

# Hartwood Council Minutes

## September 17,2024

### Present

#### Officers:

**Seneschal** – Baroness Letitia Talbott

**Exchequer** – Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa

**Chatelaine** – Lady Giovanna de Solario

**Minister of Stables** – Armiger Maurus Ioinur

**Chief Archer, Chief Chucker** - Master John Macandrew

**Minister of Arts and Sciences** – Baron Conall MacLagyman

**Chronicler** – Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

**TUTR Minister** – Alicia le Wilfulle, OL

#### Populace:

Aline de Seez

Aspasia

Athelina Grey

Nick Addison

Tristan of Seagirt

#### Absent:

Officers

**Deputy Exchequer** - Cunegonda van der Bossche

**Chamberlain** – Lady Thyra Svendsdottir

**Deputy Herald** - Theodora van Zeeland

**Deputy Seneschal** – HL Scarlet O'Tamalty

#### Vacant Offices:

**Herald**

**Family Activities**

**Chamberlain**

**Chief Scribe**

**Webminister**

### Call to Order at: 7:37 pm

#### 1. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

To be ratified at October Council 2024

Motion put off ratifying minutes to oct council

Maurus Motioned

Alicia seconded

Unanimous

#### 2. Officer Reports

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

## A. Seneschal

**Letitia Talbot**

There is no kingdom news that I have heard.

However, we have had a wonderful demo, which I cannot thank the event team or participants enough for all their hard work on pulling it off, and we have received a resume for the position of Hartwood Webminister!

We only have a few offices left open. I am a happy Seneschal.

That is all for September Report at this time.

YIS,

Letitia Talbot

## 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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August 2024 Report

Travelled to Clinton BC to attend Lions War and to view the Principality pillow. The kneeling pillow which had been remade with the Ravensley Heraldry badge. I was asked to embroider it as Ravensley was incorporated into the Shire of Hartwood.

Attended Historical Arts in Coombs to plan for the Medieval Faire in September.

Attended the A&S meeting in Crofton to plan the October TUTOR.

YIS

Giovanna de Sollario

Chatelaine Shire of Hartwood

## C. Chief Scribe – Vacant

## D. Chronicler

Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

Modern Name: Bonnie Murray

Feb 2025

Nothing to report.

## E. Exchequer

Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa – [Feb 2024]

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

{see full Exchequer report in Officer Reports}

We have money in the bank, a loss over this quarter; we expect income from the events to be held in the next three months.

We anticipate that Cunegonda will be taking over this position after the 3rd quarter report.

### **Financial Committee business:**

- **Hartwood Extraordinary Financial Committee Meeting**
  - Aug 20/24 via Zoom Purpose: To review proposal for October 2024 TUTR weekend.
  - Attendees: Halima, Cunegonda, Letitia, Maurus, Beatris, Giovanna, Alicia, Anasztaszia (Zia).
  - Convened: 7:36 p.m.
  - Discussion: Covered budget in full; timing (open to view early; open to registration Sep 18, following Faire & Demo); understood that venue may be becoming too small (future sites in consideration).
  - Result: Agreement to proceed, and forward decision to Council. No objections.
  - Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.
  
- Financial Committee has changed; **members** are: exchequer (Halima al-Rakkasa), seneschal (Letitia Talbott), and third (Maurus Ioinur). Deputies are included but don't necessarily have decision making powers.
- Event stewards and/or their designates are invited for the purpose of presenting their events to the Financial Committee.
- Meetings are generally open to Shire members as observers; most meetings are held on need.

## F. Chamberlain

### **Lady Thyra Svendsdottir**

We have acquired a set of portable holes from the folded Powell River Shire, Lord Maurus may have an exact count, if not, I'll address this at the next opportunity.

Finding a teamster might be something to look into to share the burden of equipment hauling.

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

Thank you

Lady Thyra

Maurus: There will be a lot of things added to stores that were used in the Faire such as signage, chalkboards, and things that we produced for the Faire that will be available for other events as well.

## G. Herald

### **Deputy Herald**

### **HL Theodora van Zeeland**

Nothing to report, though I was not at the Medieval Faire and have not yet had feedback about the event.

In service,  
HL Theodora van Zeeland  
Acting (Deputy) Herald in Hartwood

## H. Minister of Arts and Sciences

**Minister of Arts and Sciences** – Baron Conall MacLagymán

Lots of stuff to update. In the way of arts and sciences and displays. There was banner making, customizing display, spinning and weaving. Hope you had a chance to walk around and see everything. Thanks to everybody who contributed A & S displays there, your attention was appreciated and noted and you helped to contribute.

