

Montengarde Council – April 22nd, 2015

Attendees

Allie Percival-Wightman, John C. Krommendijk, James G. Cyr, Stacey Bieberstein, Rebeka Read, BA Tosczak, Matthew Faubert, Jason Sallay, Mark Unger, Tawny Tersmette, Ken Mullaney, Paul van Rooyen, Vihuela K Wildwind, Kristine Saxberg, Tina Johnson, Dawn Limenoller

Call to Order and Review of Agenda

Call to order 7:09.

Approval of Minutes

As we do not have copies of the minutes to review, we are delaying approval until next month.

Baron and Baroness Report

Greetings,

We hope everyone enjoyed Beltaine as much as we did. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out and made the event so much fun. HL Brangwayn and team did a wonderful job.

To all who entered the A&S competition, it is not easy to put your personal work on display to be judged, it takes courage to do this and we thank you. Congratulations to our newest A&S champion Drifa , and a very big thank you to our outgoing champion Lady Sorcha.

Due to mundane requirements we cannot attend this council/ Tavern, We will be in Vancouver for Kraig's work and attending to family health matters. We hope to see everyone at Spring Champions and if not Avacal CROWN.

YIS

Kraig and Una, Baron and Baroness Montengarde

Seneschal Report

We will be back in our original location as of June. Not much to report; I've seen some new people out, I hope to see lots of new people out at next council. My quarterly report was sent

in the day before it was due. All is well. I have a potential deputy who I will discuss the job with.

Exchequer

Some confusion about the status of our finances – is MSCA closed or not? Has the money been transferred into our new account? Is there a new account? Put it on hold according to those on high. Requiring further discussion and clarification. Some concerns regarding money left in the account. Decided to put it aside for later. We have \$14162.14 in the account right now. Should be propped up once the money from Beltane comes in. Will be away until the 23rd of May from 3rd of May, so if any cheques need to happen, make them happen soon. There will be cheques provided to the Baron in the case of worst case scenarios. Waiting still for Snoweaters report 2014. My report was sent in on the 6th and all seems well.

Marshallate

No injuries to report, one set of iron key on loan, another set is back because they are fully armored. We have one in queue for crown. Some adjustments to schedule. Schedule over the next while

Thu Apr 23 - Normal Practice

Mon Apr 27 - Normal Monday Practice, last one before crown

Thu Apr 30 - Hall not available due to Elections, also just before Crown. Practice Canceled

Thu May 7 - Normal Practice

At next meeting I will provide quarterly payment numbers (Jan-Mar) for hall. Soon will be moving outdoors for practice. Reminder all practices, indoors and out, still have \$5 drop in fee to help pay for hall. Reminder that come June we will be offering 6 month fight practice passes.

Youth - At Beltaine we had 3 youth combatants on the field and interest from another couple of youth. No injuries or failures to report.

Equestrian - No activity, NTR

Beltaine - I have not received a copy of the MIC reports as yet.

Q1 report submitted. Windwurm on time, good job, nothing to report. With move to kingdom reporting deadlines are moving up for the next quarter. My goal is to work with my deputies to have reporting in earlier.

Windwurm: We had an archery practice march 29 2015. We had 6 people attend. 1 new person came who used loaner gear. The rest had their own gear. There were no injuries.

Cut and Thrust

Weekly practices have proceeded as before: I have one student (Kris Klippel) and, being as we have lacked adequate C&T protection, we rolled his instruction into the rapier practice.

This has led to an unanticipated problem: over-calibrating when involved in rapier bouts. The issue came to a head last week, but was resolved without a reportable incident. I have learned that more careful separation is necessary.

On April 11 we held the barony's first C&T tournament. Two out the six were unauthorized, so we proceeded with a phoenix format. It was a success: Everyone had a blast and there were no incidents.

Authorized:

don Reme (Borealis)

don Rodrigo

don William

Caiaphas

Not authorized:

Vicount Seamus (Myrgan Wood)

MacDough

Afterwards, don William was recommended as a senior C&T marshal, so Montengarde now has redundancy on that point. Feel free to replace me with him, any time you like. ;) We now have three authorized and equipped baronial fighters.

Don Rodrigo dela Vihuela

Rapier

No injuries or armour failures that I have been made aware of. Raise 50.00 dollars from selling excess gear for rapier line item, will discuss remainder equipment next council.

