

Hartwood Council Minutes

October 8, 2024

Present

Officers:

Seneschal – Baroness Letitia Talbott

Exchequer – Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa

Deputy Exchequer - Cunegonda van der Bossche

Chatelaine – Lady Giovanna de Solario

Chamberlain – Lady Thyra Svendsdottir

Deputy Herald - Theodora van Zeeland

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Baron Conall MacLagyma

Chronicler – Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire

TUTR Minister – Alicia le Wifulle, OL

Populace:

Aspasia

Nick Addison

Therese

Aristophanes

Marcus

Absent:

Officers

Deputy Seneschal – HL Scarlet O'Tamalty

Minister of Stables – Armiger Maurus Ioinur

Chief Archer, Chief Chucker - Master John Macandrew

Vacant Offices:

Herald

Family Activities

Chief Scribe

Webminister

Call to Order at: 7:37 pm

1. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

Ratifying – August

Thyra /Alicia

Ratifying – September

Letitia/Alicia. Aspasia/Thyra Abstentions

All in favour

2. Officer Reports

See Oct '[Officer Reports](#)'

A. Seneschal

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Good evening everyone,
there is very little to report this month aside from the vacant offices:

- Webminister
- Family Activities
- Chief Scribe
- Herald

We are of course always looking for deputies for each office.
This is my full report for October 2024.

Cheers!

Letitia

B. Chatelaine

Giovanna de Solario
Attended Medieval Fall Faire which was a combined fair with the Shire of Hartwood and the Barony of Seagirt. The Chatelaine tent was manned by the Chatelaines of Hartwood and Seagirt and there were 5 SCA volunteers who volunteered in the Chatelaine tent as well over the 2-day event. The Faire saw more than 3000 people through gate. There was a Newcomers get-together the following weekend in Coombs which 18 people attended. Most were new people but there were about 5 "welcome backs".
I presented a tableful of items for the attendees to view or take pictures of types of largesse, clothing, chainmail, books to read of info re sites of interest, etc. Other members attending provided opportunities to take part in dancing, painting, fighting, rapier. Etc.
Attended the Historical Arts session to review the Medieval Fall Faire with the Hartwood/Seagirt group. Some were online. Also some planning for TUTR was done on the same day.
YIS

Giovanna de Solario

Addendum: Have a new deputy Wendy

C. Chief Scribe – Vacant

D. Minister of Arts and Sciences

In lieu of report from Minister, a quick update from the two members who run regular A & S meetings.

- i. Aspasia – Have whenever we can. We average 20-25 per week. Dancing, cards, games always available– sometimes rapier, persona development. Have been focusing on different events, we had another newcomer last week. It has been going well.
- ii. Alicia – they keep happening every week – very few people but it is enough. Been working on scribal stuff and painting bookmarks for TUTR. Have also been doing some fabric stuff and a variety of things and it keeps happening.

E.

TUTR Minister- Alicia

Registration now closed – Cunegunda rigged it so I can get spreadsheets off website so it really simplifies my life. Had some cancellations and added some as well.

Currently at 58 students. Have sent out acknowledgements to all instructors, sending emails to all students with their registrations, if parking full, VIU is \$5 per day Fri/Sat Sunday is free.

Beatris: No one came forward to do food, so Giovanna and I are taking that on. We will be providing soup and chili and buns for lunch, porridge for breakfast and coffee, tea, and snacks. Put out for help with setup and Connal and Letitia are decorating the hall. Pot luck dinner on Saturday by donation. Thyra has the signs in hand, Aspasia had agreed to help with gate on Friday night (thank you!), Thyra picking up necessities and gate bag from storage/Halima. Court will be attending and I have given them the little officer's room upstairs as a ready room.

E. Chamberlain

The Shire made good use of a bunch of our equipment to run our now annual demo. Our general stores throwing targets are getting semi regular use at our Historic Arts days as weather and marshals determine. Those may need some upgrades or repairs to keep in good order, to be monitored and done as needed.

