



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2009

Held at the Caltech "Y" on October 15, 2009



ATTENDEES: Lord James the Inconstant, Lady Amanda Januaría of Silver Woods, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lord Æolwigg Ælfwiggsson, Lady Antoinette de la Valle Verde, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, Lady Muirgen na Failglas, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Peter Cadarn, Lord Gerritt Raynor, Mistress Bridget Lucia MacKenzie, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, Master Alewaulfe the Red (22)

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Duchess Natalya de Foix and Jean-Christophe Messier (co-Chroniclers), Lord Balthazar van der Brugghe (Yule co-autocrat), Duchess Chamayn de Castile (PRT co-autocrat)

PROCEEDINGS: At the Seneschal's request, THL Cormac called the meeting to order Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS: *Baron John* - We had fun at war. It was very nice coming back to camp not knowing that the pavilion and trappings were up. It was fantastic! *Baroness Flavia* - It was a grand homecoming. People were using us as a landmark. Thank you for taking care of us. It was a lot of fun. The arts area with A&S classes and the artisans enclave worked very well. It turned out to be too much for only a couple of people, though.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* - Thank you for coming tonight. Lists: We had Angels Anniversary and will be doing lists at the Pink Ribbon Tourney. All other officer reports were sent in. Baroness Gabrielle explained the timetable for turning in officer reports.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Canton of the Canyons: *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* - We had fun at the war. The Canyons A&S minister taught a couple of classes. We also made some baskets for the equestrians. The horses especially liked the baskets.

College of the Voyagers: *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* - We are talking to kingdom regarding hosting Kingdom Sciences Day along with May Day next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Angels Anniversary: The total cost was \$150.00. We're looking at \$1,464.00 profit for the day. Baroness Gabrielle called for comments regarding the event. The only glitch was with parking area under the trees – we can't park there any more. The food was good. Lady Catharine Hawkwod mentioned that the field was soggy in the morning; Baroness Gabrielle will talk to them regarding the sprinklers.

What amount from profits should we donate? Lady Amanda proposed \$1000. Lord Amalgaid requested and received clarification that the number stated is pure profit. Lady Catharine inquired what bills do we have coming up. Question to Lady Dalphina: given expenses, can we afford to give \$1000 to Villa Esperanza? Answer: if we do some fund raising we should be ok. Baron John noted that they have taken a reduction in all funding. He listed some ways in which the funding cuts are affecting them. We currently have about \$15,000 in the checking account, with all but about \$1,800 belonging to the barony. The decision was tabled until the end of the meeting.

GWW final report: Did everyone have a good time? Yes! One new fighter authorized. We had lots of camaraderie and friendships. THL Cormac has volunteered to be war herald again next year (with help from Lord Balthazar), despite his previous plans to hand the job to someone else. Regarding land

allocation: Lord Cormac says that almost all who land allocated gave good info and we ended up with a big open area in the middle of the camp. The preliminary count of attendance is 1,800 but final numbers aren't in yet. Baroness Gabrielle: We received lots of good feedback about the A&S area. Baroness Gabrielle will teach a class on brewing documentation (inspired by what she saw in the brewing competition).

Largesse: *Lord Amalgaid* - We don't need any for Dreiburgen Anniversary. The new heirs have been chosen, but they are not stepping up yet. Coronation: We need some largesse. Lord Amalgaid has a list of the royals wants. Isles Anniversary and Calafia Anniversary are coming up (end of Nov). Isles is the same day as Naevejhem Frost Dragon (11/14).

Exchequer: *Lady Dalphina* - We have: storage costs. There are no plans to move soon. We are still looking for a place. Discussion of storage options: not many options at this point. The economy works in favor of the storage companies. We're continuing to search. Trailer storage is set at \$64 per month.

Angels Melee *THL Tomaso*: We have a budget. A copy was passed to the Exchequer. Planning progresses.

Lady Dalphina: We could use a pop-up for gate. We currently have one baronial pop-up and for now an extra blue one (which might belong to THL Owain). Everyone mark your stuff! Baroness Gabrielle agreed that a pop-up for gate is a good thing. Lady Catharine reminded us that we need one for gate, one for lists/tickets. Baroness Gabrielle says that she got hers for \$145 on sale, and it is a good quality model. There was general agreement that we should get good quality ones. THL Cormac asked: are we tied to pop-ups? He can make a day shade for less than \$100. He can work on making one. He then gave a description of his design for a day shade. Lady Catharine reminded us that we need to stay within the fire codes. We all agreed that we should/shall do that.

Baroness Gabrielle asked THL Cormac to look into the fire retardant Sunforger and make a report for next council, which he agreed to do. The cost for the current shade design is about \$100 for a 15-footer.

