

Curia – November 29th, 2016

Curia opened at 7:23

In attendance:

Seneschal – Alisha Isaacs

Exchequer – Yolaine Gregoire

Webminister – Paul Brunelle

Chatelaine – Marie-Claude Dupont

Minister of Lists - Elizabeth Anderson

Knight Marshal – Francois Belanger

Captain of Archers – Aragorn Johnson

Captain of Fence – Elinore Roebber

Minister of A&S – Norah Gregoire

Poursuivant – Gabrielle Prud'homme

Chronicler – Philippe de Rouville

Baroness – Joanna Hobbins

Mylene Goyette

Rachel Langlois

Georgia Panaritis

David Rideough

Tracy Irving

Interim Webminister

-Eudes now has access to the Barony's website and has made a lot of updates to the content. He would like to transfer it to another platform because it is currently on a really old html platform, but would prefer to wait until he has been confirmed in his office by the populace at next Moot. He would like to update the website to more accurately reflect the activities currently going on in the Barony. For example, right now there is nothing on the site about our dancing group, or archery rankings, etc. It was requested that he not make any major changes to the layout/design of the website without consultation because the current layout was voted on and a lot of work was put into it.

-Tiberius requested that all of the pages (archery, fighting, A&S, etc) have the same template and look the same (same colour backgrounds, same fonts, etc.)

-Caroline Quinton is willing to help Eudes as his deputy.

-Acilaldai promised that she will make a cake for any officer that already has a deputy when they are confirmed in their office.

-discussion of webpage formatting/ideas/etc. should be brought up on the Officer's List and can be emailed directly to Eudes.

Discuss/confirm the composition of the financial committee

-Sile confirmed that we need to create rules for a financial committee and decide who is going to be on it. As previously stated, it must contain the seneschal and the exchequer, and usually has an odd number of people (most often 5). The members of the financial committee have to be voted on at Moot.

-the financial committee will make decisions on what expenses to approve or deny. They usually meet 4 times a year, it does not have to be at curia or events.

-the last time it was discussed, it was decided that the committee should not have more than 5 people. Jeanne said that it is common with other groups to have at least one paid member of the populace on the committee that is not an officer or a coronet.

-it was proposed that the financial committee will be 5 members consisting of:

Seneschal

Exchequer

Knight Marshal OR Captain of Archers OR Captain of Fence

A&S Minister OR Poursuivant OR Chatelaine

Paid member of the general populace

Vote to approve

First – Ekaterina

Second – CellachDonn

10 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion passed

Review the requirements/guidelines for officer selection, transition and rules for holding multiple posts

-it is not official, but the general requirement at the moment is that people who are interested in holding the office, put in the time to learn the job, and act as the office's deputy. The tradition has been that the deputy succeeds the officer, but in theory, anyone should be able to put their names forward for any office and be trained in how to do it, and then have a vote as to who takes over the office.

-the official purpose of a deputy is to step in and help out temporarily if the officer cannot fulfill their obligations. They are not supposed to automatically assume the office.

-a person cannot be two major officers at once. They can be a major and a minor, or two minors. You can be a deputy to more than one office. A major officer can be a deputy for another officer.

Review/update Seneschal policy/guidelines

-for the Seneschal and all officers, the populace needs to be aware that while we can be contacted about issues by whatever means the petitioner is most comfortable with (email, at curia, phone, etc), the issue does need to be put in writing at some point by someone so that the issue is documented and we can keep track of when it was brought up/resolved.

Discuss BIA event bid

-March 4th at Maison Gisele Auprix St-Germain

-we would have the site from 10am to 11pm, the event would take place from 11am to 10pm, allowing time for setup and tear-down

-we would have the chapel from 10am to 5pm for classes and court

-the contract requires a 20% deposit by 2 weeks before the event

-the Baronial A&S Championship and Fencing Championship will take place at the event

Vote to approve

First – CellachDonn

Second – Reinhardt

11 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Motion passed

Demo Coordinator/lead

-after much debate, it was decided that Maud will take care of the demos as Interim Chatelaine and we do not need a separate demo coordinator

-Ekaterina has decided to step down as Chatelaine

-Maud will step up as Interim Chatelaine and Ekaterina will act as her deputy

Vote to approve Maud as Interim Chatelaine

First – CellachDonn

Second – Peter

Vote – 11 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Motion passed

Confirm Scope of loaner gear fees

-loaner gear fees are very important to archery because they go through loaner gear much more quickly than the other martial activities (broken arrows, etc)

-fencing does not consume loaner equipment at nearly the same rate. They upgrade their gear every few years, a piece or two at a time. Alke said that some of the loaner fencing equipment is not in good shape (gorgets, armor) and does need to be replaced. She does not feel qualified to decide alone if loaner gear fees are necessary for fencing or not.

