

Shire of Adora – Meeting

Tuesday 3rd September– 7:00 pm

Meeting commenced: 7:08pm

Attendance: Hrodebert, Gwenhwyfar, Jochen, Anders, Aodhán, Ælfred

Apologies: Maelgwn

Chairperson: Jochen

Minute-taker: Jochen

Item #1 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Motion to accept previous minutes from the 6th August

Moved by: Gwenhwyfar

Seconded by: Hrodebert

Motion passed.

Item #2 – Ratifying Decisions Since Previous Meeting:

NA

Item #3 – Events and Activities:

Midrealms Meet-ups

Meetup on the 4th August had 10 Adult attendees.

The Mini-collegia was on the “Guilds of Lochac”

Meetup on the 18th August had 9 Adult attendees.

There was a Show and tell of Leatherworking. Jochen Posted pictures of Tristans work on facebook and there was a lot of positive feedback

Tomorrow night (4th September) Gwenhwyfar will be running a mini-Collegia on feasting Kit
ON the 18th of September Ælfred will be running a primer to brewing

Stuart Park Training

The last session was cancelled to Aodhán having the flue (She’s still recovering) The next sessions are to take place on:

Saturday 14th September

Saturday 20th October

Flametree Ball

Last of the Indemnity sheets came through later in the evening after the meeting. Has now been loaded up to Dropbox. Can be closed out.

Cold War

Ælfred ran the discussion with Jochen, Hrodebert, Gwenhwyfar in attendance. The Minutes of which are attached below.

One of the issues we noted was the Social Media Presence. Aodhán is keen to get involved in this part moving forwards as this is her mundane specialty.

Archery Day

Archery day was run and had a good turnout.

Scott Garske was the winner of the Tankard of Awesomeness. Well Done Scott.

Hrodebert has noted that it doesn't really work to try to do the Archery and War Training on the same day as by the time we get going there isn't enough time for both. Outstanding is the MiC report from Astrid.

The final reimbursement payment has to be approved.

Hrodebert will be on holiday in November (Tasmania) and wont be able to run it then.

Jochen suggested that it is appropriate for someone else to run it in November as it shouldn't fall on Hrodebert all the time and it continues with the 3 month cycle.

If anyone is interested in running it in November please put your hand up.

We need to get TAM Log-ins sorted so Current TAMS can input IKAC scores into the Database.

Action Item 1#. Archery Day – MiC Report to be completed. Astrid – ASAP

Action Item 2 #. Archery Day – Final Payment to be approved. Account holder other than Hrodebet - ASAP

Action Item 3 #. Archery Day – TAM's database logins to be sorted. Seneschal/Captian of Archers - ASAP

Action Item 4 #. Someone to run the next Archery Day. A person willing to put their hand up. – Preferably by next meeting

Sanctuary Point Demo

Gwenhwyfar has registered with the organisers, we have been given a nice bit of space to work in. A Risk Assessment is required and Gwenhwyfar will complete that. Also to go up on the Kingdom calendar. It is under control.

Action Item 5 #. Sanctuary Point Demo to go up on Kingdom Calendar. Steward/Seneschal - ASAP

Feast of Four Winds

It is up and one booking is in. Anders has it under control. Fiona, Michelle and Astrid have been trading thoughts on the feast. Hall Hire has been paid. This is shaping up to be a great event.

A cash advance will be required closer to the event

Action Item 6 #. Organise Cash Advance for Feast of 4 Winds. Steward/Reeve Prior to event.

Item #4 – Action Items from Previous Meeting:

Item 1#. Finalise Flamtree Ball Logistics and Administration - Jochen. **Complete** (See above)

Item 2#. Meeting be held to discuss Cold War. Ælfred. **Complete** (See Above)

Item 3#. Organise the Sanctuary Point Demo - Gwenhwyfar. **Ongoing** (See Above)

Item 4#. Feast of 4 Winds Meeting to be uploaded to Lochac Calendar. Steward/Seneschal. **Complete** (See Above)

Item 5#. Maelgwn to complete revised design of Brazier for discussion at next meeting. Maelgwn. **Ongoing**

Maelgwn has done a lot of thinking and work in this space. A really good session at Midrealms Meetups where a cardboard mockup was built, and we sat around it and discussed the design. Maelgwn is an apology for this meeting. He is working on the Design. When he is happy with the details, he will be sharing for all to see and will gets costs to fabricate.

