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Officer Positions Needed

Please contact Adelheid if you are interested

Family Activities Coordinator
Gold Key
Deputy Exchequer
Minister of Arrows
Seneschal

A Note From the Chronicler

I'm always looking for contributions for upcoming newsletters, so if you have something you'd like to share please contact me.

-Isabel atte Grene

December Tavern Report

Call to order: 7:37pm

Welcome Newcomers

Words from our Baron/Baroness:

- Yule approaches this weekend, hope to see everyone there.
- Reme & Divera's term is coming to an end in June . Q&A coming later this evening.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Adelheid

My term is coming to an end in June, I am looking for applicants for the office of Seneschal , deadline TBD. If you are interested in what all the seneschal does, please come see me after the meeting. Interested parties should send their application and SCA resumes to myself and the Baron and Baroness. Our contact information is on the website, facebook group and yahoo groups.

Baronial Polling update

Official notice of the Baronial polling has been made in all required places.

Dates and deadlines are :

Q&A with Reme & Divera - Tonight

Deadline for applicants/nominations (resumes to be included in applications) - Jan 4 @ tavern

Candidates Q&A – February 1 @ Tavern

Polling – March 1 @ tavern

We have received 1 letter of intent for consideration for Baron and Baroness, thank you Robert of Clan Gunn and Olena for your interest. Details of this pair will be on the Website soon

DECEMBER HALL DATES

5 - BIG HALL ONLY (dance 12-1pm, fight 1-3pm and Bardic practice)

7 - TAVERN

11 - (dance 12-1pm, fight 1-3pm and Bardic practice)

14 - (fight 7-10pm)

18 - (dance 12-1pm, fight 1-3pm and Bardic practice)

21 - (fight 7-10pm)

25 - NO PRACTICE, MERRY CHRISTMAS

28 - (dance 12-1pm, fight 1-3pm and Bardic practice)

Next Tavern is January 4, 2017

-Upcoming Events:

- Yule – Dec 10 – Borealis
- 12th Night – January 21 – Montengarde
- Winter Crown – February 18 - Sigelhundas

We need the following offices filled:

Family Activities Coordinator

Gold Key

Deputy Exchequer

Minister of Arrows

Seneschal

Chatelaine: Raffaello Dela Rosa

- Any newcomers are welcome to meet with Raffaello.
- Looking for commitment to Deep Freeze January 14-15th. We will withdraw if there is not enough interest.
- If there are any other upcoming events you think we should take part in, please let us know.

Gold Key: Armida

- Garments are here to be loaned for Yule.
- Seeking officer replacement.

Exchequer: Daliah

Financial Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:18pm

- Event updates and bids:

Day of Dance update: final totals

643.62 – 60 NMR and – 300 hall deposit = \$283.62 final profit (Contract for hall needs to be checked to see if we are getting deposit back.)

August Crown Close

Numbers pending reconciliation

Winter War Bids:

- Raffaello @15 per person
- Uli @ 20 per person
- Awarded to Uli.
- Reimbursements:
- Kadie Isaac for chatelaine/newcomers (pamphlets, feast gear engraving, signs)
- 592.01 – 435(previous advance on Dec 2/15) = 157.01 owing (chq #195)
- Branch Purchases / Expenses:
- Chq # 194 for \$288.75 written Dec 4/16 for pre-registration for Comic Con 2017
- Outstanding Cheques:
- Chq # 191 to SCA-Avocal \$554.77 for Crown Close.
- Current bank balance: as at Nov 30/16: \$15,273.61
- Close meeting: 7:32pm

Knight Marshal: Ansgar Stonebreaker

- Practices going well, no injuries.

Youth Combat Officer: Peregrine

There was a fair regularity of Youth Armoured Combat practices this quarter with a good turnout of youth combatants. I was out of country on business for the early weeks but Sir Fergus Tornysson and HL Kora of Kendal provided much appreciated coverage to ensure there was a Background Checked Senior Marshal at practices.

We have continued to have wonderful support from members of our adult Armoured Combat community. In addition to regular leadership from Sir Fergus, we have had much enjoyed participation from Grypha, Ragnar, Sir Aiden, and Sir Wernar.

Borealis loaner armour, and some of my own loaner armour, was taken to a number of events by Sir Fergus Tornysson and myself, and a number of new prospects got the opportunity to try YAC and will hopefully join the program. I ran YAC at Bitter End Harvest Feast, where our own Deamiana (Trinity Santucci) was selected as Bitter End Youth Defender based on her skill, chivalry, and willingness to help other fighters. I also assisted Sir Fergus with running a YAC practice at November Coronation that attracted 6 competitors and saw some excellent fighting.

There were no injuries or armour failures. Most of our combatants still use hockey helmets, but the older ones are beginning to use steel helmets (and adult quality body armour) as they are preparing to move up to adult heavy combat. Off head padding inspections are being performed on both types of helmets at practices and events.

