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Officer Positions Needed

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Note from the Chronicler

I'm always looking for contributions for upcoming newsletters. Please contact me if you have anything you would like to share.

-Isabel atte Grene

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL/BUSINESS MEETING

Barony of Borealis – Financial/Business Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Attended in person: Robert Simpson, Tammy Muise, Shelly Armitage, Vicki Freyer-Foster, Jennifer Baird, Jonathan Koesling, Anne Harwood, Kristina Jarvis, Janet McTague, Joan Reader, Ken Reader, Corrie Van der Zee.

Via internet connection: Joe Turner, Shona Wagner

Financial meeting commenced at 19:30

Yule report: Feast is full. There are 16 people on the waiting list. Currently, there are 140 feast spots in the hall. If the feast capacity is expanded to 160 to include the current waiting list (which includes the musicians who would like to be on-board), it would necessitate moving off-board participants to the Lutz Room.

Traditionally, cancellations and no-shows have resulted in most people on the waiting list getting on-board.

It was observed that off-board participants should not be moved to a separate room, as many people go off-board for good reasons (i.e. financial considerations, dietary restrictions, etc).

The Financial Committee has been asked to make a decision on this matter and get back to the Event Stewards within the week.

Exchequer: Looking for bids for Winter War, Silverwolf and Sergeant's Trials.

Fundraising for Spring TUA is ongoing with bottle drive.

Current bank balance: \$20,877.61

New Event Proposal: Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, April 2019 (Joe Turner): Proposal has been shared on web (FB). Briefly, this is traditionally a profitable event. It has been suggested that Borealis host the event and the other

Avacal Branches enter into a cost-sharing agreement. Kingdom is likely to contribute to offsetting of costs. Preliminary research indicates that the Edmonton Inn can be rented for \$7300. Break even point for site costs would be 125 paid attendees. This is well below attendance for this event in the past ix years.

Society bid is due at the end of February, with successful applicant announced in June, 2018. Approval to continue with the bid was granted. Financial meeting adjourned at 20:11.

Business Meeting

Officer Reports

Baron/Baroness – Thank you for attending, this (i.e. meetings separate from Tavern) is a work in progress. We are working on getting more people to participate via the internet if they don't want to drive in.

Seneschal - Would like info and feedback on the issue of the meetings. Currently, we are looking for ways to allow tavern to flourish as its own event and draw in younger families who don't necessarily want to sit through a meeting first. Several different platforms for internet participation are currently being explored.

Minutes of the meeting will be posted to FB before the following Tavern, and announcement from the meetings made at Tavern to keep the populace informed.

Various concerns were voiced by the general populace about driving in from out of town, weather, fixed incomes, and also the fact that this is one more demand on the time of a volunteer base that is, in some cases, already very busy. Also, the separation of the business meeting and Tavern should have been announced at last Tavern. In addition, some members are not computer savvy and will find participation via the internet a considerable challenge. The separation of meetings and Tavern furthermore forces people to choose between the events, due to time and travel considerations.

It was requested that the Barony examine this matter New Business as to its feasibility in the near future. It will be revisited at the January meeting and changes (if any) announced at February Tavern.

Exchequer – nothing to report

Knight Marshall – nothing to report

Master of Arrows – Good attendance with a noticeable increase in youth participation.

YAC – Well-attended practices, last Sunday, the kids got pointers from Sir Aiden and Sir Eric. Need a YAFA volunteer as well as more youth weapons.

Master of Fence – good attendance, many fighters who have been away for awhile now coming back.

Chatelaine – Newcomer's Tavern poorly attended due to inclement weather. No newcomers at all.

Gold Key – Ft. St. John received a donation of gently used Gold Key from Borealis. Montengarde has asked for Borealis Gold key help with Calgary Expo in the new year.

A&S – one class scheduled for November 19 (Medieval Games). Otherwise, helping to organize the A&S/Bardic Championships at Yule. Letters of Intent are due December 1.

Herald – term ends January 5. Those interested in applying for office should submit their letters to the Baron and Baroness and Seneschal by middle of December. If anyone has business for Yule Court, speak to Herald by December tavern.

Chronicler – nothing to report

Webminister – website has been updated. Resignation of Webminister will be effective as of December tavern.

Scribe – nothing to report

Old Business
nil

Comments were made that some members have difficulty accessing event information on the internet. This is exacerbated by the fact that feasts sell out very quickly (i.e. Yule, 24 hours) and that there is not a lot of lead up time due to bids for events being submitted late.

Suggestion: make announcements at Tavern. Also, crossposting of information on FB is important, as some people are creating FB pages for events which are not always easy to find.

Suggestion: can event copy be printed in the Aurora?

Yes. Also, event copy can be posted on the baronial website, but that will fall to the new webminister.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45

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