

# Shire of Adora – Meeting

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – 7:00pm

**Meeting commenced:** 7:05pm

**Attendance:** Maelgwn, Gwenhwyfar, Hrodebert, Aoife, Aodhan, Brian, Anders, and Micha (arrived later at 7:30)

**Apologies:** Ælfred, Jochen

**Chairperson:** Maelgwn (Warwick)

**Minute-taker:** Gwenhwyfar (Renee)

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

Motion to accept previous minutes from the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Moved by: Gwenhwyfar

Seconded by: Hrodebert

Motion passed.

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

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Maelgwn proposed to the Adoran Officers Facebook chat that the cook's discount rate for Flametree Ball be modified from \$20 to \$0 (Free), in light of the service they will be providing (i.e. cooking and preparing both lunch and dinner) and coming from far away (outside Adora). It is anticipated that two gentles will therefore receive this free entry rate. Gwenhwyfar, Aoife and Aodhan agreed in the chat.

The decision rests with the Reeve. Hrodebert agrees it is okay, considering that it will not adversely affect the budget, and also considering that they (the two cooks) are critical to running the event, and so free entry for them in this case is appropriate.

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

#### **Midrealms Meet-ups**

Gwenhwyfar reports that the meet-up on 14<sup>th</sup> May was very quiet, with only 3 adults, since many of our regular attendees were sick that week. We had a larger crowd of 9 adults on 28<sup>th</sup> May, where Gwenhwyfar gave a mini-collegium on the topic of medieval musical instruments. Next meet-up is tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup> June) from 6-8pm.

#### **Training in Stuart Park (May 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Aodhan reports that at the last training session in May, the numbers were few, but very engaged. It was a really good session.

### **Micha's Rapier Training & Archery Day (May 24<sup>th</sup>)**

[Micha was not present at this stage of meeting – discussed later during “Officer Reports” below]

### **Sussex Viking Festival (June 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Anders said it was a really good event. Gwenhwyfar said it was lovely but also cold and windy. There were lots of interested people. Gwenhwyfar will contact Aethelfled about movement of the Shire tent, and send an email to Hrodebert with details of its whereabouts.

### **Flame Tree Ball (June 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Heavy Tournament will be an “Achilles round robin” format; but we have no one to do lists as yet. This is a royal event with court held in the evening. Cristoval asks for help buying fresh bread for 30 people for the lunch. Brian offers to do this. Brian notes that for that venue, a cleaning checklist will need to be returned along with the key. The detailed event timetable was reviewed, with key times on the day being: 11am start, 1pm lunch, 5pm ball commencement, 7pm royal court, and 9:30pm commence pack-down.

Brian suggested we set up a games table. Gwenhwyfar agreed to bring some games and set that up. Brian also mentioned that it is traditional to ask the royals to start the dancing.

### **Adoran Walking Event**

Anders has found a wonderful site down near Ulladulla. Hopes to run this after Flametree Ball, sometime in July during his annual leave period, probably on a Saturday.

### **Cold War**

The previous expression of interest fizzled out. No one interested in running it at this stage. Maelgwn invites any interested prospective steward to contact the seneschal to discuss.

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

#1. Purchase of materials and construction of Adoran Combat Arrows: clarify SCA rules regarding shaft materials. (Anders and Jochen)

**ONGOING.** Anders says there is no resolution on this topic; no immediate answer, or decision. He has spoken a lot to Micha, who has located Tasmanian Oak, but shipment is very pricey. Anders suggests it may be worth waiting until we get a solid and official answer, and otherwise drop the topic for the time being.

#2. Organise Adoran Walking Event: finalise approval of event proposal. (Anders & Maelgwn)

**IN PROGRESS.** [Discussed above]

#3. Announce new A&S Minister. (Ælfred)

**NEARLY COMPLETE.** Gwenhwyfar has spoken to him and he says he plans to make an announcement tomorrow.

#4. Coordinate officer succession for Chirurgeon. (Maelgwn and Micha)

**IN PROGRESS.** This task may carry over to our new Seneschal.

#5. Finalise seneschal succession process. (Maelgwn)

**DONE.** Likely to be officially handed over during court at Flametree Ball.

#6. Sell or donate unwanted Shire gear. (Gwenhwyfar)

**DONE.** Some gear was sold. Money was deposited in Adora's Westpac account. Unwanted items were donated to Lifeline in Nowra, after having been listed online for over a month with no interest.

