

Shire of Adora General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 24/01/2014

Time: 19:37

Chair: Maelgwyn

Minutes: Aryanhwen

Attendees: Bethany, Aelfred, Maelgwyn, Soloman, Emlyn, Ronnie, Bertrand, Aryanhwen, Kathern

Apologies: Emily, Dan, Rhiannon, Ashley, Osric

Agenda

1. Christmas Mini Feast
 2. Group aims and goals
 3. Stitch Venue, Regularity and Price
 4. Festival
 5. Flame Tree
 6. A&S and Armouring
 7. Additional Questions and Concerns
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Maelgwyn officially opens meeting at 19:37

Item No. 2 Group aims and goals to be moved to the end of the meeting.

Item 1 – Christmas Mini Feast

Feedback from guests was that the food was good and shire members present on the night felt it went well overall.

1. Maelgwyn: Do we want to do more feasts like the Christmas Mini Feast?
 - a. Unanimous “yes” from members present.
2. Maelgwyn: What frequency will they be held?
 - a. First part of the year between Flametree, the Feast of the Four Winds and Festival
 - b. When “we feel like it” (to be discussed by the group when appropriate)
 - c. Tentatively decided to hold two mini feasts between Flametree and the Feast of the Four Winds.
 - d. Quick poll: Should the Xmas party at the end of the year be kept “mundane” (though garb is acceptable if people so choose). Unanimous yes from all members present.
3. Emlyn: The College is looking at doing something for college newcomers that would be similar to the Christmas mini feast.
 - a. The College would like as much support from Adora as possible for the feast/event.
 - b. The event would be similar to a revel and not as formal as a typical feast.
 - c. The event would be held at the uni, though Emlyn will check to see if candles and other related items can be used in the University buildings.
 - d. Kathern: Why would this even be held at the uni?
 - e. Emlyn: Because typically uni students do not have access to personal transport so it will be easier to have it closer to where they tend to live.
 - f. It will be less expensive to have at the uni.
 - g. Participants won't have to book in advance.
4. Will there be access to a kitchen or cooking facilities at the uni?
 - a. Emlyn: Not sure, but thinks there may be a kitchenette type set up.
5. General: What is the proposed date for the uni event?
 - a. Emlyn: The week after O-Week **26 February 2014, roughly the first week of March.**

- b. Emlyn to confirm date, venue and facilities in one fortnight.
- 6. Emlyn: Would also like help from Adora with the College O-Week.

Item 3 - Stitch Venue, Regularity and Price

With our current member numbers and weekly turn-out, the Shire can no longer afford to pay for the Scout Hall.

1. Maelgwyn: **The price increase as discussed and approved at the November meeting will come into effect starting next week 31 February 2014.**
 - a. Emlyn: Can stitch be held at the uni?
 - b. It would be easier for collegians to access and much less expensive.
2. Emlyn: Suggests a joint Malachy/Adora stitch/fight night to offset costs and help boost numbers to both groups.
 - a. Kathern: Suggests combining stitch nights and dedicating a night to fighting only. This would allow better allocation of fighting space.
 - b. Kathern: It would be preferable if possible to have both stitch and fighting training in the same building or room if possible to minimise member confusion while on campus, understanding that this might be difficult during exams.
 - c. Emlyn as the uni delegate will source and organise location for both nights and get back to the group in one fortnight.
 - d. **Proposed days for meetings are as follows:**
 1. **Stitch: Friday 1930-2130**
 2. **Fighting: Monday 1900-2100**
 - e. We will need to find a proper marshal in order to have fighter practice. Maelgwyn to contact local authorised fighters/marshals to check availability.
 - f. The meetings and fighter practice will be gold coin donations for the time being.
3. Bethany: The Scouts will need to be informed about our move. Maelgwyn to get contact details for the Scouts and inform them.

Item 4 - Festival

As always, festival is just “two weeks away”!

1. Maelgwyn: Would like Adorans to camp together if possible.
2. Aryanhwen: Currently has the Shire pavilions but is concerned about their integrity. They are quite stiff and brittle and have been stored along the same seams for some time.
 - a. Bethany: The shire can afford a new pavilion and they are currently on sale at Sam’s Warehouse for \$99.
 - b. Maelgwyn: Should the shire pay for new pavilions for festival? Unanimous yes
 - c. Aryanhwen to buy the pavilions within the fortnight and get reimbursed by Reeve.
3. Maelgwyn: Does the shire want a fire at festival?
 - a. Unanimous yes.
 - b. Maelgwyn: To bring his metal fire pit.
 - c. Everyone camping with the group to bring a bag of communal firewood. (12kg bags can be purchased from Bunning for a few dollars).
4. Maelgwyn: This is Adora’s 10th year anniversary as a shire! (HUZZAH!) Would the group like to do anything at festival to commemorate the occasion?
 - a. A tenth anniversary party on the Monday night (though this can be flexible depending on the festival schedule) with bonfire, drinks and giggles.
 - b. Members to bring a 6-pack of beverages or nibbles to share (think “mini-feast”).
 - c. Aelfred will be celebrating his 40th birthday at the same time and wonders if we can combine the two – a unanimous yes!
5. Bethany: Hosting a casual camp decoration competition for the group.