Renamed Action Item 7 #.

Item 6#. That arrangements be made for fabrication and purchase of Portable Holes. Maelgwn. **In progress.**

Maelgwn has emailed Xavier to put in the order.

Renamed Action Item 8 #. That arrangements be made for fabrication and purchase of Portable Holes. Maelgwn. Before Hrodebert goes to Tasmania in November

Item 7#. Undertake inventory of Loaner Fighting kit. – Aodhán – **Ongoing**

Renamed Action Item 9 #.

Item 8#. Advertise for Adoran Group Marshal. – Seneschal, **Complete** (See Officer Reports)

Item 9#. Purchase of materials and construction of Adoran Combat Arrows. – Anders, **Ongoing** (See Officer Reports)

Renamed Action Item 10 #.

Item 10#. Commence recruitment process for new Rapier Marshal. – Seneschal, **Underway** (See Officer Reports)

Item #5 – Officers' Reports:

Seneschal (Jochen):

Thankyou to all officers for the continued winning streak of getting reports in on time. Jochen hangs his head in shame as he missed the Seneschal Report by a couple of days. There was a video of an interview with the Crown that was posted on facebook. Proud to note that in this video the crown specifically mentioned Adora as a group that is doing great things and that they wished they could have been able to visit.

Reeve (Hrodebert):

Current Bank account Balance \$15,544.61

2 x events need closing out
Cash advance will be required for Feast of 4 winds

Arts & Sciences Minister (Ælfred):

Lots of A&S at Wandandian, is going well
Bardic competition to happen at Feast of 4 winds.

Heavy Marshal (Aodhán):

Congratulations and Welcome to Aodhán our new marshal!
Handover was to be done tomorrow but Aodhán is still recovering from illness. Will be done online on Discord at a later date.
Completing Marshal Auth is a Priority
Having a fighty discussion online tomorrow night on Discord.

Chirurgion (Micha):

Micha not present at meeting

Rapier Marshal (Micha):

Expressions of interest for Rapier Marshal have been extended to Friday 6th September.
Micha has put his hand up. Anyone else interested is encouraged to apply.

Webmaster (Ælfred): :

Has been busy updating website. All training and Midrealms Meetups till the end of the year are on website. Feast of 4 Winds page is now up. A&S Page also updated. There is a blog which was last used in 2019. Discussion as to whether it is still required/relevant. Consensus is that it is no longer required.

Lengthy and productive discussion on the idea of having a populace list on the Adoran Website. Jochen showed Anelean list as an example. Gwenhwyfar shared the work that she and Micha had done with a similar idea, including Badges and Devices with names. Discussion regarding the need to maintain should we go down this path. Aodhán added that this is a really nice thing as it adds interest for the website. Overall consensus is that it is a nice idea that needs exploration.

New Action Item 11#. That a separate meeting be held with those interested discussing the details of a potential populace list to go up on the Adoran web. Gwenhwyfar to coordinate – Before Next Meeting.

Captian of Archers (Anders):

Archery event went well! Anders is getting supplies for arrow making together and wants to run an arrow making workshop at Wandandian.

Quartermaster (Gwenhwyfar):

Congratulations to Gwenhwyfar, our new Quatermaster! She has gone over the lists and is compiling. She went into the policy in detail. Some interesting fun-facts that were discussed, ie if a group folds then assets are to be disposed to other SCA Groups.

Historian (Anders):

Anders has been working on Photos and artwork. It's looking good.

Discussion regarding Photos of people and that although some people have no objections to their photo in the public domain that others are more private and this needs to be respected.

Senechal made mistake of announcing the role is Chronicler/Historian. Is historian role only.

Item #6 – General Business

Gwenhwyfar – Marshals tabbards are almost done. They look great!

Jochen – Has not progressed War Tabards. Will bring fabric to Midrealms so someone else can take the lead

Gwenhwyfar – Shoalhaven council will advertise not-for-profit organisations on the digital billboards. Discussion regarding using this for Feast of 4 Winds. Consensus is that this is a great idea!

