

Hartwood Council Minutes

2024/January/09

Zoom Meeting

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott

Exchequer – Mualima Halima al-Rakkasa

Chamberlain – Thyra Svendsdottir

Chief Archer, Chief Chucker - Master John Macandrew

Deputy Seneschal – Lady Scarlet O'Tomalty

Deputy Herald - Theodora van Zeeland

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Absent

Minister of Stables – Armger Maurus Ioinur

Chatelaine – Giovanna

Chronicler – Beatris ingen Giolla Mhuire

Minister of Blades – Baron Alfredo d'Chieti

Populace:

Duchess Meagan

Aspasia

Nick Addison

Alicia le Wilfulle

Johanna Nikkel

James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd

Tangwystl Tudur

Absent:

Officers:

Baron Conall MacLagyman

Vacant Offices:

Herald

Family Activities

Chief Scribe

Webminister

TUTR Minister

Call to Order at: 734 pm

Thyra /Maurus

Ratifying of Previous Minutes

Chronicler made suggested changes sent to group

Motion to Accept: Maurus

Seconded: Thyra

Officer Reports

A. **Seneschal**

SCA Name: Letitia Talbott

Modern Name: Bobbi Baker

Membership Info: #226684 EXP. 05/31/2026

Warrant: 2023-01-08 - 2025-01-08

Good evening!

We have 5 Offices still without permanent Officers (Though we have most excellent deputies taking things on in some)-

- k. Webminister
- l. Tutr Minister
- m. Herald
- n. Family Activities
- o. Chief Scribe

Kingdom News: There has been no major Kingdom news to divulge.

We have had consistent A&S in the branch. I am hoping within the next few months to see Martial Practices to start up again should the weather comply.

We have one demo planned for the year. I would like to see someone take on a small new comers event directly afterwards. It can be small and at a meeting that already occurs.

We should look at having a few other small demos, and look into advertising as well.

We have projects on the go which is good to see. But I would like to see something more unifying for the branch to participate in.

I will be contacting officers to set up ZOOM times, or in person coffees to talk about their offices and what they would like to see for the branch.

This years AGM will be held on February 6th at 7pm via ZOOM. I am holding the meeting slightly earlier, as it will be combined with council. I believe as we went through the Customary last year that there will be very little to change. But all officers please read through the customary from last year which is now up on the Shire Website. This concludes my seneschal's report for January 2024.

Yours with Joy, HE Letitia Talbott

B. Chatelaine

Shire of Hartwood

Don McConnell

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Giovanna de Sollario

01/31/2025

TERM: 12/09/2023 - 12/09/2025

I have not attended any recent events in the Shire or the closest Barony (Seagirt) therefore I have very little to report.

I have been in contact with the previous Chatelaine and the current Hartwood Seneschal and both have been most informative and helpful.

Yours in Service,

Lady Giovanna de Sollario

C. Chronicler

Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

Nothing to report. Still looking for a deputy chronicler

D. Exchequer

Mualima Halima al-Rakkasa

We have money in the bank, though we are currently running at a yearly loss.

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.

The **Financial Committee** met January 4/2024 at 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Discussion re: The CowEx situation. Determined a resolution, and acted upon it.

Discussion re: Budget; drafted for Council's ratification. To be presented at the AGM in February.

Due to large budget requests without sufficient details, determined to add a point to the Financial Policy requiring those requests over \$100 to include some details supporting them.

E. Chamberlain

Thyra Svendsdottir

- i. Transferred the books and fabric to another dryer locker until other arrangements can be made. I am the one with the locker access at this time

- ii. Some table cloths have been returned or donated (unsure which at this time).
- iii. I need to know if the shelter tarp was purchased with the special price or if that's still an outstanding item to acquire. Thank you!
- iv. Unsure of how what level of budget detail is required. Hoping donations for materials etc will be available to offset costs. Letitia offered to meet with Thyra regarding this matter.

Projects

- v. Inventory needs to be done to assess what we have, what we should keep and what needs to be disposed of to make space and a system for access to the equipment we need and use.
- vi. Make a manual for the various shelters to make assembly easy and not require specific people who already know how.
- vii. Organise a team to do the Shire Library for our books and materials we keep for our members. Organise and assemble some good song books for that option for singalong.
- viii. Not my department but I found someone who wants to join us, meet and greet at Historic Arts on the 21st all things permitting.

