

Shire of Adora – Meeting

Friday 6th May – 7:30pm

Meeting commenced: 7:38pm

Attendance: Gwenhwyfar, Maelgwn, Euron Bloodthorne, Jochen Schwalbe, Aelfred se leof, Throw-Da-Bear, Micha of Adora

Apologies: Brian

Chairperson: Gwenhwyfar

Minute-taker: Maelgwn & Gwenhwyfar

Item #1 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Gwenhwyfar made motion to accept the previous minutes.
Motion accepted by Aelfred. Seconded by Maelgwn. Motion carried.

Decisions to ratify since last meeting (25th March): None.

Item #2 – Priority Items:

(A) Rowany Festival debrief

Our new pavilion was awesome. Gwenhwyfar would like to construct some decorative curtains to hang inside to help with shading from the afternoon sun. It would benefit from hanging lanterns of some kind for overhead lighting after dark, especially for when cooking dinner.

Firepit worked, however Gwenhwyfar's opinion was that we didn't light a fire hot enough to really feel warm on the very cold nights. Suggested that maybe in the future we could get a more effective fire-pit.

Maelgwn said we could get the fire warmer if we built it up more. Euron suggested the lack of warmth was probably due to how the fire-pit was very exposed on the hill-side.

Aelfred thinks we didn't have enough people in camp of an evening to justify building a big fire. Maelgwn agreed, since people usually either went to bed or went elsewhere for the evening.

Euron said he loved Festival! Everyone had fun. War unit was small.

(B) Flametree Ball progress report (Maelgwn)

We have 40 adults booked. We have started receiving payments. We had one booking cancelled and is to be refunded. Sadly, one of the dishes that had been allocated needs to be taken up by someone else, if there is anyone willing to put their hand up, please let me know.

WHERE ARE THE LIST ROPES?!?! I NEED **ALL** THE BANNERS PLEASE.

May need to source loaner garb for newbies coming to the event.

Item #3 - Action Items from Previous Meeting:

ITEMS from 11th March full meeting:

#1. Shire Pavilions: order BettaMarquee based on amended quote (Gwenhwyfar) - done.

#2. Shire rapier gear: send around the prioritised list of gear we need to obtain (including quoted prices). Plus, pass on the existing shire rapier swords to Jack (Micha) – Work in progress. Micha suggested that the sizing of gambesons needs to match a person. Maelgwn said that loaner gear should be more like one-size-fits-all, and that larger sized gambesons could be belted in if necessary.

#3. Adoran fire-pit: continue welding the old parts into the new drum (Maelgwn) - done.

#4. Set up Cailem as a signatory on Westpac account (provide access) - Yes, but there are problems with logging in to Westpac - needs to call and talk to the administrator - Micha to sort out with the Reeve and/or Exchequer.

#5. Hamlet of Drachenstein: conduct a poll (Gwenhwyfar) - *discuss the issue of Drachenstein in Agenda Item 5 below.*

#6. Gifts for new members: explore options and suggestions - Gwenhwyfar has requested and received a quote online from a Sydney company called "Aristoties" for custom cloth patches and pins of our populace badge design: 50 x embroidered patches (6cm) is \$135; compared to 50 x lapel pins (3cm) for \$186.

Another option are the small decorative dragons you can buy from Birdsalls Leather. Or we could get more dragon claws or eggs to make pendant necklaces like Maelgwn and Gwenhwyfar did years ago for the Dragon Kin.

NB: From December 2021 minutes: Suggestions from the online poll (in order of popularity):

1. Cloth badges of populace badge
2. Bottle covers
3. Pendant on a cord
4. Tassels
5. New heraldic badges for specific accomplishments
6. A bag
7. SCA Newcomers Guide

Hrodebert suggested that we could ask Torben (Josh Hunt) to make us a stamp tool for leather.

Euron suggested having a coloured or decorated belt like the green and white ones used by Rowanites.

#7. Marshal position: advertise for new applicants (Gwenhwyfar) - done.

#8. Tourney by the Sea wrap-up: finish updates to the event report - 100% updated. All done.

#9. Newcomers' Day wrap-up:

- a. Organise reimbursement - Yes.
- b. Submit event report – Yes. In dropbox.
- c. Ensure bond is returned - Yes.

#10. Archery Day: pick a new date (Jochen) – Work in progress. Will come up with something at a suitable time.

#11. Flametree Ball: create event proposal (Maelgwn) - done.

#12. Sussex Inlet Viking Festival: find a group of Viking SCAdians to attend, and organise a site with the festival (Aethelfled) - A site at the festival was agreed upon with the organisers. Aethelfled then passed this event to Gwenhwyfar due to health reasons. Gwenhwyfar has passed it over to Maelgwn to follow up, and he has since discussed the event with the Viking Festival organiser - *to be discussed further below in Agenda Item 6.*

#13. Shire processes document: circulate the final document for commentary and decision at the next meeting (Gwenhwyfar) - Gwenhwyfar requests this be carried over to next meeting.