Below – Minutes from Cold War Meeting

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 1st October at 7:00pm on Adoran Discord Channel

Meeting closed: 8:40pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
1. Archery Day – MiC Report to be completed.	Astrid	ASAP
2. Archery Day – Final Payment to be approved.	Account holder other than Hrodebert	ASAP
3. Archery Day – TAM's database logins to be sorted. - ASAP	Seneschal/Captian of Archers	FASAP
4. Someone to run the next Archery Day.	A person willing to put their hand up	Preferably by next meeting
5. Sanctuary Point Demo to go up on Kingdom Calendar.	Steward/Seneschal	ASAP
6. Organise Cash Advance for Feast of 4 Winds.	Steward/Reeve	Prior to event.
7. Maelgwn to complete revised design of Brazier for discussion at next meeting.	Maelgwn	Next Meeting
8. That arrangements be made for fabrication and purchase of Portable Holes.	Maelgwn	Before Hrodebert goes to Tasmania in November
9. Undertake inventory of Loaner Fighting kit.	Aodhán	Next Meeting
10. Purchase of materials and construction of Adoran Combat Arrows.	Anders	November
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Cold War 2024 Post Mortem

13 August 2024

Present: Ælfred, Jochen, Hrodebert, Gwenhwyfar, Drystan (late)

- Ælfred - Financial loss was \$200 due to loss of the site bond; the loss had the event gone ahead would have been \$300-\$400 according to Ælfred's calculation
- Ælfred - the most commonly suggested reason for low bookings is the number of other events around the same time, e.g. Winterfest, Okewaite event, Inter College War, Rowany Masked Ball, Flametree Ball. This agrees with my personal feeling.
- Gwenhwyfar – was cost a factor? Ælfred – the cost structure was the same as 2023. Jochen – the event is neither notably cheap nor notably expensive compared to other events.
- Ælfred – if we were to make the event cheaper, how would we do it? Jochen – to be significantly cheaper, the site would have to be a paddock, as has been done for Spring War in the past. Ælfred – Bengalee Scout Camp was marginally cheaper but not by much. Jochen/Hrodebert – sites with flat rates (e.g. Kangaroo Valley) are expensive and so require very large numbers to justify.
- Hrodebert – hard to draw meaningful conclusions from trends in numbers over the years due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the event immediately post-COVID (2022) was very big; the 2023 event was smaller but still well-attended; the 2024 event was unviable due to low numbers.
- Gwenhwyfar – how many war events happened this year? Ælfred – the same number as usual but Inter College War was in our region and close to the timing of Cold War.
- Jochen – the date was somewhat earlier this year compared to other wars. Ælfred – this year was one week earlier than last year; date was largely forced by site availability, steward availability and other events. Hrodebert – should start looking for sites a lot earlier.
- Gwenhwyfar – should we consider taking a year off? Ælfred – we could also consider just accepting that the event may be a smaller one.
- Gwenhwyfar – has heard some rumours of negative comments about Adora due to cancellation (but the original source is uncertain).
- Gwenhwyfar – could we consider a site outside Adora? Ælfred – Okewaite Berrima site was thrown around at some point. Jochen/Hrodebert: Berrima has some merit. Hrodebert – be aware that a cheaper site will likely mean compromising on facilities
- Jochen – we need to “lock in” the event earlier, maybe around the beginning of the year. Suggests a conversation with Okewaite, Stowe, Rowany about possibility of sharing the event. The advantage is better co-ordination of dates; the disadvantage is being more complex to organise. A mixed-group event should have major posts filled from across the groups involved.
- Jochen – felt that Cold War was becoming a chore as the event came closer. Hrodebert – should we start by asking who wants to run it? Gwenhwyfar – if no one is enthusiastic, that might be a bad sign. Jochen – would be interested to be the steward if the restructure at his real-world employment works out in his favour.

- Ælfred – has heard mixed opinions about the effectiveness of advertising. Advertising has changed since the last time I ran an event, when we'd post to neighbouring group lists, dance list, etc., but not so much Lochac-wide lists or social media. Hrodebert – suggests finding someone who likes curating social media to whom the work can be given; Jochen – agrees with Hrodebert, suggests Ash, who is a real-world social media marketer. Jochen – can't underestimate value of word-of-mouth; worked well for one Cold War; word-of-mouth will work better if we have details locked in early.
- Action items:
 - Ælfred to post notes to everyone present and keep them for next year's steward
 - Call out for 2025 steward to be made at the next Shire meeting
 - Possibility of running the event with other groups to be discussed at the next Shire meeting

Other sites