

# Shire of Adora – Meeting

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 7:30pm

**Meeting commenced:** 7:36pm

**Attendance:** Gwenhwyfar, Maelgwn, Hrodebert, Ælfred, Brian, Micha, Jochen, Drystan

**Apologies:** Æthelflæd

**Chairperson:** Gwenhwyfar

**Minute-taker:** Gwenhwyfar

### **Item #1 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes:**

Motion to accept previous minutes.

Moved by: Hrodebert

Seconded by: Ælfred

Motion passed.

### **Item #2 – Ratifying Decisions Since Previous Meeting:**

Decisions made since January 10th which need to be recorded in tonight's minutes:

Approval of new date, pricing and budget for Sea Dragons Picnic given at Discord meeting on Monday 30th January, 8pm.

### **Item #3 – Events and Activities:**

- a. **Midrealms Fortnightly Meet-ups** (11th and 25th Jan) - Gwenhwyfar reports that on January 11th, we had a talk about SCA garb. Then at the meet-up on the 25th we had many participants doing both heavy and rapier training, and the marshals gave a talk about armour requirements.

Gwenhwyfar has contacted the Wandandian Progress Association and they replied that their meeting was at 6pm tonight (7th Feb) and plan to confirm the new rates and hire contract with us tomorrow. Our next meet-up is also happening tomorrow (8th Feb).

- b. **Sea Dragon's Picnic** (18th March) - Gwenhwyfar is awaiting the seneschal's DB event submission. NB: Æthelflæd (event steward) is absent. Drystan arrived to meeting late, and so the council discussed this event at the end of the meeting:

Drystan reports that there will be a heavy tourney and rapier tourney, and they want to have some minor prizes for the winners. He has talked to Maelgwn and Sir Ariston about the fighting formats. The plan is to give all entrants 5 colour-coordinated tokens, and the combatants fight for them within a given time limit. The winner is whomever ends up with most tokens. He has a fancy token prepared for the resulting heavy champion and rapier champion. They plan to have a Viking pillow fight game to determine the ultimate champion, who will receive a dragon's hoard of chocolate gold coins in a small chest. Maelgwn suggests including the dragons hoard treasure in the event description when advertised.

Brian confirmed with Drystan to fill out a reimbursement form for the prizes purchased, and to please provide a receipt.

Maelgwn has agreed to be heavy combat field marshal. Maelgwn has two people in mind for list-keepers. Heavy and Rapier tourneys will be run simultaneously. Drystan is still looking for a rapier marshal. Ælfred says he *might* be able to do it, but will confirm later.

- c. **Rowany Festival** (12th-17th April) - Adoran campsite: Gwenhwyfar is putting the call-out for a campsite coordinator. Additionally, there will be a Fire Tourney on the Friday evening at 7pm, and since last year the tourney organisers have expanded the entry criteria. Now in addition to representatives of the crown, heirs and baronages, they are calling for a combatant to represent each of Lochac's shires; to be selected by the "will of the populace". To that end Gwenhwyfar will soon begin the process of calling for nominees and putting it to Adorans to vote upon a champion. We are required to make our chosen representative known to the Crown and tourney organisers before Festival.
- d. **Cold War 2023** (6th-9th July) - Hrodebert has put together an event proposal. It includes typical war scenarios, plus the possibility of markets, A&S, rapier, and/or archery, depending on who shows up. At this stage he wants to pay the bond for the site to lock it in. Hrodebert outlined the stewarding team, noting that Ragnar may also have 5 assistants. The war field strategy is being left to Ariston. Pricing is still being tweaked. The catering is capped at 100 people.

Brian says that to secure the payment he needs to contact the Lochac Exchequer to obtain the right insurance certificate required by the Girl Guides. [Gwenhwyfar moves to give provisional approval of the Cold War event overall concept. Brian seconds that, so that Hrodebert can progress to securing the site. All in favour. Motion passed.](#)

Jochen asks about advertising this soon, and we agreed that it is a good idea to put out a "save-the-date" notice. Brian says to hold off on any "official" advertising until final approval, however, we can do a save-the-date notice via Adoran channels (e.g. Adoran mailing list, FB page). Jochen (deputy event steward) was given access to Hrodebert's dropbox for Cold War planning purposes.