-heavy fighting – the fighters are still discussing the issue to reach a consensus, but the majority of them seem to feel that a loaner gear fee is necessary as they do go through equipment, particularly rattan, fairly quickly. The amount of the fee is still to be discussed

-it still has to be decided if the loaner gear budgets will be at the discretion of the martial captains, or if they will continue to present their requests to the financial committee for approval. This will be discussed on the Officer's List.

-Reinhardt asked if the quality of the loaner gear is going to be improved if we are asking newcomers to pay for it. Acilaldai raised a concern that if the gear is really nice, there is more risk that people will steal it. Leana, Peter and Reinhardt said that nicer gear will be much more of a draw to newcomers and they will be much more likely to participate. Jeanne brought up another group as an example that charges people a loaner gear fee, and asks for a deposit to ensure its return. Newer, nicer gear requires a higher deposit.

-beautification of gear is a separate issue that will be discussed on the Officer's List .

Revisit net repair vs replacement

-Acilaldai's source for Kevlar thread for repairing the net has dried up, and the cost is quite high (\$260 for a spool) and it is difficult to obtain.

-Tiberius has been exploring alternatives and presented a few options for replacing the net entirely with a new one. The current net is made of polyester/nylon and does not have a lot of stopping capability, it is intended for lower draw weight bows.

-Leana suggested getting in touch with one of the archery groups in Montreal to see if they have a Canadian vendor and/or would be willing to combine our purchase with one of their orders. Gaeira suggested having the net purchased by someone that is going to the US for more than 48 hours so as to qualify for the \$800 exemption.

-Tiberius asked for approval to go ahead and submit a proper bid for a replacement net instead of continuing to try and purchase Kevlar thread.

-Jeanne suggested getting some sheets of plywood to prop up against the wall behind the net so that if any arrows do go through the net, they will hit the plywood instead of the wall. Tiberius said that if we get a new net, we can hang to old net behind the new net. Acilaldai pointed out that we would need to check the weight tolerance of the installed appliance first to ensure it can hold up both nets.

Wesley inventory results, Q/A

- inventory is done, Angharad has not finished organizing the photos/files yet. There were a lot of things on the inventory list that were not in the locker at the time of the count so those things have to be located.
- Angharad will put together a proposal for better organizing the inventory for the next Curia.

SoP Progress

- first proposal is almost done
- Tadea is committed to getting it done asap. It may not answer all of the questions about officer selection, and it will not clarify the electoral process for new officers.
- anything that we put into our SoPs/constitution is overwritten by East Kingdom law in the event of a conflict

Documenting officer end term dates

- can the officer term end dates be posted on the website? The end dates of a couple of offices need to be confirmed before they can be posted.
- the terms do not begin until the officer is confirmed in the role by the populace

Camping banners/walls

- at Yule, CellachDonn gave a class on making small cloth banners, and she plans on cutting some larger banners to give to people to paint. She plans to hold a class in the side room at Wesley during an archery practice for people to paint banners.
- Jeanne expressed a concern about transporting banners/walls to events because it would cut down on the amount of space for people to travel to events. This will be discussed further on the Officer's List.

Event ideas/search/calendar

- CellachDonn would like to see a calendar for events within Tir Mara for standing yearly events, and upcoming rotating events like Crown Tourney. This would allow us to better coordinate our event planning and bids with the other groups in Quebec and the groups in the Maritimes.

New Items

- Sile would like to plan an event in June, right after Salon de la Passion Medievale so that we have something we can sell tickets to at the demo. She has found an outdoor site (le cap plein air de saint Jacques) in Pierrefonds that will allow us to camp and do fighting and archery.
- Jeanne is planning a bid for June 3rd for the heavy championship. Adi requested the details asap so that she can communicate with the other seneschals and check for conflicts.
- TM Champions - it is the East's turn to host the next Tir Mara University, and TM archery & fencing championships in 2017. We need to start communicating with the other groups in Quebec and planning what we want to do so that we can put in bids.

Vote to close

First – Alke

Second – Reinhardt

Curia closed at 10:00pm.

Agenda Items Not Discussed

-Fall Wyrn Words

-Officer positions that will open up in the next six months