

Hartwood Council Minutes

2024 March 12

Zoom Meeting | In Person Meeting

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott
Deputy Seneschal – HL Scarlet O'Tamalty
Exchequer – Mualana Halima al-Rakkasa
Deputy Exchequer - Cunegonda van der Bossche
Chatelaine – Lady Giovanna de Solarrio
Minister of Stables – Armger Maurus Ioinur
Chief Archer, Chief Chucker - Master John Macandrew
Deputy Herald - Theodora van Zeeland
Minister of Arts and Sciences – Barron Conall MacLagyman
Chronicler – Beatris ingen Giolla Mhuire
TUTR Minister – Alicia le Wilfulle, OL

Populace:

Aspasia
James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd
Nick Addison
Johanna Worthington

Absent:

Officers

Vacant Offices:

Herald
Family Activities
Chamberlain
Chief Scribe
Webminister
Minister of Blades

Call to Order at: 7:39 pm

1. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

Motion to Accept: Alicia le Wilfulle

Seconded: Halima

Approved

2. Officer Reports

See March '[Officer Reports](#)'

h. Seneschal

SCA Name: Letitia Talbott

Modern Name: Bobbi Baker

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

Hello Everyone!

Vacant Offices:

We have 4 Offices still without permanent Officers (Though we have most excellent deputies taking things on in some):

- Webminister
- Herald
- Family Activities
- Chief Scribe

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Kingdom News:

There has been no major Kingdom news to divulge.

However, some of our awesome shire folk received awards at Seagirt's daffodil event which were all well deserved!

We need event stewards for two of our required events:

- Midsummer Defenders (Thyra has shown interest)
- Yule

j. That is everything for this month's report!

Yours with Joy,

HE Letitia Talbott

k. **Chatelaine**

- SCA Name: Giovanna de Solario
- Modern Name: Don McConnell
- Branch: Shire of Hartwood
- Membership Info: #237213 EXP.: 03/31/2025

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- March 2024 Report
- HARTWOOD TUTR
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- Newcomers attended TUTR which was super!
- That stated, while I was at Gate and ready to greet them it is not the best place to welcome newcomers other than a hearty welcome and get on to the next person trying to sign in.

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- I think that if I had some sort of badge or sash to give them to wear I could then approach them later in the event knowing that they could ask me questions or look at the Known World book, internet sites of interest, or direct them to people in the event that share their interest to speak to.

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- I am happy to report that I was approached for requests of the Shire of Hartwood business cards and was glad to share them with someone from upper island for a group that may be interested in future events. SCA members also took some cards for their acquaintances.

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- I was very encouraged and lucky to speak to previous Chatelaines attending about their experiences and what I could be doing to better the SCA experience for newcomers. I was very blessed to be offered assistance and guidance going forward from almost everyone I spoke to.

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- FEBRUARY INVESTITURE
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- The pomp! The ceremony! What a day for the Shire of Hartwood. Awards abounded and there was much mingling of the populous.
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- It was in the small moments that opportunities like the following occurred: A Laurel approached another Laurel that I was sitting with and she started talking about bees and beekeeping in the medieval world. She was talking about the difficulty she was having finding information about the protective clothing worn at the time.

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- I recalled that at the November Yule in Coombs that an SCA member entered a competition with everything regarding

beekeeping in the medieval world. I connected the two people via Facebook and they have been in talks regarding medieval beekeeping!

- q. YIS
Giovanna de Sollario
Chatelaine Shire of Hartwood
- 3.
- h. Chronicler
Nothing to report still looking for a deputy. Have been focused on finding a place to live and packing
- 4.
- h. Exchequer
Halima al-Rakkasa – [Warrant End Date – Feb/2024]
Financial Policy submitted for ratification.
Deputy lined up as successor.
- We have money in the bank, though less than last report.
YE report did not balance, but filed anyway; Principality and I have worked on it, so they are aware of the discrepancy, and we will fix it.
Cunegonda will replace me by summer.
- i. Chamberlain
5. Thyra – 2026
Nothing to report this time.

- h. Herald
Theodora van Zeeland– Deputy
 - Greetings Hartwood!
 - a. **Geirhildr Vilhjálmisdóttir**, alternate names **Helga Vilhjálmisdóttir** and **Thomas Fellow**, has had their names and device, *Quarterly gules and sable, a goat clymant contourny argent*, registered by the College of Heralds! Hooray! Thank you to Mistress Alicia as their consulting herald.
 - b. I ran a session of my Voice Heraldry class at February Investiture. There are 3 new voice heralds in Tir Righ! By the time this meeting happens, I will also have run a session at Daffodil. If you didn't get a

chance to participate and would like to, let me know and I'll look for opportunities to run the class again. We can always use more voice heralds!

c. In service,

d. Theodora van Zeeland

- *Sable semy of musical notes, a spiral hunting horn Or stringed azure.*

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i. Minister of Arts and Sciences

- Weekly Social 1 – [Location]March 3; snow prevented a few people from attending (you were all missed), and 17 came and....did dance, knitting, music, tablet weaving, stained glass, conversing, braiding, show and tell (Rita brought her finished weaving sample and it was delightful), games and rapier.
- South Hartwood A&S has continued running every Monday from 1-6 pm. Attendance has ranged from 5 to 8 people. During the last month several people have started working on tablet weaving as well as working on other projects such as garb, embroidery, music, knitting, scribal, and more and there have been numerous discussions on a variety of topics.
- In service,
- Master Conall MacLagmayn