- e. **September Crown 2023** (1st-3rd Sep) - Maelgwn has received the updated contract from Robertson site, and has been discussing the event budget with Jochen, making needed adjustments. Jochen says he looked at early-bird rate scenarios, but found that it eats too much into profit margin and is too unpredictable. The new plan is to have a late booking surcharge instead, which encourages early bookings. The stewards aim to get the event officially advertised soon.

Jochen shared budget scenarios with the council. The number of kitchen volunteers can scale up or down based on the number of people booked. [Jochen confirmed the collegian discount of \\$10 with Maelgwn \(event steward\)](#). Collegian rates makes only a negligible difference to the profits.

Brian says he is happy with the budget, but requests Maelgwn double-check the proposed pricing with Kingdom Crown Event Deputy. Brian suggests keeping the number of event rates to a manageable number. Brian also requests to have another meeting with Maelgwn and Jochen soon to confirm the pricing structure. Jochen suggests we use a simple pricing structure, and for anything different/nuanced, to simply contact the bookings officer for a custom price.

Jochen was given access to Maelgwn's dropbox for September Crown planning purposes.

#### **Item #4 – Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

#1. Advertise Midrealms Meet-ups in “About Bay and Basin” magazine – Gwenhwyfar contacted the editor of the magazine, who is happy to include our details regularly from the March edition onwards. She also invited Gwenhwyfar to write an article about our group, if we want to, and they will publish it (also for free).

#2. Mordenvale rebuild – Gwenhwyfar did not hear back from Duchess Engelin, so emailed the Mordenvale seneschal on 3rd February. The Seneschal, Rowland Bridgeford, replied shortly after and says that they definitely would be interested in receiving the 6 portable holes; and also wishes to see the design we have planned.

Summary of quotes:

1. RavenFyre Forge, Tasmania - \$120ea, total \$720 + shipping (same as Adora's original ones)
2. Local metal fabricator, Jervis Bay - \$500 (replica of Adora's original ones)
3. Johan, Canberra - \$25ea, total \$300 (basic design, 550mm overall, 300mm socket)

Council agreed that transporting these from Tasmania will cost too much. Group was not in favour of option 1. Gwenhwyfar will ask Mordenvale's preference between options 2 and 3 (based on the designs, not the costs), and if they want the more elaborate design, we may be able to split the price with another branch. Hrodebert says he may be able to transport the portable holes, if required. Gwenhwyfar will ask the metal-workers from options 2 and 3 about the timing on fabrication (i.e. when they will be able to make the items).

#3. Loaner Rapier Gear – carry over.

#4. New arming/demo tent – Maelgwn reports that the tent has been ordered, paid for, and picked up from the vendor, and he will arrange to collect it from Rowany fighter training when he and his knight from Mordenvale meet there next. Brian requests a receipt, and reminds everyone that this is our newest asset and will need to be recorded on our official Adoran Asset Register, plus its current whereabouts recorded on the Quartermaster's Equipment List. Maelgwn will upload the receipt to his dropbox. Maelgwn adds that we need to buy or obtain pegs for this tent. Hrodebert says he can donate pegs. The asset will need to be marked as "Property of Shire of Adora".

#5. Mark Betta Marquee 6x3 pavilion as "Property of Shire of Adora" – Gwenhwyfar did this at the Workshop Day on 14th January, in black permanent marker!

#6. Website updates for Tourney by the Sea and Sea Dragon's Picnic – work in progress.

### **Item #5 – Officers' Reports:**

**Reeve:** Brian wishes to make clear to all the SCA policy which states that non-members must pay an insurance fee upfront before being allowed on site for any event or activity. We (as a branch) cannot officially subsidise newcomers.

Westpac account balance is \$8,730.63, taking into account payment for the new Saxon/Norman trade tent (\$649), Shire of Adora's latest asset.

Brian proposes a meeting with Drystan and Æthelflæd to discuss reporting arrangements for Sea Dragon's Picnic, on the evening of Monday 20th February. He is also happy to arrange a meeting with the stewards of Cold War and Spring Crown if they have any questions.

**Heavy Marshal:** Drystan reports that training continues (at the Midrealms Meet-ups) and is going well. We have had on average around 4 active combatants at each session, with no accidents or injuries. Hrodebert asks about possibly doing a training session at Stuart Park in Wollongong sometime.

