

Shire of Adora – Meeting

Tuesday 4th February – 7:00pm

Meeting commenced: 7:10pm

Attendance: Maelgwn, Gwenhwyfar, Ælfred, Jochen, Hrodebert, Anders, Micha

Apologies: Æthelflæd

Chairperson: Maelgwn (Warwick)

Minute-taker: Gwenhwyfar (Renee)

Item #1 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Held over to next meeting, pending review of draft minutes currently being circulated.

Item #2 – Ratifying Decisions Since Previous Meeting:

None.

Item #3 – Events and Activities:

Midrealms Meet-ups

The two meet-ups in January had 5 and 6 attendees respectively. There was some combat training with boffer swords, plus arrow-making and wood carving activities.

There was \$61.03 remaining from the approved expenditure for 2024 refreshments. Gwenhwyfar estimates the annual expenditure for refreshments to be around \$200. Thus she requests more funds be approved for buying goods such as coffee, tea, milk, cookies and chocolate throughout 2025.

Gwenhwyfar moved to approve up to \$150 additional expenditure for 2025 Midrealms Meet-ups refreshments.

Seconded by Hrodebert.

Motion passed. Unanimous.

Sussex Viking Festival

Æthelflæd has been in contact with the Festival organisers and with Maelgwn. The Festival is on the June long weekend (June 6th to 9th). Set up is on Friday, the festival runs all day Saturday, and pack up on Sunday. She will be our liaison with the organisers. All are welcome to join in the demonstration. Please contact Maelgwn or Æthelflæd if interested.

Flame Tree Ball

Maelgwn says if anyone wishes to run in this year, please contact him, or start getting an event bid together.

At the last meeting, Micha expressed interest in stewarding Flame Tree Ball, but has not worked on any proposal yet. He believes Russell Vale Community Hall is preferable because it is more affordable than Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. Jochen warned that the communications with that venue (Russell Vale) has been difficult on previous occasions.

Prospective steward(s) to work on a proposal to put to the group at the next meeting.

Rowany Festival

Campsite Coordinator: The Adoran campsite at Festival will need a campsite coordinator. The job includes (amongst other things) coordinating the layout of the campsite, ensuring the campsite has everything it needs, liaising with the Festival stewarding team, and making sure it is clean and tidy at the conclusion of the event. [Maelgwn to put the call out on the mailing list and Facebook group for a campsite coordinator.](#)

Fire Tourney: Festival has a Fire Tourney, and the Shires can nominate a champion to compete. Adora calls for a heavy combatant to nominate themselves for this tourney. Please let Maelgwn know if you are interested, or if you know someone who you think would be a good champion. Ælfred fought last year, and therefore, according to custom, will introduce our 2025 champion at the tourney. [Maelgwn to put the call out on the mailing list and Facebook group for a fire tourney champion.](#)

Fire pit: Maelgwn has begun fabrication on the firepit. He discovered that some parts will end up more expensive than expected, but has found substitutes. He has spent approximately \$50 so far. The next part to purchase will cost \$141.46. Considering all the costs involved, he will need approximately an extra \$50 on the original approved amount in order to complete the work.

[Micha moves to increase the \\$200 budget for the fire-pit to \\$300.](#)

[Seconded by Gwenhwyfar.](#)

[Motion passed. Unanimous.](#)

Banner poles for Adoran campsite: Gwenhwyfar explained that last year we flew our two Adoran banners in camp, using Maelgwn & Gwenhwyfar's personal banner poles and gear. One of these poles snapped in the wind. Gwenhwyfar suggests that, due to her and Maelgwn wishing to use their poles for their own heraldic banners this year, that the Shire invest in new poles specifically for the Adoran banners.

Ælfred says he approves 5 peanuts for the purchase of poles. Hrodebert says unfortunately there are no peanuts in the bank account.

Jochen knows of a cheap supplier of 6m poles, and has some already. Jochen is happy to donate 2 x 6m poles to be cut and turned into banner holders (2 x 3m upright poles + 2 x 1.5m horizontal banner holders). He suggests they get painted red to mark them as Adoran poles.

Portable holes: Maelgwn to contact Raven Fyre forge to confirm payment and delivery details for the six new portable holes.

A&S at Festival: Ælfred (as A&S officer) wants everyone to know that there has been a call out for interest in running A&S classes at Festival. He draws attention also to the Laurel Prize tourney and other competitions that may be entered at Festival, and encourages people to check out the many excellent A&S activities on offer.

Item #4 – Action Items from Previous Meeting:

Item #1. Jochen to replace plastic blow-mold table for Wandandian Progress Hall - Jochen. **Not yet complete.** Jochen to action this ASAP.

