

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2009 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Caltech "Y" on March 19, 2009

ATTENDEES

Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Deveraux nicChlurain, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Lady Selewynn Beltran, Lord Balthazar van der Brugge, THL Cormac Mór, Lord Amalgaid, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lady Medb inghen Éochan, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlang, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lord Æoelwigg Ælfwiggsson, Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, THL Catherine de Winter, Lady AnneCathryn of Wicken Bonhunt, Lord Peter Cadarn, Lady Dalphina DelaCroix, and Duchess Chamayn of Castile.

Absent: THL Vivienne de Lampérière, Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Valle Verde.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS

The Baronage: Baron John noted that Robin Hood was fun. He actually got to shoot at targets and actually hit something. He also discovered at practice that his bow is too heavy for him. Baron John displayed the repaired coronet and thanked Baroness Justina. Baroness Flavia still hasn't found her basket. Robin Hood was an amazing event but she and Baron John were so busy watching what everyone was doing, they couldn't sit down.

Seneschal (Baroness Gabrielle): We will address some items out of order at the meeting to address concerns expressed on the baronial email list by Lady Catharine Hawkwod. Kingdom Webwright THL Matheus Reyner and Kingdom Webwright Lord Gregor MacDonald will be invited to Baronial Council on April 9th to discuss migration to the e-mail list. From Lord Gregor via email: "From the information I have, the action to have all lists on Kingdom resources came from the BoD."

Discussion of Lady Catharine Hawkwod's issues:

"Significant (and I mean that word) policy changes taking place during the e-list transition." *Council did not wish to discuss this issue tonight because we do not have all the information.*

- Currently we have 250 subscribers on the AngelsBaronial Yahooogroup; 124 people have not yet transferred to the new server-hosted list. We need to get everyone transferred over. The old Yahooogroup list is still there and Baroness Gabrielle noted that the list will not be shut down at the end of March.
- People need to change subject headers when they respond to messages.
- Lord Balthazar made points regarding list protocols and formatting responses.
- Baroness Gabrielle suggested commenting to both lists until the transfer is complete.

Lady Catharine requested to see actual directives that have been referenced. Baroness Gabrielle noted that the info is not available at this time, however, as stated on several emails, questions regarding where the instruction to migrate to the Kingdom server, should be sent directly to the Lord Matheus, the Kingdom Webwright. Lady Catharine stated that that information had not been stated before; Lord AEoelwigg and several others stated that yes, it had.

Lady Catharine questioned changes to how officer reports will be presented at council meetings.

- Baroness Gabrielle noted that if we include officer reports and discussion to meetings, we're looking at 176-minute meetings and we don't have time for that. There is a new report form online. After consulting with the Baron and Baroness, we will use the new online format.
- Baroness Gabrielle noted that the Kingdom Seneschal, Baron David of Caithness, stated at his "meet and greet" meeting at Crown that he is moving Seneschal reports online.

- If officers need to bring something to the meeting, they should notify the Seneschal
- Poll: Do you wish to continue having officer reports in hard copy at the meeting then available online?
- THL Rosamund questioned the legality of online report posting vs. bringing it up at meeting. Baroness Gabrielle answered that there appears to be nothing in Kingdom Law or otherwise against the practice, however, posting the reports on line and having hard copies at the meeting does cover both issues.

Baroness Gabrielle polled the attendees: Should we continue posting baronial minutes online and bringing a hard copy of the minutes to the meeting?

- Lady Selewynn thinks hard copies are overkill.
- Baroness Justina responded that not everyone can get online regularly and not everyone has a computer.
- Lady Catharine asked what about the minimum dissemination of information required. Baroness Gabrielle noted that she is awaiting response from the Kingdom Webwright about this.
- Lady AnneCathryn asked people to stop having side conversations during the meeting.

Lady Catharine had a question about the Officer reports being in the minutes if they're not actually discussed in the meeting.

- Lord Balthazar prefers having the hardcopy around to read and review before the meetings
- Lord Fáelán likes having hardcopies.
- THL Tomaso asked how we are to include officer reports in the minutes if they are not read. It was noted that we could do a polling to accept the reports as written. The attendees favored having some hardcopies available at the meeting but noted that a few (5 or so) would be enough.
- Baroness Gabrielle asked the officers whether they would read a reminder about sending reports; several officers said yes, please send the reminder.
- Council was agreeable to doing the reports they way they were done at this meeting.
- THL Tomaso asks if anyone can enter things into the report form.

