

Hartwood Council Minutes

Nov 12, 2024

Zoom Meeting

Present

Officers:

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

Populace:

Maestra Aspasia Bevilacqua
Aline de Seez
Tristan of Seagirt
HL Anasztasia Szabo
HL Duncan Darroch

Absent:

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Baron Conall MacLagyma
Minister of Stables – Armiger Maurus Ioinur

Vacant Offices:

Herald
Family Activities
Chief Scribe
Webminister

Call to Order at: 7:37 pm

A. Ratifying of Previous Minutes

Motion to Accept: John/Alicia Seconded:

B. Officer Reports

1. Seneschal

SCA Name: Letitia Talbott

Modern Name: Bobbi Baker

Branch: Shire of Hartwood (Mid to Upper Vancouver Island, BC, Canada)

Membership Info: #226684 EXP. 05/31/2026

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

Good Evening,

There is no current kingdom announcements.

There are 4 open offices:

Webminister

Herald

Scribe

Children and Family Activities

That is all!

Cheers

Letitia

2. Chatelaine

SCA Name: [Giovanna de Sollario](#)

Modern Name: Don McConnell

Branch: Shire of Hartwood

Membership Info: #237213 EXP.: 03/31/2025

Address: Box 1053, Ladysmith, BC Canada

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October 2024

Attended Historical Arts in Coombs and the A&S gathering in Croton – primary focus for both was on planning and finalizing for the upcoming TUTR in Nanaimo.

Attended Hartwood Council meeting and amended my September report to include the info regarding my new Deputy Chatelaine – Guencenedl ben Madudain (Wendy Kennedy) effective October 2024.

Painted remaining bookmarks that were TUTR tokens – completed.

Prepared food for the TUTR when the volunteer was not able to attend and attended gate for the event.

Took a fabulous class on being a Gate volunteer and met Evan Hartley – shocking the Court and shaking the walls I fell and he assisted me gallantly to my feet.

Met with fellow TUTR stewards and had a follow-up meeting to go over the event's beefs and bouquets.

YIS
Giovanna de Sollario
Chatelaine Shire of Hartwood

3. Chronicler

Lady Beatris inghean Ghiolla Mhuire – Feb 2025
Nothing to report

4. Exchequer

Reminder that now is the time to send your budget request for your office, for 2025.

Publishable summary:

We have money in the bank, a decrease over last month; we expect income from the event to be held shortly.

Financial Committee business:

Extraordinary Meeting via FB Messenger, Nov 11/24

Reviewed Feb/Spring TUTR proposal.

No objections; approved for council discussion

5. Chamberlain

I have very little to report directly related to the state of affairs for the Shire.

The good news is the impending sale/auction at this month's revel. That will clear some significant space for our equipment.

That said, I'm trying to institute a rule that those wishing to contribute items and equipment inform the Chamberlain *before* adding said items. People have done a wonderful job of keeping me posted, after the space is filled!

I have the sign out sheets found and will drop those off at the next opportunity so that with be back on track.

The biggest news is, I'll have to resign my office as of Dec 31, 2024 because I'm moving to Seagirt in the New Year. I simply can't do the work required to be an effective Chamberlain with such a long commute.

I'll be providing one final report following our Yule and the resulting organization allowed by the sale.

Thank you for the experience. I will tie up as many loose ends as I have time and control for.

Lady Thyra Svendsdottir

DISCUSSION

Halima: is DB up-to-date? Thyra – No. Halima: suggest an inventory as soon as possible after Yule.

Halima: do we know what Maurus has? Thyra: No. But I will tie up as many loose ends as I can before I leave.

Halima: do not worry about valuation – we just need a list to put into the database.

6. Herald

Acting Deputy Theodora van Zeeland

Hello!

The Herald's office requests a budget amount of \$200 for the creation of a Seneschal's banner, and the purchase of poles, wood for a stand, a carry strap, and a portable hole. The purpose of this is so that the Seneschal can be identified by Hartwood's heraldry at events.

Please let me know if you need more information.