All of our regular combatant's swords and the majority of our loaner weapons have been upgraded to meet the latest Avacal YAC regulations. We had two weapon failures during the quarter: breaking of the rattan on an older weapon (5 years old), which resulted in the shaft bending but still fully contained in the fibre tape; and separation of foam from rattan due to tearing of duct tape at the grip. Both incidents were immediately identified by the combatants themselves and others (marshals, spectators) which was very encouraging. To prevent the second failure mode (which is rare – the first I have encountered) I am recommending fibre tape on the outside of the foam and extending under the grip.

All regular Borealis fighters have been trained and authorized; under the new Avacal YAC rules, the paperwork processes have been significantly streamlined. I am hoping to support the Kingdom YAC marshal in conducting workshops (and training sessions and

authorizations) around the shires of Avacal to enable more young people to participate in YAC ... and come to Borealis to provide some new blood for our great competitors!

Minister of Fence: Mika

- Practices going well, lots of new fighters.

Minister of Arrows: Baldric of Newt

- Archery is going awesome, no injuries and no failures to report.

Minister of A&S: Phillippe

- One entry for A&S Champion and 2 single entries up-coming at Yule.

- Hoping to start new regular A&S meetings in the new year.

- Looking to start medieval movie meetings.

- TUA plans coming for new year. Anyone wanting to teach/discuss let us know.

Herald: Johannes

- There will be a heraldry table at Yule 1pm-4pm. Bring your questions/names/devices. Submitting herald will be on hand.

Chronicler: Isabel

- Nothing to report.

Scribe: Kora

- Nothing to report.

Web Minister: Kseniia

- Changes and updates continuing as normal.

Continued Business

Yule 2016 – Update

Kataryna – Bardic Championship; written submissions are needed.

Winter War 2017 – Bid is awarded to the Lost Vikings

Silverwolf 2017 – Bids due March 1 2017 ; The warburg site is already booked.

September Crown 2017 – Update; Site is booked @ Warburg. Arena can be rented if weather is poor.

New Business

Fight practice is not bringing in sufficient income to support the monthly hall rentals. From Oct 2015 – Sept 2016 the hall rental was \$710.00 per month. Less \$120.00 for Tavern night which means the fight hall needs to make \$590.00 per month to break even for every month less March.

Income 2015

October	\$390.00
November	\$743.50
December	\$355.00

Income 2016

January	\$155.00
February	\$339.00
April/May	\$675.00
June	\$452.25
July	\$525.50
August	\$282.75
September	\$537.95

Total Income from fight practice for 2015/16 hall contract year is: \$4459.95 + \$600.00 annual membership fee = \$5059.95

Total hall contract (not including 11 tavern nights) is \$7200.00

This means our annual deficiency for fight practices is \$2140.05

We do not have the Alberta Ave hall for the month of March. This contract year, our hall rental at the Parkdale Elementary School was \$420.00 for Sundays only. Our fight practice income for the month of March was \$109.00. A deficiency of \$311.00

How do we want to move forward? Right now, our financial policy and procedures do not make allowances for our event income to supplement our fight practices. If we are going to start expecting events to cover losses on fight practice, we may need to increase site fees. Other options include: reduce the number of practices a week, increase fight practice fees, look at alternate halls.

Are there any other suggestions?

I'd like the heavy and rapier communities to discuss these options within your disciplines and as an over group and come back with what you'd like to see happen and your suggestions for better cost management of our fight

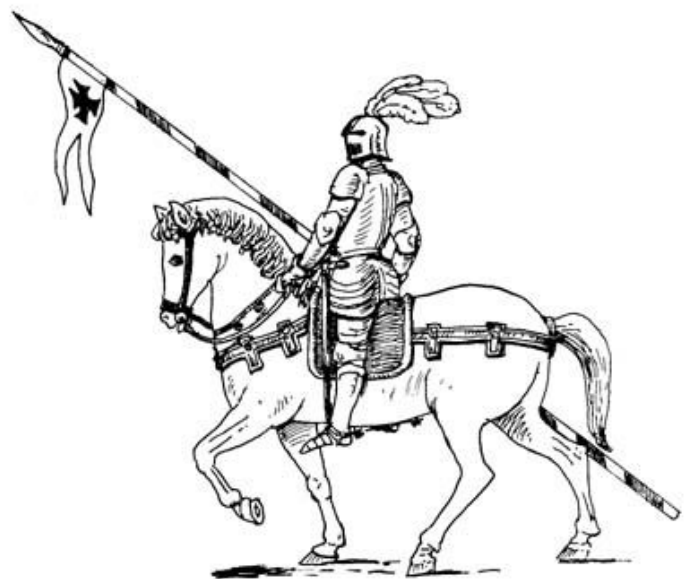
practices. This topic is tabled until January Tavern.

