

Montengarde Council – September 20, 2017

Attendees

DeNae O'Brien, Paul Van Rooyan, Brandi Hine, B.A. Tosczak, Lisa Clark, Corey Wiedemayer, Jeffrey Moore, Simone Haywood, Steve Haywood, John C. Krommendyk, Ken Mullaney, Carrie Mooney, Nicole Roth, Stacey Bieberstein, M. T Anderson, B Gerribma, Kristine Saxberg

Call to Order and Review of Agenda

7:03pm

Approval of Minutes

Motioned by B.A Tosczak, second by Jeffery Moore

Baron and Baroness Report

Guten Tag!

We have had a busy month to wind down the summer. Brangwayn went to Whipping Winds in Artemesia and helped stir up old grudges; we attended Crown and watched some amazing fighting, including the epic finals which saw Sir Kvigir win over Jarl Wernar. And I, for one, welcome our new Myrgan Wood Overlords. Harvest Feast was the next weekend, which was a lot of fun, and very relaxing as usual, and unfortunately, we were unable to make it to Vinfest but it sounded like it was a good time. As well, we attended the meeting for the Calgary Expo 2018 contingent, which was also brought up before Curia (more to follow from the Chatelaine).

Big news from Crown: As of the Festival of the Snoweaters, October 14th, Windwyrn will officially be a full-fledged Shire. We encourage anyone who is able to to come out to the event and support Windwyrn as they take this huge step forward. We would also like to remind our council and populace, that Windwyrn will still be a new shire, and they will still have a lot of room to grow; please give them your support so that they can continue to thrive.

At Crown I also spoke with a member of the Cranbrook-Area group that was interested in getting help with starting a fighting community there. We discussed some options, and it sounds like they have the population there interested enough in doing something, they just lack organized leadership. I encourage the populace to lend your support to these folks, so that they can grow in this game as well. Would like to help support them, however our fight practices don't necessarily work for them due to the day of the week and day.

Finally, Samhain is fast approaching, and we are looking for award recommendations so that we can recognize the awesome people in our Barony. The Awards/Orders section of the website should have been updated, so please check in there and see if you can think of anyone who is deserving of one of our Baronial Orders.

Received an invitation to Freezoff, an out of kingdom event, in the mail, same weekend as Snow Eaters.

Danke

Peter & Brangwayn

Freiherr & Freifrau

3rd Tues of Oct and November will be Sergeantry get together to learn about Sergeantry.

Seneschal Report

Greetings Montengarde!

I have been busy nearly every weekend this past month! I attended Whipping Winds, in the Kingdom of Artemesia, where Avacal and Montengarde made a grand showing! A few of us attended the Calgary Rehabilitation Centre Demo, where we were very well received! I attended Avacal Crown and got to see the installation of Avacal's New Heirs, TRH's Kvigir and Svaba, as well as attended Curia! As well I attended Harvest Feast in Bitter End and had a grand time there!

I completed and submitted my Q3 Branch Seneschal's report to Kingdom on time.

I also would like to inform all Baronial officers that they should have, or be working on putting a succession plan in place for their position. I would like to see an update on this from all officers by October Council, please ask me if you need assistance with this.

And finally, a reminder to everyone, that we as Baronial officers are VOLUNTEERS, with modern families, commitments, jobs, challenges etc. Keep this in mind when you address each other, in person and online; please use patience, understanding and empathy when dealing with your fellow officers. I am here to listen should you need to discuss any problem you might be having with your position.