Lady Catharine questioned the proposed changing of discussion about events to only online or at other-than-council venues, then just calling for a vote in council (on bids, budgets, dates, whether to actually host the events, etc.).

- The original question had to do with discussions off line/meeting and out of the public eye.
- The idea was to lift discussions for small groups outside of the big meeting, then have final discussion and vote in council.
- THL Cormac spoke about planning committees meeting, discussing details, and presenting things at the meeting
- Lady Selewynn noted that "back in the day" it was done this way, and it would be good to do it again.
- Lord Balthazar and Lord Amalgaid noted that it was done this way for Robin Hood and worked ok.
- *Further discussion was tabled to another council meeting*

Lady Catharine questioned the proposed changing of discussion about financial matters to only online or at other-than-council venues, then just calling for a vote in council. Baroness Gabrielle and THL Cormac both stated that although this had been part of an on-list discussion, nothing was ever finalized and it was not the intent of the seneschal or the Baron and Baroness to move discussion of financial matters to only on-line. Baron John noted that starting discussions on-line and finishing them at council would involve more people in the discussion.

Lady Catharine questioned having long distance webwrights without council input.

- Lady Catharine is concerned with the Chronicler/Webwright being offsite. Lord Gregor lives in Temecula, Baroness Gabrielle in Monrovia, Duchess Natalya and Jean-Christophe in Boston. Baroness Gabrielle noted that Lord Gregor is currently the actual webwright.
- Baroness Gabrielle noted Lord Gregor is listed as the Barony's official webwright. This item needs to be discussed with Lord Gregor and THL Matheus present; they will be invited to another meeting. Lady Catharine stated she also wanted the Kingdom Seneschal invited.
- *This issue was tabled to April meeting when Lord Gregor and THL Matheus are present.*

Lady Catharine questioned the proposal to have all baronial communication -- council minutes, chronicler, and webwright -- "de facto" concentrated under the control of one person/position.

- Lady Catharine was concerned that too much control is vested in one person. Baroness Gabrielle pointed out that there are two separate people taking minutes and she compiles them; one person does NOT control this process.
- THL Katerina enthusiastically complemented the current Seraph team.
- THL Catherine de Winter pointed out that long distance communication can work well.
- Lady Dalphina noted that changes haven't been made properly on the baronial webpage. It turned out that she was looking at the Kingdom page and not the current Angels' page.
- Lord Amalgaid asked that if we have two Angels websites, could we have a redirect on the old page to the new one? It was noted that he had also been looking at the wrong page.
- Duchess Chamayn asked if there's anything against people doing more than one thing. Several people responded with commentary of how many offices they worked in. It was noted that you cannot be your own superior.
- Baroness Gabrielle asked whether this council had a concern with having the current webwright team include the current Chroniclers. It was noted that *The Seraph* has improved in regularity and quality with the new Chroniclers. Baroness Gabrielle also asked whether four people is too many to have on the Webwright team. The issues appeared to be (1) Is the Barony ok with the Chroniclers being on the web team and (2) are we ok with the web team being put together without a discussion or vote? Poll: Is the Council in agreement with the web team including the current Chroniclers? Lady Catharine was the only dissenting vote.

Lady Catharine is concerned about ways to keep baronial communication accessible during the e-list transition (including perhaps keeping the AngelsBaronial Yahooogroup active, including to new posts, for a while longer -- or teaching people how to better post so others can read the posts)

- Per Baron John, subgroups, discussion groups, etc. can stay on Yahoo -- the only mandate is to change baronial communication lists and officer e-lists.
- Baroness Gabrielle noted that the Yahooogroup will remain in place for now. Baron John noted that, based on info from the last Privy council meeting, there is no mandate for discussion groups on Yahoo as long as they are not the official policy-making communication channel. This matter was again referred to the Kingdom Webwright.

Discussion resumed on the agenda items.

Anyone who has corrections for the February 2009 baronial minutes should send them to Baron Jared.