Discussion on fight practice costs:

- Robert suggested demo payments could be used to offset fighting practice/hall fees.
- Financial policy currently does not allow events to cover fight practice losses. It can be ammended.
- How many annual memberships are needed to cover hall cost?
- Spectator fee could be enforced. Gate would have to be set up. How to deal with parents/youth?
- Cost of fight practice could be raised.
- Payment for practice attendance needs to be better enforced/monitored.
- Hosting dinners/feasts for public to bring in profit. Need large commitment to make this work.

“Oh, By the Way”

- Budget is coming in 2017. it will be presented to the populace and up for discussion, to be approved by the Barony. If the group wants to make financial policy



Baronial Polling Notice

Greetings unto the populace of Avacal,

The Baron and Baroness of Borealis; Reme the Burgundian and Divera della Cava, after 6 years of service, have come to the end of their term and will be stepping down. A polling of the populace of Borealis will be conducted so that Their Majesties might know the opinion of the people as they consider who to appoint as new representatives of the Barony of Borealis.

All interested parties shall submit a letter of intent, SCA resume and mundane resume to Their Majesties, the Branch and Kingdom Seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness no later than January 4, 2017. Letters of intent will be published for populace review on the Borealis Website.

Members of the populace will be able to meet the candidates and ask questions of them at February Tavern; date will be published on the Borealis Website, Mailing group and Facebook pages.

Polling of the populace will be at March Tavern, the specific date of which will also be published on the website, Mailing group and Facebook pages.

All paid members within the boundaries of Borealis are encouraged to attend and fill out a polling form, to be delivered directly to the Crown. Proof of membership will be required. Any paid members who cannot attend may request an absentee polling form from the Branch Seneschal and return the same to the Crown. Those without a paid membership will have a ballot to provide their opinions. Any Borealis Sergeant(s) residing outside the boundaries of Borealis may participate.

For questions, please contact the Branch Seneschal.

Letters of Intent and Resumes should be sent to:

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Upcoming Events

Twelfth Night

Date: Jan 21st

Location: Calgary, AB

Winter Crown

Date: Feb 17th - 19th

Location: TBD

Skald the hall

Date: Mar 4th

Location: TBD

Winter War

Date: Mar 24th - 26th

Location: Wetaskiwin

Ferret's Feast

Date: April 1st

Location: TBD

For more event details please check the event calendar at avacal.org



Chardewardon

While a related recipe, Chardquynce, is more like a fruit mousse, this version turns out much more like a custard. It is very reminiscent of pumpkin-pie filling, but lighter and slightly less sweet. As shown in the photo, it's excellent when topped with snowe.

4 pears
1 cup white wine
1/2 cup sugar
4 egg yolks
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger

Peel and core the pears. Cut into small pieces and place in a sauce pan along with white wine. Bring to a boil, and simmer until pears are soft - about 15 minutes. Allow to cool and then grind with mortar and pestle (or in food processor). Mix with remaining ingredients in a saucepan. Heat until it boils and becomes very thick - it will resemble oatmeal in texture. Serve warm or cold.

Source [Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books, T. Austin (ed.)]: Chare de Wardone. Take peer Wardons, and seth hem in wine or water; And then take hem vppe, and grinde hem in a mortar, and drawe hem thorgh a streynoure with the licour; And put hem in a potte with Sugur, or elle³ with clarefiede hony and canell ynowe, And lete hem boile; And then take hit from the fire, And lete kele, and caste there-to rawe yolkes of eyren, til hit be thik, and caste thereto powder of ginger ynowe; And serue hit forth in maner of Ryse. And if hit be in lenton tyme, leue the yolkes of eyren, And lete the remnaunt boyle so longe, til it be so thikk as though hit were y-tempered with yolkes of eyren, in maner as A man setheth charge de quyns; And then serue hit forth in maner of Rys.

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Monthly Calendar

**Practice will be in the regular hall:
Alberta Avenue Community Hall
9210 - 118 Ave**

Tavern Night Hall 1st Wednesday - 7:00pm - 10:30pm Cost: \$3.00 Members \$3.00 Non-Members	Fighter Practice Hall (Sundays) 1:00pm - 3:00pm Cost: \$5.00 Members \$5.50 Non-Members	Dance Practice Hall (Sundays) 12:00pm - 1:00pm Cost: \$3.00 (free if paying to fight)
Bardic Practice South #403, 6149 Stanton Dr SW 1st Monday - 7:30pm - 9:30pm	A & S West 36 Brampton St, Spruce Grove Thursdays - 7:00pm - 10:00pm	A & S North 10726 183 Ave NW 3rd Monday - 7:00pm - 10:00pm
A & S / Bardic Practice Hall 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm		Fighter & Bardic Practice Hall (Wednesdays) 7:00pm - 10:00pm

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