YIS

HL Pol of the Black Fist

Archery

Archery Council Report – April 21, 2015 No major injuries to report.

Dalton is currently planning archery orientations to help new archers gain confidence and learn the necessary rules and safety information.

The Montengarde Beltaine event had no archery competition. However, an archery social was held at the Calgary Archery Centre on the Friday of the event. The social was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. We had 5 new archers this month: 3 adults and 2 youth. Signed, Quon Jien & Ysenda d. Appelyerd

Arts and Sciences

Monday A&S going well, cooking group going well.

Family Activities

Hello! For a change, I actually have kind of a long report!

On Saturday, Beltaine was held in our lovely barony. I was graciously allowed a large corner of the main hall for the use of the children and youth. A large number of children attended with their families, perhaps a dozen over the course of the day. Thanks to the generosity of the attending parents, the kids' area was stocked with many toys, small tables, and comfortable mats and carpets for the kids to use. My craft this weekend was a wind catcher, which was a tube of decorated construction paper with streamers attached to make a kite. Lots of kids made more than one of these, which was great.

Although I had scheduled a children's bardic and dance class and youth equestrian, scheduling conflicts with adult activities made it so that I was unable to find enough interest to hold either. It was also a very beautiful and sunny day outside, and the kids seemed pretty content to come and do a craft or two with me and then enjoy each other's company at the playground and the field. However, several children with their parents did participate in the May Pole dance.

One of the concerns which has been brought to my attention is the presence, or lack thereof, of parents supervising their children at the kids' area. I appreciate that many different

parenting styles exist, and I also appreciate the difficulty of supervising children while engaging in other activities.

Some parents have requested a childcare service or guaranteed supervisor be present in the kids' area at all times, others are very comfortable leaving their children without any supervision, including their own.

I have been told the general SCA 'rule of thumb,' which is that children under 12 be within eye and earshot of their parents at all times. However, I am finding this very difficult, if not impossible, to enforce, despite many notices being posted. If a parent is not present, I can't in good conscience eject a child from the area. I, and many of the other parents, generally end up supervising anyway.

Is it an option for me to offer limited supervised hours during heavy fighting, for example, so that parents can go do other things? Would this cut down on children being left alone? Would it help parents feel more comfortable in bringing children to events? Is this a desirable, or permissible, compromise? I do have my child care supervisor certification from the Alberta government. How do we accommodate alternative and 'free-range' parenting styles in our barony? I would appreciate the guidance and experience of the other members of the council.

Response from council is that all parenting concerns should be directed to the event steward, chatelaine, and/or seneschal. In extreme cases, the family may be ejected from the event if inadequate care is provided. Offering babysitting or childcare is not acceptable to the council.

Chirurgion

No report submitted.

Chatelaine

We had a several new people at Beltaine, and I continue to be contacted by occasional people through the website. Two demos coming up at the end of May that would be good to get more interest in.

Lost and Found

Stuff lost, stuff found, stuff being returned tonight. Mark your stuff!

Quartermaster

Nothing to report. There has been a request for baronial items at Crown. It is expensive to drive it all up. Should there be compensation?

Response from council: Track your mileage, we will bring it up after May Crown.

Motion to create a line item for Quartermaster of \$150, filled from general funds. Motion passes.

Herald

My quarterly report is in, I've been told it's good and was in early. Did not hold a herald's meeting this month, but we did have heraldry at Beltane. We had three awesome heralds come out, Sigfuss, Arnault and Mordecai. Two of them it was their first time ever doing field heraldry, super excited and we are very very pleased with our sargeantry candidates. All did very well with pronunciation and projections.

Webminister

No report submitted.

Events/New/Old/Other Business

Beltane full report next council, money to exchequer tonight.

Dragonslayer – potties booked, feast decided and we will have word soon, everything going smooth. Volunteers coming up, looking forward to a great event.

Samhain – no event steward, no bids! Must have a bid three months before. Dawn Limenoller would like to work with someone else to steward. Also an offer for feast steward from Kristine Saxberg. Just need a leader!

Twelfth Night – With the potential calendar change, Their Highnesses will not commit to that being a coronation event. They need to make a decision, if not then what is going to happen to it? We will run it as a baronial event regardless. If they decide to change it, they will need to do a law change. The hotel is tentatively booked, just in case. No commitment required if we want to do a similar set-up. If we get in a desperate situation, we can add a THUA or Dance Academy if necessary.