Okotoks, High River, Chestermere, Irricana, Crossfield, Acme, Banff, Cochrane, Langdon will be added under Montengarde

REGALIA AND SUDRY BARONIAL ITEMS IN MY POSESSION:

Seneschal Stuff

2 large boxes of records

A zip up binder (with forms) (most of it out of date)

A large black 3 ring binder (with forms)

Bardic Champion Regalia:

Medallion/Shield/Staff

Framed scroll

Cloak

Wool hood

Basket

Leather folder

Wool bag

YIS,

HL Bóthilðr Sigurðardóttir

Seneschal – Barony of Montengarde

Wild Rose (Bardic Champion) of Montengarde

Exchequer

1. We have \$27,165.33 in the bank.
2. We have \$3,646.50 in uncashed cheques. CHQ 010: Rehab Society of Calgary, Fight Hall March - April 2017 CHQ 011: Abbeydale Community Association, Samhain 2017 Hall Deposit CHQ 023: SCA Avacal, Award Submissions (x4) CHQ 026: SCA Avacal, Sargent Trials 2017 NMR CHQ 027: Sonya Hunter, Snow Eaters 2017 Misc. Expenses CHQ 028: Grace Huszar, Snow Eaters 2017 Feast CHQ 029: Shaughnessy Community Association, Snow Eaters 2017 Hall Deposit CHQ 031: Sanatec Environmental, Dragon Slayer 2017 Porta Potties CHQ 032: City of Airdrie, 12th Night 2018 Hall Deposit
3. Emergency Financial Committee meeting was held on August 31, 2017 to allow funds to be given to Murray Anderson in the amount of \$63 to renew our website subscription for 3 months. Our webminister will be sourcing an alternative provider since our current provider's rates have increased to an unreasonable amount.
4. I would like to review the baronial asset sign-in/sign-out policy. Since this policy has begun a trial run, property has been taken from the storage facility 3 times. I have not received any paperwork to date. Below is an outline of the policy. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have in this regard. I propose the following process for signing-out assets from our current storage facility:
 - a. The Lender – the individual(s) at the storage facility
 - b. The Borrower – the individual(s) who require the asset(s)
 - c. The Exchequer – the individual who holds the office of ExchequerThe Borrower obtains permission to use the baronial asset(s) during council before the event/activity is to take place. *In the case of an Officer needing to use an asset in order to execute the function of their office, permission need not be granted unless the asset is something different than they normally use within their office. Barony of Montengarde OFFICE Exchequer DATE September 20, 2017 BY Candace Collett Asa Nordoster The Exchequer will notify the Lender that permission has been granted to the Borrower via email only. Facebook messages, texts, etc. are not permitted to provide notification due to the need for consistent traceability between the Borrower, the Exchequer and the Lender. The Exchequer will copy the Lender on this correspondence so they are aware that the Lender has been notified. The Borrower will make arrangements with the Lender as to when they are permitted to come collect the asset(s) in question, and the Lender will make their best efforts to accommodate the needs of the Borrower based on the given timeframe. The Borrower and the Lender will complete the Property Sign-Out Sheet in its entirety ensuring all information is filled-in. The Borrower will provide a copy of the Property Sign-Out Sheet to the Exchequer and is required to keep a copy for themselves to present when returning the asset(s). *It is recommended that the Borrower send an electronic copy to the Exchequer (via PDF or smartphone picture) and keep the physical copy for themselves. After the event has occurred, the Borrower will make arrangements with the Lender to return the asset(s). The Lender will make their best efforts to work with the Borrower to ensure the asset(s) are returned in a timely fashion. The Lender will notify the Exchequer of the agreed upon day the asset(s) will be returned. *No more than 7 days should go by without communication by the Borrower to the Lender to make arrangements for the return of the asset(s). The Exchequer will follow-up with the Borrower 7 days after the event if they have not heard of any arrangements from the Borrower for the return of asset(s) to the Lender. Any issues or concerns by either Party involved are to be brought to the

Baronial Seneschal, Baron and Baroness. The Borrower and the Lender will review the condition of the returned asset(s) and complete the applicable portion of the Property Sign-Out Sheet concurrently. *Normal wear and tear is expected on borrowed assets. *If either Party has any issue that contradicts the other, they are both to contact the Baronial Seneschal, Baron and Baroness with their concerns. The Borrower will provide the Exchequer with a copy of the completed form which the Exchequer will keep on file.

Marshalette

Heavy:

Practices have been outside for summer and as of this Thursday we shall be moving back inside. No injuries or equipment failures of which I have been made aware. I have a list of inventory which is currently eluding me on my desk somewhere. I shall bring it to Council.

