

Shire of Adora General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 15 August 2014

Time: 1939

Chair: Maelgwyn

Attendees: Emlyn, Aryanhwen, Bertran, Culeymen, Aelfred, Simon, Edmond, Odette, Maelgwyn, Katherine

Apologies: Phaedra, Seth

Agenda

1. Chronicler and Newsletter
2. Fighter Training
3. Viva La Gong
4. Officers
5. Scout Demo
6. A&S Day
7. Four Winds Event
8. Shire or Barony?
9. Friday Night Room Arrangement

Maelgwyn opens meeting at 1939.

Item 1 - Chronicler newsletter

On hold until further notice from Phaedra.

Item 2 - Fighter training

Being held very fortnight, excluding Friday night meetings or other events that may interrupt the schedule.

Item 3 - Viva La Gong: November 2014

We have been invited to participate in Viva La Gong. Last year we didn't have enough interest to have a proper group so the plug was pulled. If not enough people are interested again this year, it will not happen again. We would need more than 12 people to make it a viable event.

- Emlyn has volunteered to be the steward if people are interested in attending.

Item 4 - Officers

- As per the last meeting minutes, Culeymen is the new webright. Huzzah!
- Emlyn is the new A&S officer.
- Aryanhwen is looking for a deputy constable. Contact her if you're interested.
- Maelgwyn is looking for a deputy Seneschal. Contact him if you're interested

Item 5 – Scout Demo

The local scout group is holding an event in September and have asked if anyone in the group would be interested in holding a demo. Dinner would be included.

- There would be no heavy fighting, but probably archery.
- The event would require 5-6 people
- Speak to Maelgwyn if you're interested in attending.

Item 6 – A&S Day: 30 August 2014

We will be holding an A&S day at the Wollongong courthouse on 30 August 2014.

- Garb is encouraged but not required.
- It will be a potluck event so please bring a dish to share (does not have to be period).
- Non-members will need to pay \$5 to cover the event membership. Maelgwyn will soon announce the fee for other attendees.

Item 7 – Four Winds Camping Event

At the last meeting Phaedra presented her ideas for a weekend long camping event. (Please see the previous meeting's minutes for details).

- A new, third option has become available at Glenfield (where Cold War is held).
- The Glenfield site is more accessible, closer to public transport and less expensive.

Questions, Comments and Concerns

Do we have enough time to organise an event this large? If we were to start planning this week, we would only have three months at most to organise and plan everything.

- The group can't afford to have a bad event.
- We would need to check with Agaricus and make sure would be no location conflicts.

Resolution: Maelgwyn to put it to the Facebook group and email list for opinions and commentary. Commentary will close in one week after being posted.

Item 8 – Barony or Shire?

The Shire of Adora has had ups and downs. It has never been a large group, it is reasonably isolated, it doesn't hold major events and does not attract many new people. We have three options for the future of the group:

1. Continue on our current path of survival.
2. Allow the group to fizzle out completely.
3. We can apply to become a canton of Rowany

Pros:

1. Having the Baron and Baroness come to Friday night sessions, potentially bringing others with them increasing our numbers.
2. More likely to get more experienced fighters and experienced A&S members.
3. May attract more people to our local events.
4. Additionally, as the Shire is not often in contact with other groups and royalty, there is a smaller window for the group to acknowledge member efforts through awards. Becoming a canton would allow members to receive baronial awards.

Cons:

1. We would lose our independence.
2. As a shire we do what we want: we have our own bank account and report directly to the kingdom.
3. We would lose our autonomy and would need to work with the Barony quite closely for the day to day running of the group.
4. It could be viewed as "giving up" on the group. The shire has been running for 10 years now and it would be hard to forget that history. It would be a "huge disappoint to say we can't survive."
5. There is no quantifiable way to guess how much the group would actually benefit from a change like this.
6. Wollongong and Sydney have very different population demographics and numbers which makes it unfair to compare the two groups' success.

7. Medieval recreation is not a hugely popular hobby to begin with so it may be a matter of not having the interest in Wollongong.

Another option would be to concentrate on recruitment and events that are well done and interesting enough to encourage people from all over the area to come to.

- Recruitment through the college has been the most successful tactic throughout the life of the shire – this should be kept in mind for future recruitment drives.

If the group is ultimately interested in becoming a canton, the Baron, Baroness, Kingdom Seneschal and Rowany Seneschal are all happy to allow Adora to transfer.

Resolution: Maelgwyn to speak with the kingdom Seneschal and arrange a poll for Adorans members. Maelgwyn also to put out the discussion on Adoran Facebook and email groups.

Item 9 – Friday Night Room Arrangement

Odette will need to reapply for the room that we are using. She will try to apply for the larger room at the end of the hall. The larger room will allow the group to spread out more.

Meting closed at 2022

	Action	Item	Whom	By When
1.	4 winds commentary on FB and email	Item 7 – Four Winds Event	Maelgwyn	This week
2.	Poll regarding baronial changeover	Item 8 – Shire or Canton?	Maelgwyn	This week
3.	PB and email commentary re: canton	Item 8 – Shire or Canton	Maelgwyn	This week
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