Thank you, welcome to 2024

F. Herald

(Deputy – HL Theodora van ZEELAND)

Hello Hartwood!

Members of this Shire have been consulting heralds at home and abroad, submitting arms, badges and names to the College of Heraldry. We have many people with heraldry knowledge! A person becomes a (small 'h') herald when they choose to, when they dig into the details of how our heraldic process works. Some of our people have self-selected as heralds recently! That's great!

Anyone who is interested in learning more but doesn't know where to start is welcome to connect with me.

Upcoming:

There will be a voice heraldry workshop at February Investiture. No experience is necessary to start learning!

There will also be a Persona Heraldry class. I am awaiting confirmation from that teacher.

In Service,

Theodora van Zeeland

Deputy Herald for the Shire of Hartwood

G. Minister of Arts and Sciences

Conall MacLagmayn – 2025

Historical Arts

Up to 19 people attending. Spotlight classes were spindle spinning and weaving. Lots of different fibre arts being worked on. Lots of discussion as well. Music is always a part of the day.

South Hartwood A&S

South Hartwood A&S took a brief break over Christmas but a small group attended the days we ran, doing some scribal painting, leatherwork and sewing as well as some discussion and planning towards TUTR.

H. Minister of Stables

Maurus Ioniur - 2025

Stables - nothing to report.

I.

J. Chief Archer/Chief Chucker

Greetings all. All ranges are closed for the winter.

Good news is the days are getting longer.

See everyone in the spring.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

Shire of Hartwood

K. Minister of Blades

Alfredo d'Chieti –

Indoor practices

Would like to use shelves in Bradley to store swords rapier stuff there

L. Webminister

Officer Title: de facto webmin

Branch Website URL: <http://hartwood.tirrih.org>

What software/service are you using for your website? Straight HTML

No issues. Updating where required, such as events on the front page. Currently refreshing two shire documents, with a PDF and browser-viewable version for each one. Fussing with converting from document format to HTML; taking some hand-coding for that. Note that both Elphin and I are de facto moderators for the Shire's Facebook Page and Group ("Forum"). Discussion currently happening on creating a Discord thing.

What can I help you with?

Nothing at this time, outside of Discord. (Not sure I have bandwidth for

that yet; planning to ensure there is an officer/deputy for that.) Thank-you.

Note that Her Ladyship Elphin o Flaithbheartaigh and I are sharing the responsibility of website and Facebook. Currently, no officer is installed for either.

1. Future Events

- a. Hartwood TUTOR 2024 – Mistress Alicia, Lady Beatris, Lady Giovanna
- b. Beatris: Had someone offer to do soup and buns for lunch Sat but she doesn't have food safe
 - i. Insurance sent to site
 - ii. Calendar etc updated, fb page created by Halima and updated,

2. Demos

- a. Medieval Faire – Armiger Maurus
- b. We have space reserved on kingdom calendar and will update for accuracy
- c. Attending how to run an event on 25th
- d. Hoping to get people at HA and TUTOR to get involved
- e. Thyra willing to do merchants...
- f. Maurus going to try to bring in Markus from Port Alberni
- g. Gate – must be member of SCA ;
- h. Thyra volunteering for stamps

1. Projects

- a. Library Database – Thyra.
- b. Binders avail at HA and by Letitia
- c. Auction – Lady Scarlet. Thyra bringing down books for auction to HA to be given to Scarlet

2. Old Business

- a. Tarp for Tent – Thyra motioned to buy tarp Seconded Halima Approved
- b. Discord Channel – Will be setting up by next march
- c. Signs on hold for now
- d. Hartwood Auction

3. New Business

- a. **New Project – HL Aspasia**
I was gifted by Rita (comes to HA) lots of fibre blue, green, silver, would like to make mantles for defenders and scholar and exemplar. Could be

shire project with Aspasia spinning and others weaving, embroidering, design, etc.

Letitia very interested and Aspasia going ahead with spinning...Great excitement by all

Does Swan guard need to be in the customary? Maurus will touch base with Letitia

4. Round Table

- a. **Thyra was given a** bunch of closet rods (dowels) Maurus very excited to receive them
- b. Hartwood song book?
- c. Hartwood Domesday book
- d. The Gilded Pizzle?

Upcoming Meeting Dates: AGM/February Council 2023 – FEB - 13 700 pm

Adjourned at: 903 pm

Motioned: Beatris move to adjourn

Seconded: Thyra