Rapier:

No accidents, injuries, weapon or armour failures that I have been made aware of in the last month.

Inventory for my office;

- 1 - Haunwei 37" sword
- 1 - cup hilt 37" sword
- 1 - RBG rifle
- 2 - Large Masks
- 1 - armour punch tester
- 1 - mask punch tester
- 2 - medium gorgets, metal.
- 1 - Large green armoured shirt
- 1 - Medium fencing jacket
- 2 - small fencing jackets
- 1 - medium cowl
- 1 - small pair fencing gloves
- 1 - large pair fencing gloves
- 1 - large canvas bag
- 1 - sanding block
- 35 misc RBG shot
- 10 - belt clips
- 1 - Awl
- 2 bags plastic screw bar (for shot)
- 6 rolls hockey tape
- 200 zip ties
- 1 pair small pliers
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 spare hilt
- 8 rubber blade tips

My inventory as champion;

Baronial rapier & sheath

Rapier champions cloak

Rapier champions medallion.

Tonis.

Archery:

I have not received a report yet.

Equestrian/Siege:

No activity

Youth:

I am excited to say that Youth Armoured Combat will be starting up again as of this Thursday and practices will be every second week. Áine Inghean Ui Cuinn (Melissa Quinn) has got her background check completed and returned and has accepted the position of Youth Armoured Combat Deputy for Montengarde.

YIS

Tighearnan

A&S Officer

Montengarde A&S Report

June 7th, 2017

Greetings, from Sigfuss Thorwulfsson, A&S officer of the Barony of Montengarde.

Our current A&S activities are many and varied, currently we have:

Monthly A&S Night hosted by Mistress Caterina di Alessandro di Guglielmo Franceschi *Her Excellency will be hosting A&S Nights on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at her house. Starting in October on Thursdays at fight practice, a "sweat shop" of largess will be happening. A note to Roya will be sent to update the website*

Polyphonia: Every Wednesday (except Tavern Nights) from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Hosted by: Althea Tambourri

A&S "Fight Night" A&S activities at weekly fight practice

Monthly Cooking Group: Normally Third Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

hosted by: Caiaphus and Frances

Due to schedule conflicts and transportation issues, Drifa (Our Kingdom A&S Champion) has stepped back somewhat from organizing and participating in A&S Activities both in the Barony and Kingdom wide.

Our Baronial A&S Champion for Montengarde, Alice Percy has continued to update the Artisan Showcase on our website. (<http://www.montengarde.org/activities/arts-sciences/>)

With regards to Windwyrn, I had submitted a letter of recommendation for their A&S officer, and I think it may have been included in their petition for Shire status, within Avacal, which we shall see the fruits of their labours at this coming Snoweaters, Yay.

As for A/S officer baronial assets.....

Baronial A/S dance Boom box ? In the permanent possession of James Prescott. Also in the possession of Sigfuss Thorwulfsson (Korey Wiedemayer) is the baronial war banner, not an A/S asset but it is a Baronial asset. 9 Montengarde war tabards.

In Service,

L. Sigfuss Thorwulfsson

A&S Officer– Barony of Montengarde

Belly dancing classes with Lisa at fight practice.

Chatelaine

Good day,

So Windwurm reports had been sending to old address but no bounceback, so she thought I was getting them, and I thought she was sending them to Terri, but we have it sorted now. *Roya will be looking into this issue.*

Incipient Shire of Windwurm

Chatelaine's Report

Aug 31, 2017

Attended Windy Castle Renaissance Faire. This was a great opportunity to hand out information on the SCA and make contacts. We sat in the Shire sunshade with handouts and an information board.

Also attended Whipping Winds in Montana. Attended a "town hall" hosted by the resident Queen on effective scheduling of events (eg. Minimizing competition and encouraging people to travel.) She also discussed ways of involving youth and things that turn away new members.

Will hold Snow Bringers Music Practice and Casual Pot Luck (SBMPCPL) on next month. Date TBA. Also need a better acronym.

