

Moot – March 28th, 2011

In attendance:

Gneaus	James
Menhard	Angus
Wulfwyn	Tadea
Xavier	Cynan
Brien	Gwynne
Jordan	Matthew
John	Acila
Tarius	Alke
Camilla	Olivier
Jeanne	

Moot begins: 7:45pm

- 1) Officer positions opening up:
 - a. Seneschal (in September)
 - i. John is interested
 - ii. Tarius is interested
 - b. Mistress/Master of A&S (in September)
 - i. Although not yet arrived at the time of this agenda point, Jeanne mentions that Acila is interested
 - c. Knight Marshal (in September)
 - d. Web Mistress/Minister (in December)

2) BIA

BIA was a success! We received many good comments from our guests, including Their Majesties. We made a net profit of \$979.28 according to Eliane (without NMS). Jordan did a post-mortem with Menhard to review what went well and what needs to be improved on for next time. Jordan also mentions that she has heard rumours of complaints about how the event was run. She advises that anyone complaining about any event/activity had best bring some constructive thoughts as to how to resolve the matter, or at least show a willingness to work on it with others. Negative comments without helping to find a solution are insulting to the people who are making the effort to organize things and detrimental to everyone's enjoyment of the game in general, and will not be tolerated.

The results of the post-mortem with Menhard will be used to improve on the Autocrat's Handbook so that future "new" autocrats will have better reference material. Camilla mentions that there are other good autocratting references for newcomers available on line as well.

3) Upcoming demos

We have been asked to do four demos so far this year:

- a) Frontier Lodge Demo – July 17th. So far 5 people have expressed interest, but none are available to organize. Her Excellency mentions that it might be a good idea to

ask our Southern neighbours to see if they are interested, as the site is closer to Vermont than it is to Montreal. Jordan will contact Tiberius to discuss.

- b) Stanstead Standing Stones demo – June 25th. Jordan will contact our neighbouring groups in Quebec to see if they are interested in a joint effort.
- c) Highland Games – July 31st. We have been invited to participate in the Games again this year – Jordan will see if there are any volunteers
- d) Bedford Agricultural Fair – August 14th. Following the Highland Games invitation, we were contacted to participate in the Agricultural fair, which has a Scottish-themed day. The organizer has seen us at the Highland Games and in past years at Blue Bonnets. Due to the other invitations, however, Jordan will respectfully decline (but try to keep the door open for a future year)

4) Upcoming events:

- a. Archery Championship – bid in the works by Eliane
- b. Fall Harvest – bid submitted by Tarius
- c. Tir Mara Rapier Championship – bid submitted by Tarius
- d. Border Spat – bid in the works by Cynan & John

Also, Cynan & Matthew announce a “non-event” gathering with the theme of King Rothgar’s castle – a cross-game gathering with bardic, fighting, brewing, etc...which they hope will help bridge the gap between SCAdians & LARPers.

5) Varia

- a. Jordan mentions that Alix is working on updating the rolls on our website, and anyone wishing to be included should send her their info. Tarius suggests that it will be easier to scrap the old list completely and start fresh. Jordan will speak to Alix about it.
- b. We have supplies at the Sweet farm that need to be picked up as we are no longer using the site on a regular basis. Jason volunteers space for storage. Tarius and Jason will spearhead the pickup. All in attendance agree to give them authority to scrap any equipment that cannot be salvaged. There is apparently room in the Wesley locker as well if we get rid of old, un-useable equipment – Jordan to discuss with the Quartermaster

6) Court of Their Excellencies opens – 8:25pm

- a. His Excellency thanks everyone for BIA
- b. Her Excellency announces that Acila will be leading the Scriptorium. A charter will be developed. Among the goals – there should always be scrolls available for Baronial champions / award recipients.
- c. His Excellency announces that John is the GNEW warlord. His Excellency’s goal – not necessarily to be on the winning side, but to be in a position where our warriors will be able to learn and improve their skills. Also, Their Excellencies would like people to help get our newbies more involved in events, and believe GNEW is a good starting point.
- d. Her Excellency requests that people consider travelling more to neighbouring events, citing Havre-des-Glaces as a good example, as at their last event our members had a wonderful time and were very well received.
- e. Their Excellencies would like the populace to brush up on their knowledge of the SCA award structure (what they are, why they are given, how to recommend someone,

etc...). They will be discussing a few awards at a time at future gatherings to encourage us to recommend our deserving citizens for the appropriate awards.

- f. Cynan is asked to relay a message that he received; he announces that Wilhelm of Skraeling Althing has issued a challenge to the fencers of IDD, and he encourages our fencers to go forth and meet this challenge.
- g. Lord Brien is called into Court and is sent on a quest to retrieve the lost Baronial Champion's tabard and return with the story of its misplacement as well. Depending on whether the tabard is found, and where it was found, we may all be treated to Brien being drawn and quartered. Or hung. Or whatever catches Her Excellency's whim once the results of the quest are known.

Court of Their Excellencies ends.

7) Vote on changes to the Constitution

- a. Despite having 19 members in attendance, all present including Their Excellencies agree that we should vote on the proposed changes.

MOTION:

Section 2.1.1 – Should read: *Curia will consist of all individuals duly appointed as Officers of the Barony or their duly appointed deputies.*

Abstentions:

Against:

Result: unanimously approved

MOTION:

Section 2.2.1 – Proposal to change to: *Curia meetings take place at least bi-monthly, usually alternating between the first Monday and Tuesday of that month*

Abstentions:

Against:

Result: unanimously approved

Moot ends: 9:00pm