We have submitted the budget request. The Seneschal is the only official permitted to fly the arms to indicate her position. The budget amount would cover the purchase of linen, embroidery threads, poles, etc. If this project is approved, I think it would be nice for multiple Hartwood citizens to participate in its creation.

It has just occurred to me that if I were warranted, which I'm not because I'm a deputy, the warrant would be up very soon. I'd like to request a year's extension

as if I were warranted, please, to make sure I'm not overstaying my welcome. I am now actively looking for another deputy to join me, in the interest of training that person to take over the full office down the road.

NB: Duncan just volunteered to be the Deputy.

I have not received official communication about the progress of Hartwood's citizens heraldry and names from the College of Heralds this month.

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

7. Minister of Arts and Sciences

Conall MacLagmayn– June 2026 (absent)

Aspasia – we are having a couple of meetups a month. Numbers still continue to be between 20 and 30. Rate of membership is increasing to \$10 annually
Alicia: South Hartwood continues to meet on Mondays but with only a few people. However, as long as those people are interested, we will continue to hold A & S. We have had some calligraphy, the usual music, embroidery, weaving and sewing projects this month; as well as Fall TUTOR debriefing and Spring TUTOR planning.

Planning for our February 2025 TUTOR is ramping up. This will be on the Family Day long weekend (Sat Feb 15 - Mon Feb 17).

TUTOR OFFICER

Alicia le Wilfulle

Our Fall TUTOR went well in spite of the best attempts of Mother Nature. There were 29 classes taught by 11 instructors. We initially had 60 students pre-registered but only 48 actually attended. Several of these cancelled due to illness, with a few no-shows. There a total of 154 class seats taken. We had several classes that were quickly filled, partly due to the number of students in the classes being limited by the small rooms.

Alicia le Wilfulle
Hartwood TUTOR Minister

8. Minister of Stables

Nothing to report

Chief Archer

John Macandrew – One day, in the future. It will be a sunny day, with cerulean skies, a small cloud flitting across its surface, enjoying the light breeze. But this day has not yet come, not yet. Not yet.

Greetings good gentles,
Archery

Archery season is now closed. If weather permits we might try to sneak in a Sunday archery practice to do the Seasonal Archery shoot. Additionally there has been interest in me running a junior marshalling class at Sunday Historical Arts. Stand by for updates on training.

Chief Chucker

TW season is now closed. Throwing can continue through the winter should weather permit. Practices will be announced.

Master John

Minister of Blades - vacant

9. Webminister

Acting: Halima and Elphin

Email Changes - none

Website Updates – Events posted and updated

Social Media Incident reports – no issues

Teleconferencing – No issues

Inquiries to the FB admin directed to relevant people

C. Past Events

Fall TUTR

Quick verbal report by Lady Beatris – written report to follow

We had 59 attendees, 45 adult members, 10 non-members, and 2 children and 2 comps.

Income was 1,543.70. Expenses 1,175.66 Net income of 368.04. NMS \$120

Debrief: site was cleaner than before. Special thanks to Cunegunda and team for all the hard work on the registration page as it allowed Alicia to download to excel. Decorations by Letitia, Conal and team were very much appreciated by our team as well as by the participants – we had several comments about how nice it looked. Flexibility of instructors was amazing due to the weather – they went above and beyond to accommodate their students. Most participants honoured our kitchen restrictions (we put up yellow tape barrier) and the washup basins were well used. Help on gate was greatly appreciated. Whiteboards and student class lists were very useful.

Kudos to the Prince and Princess for attending and holding court – much appreciated.

Bardic circle really appreciated as well.

Things to improve:

- b. A better site
- c. Event steward has to become more organized and more lists/timelines so that she doesn't forget to do things. Beatris has made a commitment to my team that if that doesn't improve, she will step down as steward.
- d. Need to figure out who is responsible for posting online details as steward definitely fell down on that one.