There is a newcomers event at HA this Sunday so if you have anything to contribute, come on out to help encouraging people who we are hoping will show up to that meeting,

Lastly, Fall TUTR is coming up and registration will start as soon as the registration database is working. Come on out and take some classes if you aren't teaching them.

That's about it.

## TUTR Minister- Alicia

- Things are pretty much coming together for TUTR. As soon as the registration page is fixed we will be ready to go.
- The event page has been updated; a link to the FB page is included for more information and access to the registration page link. Also have TUTR team together.
- Apparently there will be Court at the event.

## I. Minister of Stables

**Armiger Maurus Ionur**

Heavy Armoured Practice

- Bradley Center, Coombs
- Sundays @ 1:30pm
- Subject to interest / marshal availability

No Incidents to Report

At the Medieval Fall Faire this past weekend, Sir Duncan organized a highly successful demo of the Armoured Fighting Arts, that was a great draw and very entertaining!

## Chief Archer

**Master John MacAndrew**

Greetings all,

Archery is still occurring on Shire sites with no incidents or injuries.

Archers are well represented in the Kingdom top 10 standings and I am still able to work with upcoming archers to improve their shooting.

Medieval Market

WOW!!! The event team and their crew were amazing.

I was able to have a history of archery table and a large display of bows. The display was well visited both Saturday and Sunday. Additionally we had roughly ten archers on both days for

the archery competition. Both days the crowds were in large number and very appreciative of the archers' skills.

Thank you to the event team and to archers who came out to participate.  
Well shot everyone.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

## Chief Chucker

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

Greetings all,

TW is going well on the North Hartwood site and they throwers are well represented at the Kingdom level. No injuries to report.

Medieval market was amazing with a huge effort carried out by the TW community to get the targets to site and set up. There was throwing both day and the crowds were much appreciative of the efforts.

Yours in service,

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

## Minister of Blades [vacant]

### Armiger Maurus Ioinur

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

Many thanks to Master Connal for organizing a great display of Rapier and Cut & Thrust at the Fall Faire! It was great to have Master Guido as well! His sword fighting classes were a hit!

## J. Webminister (vacant)

Halima –

- Did some tweaking on the website and did do some additions to the google calendar as some people have not been able to access to update.
- No big issues with FB other than people contacting the webmin when they should be contacting the event stewards.
- Discord was going well – think we need to find someone who is knowledgeable in the Shire because James was handling that.

### 3. Past Events

#### **Medieval Fall Faire and Demo**

Maurus – quick update

Medieval Fall Faire, September 13-15 2024 – Armiger Maurus Ioinur, Steward

We charged less to the public and got more money back. We served 3000 people and got nothing but positive results and every food and craft vendor wants to come back. Just got a fan email from the manager of the fairground saying how happy and impressed they are with how we left the place and they have already pencilled us in for the next two years. The only negative feedback as a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand rumour is that someone wanted turkey legs so I talked to the Green Goose Grill and they are willing to add it to their menu next year. Thinking of adding funnel cakes and a coffee vendor.

Aspasia: There was an incident that happened and I would like to give a shoutout about it. A child fainted, and within seconds it was on the walky-talky, Kuarten was on his way, someone minded his booth for him, Joe is parting the seas of people and Kuarten is working with the child and when he looks up, he sees a wall of people facing out to give them privacy. It was amazing. Kudos to Kuarten for stepping up.

Maurus – because St Johns could not attend, we put out a call to our members and several stepped up. In short, the event was a great success. At time of reporting I do not have solid numbers, but we have had positive feed-back from guests and vendors alike.

A full report will be provided at next Council.

We would like approval in principle to hold the event again next year.

### 4. Future Events

#### **Hartwood Fall TUTR**

People are very excited and when I talked to people at Crown they were already asking about putting classes on. We have already had class proposals submitted for the next TUTR in February. Aspasia – hope TUTR can have information available for any newcomers. Possibly have a computer available to do registrations on the spot.

#### **Hartwood Revel**

Eleni – challengers to get their challengers on the calendar

Have asked the defenders to get me the writeups for their challenges.

#### **HA Newcomers**

Bring something we are working on.

### 5. Projects (some 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 – Aspasia  
Has started. Giovanna working up a design for patches to go on each sash and embroidery will be done saying who it is for and the warps and looms will be set up at Fall Faire

## 6. Old Business

- a. Signs – on hiatus
- b. Hartwood Tokens: Name for new token for one time service. No one sent any suggestions but I would like input from others and need 3 options to put out to the public. shell, antler, leaves – not just oak, but any leaf, Sir Duncan: another shire might be used by another shire Alicia: as long as the branch name is on it
- c. Hoofprint already taken
- d. Mark of excellence on tokens, could add to existing for next tier, Duncan: antler very versatile
- e. Token for returning members Cunegonda – for returning members maybe a cup
- f. Letitia – everyone send me their ideas and council can talk about it in messenger.