## **Item #5 – Officers' Reports:**

### **Seneschal (Acting) - Maelgwn**

Has been acting seneschal for nearly 5 months now. He is pleased to be able to hand the role to Lady Aoife Nisbet. He is happy to assist in any way he can. He looks forward to seeing the group grow under her leadership. The next meeting is likely then to be chaired by Lady Aoife.

### **Reeve - Hrodebert**

Current Westpac bank account balance is \$15,998. He is in the process of wrapping up the end of last month, and busy reconciling payments, as he has been away from home for a short while.

### **Heavy Combat Marshal - Aodhán**

Aodhan says that everyone is "rootin tootin, ready for shootin" at Flametree Ball's heavy tournament. Aodhan has also been considering the fate of the Adoran combat armoury collection. A lot is not fit-for-purpose. Maelgwn recommends that if the marshal deems equipment as not fit-for-purpose or not SCA-legal, that they have full authority to retire it. Aodhan wants better quality loaner gear for the Shire, and will bring to the group a proposal of new gear to hopefully acquire.

Maelgwn mentioned two hats (helms) that were recently found. Micha notes that rusty pieces can often be successfully restored. Aodhan says that Angus is very good at assessing whether rusty metal has integrity or not, and that anything salvageable will be saved, but items that are deeply compromised need to be discarded. They note that armour injury is on the rise across many medieval martial art disciplines, and safety is a key priority for new players entering the sport. Aodhan also has new training strategies in mind for new fighters.

### **Arts & Sciences Minister - Ælfred**

Ælfred passed on his report to Gwenhwyfar prior to the meeting: The officer handover is now complete and the warrant has been transferred to Michelle. He will probably make an announcement soon.

### **Webwright – Ælfred**

Ælfred passed on his report to Gwenhwyfar prior to the meeting: Nothing to report.

### **Rapier Marshal – Micha**

Micha reports that rapier is going well. No authorisations. No injuries. There was a successful rapier training session at Micha's house in May. Soon his property will have a massive shed which will make running similar sessions much easier. And could also be used for storage of Shire gear. Maelgwn thanked Micha for that generous offer.

### **Chirurgion - Micha**

Micha reports no injuries. Gwenhwyfar asks if First Aid kit will be present for the tournament on Saturday. Micha says he should be there by noon for the tournament, with the First Aid kit in his car.

### **Captain of Archers - Anders**

Anders has nothing to report. Adorans have not done much archery at all lately, mostly due to the dark evenings of winter at Midrealms Meet-ups.

### **Historian - Anders**

Anders acquired an antiqued book to add Adoran photos to, over time. He does not wish to rush it, but take his time to make it excellent.

### **Quartermaster - Gwenhwyfar**

The remaining gear from St Malachy was picked up from Courtney and Chai. Gwenhwyfar is currently cleaning and sorting through it. She plans to bring stuff to Midrealms Meet-ups periodically so that the Shire populace can help sort and redistribute some of the items.

Gwenhwyfar asks whether the Shire want to keep the three-way banner holder. Plan is now to bring it to Flametree Ball and attempt to set it up. If we deem it not useful and cannot make a good banner display with it, it shall then be donated to Aoife's father for metal working purposes.

## **Item #6 – General Business**

Maelgwn spoke about awards and recognition, and submitting recognition recommendations to the Crown. The Crown is coming to the Ball this Saturday, and has asked Maelgwn to urge the populace to please submit recommendations beforehand if possible. It is better they have it late, or eventually, rather than not at all. Micha adds that if you are recommending someone not already listed on the roll of arms (where there are links to recommend a listed person) and/or does not have a registered name, you can still send a direct email to crown about them, referring to them as "[First Name] of Adora". If you need help in how to make recommendations, please reach out and ask.

**Date for next meeting:** Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on Adoran Discord Channel

**Meeting closed:** 8:01pm

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
1. Report to Reeve on location of Shire Tent, post Sussex Inlet Viking Festival	Gwenhwyfar	ASAP
2. Event proposal for Walking Event	Anders	When ready
3. Officer succession for Chirurgion	Seneschal	ASAP
4. Locate the Shire Rapier swords <i>[Action Item was accidentally omitted during meeting – carry over]</i>	Micha, Gwenhwyfar, and everyone!	ASAP