Item #2. Jochen to work with Hrodebert to sort out login details for archery scoring – Jochen/Hrodebert. **Complete.**

Item #3. Organise the next Archery Day. **Ongoing.** Anders asked for ideas about potential dates. After festival is the consensus, due to summer heat and other priorities leading up to Festival. Hrodebert offered to call to ask about the Bangalee Scout location. The alternative location is Wandandian Hall. Discuss further at next meeting.

Item #4. Purchase of materials and construction of Adoran Combat Arrows – Anders. **Ongoing.** Anders reports he has searched in many places to find SCA-legal shafts, without much success. However, the rest of the required parts have been obtained. Have not heard anything from Kingdom level about this yet. Jochen says he will follow that up.

Item #5. Micha's Rapier Marshal warrant – Seneschal. **Completed.** Warrant was extended to October 2026.

Item #6. Risk assessment and proposal for Adoran Walking Event – Anders. **Ongoing.** Anders has completed the risk assessment and event proposal. They have been uploaded to DropBox and emailed to Maelgwn (acting seneschal) for approval.

Item #7. Rapier training day at Micha's place – Micha. **Ongoing.** The risk assessment was posted in the officers' Facebook chat at while ago. It was basically just the standard Lochac Risk Assessment with a few deletions of irrelevant items. Discussed a possible date for running it: March 29th. The activity proposal involves rapier training plus archery (a casual shoot). Discussed the event timing, which factors in shuttling people to the nearest train station if required. The activity is a training activity, not garbed, and no costs involved.

Micha has now sent the updated proposal to DropBox. Maelgwn to read through the proposal ASAP to approve. Then Micha can advertise it.

Item #8. Purchase new storage tubs and moisture-absorbing sachets for shire fabric gear - Gwenhwyfar. **Not yet complete.** Gwenhwyfar has this on her to-do list and will do it as soon as she is able to get to Bunnings.

Item #5 – Officers’ Reports:

Proper officers’ reports will occur at the next meeting.

Seneschal

Jochen has temporarily stepped aside for personal reasons and from Monday 3rd February, Maelgwn has taken on the role as Acting Seneschal. This arrangement is likely to remain until around the time of Rowany Festival, after which Jochen will decide whether or not he will resume the role, or alternatively, the official process to call for a new seneschal will be commenced.

Officers have forwarded their 1st February reports to Maelgwn for the purpose of compiling the next Seneschal’s report, due 15th February. Maelgwn has contacted the Kingdom Seneschal to inform him of these changes and to request the necessary online access for the role.

Quartermaster

Gwenhwyfar wants to run a separate meeting soon to discuss the state of the Shire’s gear. She will find a suitable date/time and let people know.

Chirurgion

Micha’s warrant as Chirurgion expires in about 2 months.

Arts & Sciences Minister

Ælfred’s warrant runs out on April 30th. Ælfred will advertise for expressions of interest in the next week or two, with applications due mid-March. The intention is to organise a hand-over at Flame Tree Ball. He will also discuss an A&S competition at Flame Tree Ball with Micha (as the prospective steward).

Item #6 – General Business

None.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 4th March at 7:00pm on Adoran Discord Channel

Meeting closed: 8:20pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

| Action Item | Person(s) Responsible | Due Date |
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| 1. Jochen to replace plastic blow-mold table for Wandandian Progress Hall | Jochen | ASAP |
| 2. Organise the next Archery Day: continue inquiries in anticipation of further discussion. | Hrodebert and/or Anders | Next meeting |
| 3. Purchase of materials and construction of Adoran Combat Arrows: clarify SCA rules regarding shaft materials | Anders and Jochen | Next meeting |
| 4. Organise Adoran Walking Event: finalise approval of event proposal | Anders and Maelgwn | Next meeting |
| 5. Rapier training day at Micha's place: finalise approvals and advertise | Micha and Maelgwn | ASAP |
| 6. Purchase new storage tubs and moisture-absorbing sachets for shire fabric gear | Gwenhwyfar | When able |
| 7. Create event bid for Flame Tree Ball | Any prospective steward | Next meeting |
| 8. Call out for a Rowany Festival campsite coordinator and Fire Tourney champion | Maelgwn | ASAP |
| 9. Arrange for new banner poles for Adoran banners | Jochen, and others | Before Festival |
| 10. Contact Raven Fyre forge about payment and delivery for new portable holes | Maelgwn | ASAP |
| 11. Arrange a discussion about Shire Gear | Gwenhwyfar | When able |
| 12. Coordinate officer succession for Chirurgeon and A&S Minister | Maelgwn, Micha, Ælfred | When required |