We have started the inventory but the sheer volume of items in boxes/bins has yet to be sifted through entirely. Also compounding the inventory problem is the significant collection of donations for sale, that is now scheduled for our "Yule" event. Once this sale has made more space a second attempt at inventory will be made, however valuation of our stores is challenging as most items don't have significant cash value

but could cost us significantly in time and effort to replace anything lost, disposed of or destroyed. So we keep lots of bulky and low value items as some significantly enhance our experience and abilities to run out thematic events.

Lady Thrya Svendsdottir
2023-2026 Chamberlain

F. Chronicler

Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire
Feb 2023-Feb 2025

Nothing to report. I will be stepping down as of February. Aristophanes will take over and I will be his Deputy with pleasure.

G. Exchequer

Mu'allima Halima al-Rakkasa
Deputy Exchequer - Cunegonda van der Bossche
We have more money in the bank than last month due to the Faire.
Had 2 meetings

ii. Sept 10. Had meeting with Alicia and Cunegonda.

H. A) Discussed the exchequeries in general and exchequery in relation to the Shire.
We agreed that events are not bringing in the kind of income that we need to have and that we need to pay attention to

B) discussed donation to First Nations which will happen in January.

C) Events not getting volunteers early enough which makes it challenging.

D) Discussed the Financial policy getting some changes probably in November.

Discussed change in signers, grants, Cunegonda and I will get together for the 3rd quarter report.

ii. Oct 5 extraordinary meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm purpose discussing 2025 fall faire budget – Letitia, Aspasia, Maurus, Halima . There were no objections and we agreed it can be brought forward to council for approval. adjourned at 7:27 pm

I. Herald

Greetings!

My last 3 council reports had little to report. I did post a book, "Heraldry Games" at Midsummer Defenders in July. People did engage, and each encounter I had led to a fun conversation. I do not have a head count because it was a self-directed activity that people could play at their leisure during the weekend.

Looking forward to Coronet and I will be available to do voice heraldry on site—Town Crier and Court are my preferred options.

In Service

HL Theodora van Zeeland

Acting (Deputy) Herald in Hartwood

I. Minister of Stables

Chief Archer

John McAndrew
Greetings all,

Although the weather is impacting our practices I am pleased to state the Medieval Market archery was a huge success. We had 14 archers participate over the two days of demos and the archery static display was non-stop traffic both days.

A huge thanks to both the Hartwood and Seagirt shooters that participated.

A reminder the archery season ends 1 Nov 2024.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGs

Chief Chucker

Greetings all,

The TW practices have been ongoing with fewer throwers than previous months.

TW set up at the Medieval Market was a huge effort by Howard, Marcus, and Ulf. Unfortunately the majority of the throwers were double booked with other activities during the market demo. Many thanks to those who were able to participate.

We are hoping to sneak a few more Sunday morning practices before the end of the season.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OGGS

[Minister of Blades \[vacant\]](#)

J. [Webminister \(vacant\)](#)

3. Future Events

b. **Hartwood Fall TUTR – Feb 2025**

4. See TUTR Minister report

b. **Hartwood Revel – November 2024**

5. Aspasia–

Things coming along really well we have set the day fee at \$20 feast \$10 cutting down on cost of feast with partial potluck. Still need people to help with setup, potluck, evening buffet and takedown. Trying to keep it very laid back and lots of fun. 4 people doing – Anazstazsia setting up rapid gate, Tanya/Wendy heading up potluck, Nick is posting online info for me. Turkeys, hams, roast beast

4. Projects (some on hiatus)

- a. Library Database – Lady Thyra on back burner. Beatris – in process of cataloguing the papers in the binders. Once entered, will try to track the writers. Have someone available to build a mini db and launchpad for our website so that once the papers are pdf'd they can be uploaded and searched.
- 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. Now have more than 2 inches up to about 12" now.

5. Old Business

d. Signs – on hiatus assigned to back burner

e. Hartwood Tokens; Mark of excellence on tokens, could add to existing for next tier, Token for returning members

f. Also want one-time token – January council deadline. We NEED to have this!!!!

Send in what you want before that deadline. Need good name for 1 x mark of excellence. Come January we will have a name. We don't have all the range of awards that a Barony has to recognize people, so please please send me name to reward one time excellence.