Arts & Sciences (THL Rosamund): Report was posted on the Angels website.

- The A&S Competition at Robin Hood Tournament had a nice turnout. There were 10 entries, all of them wonderful examples of the Arts & Sciences of Angels and Caid.
- The first prize winner was Lord Peter Cadarn, for his hand carved "Cat Box" with a Celtic cat design on the top. The second prize went to Lord Ihon MacLucas for his crossbow, and third to Baroness Bridget Lucia Mackenzie for her hand dyed and woven shawl.

- The A&S meeting at the park this last Sunday was freezing cold, but she met with several people and showed them costume books so they could browse through and look for garb ideas. It would be good if the Castellan had some resources for this since it is not really my provenance as the A&S officer.
- THL Rosamund will bring A&S projects to PitP. She asked for suggestions for future classes at PitP. Duchess Chamayn suggested working with the A&S officer to design and produce largesse.

Castellan (Lord Owain): Unable to attend due to family issues.

Chirurgion (Baroness Justina): There was nothing to report this month.

Chronicler (Jean-Christophe & Duchess Natalya): Report was posted on the Angels website.

Constable (Baron Robert): Report was posted on the Angels website.

Robin Hood Archery Tournament went well. The parking set-up went well and all cars found to be secured. (At the last Angel's event cars were found with windows and doors left open). Several items were turned in but owners of the lost items were found. I had help for the event from His Excellency Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer. This was due to Lord Amalgaid's duties as Event Steward for the day, which superseded his Deputy Constable duties. The event ended on a good note with all leaving the site on time. The driving on to the park grounds and the unloading went well. While patrolling the parking lot we came across several instances of people leaving unattended items next cars, vehicles with doors / windows left open and one car with the car keys left in the car. All were dealt with, people found and vehicles secured.

Exchequer (Lady Dalphina): Report posted on the Angels website. For details from the Financial Committee, please contact Lady Dalphina <exchequer@sca-angels.org>

Herald (Baron Jared): Baron Jared will be offering consulting services at PitP. THL Cormac and Baron John both heralded at Crown Tourney. Report was posted on the Angels website.

Largesse (Lord Amalgaid): The next event we'll need largesse for is Scottish Pirate Tourney, at the end of March. Any donations are welcome. We're always in need of stuff for Their Excellencies to hand out.

Lists (THL Vivienne): Report was posted on the Angels website.

Marshal (THL Tomaso): For the past few weeks we have been holding Tuesday night practices at Recreation Park in Monrovia. The site is working well and the lighting is much better than we've had at Arcadia. Unless there is strong opposition, THL Tomaso will be removing the 'temporary' status of the new location, making the move permanent. Sunday practice continues to have 3-5 fighters showing up regularly. Baron John noted that the Barony has some youth gear but it needs work. Lord Liam will be conducting some youth combat activities on Tuesdays.

Captain of Archers (Lord Æoelwigg): Since this is also the quarterly report, Lord Æoelwigg included several things. Over the last quarter archery practice has been sporadic due to weather and SCA events. However, in March we held the Angels Robin Hood Tourney on March 1, 2009 this event went very well. Our most recent practice held on Sunday, March 15. Attendees were Baron John ap Griffin, Lord Æoelwigg Æoelwiggsson, Lady Rayne of Annan, and her lord husband, Nicholas. Lord Æoelwigg helped with the organization of Robin Hood, which was wonderfully done by Lord Amalgaid and Lord Balthazar. The next practice will be March 22 to continue to get us ready for the inter-baronial challenge on the April 19. (Report is also posted on the Angels website)

Captain of Rapier (Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill): Rapier practice has been fairly dead. We support the move and hope the better light will encourage better attendance. (Report is posted on the Angels website)

College of the Voyagers (Lord Fáelán by report): Lord Fáelán attended the Seneschal's meeting at Crown tournament. He is the event steward for Voyagers May Day tourney.

Canton of the Canyons (Lord Tobias): The Canton had a meeting this month, and discussed a date for upcoming Nautical Tourney, which is currently scheduled for the same date as Collegium.

