

Shire of Adora General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 04 July 2014

Time: 19:43

Chair: Maelgwyn

Minutes: Aryanhwen

Attendees: Aryanhwen, Maelgwyn, Seth, Phaedra, Simon, Bethany

Apologies: Katherine, Osric, Emlyn. Rhiannon, Soloman

Agenda

1. Flametree Ball
 2. A&S Day
 3. Chronicler and newsletter
 4. Feast of the Four Winds
 5. Fighter training
 6. Webright
 7. Equestrian Team
 8. Deputy Seneschal
 9. Deputy Constable
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Maelgwyn opens meeting at 19:43

Item 1 - Flametree Ball 2014

The 2014 Flametree Ball was a success! By all accounts people had fun, were well-fed and they danced.

- There were no problems to note
- The group even made a little bit of money!

Item 2 – A&S Day

The next A&S day is to be held on Saturday 30 August at 10:00 at the National Trust Building in Wollongong

- Maelgwyn will be stewarding the event.

It has been decided that there was “too much” going on with the initial proposal that Maelgwyn suggested and now the A&S day will include:

1. General A&S activities such as weaving, embroidery, illumination, armour making and fixing, garb making, sewing etc will be encouraged. (Note, shields will no longer be made on the day).
2. There will be a potluck lunch so bring a dish to share (this does not have to be period).
3. Garb is optional but preferred.

Item 3 - Chronicler and Newsletter

Phaedra is interested in starting a newsletter for the group, but because it will take a good deal of time and effort, she would only like to start if it is well received. This will be tied in with the office of Shire Chronicler, a two year position. The newsletter would include:

1. Reports from the officers including the Treasurer and Seneschal.
2. A calendar of group events
3. A&S and general knowledge articles
4. Anything SCA related that someone might want to contribute

Phaedra has proposed that the newsletter be a paper copy (i.e.: a single A4 page) with an estimated cost of \$5-\$10 dollars a month to print via external printer like Officeworks.

Questions, Comments and Concerns

1. Bethany: Are there enough people in the group to contribute to the newsletter content?
 - Phaedra: This will be determined by the interest shown for the first run.
2. Maelgwyn: Is it possible to have a digital version? Like a blog or even on the website?
 - Phaedra: Will speak to the webwright about this.

Resolution: It was decided that Phaedra would trial a 3 month run of the newsletter to judge interest and support.

Item 4 – Feast of the Four Winds

Phaedra has proposed running a Shire hosted 4 day (Fri-Sun) camping event in November. Two sites have been presented with a number of pros and cons associated with them:

1. Mt Kiera Camp near Wollongong
 - Has an available weekend, the weekend before Fields of Gold.
 - Closer to Wollongong for those without access to a car like university students
 - More expensive at \$10.00 pp/day camping, \$20 pp/day for dorms and an extra \$100 for use of the lodge and kitchen. With catering this is approximately \$40pp/day for dorms, \$20pp/day to camp (approximately \$80 to camp for the entire event and \$160pp/day for dorms).
 - Kitchen is fully equipped.
2. Bengalee Guide Camp near Nowra
 - The group would have to supply all of the kitchen utensils, cutlery, platters etc.
 - Less expensive at \$6.60 pp/day
 - Farther from Wollongong/Sydney and road works can mean more traffic.

We would need to have a minimum of 20 people interested in coming to the event in order to afford either site.

The event would be primarily archery themed as this is what the group can currently offer. The hope is to get people from all over the region to come and do heavy fighting, A&S competitions and classes, day hunts, children's events like biffs (the Shire does have biff foam swords!) and other non-archery related events.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

1. Bethany: Is there a way to lower costs? Partially catered options or BYO food options?
 - Phaedra: You can start putting money away now if cost is a concern.
2. Aryanhwen: If the group can only offer archery related events, how will we draw in people who are interested in other SCA events?
 - Phaedra: We would need to reach out to other groups to get heavy fighters and A&S classes running.

Resolution: Phaedra will put it to the group at an upcoming meeting and via Facebook and email to see who is interested in an event like this. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the event, contact Phaedra.

Item 5 - Fighter Training

Jean-Christophe from Rowany will be coming down fortnightly to conduct fighter training! He is a squired fighter and a member of Atticus.

Please feel free to join the training even if you don't have gear.

Item 6 - Webright

Our esteemed Aelfred has finished his tenure as Webright. Three cheers for Aelfred! However, our very own Soloman will be taking on the role from here on out under Aelfred's tutelage. Any questions or concerns about the Adora website should now be directed to Soloman.

Item 7 – Equestrian Group

Glauco has graciously offered to help the group get a Adora based equestrian group up and running. A meet and greet will be held next Saturday. If you are interested in joining or taking part, contact Glauco Portolan for more information:

Item 8 – Deputy Seneschal

Our esteemed Seneschal Maelgwyn will be finishing his tenure as Adora's Seneschal after Christmas of this year. He is looking for members interested in taking on the role of deputy

seneschal. You must be an active, paid member of the SCA to apply for this position. All queries and applications should be sent to Maelgwyn via email:

Item 9 – Deputy Constable

Aryanhwen will also be stepping down soon as the Shire Constable and is looking for those interested in taking on the Deputy Constable role. Applicants must have reliable transportation and be able to attend 95% of shire meetings and events. Interested applicants please email Aryanhwen at:

Item 10 – Other Concerns

Event Bid Form

Bethany has proposed creating a Shire Event Bid Form in an attempt to curtail event fund wastage and hold event stewards more accountable for spending and planning. A bid form would contain:

1. An outline and summary of the proposed event
2. A comprehensive budget outline for the event
3. A list of those who would be helping and running the event

The bid form would need to be submitted to the seneschal and Reeve 6 weeks before the date of the proposed event and would need to be approved by both before any funds would be released. Emergency supplies can be accounted for by the Reeve on the day but all receipts must be kept or there will be no reimbursement.

If an event bid form is not submitted or approved, the event will not take place.

Resolution: Bethany will draft a form and send it to Maelgwyn for discussion and approval.

Steward Event Payments

Bethany has proposed that the group needs to discuss steward event fee payment. There was a heated discussion amongst those attending the meeting about the topic but it was decided that the issue needs to be discussed at a meeting with more members.

Resolution: The item is tabled until the next meeting with a better representation of members.

Meeting closed at 20:53

	Action	Item	Whom	By When
1.	Start 3 month trial for newsletter	3 – Chronicler and Newsletter	Phaedra	ASAP
2.	Email group about proposed event	4 – Shire Event	Phaedra	ASAP
3.	Create draft event bid form	10 – Other Concerns	Bethany	ASAP
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