

Hartwood Council Minutes

August 13, 2024

Present

Officers:

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

Populace:

Aline de Seez
Anasztasia Sabono
Maestra Aspasia Bevilacqua
James Llewellyn ap Gruffyd
Duncan Darroch

Absent:

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Baron Conall MacLagyman

Vacant Offices:

Herald
Family Activities
Chamberlain
Chief Scribe
Webminister

Call to Order at: 7:35 pm

- **Ratifying of Previous Minutes**

Motion to Accept: Halima

Seconded: Alicia

Approved

Thyra Abstaining Aspasia Abstaining

- **Officer Reports**

See [August 2024] '[Officer Reports](#)'

A. **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 Offices still without permanent Officers (Though we have most excellent deputies taking things on in some):

- Webminister
- Herald
- Family Activities
- Chief Scribe

Society Updates:

September Crown was moved to a new site closer to home at Camp MacLean!

With Joy,

Letitia Talbott

B. 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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July 2024 Report

- Attended the Hartwood Defenders event in Port Alberni July 26 – 28.
- Worked on Gate and was able to greet first time guests of the event.
- Handed out Hartwood info cards and was able to answer questions for newcomers and experienced attendees alike.
- Was able to attend to the Seagirt Baroness for a period and this was most pleasurable even if the weather was very hot and dusty – we made sure to hydrate!
- Worked on largesse items and a painting project for an upcoming event in October for Hartwood.

YIS
Giovanna de Sollario
Chatelaine Shire of Hartwood

C. Exchequer

Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa – [Feb 2024]
Deputy: Joncvrouwe Cunegonda van den Bossche [summer 2024 – 2026]

We have money in the bank, a small net increase over last month; we expect income from the events to be held in the next three months.

D. Chronicler

Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire
Nothing to report

E. Chamberlain

Lady Thyra Svendsdottir – 2026
See Defenders Report below.
We did the inventory!

Lady Beatris trying to source original sources of papers from storage to get permission to use in our Shire. Some of the binders contain Shire Records which we wouldn't need permission for. Many hands involved in sorting through, making space, stained glass panels now hanging up near ceiling to ensure they are not damaged. Bronwyn may be interested in doing some paint

touchups on the glass panels in the fall. Quality inventory done by Letitia, plus serving. Far too much over-purchasing of food stuffs such as tea, coffee, etc. They are not stored properly or are too aged to use.

We could use some good quality inventory of cooking implements. 10 x 10 popup without a roof/cover. Multiple sets of fabric walls so we have lots to count and measure, tally up. Marcus suggested that the shire keep a table for use by the Shire [see new business]

F. Herald - VACANT

Deputy – Theodora van Zeeland

Little to report. Eleanor, Marcus, Therese and Iona have consulted on heraldry topics lately towards approval of badges that will take approximately 6 months. Thank you to our consulting heralds, Alicia le Wilfulle and Isobel of Seagirt for their help. Everytime I get an email from the College of Heraldry, it tells me who the consulting herald was so that they can get credit for their work. Contemplating a heraldic challenge game for Defenders that will just be a fun thing that anyone can play regardless of their level of knowledge.

G. Minister of Arts and Sciences Minister

Baron Conall MacLagyman

Weekly A and S are still happening on a regular weekly basis.

H. TUTOR Officer

Alicia LeWilfulle – 2027

See Future Events for report

I. Minister of Stables

Armiger Maurus Ioinur

- Heavy Armoured Practice
 - Bradley Center, Coombs
 - Sundays @ 1:30pm
 - Subject to interest / marshal availability
- No Incidents to Report

I have received the new loaner gear/combat bows. They were used for the first time at Defenders.

J. Minister of Blades [OPEN]

Armiger Maurus Ioinur

- Rapier Practice
- Bradley Center, Coombs
- Subject to interest/marshal availability
- Authorized three new rapier fighters!
 - No Incidents to Report

K. Chief Archer/Thrown Weapons -

John MacAndrew

Greetings good gentles,

- Archery practices are doing extremely well at the three archery sites in Hartwood. No injuries or incidents to report.
- A huge welcome back to Lord Ulf and Lady Gwynafel.
- During the last month we also had the Hartwood event to determine our new defenders. The championship was a masterfully run competition by Borgarr (and Geirhildr). It was a blast to shoot.
- Archery defender was won by William from Seagirt though Thyra missed the win on an earlier arrow by 1/64th of an inch. Well shot everyone.
- In addition to the Defender's competition Lord Maurus ran a period tournament which was well attended and won my Archos Aline.
- Huzzah to all archers.
- Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

L. Thrown Weapons

John MacAndrew

Greetings all,

- TW remains alive and well in the Shire. Practices in North Hartwood are well attended and throwers are keeping good positions in the Kingdom and Inter-Kingdom competitions. No injuries or incidents to report.
- A huge welcome back to Lord Ulf and Lady Gwynafel.
- In addition to practices we had our Defender's Tournament this month. It was a playfully crafted throw by Archos Harold, with Adalwolf from Seagirt prevailing.