#14. Help give people "Edit" access in DropBox (Brian) - done.

#15. Create a new and improved "Event Proposal Form" for Adora (Gwenhwyfar) - Still in progress. Gwenhwyfar requests this be carried over to next meeting.

ITEMS from 25th March supplemental meeting:

A. Forward BettaMarquee invoice to Reeve (Gwenhwyfar) - done.

B. Arrange for payment of marquee (Brian) - done.

C. Pick up new marquee when ready (Maelgwn) - done.

D. Proceed with organising Flametree Ball (Maelgwn) - in progress.

E. Update website with Flametree Ball info (Gwenhwyfar) - done, with Brian's help.

F. Check Cold War budget once Jochen sends updated documents to Brian (Brian) – done.

G. Proceed with organising Cold War (Jochen) - *to be discussed further below in Agenda Item 6.*

Item #4 - Officers' Reports:

Reeve: [From Brian's email] - Westpac a/c Balance \$4,792.55 (As checked early today May 6th, 2022). Balance reduced from prior months because of purchase of Marquee (Cost: \$1771.38).

Payments continue to be made for Flametree, Hall Hire & Bond for Flametree paid.

Reminded by Exchequer email that purchase of assets over \$2000 require SCAA Board of Directors Approval (not needed for marquee as less than \$2000), that at end of calendar year there will be an annual 'stocktake of assets' (Reeve checks with quartermaster on where assets are at end of calendar year)

The SCA policy for asset requires (if at possible) that the asset be marked as the property of SCA, e.g. SCA Adora if at all possible.

Reeve looks forward for the Campbelltown Demo on Sat May 7th being successful. And to be let known if receipts are needed are needed for any day event memberships for non-member payments. Dropbox folder can be set up for Marcus/Bess if they want to upload paperwork rather than email it to reeve (or seneschal). Non-members attending multiple events/activities might be better off financially even in short term by paying SCA membership.

Warlord: Festival was a success. We had at least three archers on the war-field, and two heavy fighters (Maelgwn and Aelfred). Despite the small numbers we made a good accounting of ourselves. I am not aware if we had any Adorans fighting rapier. We had some Adorans head to the target archery fields for some fun. It has inspired me to want to run another Polit/Adora war training day sometime. As well as attend a local mundane archery club in garb.

Marshal: There were some re-authorisations completed at festival. For example, Astrid as combat archer, Jochen for rubber-band gun.

Captain of Archers: Nothing to report. Will run an archery day sometime. Jochen has bought 100 arrow blunts, if people want to buy them from him.

Rapier Marshal: Fencing hasn't happened much. Jack wants new equipment. Adoran swords are in Jack Roger's possession.

Herald: Has been talking to Hrodebert about a device.

Chirurgion: Chirurgion returned the token to Seneschal at Festival.

Quartermaster: Please everyone let Hrodebert know what Adoran gear you have in your possession. Gwenhwyfar to put out public call. Emailed Brian about current location of marquee.

Webwright: I updated the website to include current Flametree Ball information, with help from Brian. I fixed broken links on the website. The lochac mailing lists were migrated to "Mailman 3" (ask Aelfred for details, or visit the Masonry website), with many unused lists retired in the process. I updated the link on our homepage for signing up to our mailing list to the new URL for subscribing to "Adorans"; and I signed up for to the new Lochac mailing lists webpage using both the webwright and seneschal's email address. In addition, Brian ensured the deputy webwright is also set up as an owner/moderator.

Historian: Nothing to report, except for one notable event from Festival: Maelgwn represented Adora by fighting for the Baroness of Politarchopolis in the Fire Tourney. Also, Ælfred received a Grant of Arms during court for his excellent work as Kingdom Masonry Deputy.

Seneschal: Received the original Adora Seneschal's key from Aethelfled while at Festival. Also had some items returned to Adora (Aelfred's tabard, and a box of candles). We have some new interested members in the mid-realms, and Maelgwn and I have organised a low-key non-SCA social event for 14th May in our local area to meet these people and see if they are interested in participating further. We are in the process of applications for a new marshal - currently in the commentary period for our single applicant, Drystan (Tristan Gibbs).

Item #5 – Hamlets in Adora

Gwenhwyfar: Drachenstein had their own encampment at Festival, however, it would seem that many of the folks who camped together in Drachenstein were not necessarily in the geographical boundaries for the proposed hamlet. My feeling is that Drachenstein have formed their own identity and sense of group belonging that is more aligned with an SCA household than a hamlet, per se. I would propose that Drachenstein should be free to continue to play as a group as they wish, but perhaps pursuing hamlet status is inappropriate at this time.