## 7. New Business

- Proposal to tentatively approve the Coombs fairground site for the next two years  
Beatris: moved Maurus: seconded. all in favour
- Application for Hartwood Webminister – Aristophanes. Has put in an application for webminister. His resume is impressive. He has done a few things, lol. Aristophanes gave a brief history of his SCA experience. Background in web : VR stuff in early 2000s, can devote enough time to update what is necessary. Live in Coombs.  
Connal: have known him since the early 1990s, heartily endorse him in whatever capacity.  
Q: ideas on updating re FB etc? A: have 2 teenagers who have dragged me into social media. Also have other people to help Recommend that we move towards Discord for internal communications. L: SCA has mandated that FB is to be the main method of communication. Q: are you able to do coding if necessary? A: if I have to but there are more efficient ways of updating a website.
- Connal - Hartwood contravening financial policy at this time – discussion ensued  
Policy documents discrepancy between Shire and Kingdom financial policy re financial committee.  
Screenshot of each document sent to messenger.  
Kingdom: Financial Committee 7(c). Minimum of 3 voting members, simple majority required for all actions. 7(d) Financial committee must include as members, but is not limited to, the Exchequer, the Seneschal, then one other member at large. Section 8 Financial Policies 8(a) tells what has to be written into the Shire's Financial Policy "Financial Committee must have a written Financial Policy. Policy must be approved by the Financial Committee...This policy must include at a minimum composition of the Financial Committee and terms of the Financial Committee members.  
Shire: 3(a) Financial Committee will consist of at least 3 people the Seneschal, the Exchequer, and one other agreeable to the Council. When an officer steps down from office, their term on the Financial Committee ends as well. What we are missing is a term of service for the member at large – it should have some sort of term limit set upon it and it hasn't which puts Hartwood Financial policy actually at odds to Kingdom Financial Policy.  
Halima: That is actually going into our Financial Policy at our December Financial Policy meeting, ratification in January, to be forwarded to Tir Righ for approval

Connal: what are we looking at for that term to be?

Halima: I would like to see 2 years – the same as an officer. There are some suggestions we should make it 1 year so that we have a greater turnover. My concern is that if we have a 1-year term, it doesn't give a person a lot of time to sort of settle into the position.

Connal: the only other question I have is: Do we have anything in there talking about whether the person-at-large should be a person who has been an officer because we may end up in a position where for example, we have the member-at-large exchequer who then becomes the exchequer, who then becomes the seneschal for 2 years, who then becomes the member-at-large again, thus never leaving the Financial Committee. This could lead to a concentration of power to a few people.

Halima: That is worth discussing. What we do have is that the deputies of the officers are included in the Financial Committee in that they don't have a voting right but they are there for guidance, as any member of the populace attend without voting rights.

Connal: This allows those officers who have stepped down to still attend meetings but not have a vote. Also, cannot have the exchequer and seneschal living in the same house, so we should also have that in the policy.

Halima: I will look into that.

Beatris: What if all members of the Financial Committee start at the same time and their terms are all the same length, if they all leave at the same time, then we have no continuity,

Connal: That could in fact happen.

Beatris: Is that important or do we assume that the deputies provide the continuity.

Connal: Even if the officers step down, there is nothing to stop them from going to the meetings and adding their voice of experience to that Financial Committee meeting even if you are not one of the 3 voting members. It just allows us to move the vote around to different people and gives us that transparency, especially as our bank account gets to for example \$30,000.

Maurus: There is also a strong box that I donated so that the \$\$ are not only locked in the car, but the locked strong box is locked in the car.

- c. October 20<sup>th</sup>: Coombs Mushroom Festival – invited to the festival- if in garb then free – unfortunately it is the TUTOR weekend.
- d. Tristan - Feb investiture at Cowex bid
  - 1. Rapier championship for Tir Righ
  - 2. Archery contest
  - 3. Heavy tournament
  - 4. Excellent kitchen – food merchant
  - 5. Joint venture with Hartwood such as deposit profit from gate decorations for hall list field stands
  - 6. 1 day event
  - 7. Seagirt lead but it is a Hartwood event – Principality support
- e. Maurus moved Alicia approved
- f. New cards for Hartwood as old cards are incorrect - moved forward to next meeting – Leslie to follow up with Vista Print re template. Halima reminds that Seneschal and Chatelaine have budgets and can go with that. No need for further council approval.

8.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates: Oct 8**

**Adjourn at: 921**

Motioned: Maurus

Seconded Alicia