Presently getting ready to leave for Crown. I have prepared a book documenting the story of my household to present at court.

Continue to research feast for Snow Eaters in October.

Montengarde

So our vote to have the 2018 Calgary expo demo be a Kingdom demo didn't pass. So this will remain a Montengarde Demo. We will have support from the other Baronies and the Kingdom, we should not have to worry about competing events. We had a planning meeting On August 30 to get all the primary people in place, and come up with a basic idea of what we want. Further follow up will be done in October. I have been approached by parties looking to have the post Expo event. We have suggested that each of the Baronies have a similar tavern event within a week or so of the expo. *Possibly May 5*

Saskatoon Expo happened September 16-17, myself, Wilma and Bou made the trip (14 new people showed up at fight practice after the demo)

The Edmonton Expo will be happening September 23 + 24, a few Montengarders will be making the drive to support our fellow barony

Bridgeland demo: provided us with 4 nights free for our support on their demo

New people have been finding us on Facebook and through the website.

Next month is Ghoul's Night out, looking for volunteers to help on all 4 nights plus setup and takedown. Most likely will be needed for the media hit, more detailed call for volunteers will be made closer to the event. Arrangements have been made for the pavilion. Hoping to set up on the Wednesday night. Oct 26-29. Will speak to Asa about promoting Youth Armour Combat

Idea: shall we look into getting a baronial space heater? *Tonis states storage space is full. Lorette comments to look into renting one.*

Change in management at the Military museum has led to us having to rebook Warhorses. We are booked for regular meetings through April 2018, and our understanding with them remains in place. We will have a formal presence in Summer Skirmish for 2018. Summer schedule resets in May, will book further rooms at that time.

Going through chatelaine photo albums most photos date back 12 years. So I have ordered new pictures along with writing descriptions of what they indicate so that people get a more up to date idea of the people in the Barony. Spent \$12 to update our photo records. Will be bringing these albums to tavern to help name the people in the photos. Baronial scavenger hunt to find photos of all of our baron and baronesses.

Chatelaine inventory:

Small black suitcase

plug in Digital photo frame

2 Photo albums

Montengarde Bardic book

chatelaine banner

yellow circular table cloth

black tablecloth

chatelaine small printed tabard

historical information pamphlet

CD-R's of Avacal stuff circa 2007

Ferdinand napkin

Kingdom of An tir, Principality of Avacal, Barony of Montengarde example heraldry

Copies of tournaments Illuminated

Binder of information for newcomers

stack of promotional posters

name plate

4 photo holders

Chainmail example

512 MB usb stick

business card holder

2 bins of loaner gold key.

One applicant for Chatelaine Brandi Hine, recommend we appoint her as the new chatelaine, turnover to happen on November 1, 2017. Will be staying on as deputy and will be the expo coordinator.

YIS

Skald

Formal resume to be submitted to their Excellencies and Seneschal in October.

Lost and Found Report

Stuff was Lost, stuff was Found- please mark your Stuff!

Yours in Service,
Master Tygar of Skagen, Officer
Lady Dauphina, Deputy

Quartermaster

Empty office, nothing to report

Herald Report

Hello Council,

Still working on it. Missed deadline for submissions for this letter. It will be in the next.

I was again present for the monthly heraldry meeting.

I am available for consultations in person as well as on line.

YIS

Wilma

Webminister

Officer: Nicole Roth / Roya

Date: September 18, 2017

- ❖ A big thank you to Murray J. Anderson for corroborating in our efforts to bring the website back online.
- ❖ The barony website hosting has been renewed until 11/28/17, there are a few options to proceed from here. We can either stay with the current host which will cost \$350+ on a 36/Mo. renewal or we can switch to a different host to save on cost. The downside to switching is that, even though the website can be moved 'as is' the email addresses cannot, meaning the contents have to be backed up and then recreated on the new server.
- ❖ Will come up with a plan and will present them at our October council meeting. I will bring our options and we can decide how we want to mitigate the cost.
- ❖ There are ways to get renewal promotions which can help keep our costs down, however, we may have a similar issue as to what we have now.