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h. TUTR Office

7. Alicia le Wilfulle– Feb 2026

h. Plans are progressing for the next two Hartwood TUTR sessions. Both Hartwood Fall TUTR 2024 (Oct 18-20) and Hartwood Spring TUTR 2025 (Feb 14-16) are on the kingdom calendar and we have the Navy League Hall booked for those dates. The Navy League has given us the 2023 rate for both of these bookings even though they are raising the 2024 rental rate for others. We moved the Spring TUTR a bit later in February after it was announced at Investiture that they were moving Investiture 2025 one week earlier which would have put it right after TUTR.

- I already have several class proposals for these sessions (I will be seeking more) and hope to get everything confirmed for the Fall TUTR by early or

mid August so we can start advertising and open registration early September. We are keeping the same event team as we had this past TUTR but we've also had a couple of offers to help with running the next TUTR which is appreciated as it will reduce the workload for the event stewards.

- i. In service,
Alicia le Wilfulle

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- h. Minister of Stables

9. Armiger Maurus Ioinur – January 31st 2025

- h. No Heavy practice at the moment. Hoping to kick-start it as the weather gets better.
- i. Want to try to promote Combat Archery this year, and at least get some people into the armour, and maybe they will want to hit things with sticks.
- j. I will be taking on the duties of Minister of Blades going forward. Hoping to continue the Coombs practices in conjunction with Historical Arts, as well as starting up at the Comox Marina again when the weather improves.
- k. Many thanks to Alfredo for his work as the Minister of Blades. His knowledge and support have been invaluable to the Shire.

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Chief Archer

John MacAndrew – Never

Although nothing to report I am hoping to open the north Hartwood TW range later this month and archery sometime in April.

Let the fun begin.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

First south practice Saturday Mar 16

- h. Webminister
Elphin and I are keeping an eye on things and so far things seem to be going on swimmingly. Have just updated the archery event for South Hartwood
No issues

1. Future Events

- 1. Hartwood TUTR 2024 – Mistress Alicia, Lady Beitris, Lady Giovanna

2. Future Events

a. Need event steward for:

1. Hartwood Summer Defenders – Thyra steps up
2. Hartwood Yule

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3. Demos

1. Future Demos

a. **Medieval Fall Faire, September 13-15, 2024** – Armiger Maurus Ioinur

2. Did some great networking at Daffodil. Touched base with Sir Duncan briefly regarding Armoured demos and the possible involvement of the Knights of the Broken Lance (hope I got that right). Also chatted with Seagirts Archery Champion and some vendors.

Thinking of our own largesse competitions. Maybe a similar version the Cups and Caps, as well as The Fall Faire Four (or Five) as opposed to the Super Six?

Also, Seagirt's Champions will be returning to SST this year. What is council's opinion on combining our Defender event with the Faire? The event we are trying to emulate (June Faire in the Barony of Dragon's Laire) does this.

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3. Projects

a. Library Database – Lady Thyra

b. Auction – Lady Scarlet

c. Mantles for Defenders, Researcher and Exemplar

1. Eleni continuing to spin...starting to come up with some ideas-will continue to work on it slowly. Halima willing to weave narrow wares

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4. Change in Officers

Open offices

1. Scribe
2. Webminister
3. Family Activities
4. Minister of Blades
5. Herald

5. Old Business

6. Tarp for Tent will try to buy soon
7. Discord Channel – beatrix
8. Signs – on hiatus
9. Hartwood Auction – no update
10. Need new pamphlets – Giovanna has 1 ½ boxes of cards
11. Tear off poster with chatelaine address and QR codes for FB and website – post in various locations

12. New Business

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13. Discussion:

Need for people to work at faire

Can focus on people and make it interesting for them

Defenders is nice small event that we get to interact more closely

Can Prince and Princess attend Faire

Table this question for now.

- b. Giovanna – approached by Brooke Paisley of Gabriola to attend Gabriola Spring fling looking for participants and merchants. May 6, 2024. No cost to set up table

14. Frequent ferries...Giovanna will check on merchant fees.

Kingdom event newcomers academy... plus chatelaine sashes, newcomer badges, belt favours

Aspasia – helps to identify newcomers so we can interact more

15. Round Table

- b. **Thyra** – met a blacksmith, interested in all sorts of things

16. Awards for Hartwood

- b. Maurice – Gryff
- c. Tangwsystl – Carp
- d. Nicolas – Spirit of the Violante
- e. Giovanna – Jambe
- f. Beatrix – AOA

- g. Thyra – AOA
- h. Marcus – got scroll of AOA
- i. Theodora Halima – Silver Wing
- j. James - Red Flag
- k. Connell Beacon and won Seagirt Rapier Champion
- l. Aline – Principality Archer and award
- m. Elphin Sanguine Thorn

17. Outdoor Cleanup crew needed for Tangwystl's place Next Sunday

Upcoming Meeting Dates: April 9th 2024 Council: 7:30pm via ZOOM

Adjourn at: 8:52 pm

Motioned: Letita

Seconded: Thyra