

Meeting Minutes – Barony of the Angels council meeting

August 21, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm

Opening comments:

Baroness Morgaine: This is our last council meeting. It's been a long run. Welcome back to our travelers back from Pennsic War.

Baron Jason: It's been five years since we stepped up. Thanks to all for the past five years. A special thanks to Baron Robert for his support. The first half of the marked up OP is available for anyone wishing to see it.

Baron John and Baroness Flavia: We are entering into the "stress and stage fright" portion of getting ready. The populace is reassured that the heirs don't bite.

Seneschal: Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano

We will be meeting in this small room through October. We'll try to get done quickly and take many things to the email list. When the meeting is done, please don't meet outside the room. I will be stepping down at Yule. My successor will be Baroness Gabrielle. For a smooth transition, you will see many emails copied to her and she will be more involved. Please keep her in the loop.

The Kingdom calendar is still a draft. We are looking for autocrats. Events for Angels are:

Saturday Jan 17th, Angels Melee.

Autocrat: THL Tomaso da Barbiano

Site: Have call in for the usual spot at Crescenta Valley park

Sunday March 1st, Robin Hood Tourney (rain date March 29)

Autocrat:

Site: Woodley Park

Full discussion for this event was tabled until the September meeting.

Saturday May 2nd, Voyagers May Day and Anniversary

Autocrats: THL Tomaso da Barbiano and Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano

Site: Caltech

Several people said that last years location at Tournament Park was nice and they would encourage using the same site. Voyagers is taking that into consideration in planning for next years event.

Saturday June 27, CP Prize tourney

We had a choice of June 27 or July 11 for the event. Council voted (Baroness Gabrielle moved and Lord Elric seconded) for the June date:

Autocrat:

Site: Crescenta Valley Park

Theme: Palio Pony Races?

Saturday, September 12th, Angels Anniversary

Autocrat: Possibly Baroness Justina (awaiting confirmation)

Site:

Saturday September 19th, Canton of the Canyons Nautical Tourney

Autocrat: TBD (Probably Lord Robin)

Site: TBD

Saturday December ??, Yule

Autocrat and site: TBD

There was some discussion regarding combining it with Heatherwyne. Tabled for now.

Arts & Sciences: Lady Rosamund Ryghtwys

Since I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a lot of pain and haze from the pain-killers the doctor prescribed, I am submitting my report so it can go into the meeting.

A&S: Last month's meeting at Picnic in the Park was a stealth meeting, although most seemed to know it was going on. Dame Lynette was teaching how to make a tiny little knitted angel with beads, and all around there were people doing arts and things with many a lively discussion about what they were doing and how and offers to help each other.

This is what an A&S meeting should be. I want to shift the Arts & Sciences meetings from the Thursday evening, which has been poorly attended in the past, to the Sunday park meeting, the fourth, or last Sunday of each month.

I will post if a class will be held when I know if the PitP will be [barring conflicting events, then it can be moved to another Sunday]. I will tentatively hold a cold metal working class on the 24 of August and show anyone interested how to create a circlet or chaplet, and what the difference is.

The competition for Anniversary is in hand.

Thank you,

Lady Rosamund Ryghtwys

Minister of A&S

Barony of the Angels

Largess: Report by Lady Catharine Hawkwood da Barbiano, Deputy Largesse Officer.

Katra moved to Outlands, so I will be filling in for her until the office is filled. Who wants to step up? (Baron John noted that they may have someone for the job, though nothing is certain at this time.)

Per Her Majesty, due to the situation with Estrella treaty negotiations, additional kingdoms and groups have indicated they will be coming to GWW instead of Estrella. Royal largesse will be needed for GWW. Especially looking for things like handmade trim (most-wanted item), foot soaks and other handmade specialty items. Would like to have handmade notebooks, along the lines of Japanese style ones. Fiona has example. Always appreciate award cords, but doing ok with them for now. Angels prides itself on providing handmade, unique, awesome, and easily transportable items, as well as specialty items from our merchants – this is *exactly* what the kingdom is looking for.

I'm discussing a joint A&S class/Largesse workshop with Lady Rosamund to make Japanese or other style handmade notebooks.

We'll also be needing largesse and gifts for TRM's and TRH's for Angels Anniversary, and for incoming and outgoing B&B's for the various investitures this fall. Everyone be thinking about what you can contribute. Please contact me if you can contribute to the largesse.

Raffle for Anniversary

Need someone to spearhead making a raffle board for anniversary. Otherwise we'll be doing the pinned ziplocs again.

Currently have illumination baskets from Flavia, pets and princess basket from Catharine and Tomaso (princess basket includes a special pink kumihimo cord made by Auntie Her Grace Duchess Natalya), daggers, a day spa basket from Katra (handmade foot soak, lotions, soaps, fancy towels, heat pack, etc.). There will be many.

Please contact me if you can contribute a raffle basket.

Castellan: THL Owain ap gwyllim Pengryth

We had two successful demos last week, the VA with 10 members in attendance, and Cassie and I did the Summer camp group demo. the following day. Another demo. has been proposed, the Seneschal has the details. A number of our newer members (some reasonably well established) have fallen off the radar. Please do what you can by contacting the newer members you know (as well as those who you haven't seen recently) and finding out their plans for investiture and GWW. I believe that if everyone contacts at least 2 others we may well be able to double the Angels contingent at both events, reunite with old friends and new, and keep members that might have otherwise trickled away.

