

Hartwood Council Minutes

2024/04/09

Zoom Meeting

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott
Deputy Seneschal – HL Scarlet O'Tomalty
Exchequer – Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa
Deputy Exchequer - Cunegonda van der Bossche
Chamberlain – Thyra Svendsdottir
Chatelaine – Lady Giovanna de Sollario
Minister of Stables – Armiger Maurus Ioinur
Chief Archer, Chief Chucker - Master John Macandrew
Deputy Herald - Theodora van Zeeland
Minister of Arts and Sciences – Baron Conall MacLagyman
Chronicler – Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire
TUTR Minister – Mistress Alicia le Wilfulle

Populace:

Nicholas Worthington, OL
Aline de Seez
Aspasia Bevilacqua OL
James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd OP
Lady Ysabel Delyle
Harold of Hartwood

Absent:

Officers

Vacant Offices:

Herald
Family Activities
Chief Scribe
Webminister

Call to Order at: 7:40 p.m.]

1. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

Due to unforeseen computer issues council will have to put off ratifying March minutes until next council

2. Officer Reports

See April '[Officer Reports](#)'

A. Seneschal

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Hello Everyone!

Vacant Offices:

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

- i. Webminister
- ii. Herald
- iii. Family Activities
- iv. Chief Scribe

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

We need event stewards for two of our required events:

-Midsummer Defenders Thyra is working on an event bid

-Yule - Interest has been shown, and will be discussed at council

That is everything for this month's report!

Yours with Joy,
HE Letitia Talbott

B. Chatelaine

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April 2024 Report

Early March I was contacted by a member of the Hartwood Shire to ask if I would be open to setting up a Chatelaine booth at the Gabriola Island Spring Faire. I presented the info at the last Board meeting and many members expressed an interest in attending.

I contacted (two attempts made) the coordinator of the event to ask questions brought up at the Board meeting but received no answer. I continued viewing the Face Book (FB) site and in late in March I read a FB post noting that the event had been cancelled. Sorry to everyone that expressed an interest – maybe next year.

Daffodil 2024 was a most excellent day to behold and attend in Saanich.

The horses, the merchants, the archery, the food, etc. – what a day.

I myself was witness to many people attending who were willing to up their game and help at moments notice when assistance was needed.

One of the best was that of one of Hartwood's members who took it upon their self to go and buy chicken when the meat at the dinner went perilously low and who also took some first attenders under their wing to guide and direct them on how courtesy works in the SCA. Thank you Freydis.

YIS

Giovanna de Sollario

Chatelaine Shire of Hartwood

C. Chief Scribe (vacant)

D. Chronicler

Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire (2025)

Nothing to report. Have found another program that may be easier to make a newsletter with so am hoping that I will be able to take that on since we can't seem to find a deputy chronicler.

E. Exchequer

Exchequer report Apr 8/24

Halima al-Rakkasa – [Feb 2024]

Deputy: Cunegonda van den Bossche [summer 2024 – 2026]

We have money in the bank, though less than last report. The Financial Committee is expected to meet regarding proposed event budgets, date TBD.

F. Chamberlain

Chamberlain

April 2024

Lady Thyra Svendsdottir

Nothing new in physical stores or inventory.

Two ideas have come up, however:

1. Rental or sale feast kits for newcomers or forgotten by the rest of us, who need them at feasts/potluck or on site at short notice. Could also be a Shire fundraiser/revenue. Just a concept based on observations of gaps in our welcome and a potential fun way to de-stash personal and Shire collections as relevant.

2. Signage options need to be explored soon too, for the upcoming outdoor season.

All for now.

F. Deputy Herald

Greetings!

Tir Righ Heraldic and Scribal Symposium happened on Saturday (April 6th). I was event steward, and I taught Voice Heraldry with HE Bernadette. It was a small event but fun; I highly recommend that anyone even mildly interested in scribal or heraldry topics aim to be at the next one!

