't check the tarp stash before our price guarantee runs out and as I don't believe there's a tarp the right size, I will recommend getting the suitable one before next season and the end of the deal. Any spare can be re-purposed. The portable holes have been refurbished and returned to stores. Get books out of storage into dry storage – Thyra will do that.

c. **Chatelaine**

Hartwood

Tammy Donaldson

Lady Scarlet O'Tomalty

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Member # 244697

Warrant : 11/02/2023 - 09/30/24

December 12, 2023

With the busy season upon us with Court d'Agent it was absolutely beautiful! then Yule get together at my house was wonderful . This is my last report. I would love to see what Giovanna has in store. Good luck!

Yours in Service

Lady Scarlet O'Tomalty

d. **Chief Scribe - Vacant**

e. **Chronicler –**

Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

Have been unable to find a deputy chronicler as of yet. Reached out to Seagirt Discord to get first steps in setting up a site for Hartwood. Thyra offered to help.

f. **Exchequer**

Halima al-Rakkasa – [Warrant End Date – Feb/2024]

- i. We have money in the bank, though we are currently running at a yearly loss.
- ii. **Still in need of a deputy to take over in February!** You need some bookkeeping skills (we currently use a reliable synoptic journal), comfort with Excel, ability to follow the rules and regulations outlined by the SCA exchequers' manual as well as GAAP, work well with others, and able to report in a timely manner (monthly to council and quarterly to Principality). We can discuss details, if you are interested.

g. **Herald**

Nothing to report

h. Minister of Arts and Sciences

- i. A & S going on in Coombs, Campbell River and Crofton
- ii. (Alicia) practicing illumination by painting Xmas cards. Will be continuing scribal practice
- iii. (Aspasia) Have been averaging about 12-15 people every week
- iv. January 1-2 week focus on warp to weave then 3rd week teacher coming in to do pattern drafting

i. Minister of Stables

Maurus Ioinur

- i. There have been no attendees at Heavy practices this month, and therefore no incidents to report.
- ii. I have submitted next year's budget request for the office to the Exchequer.
- iii. I have a suggestion for a use for the Swan cloaks that we have in stores that I would like to discuss with the Board. Perhaps as new business?

j. Chief Archer/Chief Chucker

Master John MacAndrew

Both archery and TW ranges are closed for the season. Nothing to report.

k. Minister of Blades

Yule was great. Will be having some rapier practices now that Bradley Centre will have more time available.

l. Webminister

Protem Halima and Elphin

FB has been manageable. We are behind on website updates but are taking notes. No other incidents. No issues with Zoom.

3. Past Events

- Court d'Argent – HL Fionnguala
 1. Had a festive event. Went really well. Shocked at how many people were dressed in white/gold. Was very disheartened at the pushback against a themed event. Potluck was great lots of food. Lots of games, dancing, fighting, classes. No major issues...
 2. Total of 62 attendees. 17 were non-members. Speaks well for our membership in general.
\$1935 gross income
Net \$685.11
Q. When will the post-mortem meeting be? A: Fionnguala : has had informal chats. Will let Letitia know when it is convenient to post a time.

4. Future Events

Hartwood TUTR 2024 – Mistress Alicia, Lady Beiris, Lady Giovanna

- a. (Alicia) Site all organized ready to go. Calendar pretty full
- b. 15 2 hr classes, 9 1-hr, 13 different instructors. Scribal, fabric/fibre, dance, medieval calculus, ice in a desert, couple of Novus classes. Hoping to finalize by Xmas, Cunagunda will liaise with Alicia registration for TUTR. Wondering if Shire can run virtual TUTR sometime in the spring. Also have interest in NOVUS classes via Zoom.

5. Future Demos

- Medieval Faire 2024 – Armiger Maurus
- Contract signed, cheque requested; running on assumption that this will be a major annual event for the shire. Great spot, profitable. Would like to carry through consistent branding year-to-year. Token ideas... map of venue cartoon figures, one side will have cartoony drawing and device; special recognition ones would have shire badge on front and populace badge on back. Had suggestion from a team member to have a dedicated website to carry it forward and link to the Shire site. Hosting fee could come out of advertising budget.
- (Alicia) could this not be part of Hartwood's website? Maurus – will definitely be looking into that. Thyra – invite media to event. Halima – there is a way to use free wordpress site. Very user friendly. Maurus will also look at that. Special Events?
- Have reached out to all previous team members to see who wants to be involved.
- Will try to find a way to have team communication without FB

6. Projects

- a. Library Database – must be done in conjunction with inventory
- b. Auction – no report

7. Change in Officers

- c. Chatelaine – Application from Lady Giovanna de Solarrio. Application shared to council.
 - i. Moved Halima
 - Seconded Maurus
 - Approved

8. Old Business

- a. Tarp for Tent – Move that tarp be purchased at Tarp & Tool
 - a. Thyra moved

- b. Halima seconded. Approved
- b. Discord Channel – Beatris will work with Thyra to get this up and running
- c. Signs
- d. Hartwood Auction – nothing to report

9. New Business

- a. Swan Cloaks – Maurus
 - a. Not an ideal piece of regalia according to some previous exemplars. Marus would love to start Shire of Hartwood Swan Guard. Would be fighters that could be members of the guard. All champions, people that participate would be eligible to wear a cloak and represent the Shire. Could be tied to the Raven tag would be eligible to wear a cloak and represent the Shire at an event. The cloak for an Exemplar be brought back and build a purpose built piece of regalia – such as mantle. Aspasia would be delighted to head up a team to spin, weave, dye a new piece. Swan guard could be available at all events. (James) Could wear to 12th night as ambassadors.(Maurus) expected to bring own weapon
- b. Thyra – Still does not have a council email.

10. Round Table

Household for female household esp for newcomers. - idea from Thyra
(Letitia) make a staff for the exemplar. Volunteer Swan Guard to guard the king. See how many we have. Thyra – exemplars mantle decorate with what SCA stands for...
Should add the Swan Guard to the Customary
James– clewe lights
Court d'Argent Post Event Follow up/Break Down

Adjourn: 9:04 pm

Motioned Thyra
Seconded James

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 9, 2024 7:30 pm