Old Business

Council Meetings: Per Baroness Gabrielle, we have the meeting room for upcoming council meeting dates: April 9, May 21 (the Thursday before Potrero), June 11

Arts Pentathlon (Lady Catharine): The event occurs on April 25-26 and all is going well with the baronial team entries.

Demo: There will be a demo on April 3 with details posted online. Lady Catharine reported that they need all sort of helpers. The event will be held at Mulholland Middle School, where Lord Owain teaches.

A&S Meetings and PitP: It was cold at the last meeting. Baroness Bridget will be teaching a class in being on court and being a member of the guard, which will be moved to Their Excellencies' home in case of rain. Please let THL Rosamund know what kind of project people would like to do at PitP. Planned activities include making tablecloths and possibly camp walls. Baroness Gabrielle noted that we had newcomers at PitP, one of whom is a fighter from the West Kingdom where he was the Defender of the Northern Marches (Allyshia) in A.S. 38. We also had a couple who showed interest and showed up for Tuesday night practice.

Repair of the Loaner Armor: Lord Owain hasn't had a chance to work on loaner armor for the past month, due to family issues but he does plan to finish the armor. He needs a check for supplies to finish the repair. Lady Dalphina noted that the check was approved previously.

Varangian Guard: There is an evil plan for GWW, "The Trojan Rabbit," which will act as mini siege tower and cart for taking things to the battlefield. . . . and Angels Hospitality Wagon.

Robin Hood Archery Tourney: Lord Balthazar reported that 115 people attended, up 38% from last year. Baroness Gabrielle gave a special thank-you to Lady Antoinette for all of her efforts and to Lord Balthazar and Lord Amalgaid for a great event.

Pink Ribbon Tournament, October 25, 2009: Duchess Chamayn reported that website is live and online with full content. http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Pink_Ribbon_Tournament. A printout of the website's opening page was circulated. Documents and publications are coming in: posters, flyers, etc. These will be made available. A donational link for the web site is in the works. Please email her at MyBlu54@aol.com if you want to volunteer. Duchess Chamayn said the merchants and merchant donations are welcome, and a team to work with that is in place. All manner of external communications, various other agencies have been invited and will attend. Lord Balthazar noted that some of the merchants who were at Robin Hood are interested in making donations for the tourney. Baroness Morgaine and Comtesse Albra will be handling merchants. Baroness Gabrielle noted that all of Angels' expenses will be paid, with remaining proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

Baroness Gabrielle has received the draft of the 2010 Kingdom Calendar. Does Angels want to host a Crown Tourney in 2010 in either March or August? The date is August 8. Privy Council on Sunday could be combined with PitP at Recreation Park. THL Cormac notes that the local Masonic Hall might be available. Lord Balthazar suggested that we could talk to the Boys and Girls Club about using their kitchen. It would be a great place for a fundraiser. Lady Catharine noted that Frank Tuollo with whom we worked for Anniversary said he would be willing to let the Barony use the electrical outlets on the outside of the building. Baronial consensus is for August because the Barony is hosting three events already between January and May. It was decided to put in a bid for August with March as a secondary.

Baronial Camping Gear: Lady Dalphina and Lord Amalgaid led a discussion of communal cooking areas at wars. Suggested that perhaps we need a washtub and dish racks. Lord Balthazar has a couple of huge ice chests to donate to the Barony. He suggested the creation of a list of items for the communal kitchen. There was a discussion regarding use of a heater for the communal gathering area and potential hazards of propane. It was noted that everyone must bring their own propane cylinders for use in the communal areas. THL Cormac moved and Lady AnneCathryn seconded a motion to expend an amount NTE \$250 for kitchen items. Motion was passed. Loaner stoves will be requested via the baronial elist.

Changes in Council meeting communications – taken care of above under Lady Catharine's concerns.

CP Prize: We will be using the kitchen at CP Prize for lunch. Baron Jared moved and Lady Selewynn seconded the expense of \$100 for kitchen rental. The motion passed.

Largesse: What do we need for the next two months? Coronation will include a Duke/Duchess being made, and incoming monarchs. Duchess Chamayn offered to donate coffee for Their Royal Highnesses. Baroness Asakura donated six pieces of pottery at Crown for Largesse. We need largesse for the upcoming Wintermist event, Altavia Anniversary in May, and CP Prize in June. It was noted that Wintermist is a shire and doesn't have a Baron and Baroness. Perhaps the Barony could give something for the raffle.