In local business there is only one item to note: a member of our populace received a letter from a person in The Outlands. They wanted permission to register very similar heraldry, and asked for a Letter of Permission to Conflict With Armory. This is something anyone looking to register heraldry is allowed to do, if an attempt comes back because of conflict with existing armory. While it's never a guarantee, the further the distance is between the submitters, the more likely it is that the answer will be yes. Worth a try!

In Service,
Theodora van Zeeland
Deputy Herald for the Shire of Hartwood

F. Minister of Arts and Sciences

Baron Connal MacLagmayn – 2025

- Weekly Social 1 – Mid Hartwood

April 7 brought 16 people (2 newcomers). Sewing, tablet weaving, chain mail making, music, braiding, heraldry, event planning, and fighters footwork were the activities of the day.

- Weekly Social 2

South Hartwood A&S continues to be held every Monday. Recent activities have included tablet weaving, inkle weaving, sewing, pattern drafting and more.

I. TUTOR Officer

Mistress Alicia le Wilfulle –2026

Not much new to report other than that we have received contracts from the Navy League for the booked TUTRs (Oct 2024 & Feb 2025) and those have been given to the Seneschal to sign.

Alicia

J. Minister of Stables and Blades

Armiger Maurus Ioinur – January 31st 2025

- We have had some new, young people out to the fight practices on Sundays in Coombs
- Many thanks to Her Grace Tangwystl for stepping in to help marshal for rapier
- This past Sunday, I was unable to stay for Rapier practice, so Sir Duncan stepped in to teach his "Heavy Footwork for Cat Owner's" Class
- No incidents to report

i. Chief Archer

Master John MacAndrew – In the 3rd age of men

1. All three Hartwood ranges are up and running.
2. One axe failed on impact to the target. It was removed from the range without injury.
3. Looking forward to a fun, safe year.

John Macandrew

K. Webminister (Vacant)

Monitored/updated by Halima

- Email Changes
- Website Updates
- Social Media Incident reports
- Teleconferencing

Future Events

- a. **Hartwood Summer Defenders** – Thyra will need to call a special meeting for approval to make sure it makes the Crier. Possible discussion of having Defenders at the Faire if we don't have a suitable site.
- b. **Hartwood Fall TUTOR – Alicia, Beatris, Giovanna**
Nothing specific other than the contract still looking for people to fill out their class proposals and get them in
- c. **Hartwood Yule** – Mistress Aspasia will be putting in a bid for this and hoping that new members will be asked to be part of the planning team and make the feast in the middle of the day. Classes will be held and Alicia will be happy to set up TUTOR classes.

1. Demos

- a. Medieval Faire – Armiger Maurus
 - i. Medieval Fall Faire – Armiger Maurus Ioinur
- b. Planning is going well and according to schedule.

A basic version of the event poster has been given to the venue, and they are posting it to the Parksville/Qualicum Community Calendar and on their bulletin boards. We will be updating it in the next week or so.

We have a preliminary schedule for the Martial Demos, and MIC's in place for Heavy and Rapier. Still looking for overall Martial Arts Coordinator. Have heads in place to oversee merchants, demos, largesse/A&S competition, Branwen coordinate Bardic, people heading up gate and logistics, Have a chatelaine's tent. Royal invites being sent out by Alicia.

My great thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help so far. I am planning to do a Zoom meeting this month (provided I can overcome my Techno-pagan tendencies). Aspasia: So impressed by what Maurus has been doing and it is an honour to work for him.

Marcus has offered to help with logistics, setup takedown, etc.

Possibly think of including champions in the event as well, as they do in one of the Baronies in the States. Letitia: just to let you know that if we did that then we could change up the defenders date to be something else...eg projects, or....

1. Projects

- a. Library Database – Lady Thyra
- b. Auction – Lady Scarlet. Motion: offer auction at one of our events - ensure well advertised. Balance can be garage Yule or Fall Faire. Maurus – cool with having it at fall faire but need volunteer to run it.