Varangians- We are still having problems in finding a yellow material for tunica trim, that has the correct characteristics (accuracy, similarity, durability). Any possible solutions are much obliged

(contact me).

Second, please contact me if you are fighting (armored) or would like to for investiture, anniversary and/or GWW. I count for logistics purposes, and I would like to help all those who still need a little help so that we have good numbers at both events.

Finally, Peter has the receipts for the shield parts.

Chirurgion: Nothing to report

Chronicler: Nothing to report

Constable: Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood

Most items from CP Prize have found their homes, though a few items are still left. We got some volunteers to help out at CP Prize, and it worked well. Will need more volunteers at anniversary. Still looking for a deputy.

Exchequer: Sir Einar aus Enwelt: **Contact the Exchequer for information.**

Herald

Only one Angels device submitted at the heralds meeting for Peter Kirsch-korff. It came back for a redraw and has been resubmitted.

Lists: No report

Marshal: THL Tomaso da Barbiano

Fighter practice has had low attendance. I am struggling to keep things going. Armor workshops have had the same situation – low attendance. We've had one new rapier fighter start practicing. Come to practice – even if it's just to work on your armor!

Webwright: Elric Shadowe of Sylverstone

My computer is finally back up and running. Will be doing some updates to the web site. Some of us are getting German spam via the officer accounts. Kingdom is tweaking the spam filters to deal with this.

Canton of the Canyons: Lord Tobias Meerschlang

Gearing up for the event next month. Will be getting support from the baronial lists office.

College of the voyagers (Caltech): Lord Faelan Mac Caerbhaill

It's been very slow. The students are gone for the summer. We've discussed holding a Tuesday night tourney on campus. This is along term plan – it would happen next year some time.

New business

Baroness Morgaine: Lady Katra was awarded her Athena and had it presented on moving day.

Baroness Flavia: The old Royal trailer is for sale. Rowan wants to offer it to a geopolitical unit first. It's a 1997 5 x 8 trailer with 4 feet of actual space in mint condition with new tires. Price is \$1500.

The following discussion took place:

Question was asked: Does it have brakes? Answer: No

Question: Does it need brakes? Discussion followed.

Insurance is not required, but a really good idea.

Registration is about \$35 every 4-5 years.

Brakes can be added for \$300-400.

Storage: We've looked into Mt. Olive storage. They also store trailers (an example of their rates: 8 x 10 storage locker for \$85 and trailer storage for \$50.

Could we go to a smaller storage locker if things like the pavilion poles are stored in the trailer?

It can be stored for a short time at the Trimbles house.

Insurance issue: there may be a minimum age required to tow a trailer, especially across state lines.

We currently have (Contact the Exchequer for information) in the general account, of which (Contact the Exchequer for information) in an infrastructure fund.

Does it have a side door? Answer: No

It does have interior structure in place.

Insurance: Altavia insures their trailer through AAA for \$153 per year.

Rowan says that registration was about \$80 per year. Einar notes that the amount sounds high.

Insurance: Does the person pulling it need a special rider on their auto insurance? No answer immediately available.

This is a small trailer and can be pulled with a bumper hitch – doesn't need a class IV hitch.

We finally came to a vote! Two of them actually.

Movement to bid \$1000 for the trailer made by Baroness Gabrielle and seconded by Elric. Vote: 14 in favor, no opposed, 3 abstentions.

Movement to authorize up to \$1000 for other expenses related to the trailer made by Elric and seconded by Baroness Gabrielle and Lord Amalgaid. Vote: 16 in favor, no opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Baroness Gabrielle will check on storage options.

GWW land allocation: Lord Amalgaid will coordinate it to ask for land. You must pre-reg by August 31st and land allocate by either September 1st or 7th (nobody could remember the exact date).

We do not currently know what the fire restrictions for the war will be.

Lord Amalgaid agrees to post a message to the list regarding the requirement for land allocation (done during the meeting!).

Crown Tourney is this weekend. Setup starts at 8:00 AM. Please help if you can.

Angels Anniversary

Schedule for the day is:

Setup 7:30

Gate open 9:00

Opening court: 10:00

End of opening court: no later than 11:30

Fighting starts: 12:30

Presentation court: 1:00

Closing court: 5:00

We must be off site by 6 pm.

Please bring any and all carts, wagons, etc.

We will have fighter challenge matches, in favor of Baroness Morgaine and Baroness Flavia.

Baroness Gabrielle then went down a detailed list reminding people of the jobs that they were signed up for. This list is too long to put in the meeting minutes.

Proposal made by Baroness Morgaine that money made from the Angels Anniversary basket raffle go to the Baronial trailer fund. Seconded by Elric. Passed without opposition.

July minutes: Changes were reviewed. Approval is tabled until next month.

Closing comments:

Baron Jason: It's been great.

Baroness Morgaine: Thanks for five years.

Baron John: Here we are.

Baroness Flavia: If we don't like the trailer, we know of at least one person on the waiting list.

Meeting was closed at 9:45 pm.

Humbly submitted by THL Tomaso da Barbiano