Prince and Princess Traveling Thrones: Baron John noted that the Baroness of Dun Or has put together a fund-raising effort for thrones for Their Royal Highnesses. Lady AnneCathryn was moved and Lord Balthazar seconded to donate \$50. The motion was passed.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Voyagers May Day: Lord Fáelán is the event steward. They are close to obtaining a site on campus; the "Court of Man" probably provides a great view for students. Awaiting confirmation. The Marshallate and A&S are covered but Lord Fáelán needs to speak to Chirurgeon and Lysts. It's ok to have merchants at the event.

Lady Selewynn noted that we may be about to use the campus for future events. Baron John noted that QC Equestrian is being held the same day, but that shouldn't have an impact on the May Day event.

CP Prize (THL Cormac): Plans are coming along nicely. Heavy weapons fighting will be a tag team format with only one belted fighter per team. We will have rapier and youth combat and a fighters' auction. Baroness Asakura will be making mugs and the Brewers Guild will fill them with non-alcoholic drink. Dame Selene is providing lunch. There are plans for Drench a Fighter using either a trebuchet or water balloons. There will be SCA Jeopardy, a fairy toss, raffles, dragons, divination, and all manner of stuff. They have a budget. The Ladies of the Rose will be providing roses for the winners. The archers will be having a booth with mini-crossbows that shoot peanuts. THL Cormac presented a budget that projects a profit of approximately \$3,500 for the Crown Prints. A copy was given to Lady Daphina and Baron Jared. Baron Jared and Lady AnneCathryn seconded to approve the proposed budget. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the grills at the site will need extra care for proper operation.

Financial Committee: Lady Daphina reminded everyone that all expenses must be approved.

Angels Anniversary 2009: Baroness Justina and Lord Tobias, the event stewards, are working on the budget. Master Oso is providing a raffle item to raise money. They are sending out invites to all former Barons and Baronesses. Food for Their Excellencies and friends is covered. Expenses for this event are low; most of the expense items will be donated or the cost covered before the event. The plan is to have all costs covered before the event. Baroness Justina will not be at May and August council meetings due to Potrero and Pennsic. Lady Selewynn moved and Baron Jared seconded to accept the proposal for Angels' Anniversary. Baroness Justina will send Baron Jared a written report.

Storage Unit: On Friday, March 13, Their Excellencies John and Flavia, along with Baroness Gabrielle, measured the proposed unit at Mt. Olive Storage; "5x10" is actually 4 ½ by 9 feet. They are also going to visit Public Storage with Lady Catharine to change names on the current storage unit billing. The Public Storage bill for April needs to be paid. They are still examining availability at other facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angels Yule needs event stewards. Lord Balthazar mentioned the possibility of joining with another Barony to do a double event; the idea was discussed. Baroness Gabrielle will be taking bids until May 1. There was a discussion of perhaps another Angel-Altavia Yule. Lord Balthazar is proposing a day tourney and evening event.

Potrero War: Her Excellency Flavia reminded everyone to make sure they register for land allocation with Potrero. It was noted that there is currently a problem with the online allocation system.

February Minutes: The Minutes were approved as amended.

Officer Reports: Officer reports were approved as presented.

Baroness Flavia found lovely bright red cloth for tables for the pavilion. Baroness Morgaine moved that the Barony buy up to 25 yards of fabric at \$2 a yard. Baron Jared seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Baron Robert showed a nice cloak left at Angels Melee and as yet unclaimed, despite announcements.

THL Tomaso is putting the after-action report for Melee for submission to *The Seraph*.

Lady AnneCathryn announced that she will be moving out of the area to a land known as "Oklahoma." She leaves us with a heavy heart. Three cheers were given in her honor.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Baron John is pleased with changes this meeting and thinks they are good for the Barony. He is happy about the meeting being moved to the second Thursday and moving the storage unit. He is looking forward to this weekend.

Baroness Flavia noted that THL Tomaso received a Crescent Sword at Estrella, and that Lady Catharine Hawkwod entered A&S at Estrella.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29:26 p.m.