

Shire of Adora – Meeting

Tuesday 8th November – 7:30pm

Meeting commenced: 7:33pm

Attendance: Maelgwn, Brian, Drystan, Hrodebert, Micha, Euron, Æthelfled, Ælfred (late)

Apologies: Jochen

Chairperson: Gwenhwyfar

Minute-taker: Gwenhwyfar

Item #1 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Motion to accept previous minutes.

Moved by: Maelgwn

Seconded by: Drystan

Motion passed.

Item #2 – Ratifying Decisions Since Previous Meeting:

Approval to book Wandandian Hall for the purpose of Mid-Realms Fortnightly Meet-ups given via email on 20th and 22nd October.; for the sum of \$150 (\$20 x 5 sessions + \$50 security deposit). Responses in favour were received from Maelgwn, Brian and Drystan.

Item #3 – Events and Activities:

- a. **Bal d'Argent** (15th Oct) – Brian says payments (reimbursements) to Kiriell and Brian need to be made, which will allow reconciliation in Xero. Kiriell's bank details were sent through this afternoon. Brian will do a request form for that, and will ask Caillem or Warwick to second that. Attendees had an enjoyable event. SCA steward's financial report is pretty much complete. Gwenhwyfar has not seen a steward's report to the seneschal.
- b. **Demo "Spring Into Sanctuary Point" Fair** (22nd Oct) - Maelgwn reports that the demo went really well. Originally supposed to be in the sports grounds, but due to the grounds being too wet, it was moved to auditorium at St George's Basin Country Club. There were many who came to help out, we set up a stall and "list field" in front of the stage. Maelgwn and Drystan fought on a number of occasions, which drew a huge crowd. There was a number of expressions of interest, but sadly not much follow up since then. Maelgwn was approached by the local radio station for an interview, and he gave them his details. Followed by a pub lunch.

- c. **Workshop Day** (30th Oct) - Hrodebert reports there were a couple of attendees plus one on zoom. They sat around and talked and made stuff. He would like to run workshops more regularly, such as every two months.
- d. **Mid-realms Fortnightly Meet-ups** (1st Nov) – Gwenhwyfar says that the hall at Wandandian is really good. Maelgwn reports there is enough room to swing your sword about inside due to high ceilings. There is also a large floor area, decent kitchen, a stage, heaps of parking, playground for kids outside, conveniently on the highway, etc. Since the first occasion there have been expressions of interest from various people to attend future meet-ups. Gwenhwyfar and Brian will talk about methods for online payment for the meet-ups in 2023. (Hrodebert is also interested in online payments for future workshop days).
- e. **September Crown 2023** - Maelgwn has spoken to Galen (Kingdom Crown Events deputy) and he is happy with what we have done thus far. Maelgwn has submitted the event into the Seneschal's DB; and has been working with Hrodebert on an online booking form (a template webform), which collects data in a google spreadsheet. Bookings open April 21st. Æthelfled suggests we could all wear Adoran colours at the feast. Æthelfled has also obtained many free candles for the event.
- f. **Tourney by the Sea 2023** – There have been queries online about if and when this event will occur. Æthelfled says she will chat to Jochen about this soon. Brian suspects Jochen won't be keen to run the event, based on prior discussions with him. Gwenhwyfar suggested doing a “lite” version if there is no one willing to steward the full-scale event, such as by hosting a tourney but not having a feast after. Instead, participants could hang around for dinner privately afterwards if they wished.

Item #4 – Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- #1. Cold War 2022 – finalise reports, make outstanding payments, etc. (Jochen) – Jochen is absent.
- #2. September Crown 2023 – prepare to put event details through Seneschal’s Database. (Maelgwn) – done.
- #3. Mordenvale rebuild project – review planning spreadsheet (Gwenhwyfar) - Æthelfled and Maelgwn will both ask a mate for a quote to fabricate more portable holes to donate to Mordenvale. Gwenhwyfar will talk to Engelin (the coordinator) about Adora donating portable holes to the cause.
- #4. Event Submission Form – update forms (Gwenhwyfar) – work in progress.
- #5. Facebook page & website - update photos (Gwenhwyfar) - done. Group photo from Cold War is now the Shire of Adora Facebook group banner.

Item #5 – Officers’ Reports:

Reeve: Minor things for Bal d'Argent are outstanding, and hall receipts are still due. Some Cold War things are still outstanding also - invoice from Girl Guides camp received today, but there's a mistake on it, so Brian has had to query it. That needs to be paid, and receipts for hire attained. Brian asks Æthelfled if there are amounts still required for reimbursement from Cold War. (Æthelfled hasn't been home for 8 weeks due to surgery).