- i. Moved:Cunegonda Beatris Seconded. Approved
- c. Mantles for Defenders, Researcher and Exemplar
 - i. Eleni continuing to spin...starting to come up with some ideas-will continue to work on it slowly. Idea of making a sash rather than a mantle as it is more flexible in used. Halima willing to weave narrow wares
- d. Barrier Walls: To have some more outdoor suitable "walls" for outdoor events, both for security and guidance at demos, weather shield in all other situations. Preferably with a basic medieval aesthetic rather than obviously modern.

2.

3. Old Business

- a. Tarp for Tent – will be picking it up this week.
- b. Discord Channel- nothing yet – moving has set me back on everything!
- c. Signs – on hiatus – trying to get them going before new season. 2 left that are ok. Letitia: really important that they are bright and highly visible. Thyra will follow up.

4.

5. New Business/Round Table

a. Letitia – Seagirt Curia – Hartwood Boundaries

6. Letitia has spoken with Baroness Anneko about it. As it was brought up by other people who were talking about this there is some interest in this. We should have a town hall rather than taking up meeting time. Baron: only members who live in area affected have a vote.

Thyra: Duncan should become a canton supported by Seagirt or Hartwood or both. If Duncan was a canton, it would need 3 officers and we currently don't have enough to fill the positions.

Cunegonda: comes up every few years - town hall must ensure that those affected can be there.

Letitia: Those affected would be Beatris, Connal, Letitia, Ysar, James, Scarlet, David, Finnoula.

Connal: Residency requirements for Baronies might be part of the reason, such as Baron/Baroness.

Beatris: I am attached to Hartwood and my allegiance is there.

Aline: When we moved here, Hartwood was nearly extinct. We have spent so much time building up this Shire into such an amazing thing. We have come so close to being a barony. We always felt it was Insula Magna rather than two branches but we have worked so hard on the Shire, it would be sad . Hartwood has always been the little Shire that Could....but I think it would be so sad to break up our Shire.

I think it would be the death knell of Hartwood.

Nick: exactly how many numbers in Duncan and the South. 8 in total. 4 people have already stated they don't want to change

Thyra: what would happen to Hartwood? How many officers would we have left? I think that it is only getting bigger and stronger and losing the small cluster of leaders from the Shire would be detrimental

James: residency is not always required. Lionsgate for eg doesn't have residency. There must be a MAJORITY of officers (AN Tir) resident in the branch.

Maurus: Baron/Baroness from Barony are chosen by crown but input from members.

Connal: any individual member can write to their Majesties with recommendations. Include whether you are a member and your branch.

Alicia: need recap – computer crashed. Would we be included in Crofton.

James: boundaries must be decided then those included in those boundaries will have a vote.

Connal: anyone can write in and recommend someone.

Maurus: had no idea that anyone outside of the barony could offer input.

Scarlet: I want the line to come down to the Malahat.

James: Line right now is Koksilah.

We could make a counter proposal to include James and Scarlet into Hartwood.

Connal suggested that gifts of cheese could be offered as inducement to James.

The Malahat is an actual land barrier so it makes sense for us to make

Do we want to make a proposal to that effect?

I Letitia make a motion to subsume James, Scarlet and David and The Malahat into Hartwood. Seconded: Unanimous second.

Approved overwhelmingly!!!

7. Round Table

Aspasia: Tangwystl and Alfredo will be at HA for the last time on April 28. Hoping everyone can come. Thyra – Garb? Anytime!

Thyra: think I have 3 new members who many sign up very soon. John/Aline have met them...interested in archery, cooking, garb.

Aspasia : 4 new members coming regularly to HA

Cunegonda: James who is this Cunegonda of Seagirt? I want an introduction!

Archery practices at Letitia's again? Yes.dependent on weather.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: May Council held via ZOOM on May 14th 2024

There will also be an upcoming financial meeting for Hartwood Defenders date/time TBA and a special council to vote on Hartwood Defenders after the financial meeting date/time TBA

Adjourn at: 9:00 pm

Motioned: [Thyra

Seconded: [Maurus

2 opposed rest in favour.