Family Activities Report

On September 27, 2017, Montengarde will be hosting a Youth Tavern. In addition to the festivities already being planned by the event team, I will be presenting a craft table for kids to come solve puzzles of their favorite populace badges.

I am pleased to announce that Avacal has officially begun to roll-out the Youth and Family Achievement (YAFA) Program. For those of you who are unaware, the YAFA Program was developed by SCA Inc. to encourage participation by families with children and teens in the study of a variety of medieval subjects and activities. This program will guide and encourage young people and their families in seeking opportunities for involvement in the

SCA. YAFA will aid in the development of the next generation of the Society's artisans and craftsmen. It is similar to a merit badge system of participation and learning. The YAFA Program allows participants to move through clearly defined subject requirements at their own pace in a fun and interactive way. Families can choose the subject-area activities that best suit each youth. The purpose is not to compete against others, but for participants to challenge themselves to go as far as their perseverance and curiosity will carry them.

The mission of YAFA is to create opportunities for protected youth activities and achievements while respecting, encouraging, supporting, and fostering the culture of individual Kingdoms. The program is based on a foundation of the arts, chivalry and service, to help encourage values important throughout the Society. Those youth participants completing their individually chosen areas of study will be eligible to wear tokens of achievement. As of our last Curia meeting held at September Crown, Avacal has pledged \$500.00 towards funding the various tokens required to start-up this program.

I will be working with Master Peregrine as the YAFA Program representative for Montengarde. We are currently seeking mentors to help conduct the various classes offered in the program. Mentors will instruct, help, and guide participants in meeting the requirements in each Topic, and in becoming aware of the deeper aspects of the subject area through the Mentor's knowledge and experience. Mentors will assist participants by planning the assigned projects activities in order to meet the achievement requirements, coach participants through demonstrations on how to do the required skills in the chosen subject area, and to certify the individuals after determining if they have met the requirements for achievement. Mentors will be recruited from within the Kingdom, based on their professions, interests and service. They must have more than a working knowledge of the topics they mentor. They can mentor participants in all age groups, or they can choose to work with those divisions they know they work with the best. Mentors can choose the number of youth they are mentoring so that it fits into their personal schedule. As with any involvement with youth, SCA Inc. requires Mentors to successfully complete a background check, and instructional sessions must have at least one other unrelated adult member present at all times.

For more information on the program, or if you are interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact me at candacecollett@hotmail.com. All of the above information will be posted on the Montengarde website, as well as additional information on each topic, how to become a Mentor, and the criteria for each topic as set-out by SCA Inc.

Her excellency has already signed up as a mentor. Brochures will be available at tavern this month

Chronicler

Reports came in, some on time, some not. I am looking for a deputy as my mundane work schedule may be changing so I may not be able to make it to all council meetings.

Events/New/Old/Other Business

Sergeants Trials: Ken requesting cheques, will be at tavern. \$1146.42 profit. Kingdom \$802.49, barony \$343.93

- Site \$150 for lawn mowing, \$5/person for site fee, \$262 for biffy servicing.
- *Anything you would do differently: coordinate more with site owner and have a better list of what needs to be done.*
- *No problems, or none that were brought to my attention.*

Saimhain: no one from planning committee present at council

- Henry to post updates soon

12th night:

- No other bids other than Billy's.
- Bid to be reviewed at financial committee

Comic Expo:

- Oct 11 will be another planning meeting possibly at Military Museum at 7pm
- 10,000 prizes to give away
- Will discuss pros and cons of Myrg and Borealis expos to know what we can do to run ours more smoothly

- Request has been put in for a kingdom contact for expos rather than someone different from each barony
- Need A&S demos, projects to make a plan

Snow Eaters

- First event of new shire
- Stacey suggests a cake from the barony to help celebrate Windwyrms elevation (Motion to spend \$50 for a cake, second by his excellency)

Motion to end meeting: Tonis 7:57pm