Drystan also said that he has thought about the use of Burrill Park for hosting fighter training in alternate weeks to the Midrealms Meet-ups. Gwenhwyfar says this would be okay if there was sufficient interest to cover any associated site hire costs.

**Warlord:** Maelgwn says: War hardens the heart. War is good for loot. He suggests the Sea Dragons Picnic to determine a champion for the Festival Fire Tourney. Gwenhwyfar says she would rather it be the "will of the people" instead of a competition. Ælfred pointed out that the will of the people might be to compete for the honour. Gwenhwyfar noted that not all Adoran fighters might be able to attend the tourney, to which many replied that if they want to be Adora's champion they better get there! Then the council discussed the suggestion that all Adoran fighters assume the new name "Will of the People" for the purpose of entering the Fire Tourney!

**Captain of Archers:** Jochen has been on downtime lately. He intends to run an archery day sometime in the future, on a low-key basis.

**Rapier Marshal:** Micha says rapier fighting has been picking up lately. At recent Midrealms Meet-ups there has been lots of fencing training, but no one's ready to be authorised yet.

**Herald:** Micha's tenure as herald ends soon. Gwenhwyfar will advertise the role. Gwenhwyfar will send her draft badge to Micha to submit.

**Quartermaster:** Jase Lees said he didn't have the shire helmets. Maelgwn had also sent a photo of the helmets and Jase said he will have another look. Maelgwn will have a search for it too. Maelgwn suggests that at some point we may need to just buy replacement gear. Æthelflæd will need to ask Hrodebert for gear needed to run the Sea Dragons Picnic.

**Seneschal:** Gwenhwyfar reports that we have two new members since our last meeting: Theo and Harry from the Midrealms! Our current membership is 39 Adorans, 6 of which are children. Approximately 10 of these members (more or less) play elsewhere (such as Rowany or Okewaite), mostly due to location/proximity issues.

On January 25th, Æthelflæd located and delivered to me the old box of seneschal stuff, which included a photo album of Adorans at events circa 2004, the Book of Ceremonies gifted to Adora from the College of Heraldry, plus a folder of paperwork (event sign-in sheets, receipts, meeting minutes, etc) which Gwenhwyfar plans to sort through; and report to next meeting with a summary of what is there.

Thank you to the officers who have submitted their quarterly reports. Gwenhwyfar will be submitting the Seneschal's report on 15th February.

## **Item #6 – General Business**

Ælfred asks whether we have plans for Flametree Ball 2023. Micha says he is interested in running it this year. Flametree is usually held in May. Gwenhwyfar will send an email about it to let Adorans know we are seeking a steward; plus Micha is welcome to work on an event proposal. Micha suggested Gerringong Hall would be a good venue, however, Brian notes that the reason we usually hold it in the Northern Realms is to make it accessible for the musicians from Rowany. It would be advisable to ask the musicians if they would be able to travel further south for the event.

**Date for next meeting:** Tuesday 7th of March at 7:30pm on Adoran Discord Channel

**Meeting closed:** 9.08am

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
1. <u>Mordenvale rebuild</u> – check with Mordenvale’s seneschal for their preferred design for new portable holes, plus check timing for fabrication.	Gwenhwyfar, with help from Maelgwn and Æthelflæd	By next meeting
2. <u>Midrealms Meet-ups</u> – arrange for new contract plus payment of 2023 hire fees.	Gwenhwyfar	ASAP
3. <u>Sea Dragon’s Picnic</u> – meeting to discuss event report paperwork, etc.	Æthelflæd, Drystan and Brian	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
4. <u>Loaner rapier gear</u> – obtain required gear, and thank Southron Gaard for their monetary donation.	Fencers of Adora	When able
5. <u>New arming/demo tent</u> – collect from Sir Yves, add to asset register and equipment list, mark it as Adoran property.	Maelgwn, Brian, Hrodebert and Gwenhwyfar	ASAP
6. <u>New Shire officers</u> – advertise for Herald, and other roles.	Gwenhwyfar	ASAP
7. <u>Old Shire paperwork</u> – sort through and report back.	Gwenhwyfar	When able
8. <u>Flametree Ball 2023</u> – seek prospective steward(s) for this event.	Gwenhwyfar	By next meeting