D. Future Events

Hartwood Revel – November 2024

Day plan approved; food is happening;

Hartwood SPRING TUTR – Feb 2025 –

We have found a new location to hold this TUTR - North Oyster Community Centre (NOCC) which is on Cedar Road just south of the Nanaimo airport. Due to a change in the site manager for the Cadet Hall and resulting miscommunication, we are not able to use the Cadet Hall on the long weekend but we were already looking for a different location. The site cost is not much different than the Cadet Hall for three days and is actually cheaper if we use it for a two day event. The NOCC is much brighter, cleaner and has four large classroom spaces (so we no longer have to limit class sizes due to room size). It has a huge kitchen with two stoves and two sinks which gives us an option for cooking classes. Like the Cadet Hall, the site is on two floors. It has a wide, well-lit staircase but the

mobility challenged may still need to drive between the two floors. The upper floor has an access ramp and no stairs. Gate will be on the upper floor as is the kitchen and two of the classrooms and a lobby area for people between classes. The other two classrooms are downstairs. There are accessible washrooms on both floors. We cannot have onsite sleeping due to insurance issues, etc. and I seriously doubt we'll find any other locations that will allow this. We will be investigating billeting and inexpensive hotel options. There is lots of parking. The same lead team is organizing this TUTR. Beatris and Giovanna are co-event stewards. Giovanna is again taking on being the main site contact; I will be organizing all the classes and Beatris will be coordinating the rest. Volunteers will be needed for a number of jobs. I will be putting out a call for teachers shortly. Because it's a long weekend, we're planning to include some classes that need to run over multiple days (such as where paint needs to dry overnight, etc.). I already have some class proposals but need more.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of this can email Hartwood.TUTR@tirrigh.org or contact Beatris or myself. Class proposals should be in by December 10 at the latest so I can start organizing before things bog down over Christmas. I plan to open registration about January 17.

4. Demos

- **Insula Magna Fall Faire 2025**
- Not much to update, changed name of chat group to insula fall demo
- Got receipt for deposit and signed contract. Gentleman in Lionsgate who buys antiquities wishes to display. Place him and John in room for displaying stuff (see Lionsgate site – Kevin Wardle)
- Talked to Seagirt as well. Have to look at numbers but would really like it to be 50/50 people as well

5. Projects (some on hiatus)

- a. Library Database – on hiatus.
- b. Auction – at Yule silent auction also cash and carry sale for some locker items and old gold key
- c. Sashes for Defenders, Researcher (7 – 16" completed now)
- d. Mantles for Swan guard – Letita to contact Maurus

6. Old Business

- a. Signs – on hiatus assigned to back burner
- b. Hartwood Tokens; We are not a Barony – awards not fleshed out. Hartwood tokens could have a mark of excellence - sort of levels of award. Q: Alicia, do you know

how augmentation would work on a token? Answer: don't know if we could do it heraldically but we could do something ourselves. This would apply to all existing tokens.

- c. UBER token – token you can receive multiple times for a single act of excellence for any action. Similar to the Rock of Seagirt but does not have to be physical
- d. Do we want to Have Feb Investiture 2026 – Seagirt would run it we would get credit
Motion That we have Feb Investiture 2026 together with Seagirt
Tristan: Bid went to Thornwood but we were asked to submit for Feb 2026. Letitia: coolest opportunity ever – Seagirt running it but we get the \$\$
Moved : Beatris Seconded: Aspasia Thyra abstains all else in favour
Tristan – will contact Cowex to tentatively reserve for 2026

7. New Business

Purchase of Digital Projector – Alicia

New TUTOR site has no digital equipment. We have used in the past and would be able to use in future. Would like to purchase a small projector. Alicia will research and come back to the next meeting.

Device Painting – Aspasia - Chatted with Aline about creating more devices. No more gesso canvas. Aspasia will measure up to see how much material we need
Motion: that Aspasia/Aline work up a budget for cost and bring back
Beatris – moved Thyra seconded. All in favour

ROUNDTABLE

Spirited discussion of garlic and medlars.
And other assorted edible discussions.
Discussion of building costs

Upcoming Meeting Dates: December 10th

Adjourn at: 945 pm

Motioned: Alicia

Seconded: Duncan