- a. A non-official, relaxed competition to make something decorative for the campsite. IE: Banners, torches, pretty hangings and everything in between.
- b. The winner, to be chosen by Bethany on festival Friday, will receive the awesome gift of delicious tasty sweets!
6. Kathern has been unanimously voted in as the camp coordinator.
 - a. We have a much smaller space this year so we need to have someone in charge of allocating space to ensure everyone has enough room.
 - b. Please let her know: the size (footprint) of your tent, the size of any additional camp related items or any special needs you have.
7. Maelgwyn: Is anyone interested in an Adora food fund?
 - a. No one interested – members to organise amongst themselves if they'd like to do a food fund.
8. There is a question as to whether or not the site showers can be used by non-dormers. Kathern to check.
9. Maelgwyn: To bring his personal first aid kit.

Item 5 - Flame tree – may (not 29) ? midsession break (ASAP)

Flametree is a large event and the group will need to start getting organised now to host it.

1. Will be during the university midsession break.
 - a. This is to encourage more collegian attendance and help.
2. Maelgwyn: Is the official event steward. The rest of the stewarding team is as follows:
 - a. Emlyn: Food, preparing the menu and food budget.
 - b. Kathern, Aelfred and Emlyn to liaise regarding previous feast menus and food within the fortnight.
 - c. Soloman: Will volunteer as all-around helper guy.
 - d. Brian: Will train and lead dancing.
 - e. Kathern: Printing ALL THE THINGS! IE: Menus.
 - f. Reuben: To make pretty letters.
3. Brian: Has the contact details for the Messianic hall and will be in contact with them ASAP regarding hire costs, date availability and the like. Emlyn to liaise with Brian ASAP regarding midsession break dates.
4. The stewarding team to put call out for volunteers in the fortnight.

Item 6 - A&S and Armouring

1. Maelgwyn: Will be hosting a gorget making/general armouring day at his house.
 - a. Date and time TBA at a later date, though will likely be in February depending on numbers.
 - b. People will need to bring: leather lacing, helmet for fitting if you have one.
 - c. Maelgwyn to email the supply list to the group in one fortnight.
 - d. Maelgwyn: Lives very close to Tandy Leather Company and can pick up items from the store to be collected on the day if people need. Email or order online and liaise directly with him if interested.
 - e. Aelfred: Will try to find his leather gorget patterns.
2. Emlyn: Will drive the collegians if Maelgwyn can provide the gorget supplies.
3. Everyone is welcome and can bring whatever they'd like to work on.

Item 2 - Shire Aims and Goals

1. Maelgwyn: Where are we going as a group? Are we currently happy with our progress? What is our group goal?
2. Maelgwyn: Would like to see a shire war party formed.

- a. To achieve this members interested in fighting would need to travel to Stowe, Rowany or Canberra to train with fighters there.
 - b. Aelfred: Is willing to pay for fuel once a month if someone is willing to drive to Rowany war training (Sunday arvo at St Peters School, St Peters)
 - c. Aryanhwen: Will be driving to Stowe fighter training fortnightly starting in February and is asking for a few bucks for petrol if people would like to carpool.
3. Kathern: Would like to remove the shire stuff out of her garage.
- a. As the Shire cannot afford a storage unit, is there anyone who has the space to store the items?
 - b. Aryanhwen may have room once an inventory is made and some of the items are culled.
 - c. Aryanhwen and Kathern to organise inventory day.
 - d. In the interim, Aryanhwen will store the pells currently being held at the scout hall at her house.
4. Aelfred: Would like to get a “history collection” together to commemorate the Shire’s 10th anniversary at the Feast of the Four Winds.
- a. To include shire photos, artefacts of all variety, collections etc.
 - b. Would like to put them in a physical display at the FotFW.
 - c. Maelgwyn: Has the old Shire scutumns that can be used for the display.
 - d. Kathern: Has the Shire formation scroll for use.
 - e. If anyone else has photos or other items, contact Aelfred to donate.
5. Emlyn: Will step up as A&S officer as Kathern’s current deputy, once she is no longer the Seneschal of St Malachy and attending university.
6. Brian: Would like to get Shire members properly trained in dance for the FotFW.
- a. This means knowing at least a couple of dances
 - b. Emlyn: Suggests a newcomers college “dance party” and will liaise with Brian about the date, time and specifics of this.
 - c. Brian: Would like to organise a dancing workshop and will contact the group with specifics at a later date.
7. Aelfred: Would like to see more people being authorised before festival
- a. This means making an effort to travel to different groups for fighter training.
 - b. Emlyn: Will buy a bottle of cider for each person authorised before festival.

Meeting closed at 2104

Summary of Action Items

	Action	Item	Whom	By When
1.	Confirm dates, venues and facilities	Collegian Newcomers Feast	Emlyn	07 Feb
2.	Confirm dates, venues and location	New stitch/fighter training @ uni	Emlyn	07 Feb
3.	Contact other groups to source fighters	New fighting night trainers	Maelgwyn	07 Feb
4.	Contact scout hall about leaving	No longer using scout hall	Maelgwyn	07 Feb
5.	Buy pavilions	For festival	Aryanhwen	07 Feb
6.	Organise/discuss Flametree menus	Flametree	Kathern Emlyn Aelfred	07 Feb
7.	Contact Messianic hall	Flametree	Brian	ASAP
8.	Email gorget making supply list to group	A&S Day	Maelgwyn	07 Feb
9.	Organise shire inventory day	Shire goals and aims	Aryanhwen Kathern	End of Feb