A huge congratulations to all the throwers.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

M. Webminister

Acting – Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa

No changes

3. Past Events

a. Hartwood Defenders

Thyra Svensndottir

This has to be a preliminary report as I'm missing some exact details. They've escaped my memory or haven't been finalized by others. Our bill for the toilets is still pending but all other items were on or under budget, approximate gate numbers of just over 80 people attending! With a handful of exceptions the event was a huge success, gate attendance was much higher than expected, folks had fun and there were no major accidents or injuries!

Some minor set-up adjustments helps things flow better and the biggest issue I couldn't address better was the parking situation. That's the single biggest flaw of that site from my observations.

Other issues included the Saturday afternoon heat making things uncomfortable and sending a small party home early to beat the heat. One under supervised child was the other big issue putting herself at risk repeatedly from the creek to the active archery range, our martials did the right things and resolved the issue as noted in the report.

Huge thank you to all who attended and especially those who took on the big jobs helping out:

At Gate: Ladies Beatris and Giovanna

Setup and cleanup: Lord Marcus, Lady Sitka, Lord Maurus and many other hands

Martials: Archos Herald, Archos Aileen, Sir Duncan and Lady Gerhilder

And most importantly to supporting my first event Stewardship, Cunagunda who guided me through the maze of paperwork, digital communication and deadlines to make it all happen.

Special thank you to Master John MacAndrew for being an on site support in case of emergency.

Our new Defenders are as follows:

Skys/Archery: William

Shores/Raiper: HL Seamus McDonald of Sky

The Hart/Heavy: Sir Duncan MacKinnon

Wood/Thrown: Lord Adlewolf

Net profit approx \$890.

Attendance 90

4. Future Events

Hartwood Fall TUTR

Beatris/Alicia/Giovanna

We're working on getting the organization details together for the TUTR Oct 18-20, 2024. I've got a full slate of classes (30!) scheduled. I'm currently getting all class descriptions, schedule, etc. finalized to send to Cunegonda so she can create the registration website. I hope to have the registration site up by the end of August so people have a chance to look at the offerings but we decided not to open registrations until Sept 18 (a month prior to TUTR). This is a few days after the Medieval Faire so that people who find out about it at the faire will have an equal opportunity at the classes.

Beatris is seeking volunteers to help with gate, food, cleanup and more. Connal and Letitia have agreed to head the setup and decorating team but I'm sure they'll appreciate more helpers.

We ran into a problem with our February 2025 date due to a miscommunication which meant our chosen date conflicts with Investiture. Giovanna has contacted the site and is waiting confirmation on what dates are available. One option we're considering is holding it on the Family Day long weekend - if the site is available. This may cost us more for the site but will provide options to hold classes that are too long for the current schedule (such as Aline's banner painting class). More discussion in new business?

Hartwood Yule

Eleni

Nothing to report...Nick and I had a planning meeting and now have access to calendar. Cheque for damage deposit and cheque for holding the place has been sent in.

5. Demos

Fall Faire

Eleni: Charge of classes and demos. 4 people have volunteered to teach classes
Demos have 14 people doing demos. Have a static display of garb, and a fashion show
Maurus. 2 food vendors offering demos as well...one is a blacksmith
Adam Walker is coming MLA
Possibly St Johns but unsure at this time

6. Projects (on hiatus)

- a. Library Database – Lady Thyra
- b. Auction – Lady Scarlet – On hiatus until Planned over ZOOM. will now be doing the auction at Yule.
- c. Sashes for Defenders, Researcher and Exemplar – Eleni
 1. Has started. Giovanna working up a design for patches to go on each sash and embroidery will be done saying who it is for
- d. the warps and looms will be set up at Fall Faire

7. Old Business

- a. Discord Channel – James has started the discord channel – tried to keep it minimal. Now have a calendar in it now for what is happening. Alicia – possibility of doing a little tutorial/intro to discord. Or a zoom meeting.
- b. Signs – on hiatus

- c. Hartwood Auction – There will be some stuff brought to Defenders
- d. Name for new token for one time service. shell, antler, leaves – not just oak, but any leaf, Duncan: another shire might be used by another shire Alicia: as long as the branch name is on it hofprint already taken
- e. Mark of excellence on tokens, could add to existing for next tier
- f. Token for returning members Duncan: antler very versatile; Cunegonda – for returning members maybe a cup

Letitia – everyone send me their ideas and council can talk about it in messenger.

a. **New Business**

Hartwood Spring TUTR 2025

Alicia

- a. Are people interested in TUTR on family day long weekend. How tight are we on actually making \$\$\$. Can we lose a little bit of money because of restructuring.

Letitia – we need understanding re TUTR events as they are the core of the SCA. It encompasses the core values of the SCA.

Aspasia – Faire started to make some money for the branch.

I move that if we can get the hall on the long weekend that we move the Spring 2025

TUTR to the Family Day long weekend

Moved Beatris. Seconded Anastazia

Everyone in favour of the long weekend.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Sept 10

Adjourn at: 905

Motioned: Maurus

Seconded: Alicia

Everyone in favour of the long weekend.

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