Exchequer has requested payments of our kingdom levies to 30th Sept: \$275; event insurance fees of \$318.63, and GST to be paid: \$804.45. These payments were entered Monday evening, and request gone out to Maelgwn and Micha to pay. No group approval needed for these routine payments. Micha has approved other pending expenses in Westpac. Bank balance is now \$11,168.71, but will be less once pending payments go through. Girl Guides expected payment for Cold War is \$3,198 for site hire; of which we've already paid \$1,920.

Heavy Marshal:

- A small contingent of Adorans attended Spring War on 3rd Oct. Drystan asked for feedback on FB about this but didn't hear much except that there were no injuries or incidents.
- There was a tourney at Bal d'Argent on 15th Oct with 9 combatants. It was an excellent event with no injuries or incidents. The tourney was ultimately won by Ariston.
- At the Sanctuary Point Demo day on Oct 22nd, the Scouts approached us and asked if we could do a demo for them.
- At Wandandian hall on 1st Nov, fighters did training with pell work and great weapons techniques. Drystan asks all officers to encourage people to attend these sessions, because it's not just for fighting, but also A&S, etc.
- Notable mentions - Lord Ælfred has re-authorized as a heavy combatant, plus Adora has a new authorisation: Ash Sperinck from Wollongong - huzzah! Fields of Gold is coming up in Polit on 5th Nov.

Warlord: Fields of Gold has great fighting, both heavy and rapier, and will be the first event attended by our new Kings; plus many Barons and Baronesses. It usually has a great weapon / pole-arm tournament.

Captain of Archers: Jochen is absent.

Rapier Marshal: There are no authorised rapier fighters in Adora at the moment. Micha will try to get his marshal 'authorising' authorisation soon. (Note that Ælfred wants to get re-authorized by the end of the year also.) Micha has a full kit, whereas Jack doesn't have everything he wants. He's the only one who wants/needs anything at present, but he's been inactive. Jack recently mentioned to Brian at Cold War that he is looking at getting a quote for gear. Micha has 4 swords which would be enough for drills with our interested learners. Southron Gaard gave us \$390 on 17th Aug 2020; following Jack's blades being destroyed in fire. Maelgwn wants us to send a note of gratitude to them. Ælfred notes that gorgets and masks are critical for fencing training, whereas double jumpers can be worn in lieu of a gambeson.

Herald: Micha has been helping people with their heraldry, including Alexis and Gwenhwyfar, maybe Æthelfled also.

Quartermaster: After Bal d'Argent he has most of the gear back in storage. The equipment spreadsheet was updated to show that our list ropes are now with Maelgwn (Gwenhwyfar cleaned them also). Hrodebert is looking at cataloguing armour this week, and asks Lord Drystan to please catalogue the loaner kit that he has as well.

Webwright / Web-deputy: The “regular events” page updated to include Mid-realms Meet-ups. Cover page text was edited to remove reference to the SCA being like the middle-ages but “without the plague”, since that comment hasn’t aged well post-covid!

Seneschal: Gwenhwyfar has worked on setting up the Mid-realms fortnightly gathering, plus continued on upgrades to Adoran forms and procedures.

Item #6 – General Business

Maelgwn reopened discussion about the shire purchasing a small medieval-style pavilion to use for demos, tournaments, or storing weapons and armour at Festival. Please send any ideas to Maelgwn, as he is compiling a short-list of options for us to peruse next meeting.

Euron did some work at Nowra River Festival, and talked to organisers about the SCA. They said they'd be glad for us to have a presence at the River Festival next year. See <https://www.shoalhavenriverfestival.com.au/> for information about this event.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 6th December at 7:30pm on Adoran Discord Channel

Meeting closed: 8:50pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
1. <u>Mordenvale rebuild project</u> – get quotes for portable holes	Maelgwn and Æthelfled	When able
2. <u>Shire Forms</u> – update forms	Gwenhwyfar	When able
3. <u>Online payments for activities</u> – discuss payment methods for fortnightly meet-ups and workshop days	Gwenhwyfar and Brian	By end of 2022
4. <u>Rapier gear</u> - buy gear with donated funds, then send thank you note to Southron Gaard.	Jack, et al.	When able
5. <u>Shire Pavilion #2</u> – compile short-list of options	Maelgwn	By next meeting