Jochen: Agreed with Gwenhwyfar. Notes that the geographical identity is not there so much for the current Drachenstein group. Only two from the designated area actually camped with them. He suggests we reset the hamlet creation process.

Item #6 – Upcoming Events and Activities

(a) Campbelltown demo - May 7th - Happening tomorrow at Campbelltown Library! Speak to Lady Emlyn (Bess Gilmore-Lim) if you wish to participate.

(b) Flametree Ball - May 21st - *discussed above in Agenda Item 2.*

(c) Sussex Inlet Viking Festival - June 11th - (Maelgwn) Have been in contact with the event organiser. Will be clarifying terms and conditions. Going to start putting calls out for interest to any Viking personas in the SCA.

(d) Lochac's 20th Anniversary - July 9th - For the purpose of Lochac's 20th anniversary celebrations in Mordenvale on the 9th-10th July, the organisers have requested a banner from every group of Lochac to be displayed. Shall we send up our Adoran banner, and if so, how shall we get it there and back again? We currently do not know the location of the Adoran banner, and due to our Lochac banner having been previously loaned out and never returned to us, we are reluctant to part with it again. Consensus is “no”.

(e) Cold War - August 26th - (Jochen) – We need to pay a bond plus a deposit for each person anticipated, and Jochen is seeking clarity on this from site owners. He is looking for an A&S coordinator. Jochen will submit the event to the seneschal's database soon.

(f) Katherne's Laurelling Event - (Maelgwn) – Mistress Katherne is to be laurelled in the spring-time and it is to be a royal event. Katherne wishes this to occur in the Shire of Adora. The Northern Reaches (e.g. Campbelltown or Wollongong) may be best for ease of access with public transport routes.

(g) Fighter training days - (Maelgwn) where were we in the hamlet rotation? When/where do we want our next session to be? Figured that the next one shall probably be in Wollongong.

(h) Workshop days - (Maelgwn) does anyone else wish to hold a workshop day? Not fond of having people waiting for me (Maelgwn), especially at the moment while my work is unbelievably crazy right now. Maelgwn suggested that if anyone wishes to host a workshop, please feel free.

(i) Feast of Four Winds – will probably be held in the mid-realms sometime after the Laurelling royal event (e.g. October).

(j) DEMO at Outdoor & Adventure Expo, Berkeley - November 2022 - (Mikael / Jase Lees) – Mikael notified the Seneschal about the prospect of a demo at this expo.

(k) Spring Crown Tournament - September 2023 - Bids are due by 30th Sep 2022. Maelgwn is enthusiastic to get a bid together. Please let Maelgwn know if you are interested so that together you can form an Adora Crown 2023 team/committee. Micha suggested forming a group chat on FB very soon to begin discussions.

Item #7 – General Business

Mordenvale rebuild project: since we were gifted with money from the Crescent Isles to help recover after the bushfires (where are we at with this? and are we going to thank them somehow?), do we wish to help Mordenvale after all their stuff got burnt to a crisp? Everyone agreed it would be a good idea. Jochen suggested that in the first instance we should contact Duchess Engelin to ask the best way to help out. Then we can come up with some more concrete ideas of what we could do to contribute.

Date for next meeting: Friday 3rd June at 7:30pm on Adoran Discord Channel

Meeting closed: 9:00pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
1. Flametree Ball: find person to make desserts; source list ropes and loaner garb.	Maelgwn	ASAP
2. Shire rapier gear: send around the prioritised list of gear we need to obtain (including quoted prices).	Micha (Rapier Marshal)	Next meeting
3. Westpac sign in: sort out log-in issues with Reeve or Exchequer	Micha	Next meeting
4. Gifts for new members: discuss new ideas/suggestions on Facebook	Gwenhwyfar	Next meeting
5. Shire documentation: a. circulate processes document b. update event proposal forms	Gwenhwyfar	Next meeting
6. Shire assets: mark new pavilion with SCA Adora label	Maelgwn	When able
7. Shire gear inventory: send out notice to one and all to inform our Quartermaster (Hrodebert) what shire gear is in people's possession.	Gwenhwyfar	ASAP
8. Sussex Inlet Viking Festival: call out for viking persona participants.	Maelgwn	ASAP
9. Lochac 20 th Anniversary: provide our response to call-out for banners.	Gwenhwyfar	As soon as practicable
10. Cold War: clarify deposit payment details and submit event for approval	Jochen	As soon as practicable
11. Spring Crown 2023: create team to work on event bid	Maelgwn plus anyone interested	30 Sep 2022 (bid due)
12. Mordenvale rebuild project: contact Engelin about how best to contribute	Gwenhwyfar	Next meeting