Financial discussion continued: What about tables? How many do we have? We have four white and at least one smaller faux wood one. Baroness Gabrielle: at any event we must have 1 for lists and 1 for gate – make sure we're covered. After 1st of year, we can look for sales. Expenses: \$200 per month storage; day shades; possibly tables, melee site expense.

Baroness Gabrielle gives us something to think about for the new year: we have a list of funds. Sub groups have a fund. We have a trailer fund. Normally we use a fund when we want to track things. We should all send ideas on how and if we want to have these separate funds to Lady Dalphina for the next meeting. Question from Baron John: what can we do with the funds for the dormant colleges – Answer: Baroness Gabrielle is speaking with Baron David (Kingdom Seneschal) about that. Baroness Gabrielle is working with Lady Catharine to come up with a baronial financial policy. We'd like to put this into effect in January 2010.

Lady Catharine: Gold key – Voyagers has been providing Gold Key a lot, mainly because she has the items at her house. Voyagers will need it for their members this year. Angels has Gold Key items, but we need to have someone to wrangle it. Baroness Flavia says that we could pick up the bins from storage, but who do we give it to? THL Owain is willing to help with it, willing to work out a way to handle this. He will look at what's already been done, and will see what can be done. Baroness Gabrielle recommended that Lady Catharine put notes out on the Angels elist

Brewers Guild *THL Tomaso* – The Brewers Guild is alive and active. THL Tomaso will take it to the list tomorrow and start arranging a meeting. THL Owain: Is planning a brewing symposium, to involve both SCA and non-SCA. More details to come.

The Baronial Trailer: Pulling trailer uses much gas. Lord Gerritt has submitted a receipt for gas for pulling the trailer to GWW. Per kingdom: it's up to the barony how and how much we want to pay.

Discussion: who can pull the trailer – we have only 4 people who can do it. Lady Catharine reminds us that insurance issues must be considered. Baroness Flavia said that we also must consider the wear and tear on the towing vehicle. Baroness Gabrielle pointed out that from a legal view, there are liability issues to consider. Issues: current reimbursement for GWW. Lord Fáelán moved to do 50% reimbursement for this trip. Lord Amalgaid: we should do 75%. Lord Fáelán amended his motion to 75%. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Baroness Gabrielle asked everyone to give some thought to this. Issues in pulling the trailer: configuration inside needs some rework. Lord Peter and Lord Gerritt say that the trailer gets loaded unevenly, the bearings haven't been serviced in 12 years, the arresting chains are actually cables, and the silicon caulking on the roof is leaking.

Lord Amalgaid asks: who does the work? For the welding, there is a journeyman welder willing to do the welding for free, but there is no written guarantee. Regarding the arresting chains, Baroness Gabrielle says that the DMV says chain or cable is ok, so why need chain? Answer: the cable isn't thick enough. Lords Peter and Gerritt gave a description of the plan to service the trailer.

How long to do the work? Lord Peter says that it would take one weekend. Baron John says that we're coming up on the time when we won't need it much, so more time will be available if needed. Lord Amalgaid moved that we spend \$438 (the amount estimated) to improve the trailer. He then amended the motion to be \$500. THL Cormac seconded and it passed without opposition.

Lady Amanda asks what about the tarp for the trailer that we discussed in a previous meeting? Answer: we won't need it.

Lord Peter: We should get an alarm. THL Tomaso also recommends an accurate inventory of the trailer contents.

Baronial coronets: *Baron John* – At GWW the coronet bumped (lightly) a tree and broke one of the wings. We now need to repair the coronet. Baron John showed it to a couple of jewelers at GWW and they say that the design is flawed. For now, contact cement will keep things going. Baroness Gabrielle would like to put out a call for new baronial coronets, to be completed in time for Angels Anniversary 2010. Lady Catharine suggests having a closing date on bids sufficiently early to give time for things to get done.

THL Cormac asked how long have these coronets been around. They were made in the last year of the reign of Robert and Therese so they are about 5 years old. Baron John noted that we have another set of coronets (the brass ones). He and Baroness Flavia will start using the older ones more and keep the newer ones for formal events. Baroness Gabrielle: all bids will be brought before council and decision made by the group. THL Tomaso says we should start thinking about a fund raising effort for the new coronets.

GWW 2010: *Baroness Flavia* - This year Baroness Flavia was in charge of A&S. We talked about it a bit at war. Would Angels be interested in hosting the A&S/Artisan's Enclave effort for GWW next year?

Pink Ribbon Tourney *Mistress Bridget:* Donations keep coming in and many more donations were made at GWW. Two work sessions are coming up – one to decorate Christmas trees (need donations of decorations). Efforts are underway to get the word out, through many ways. Bring some water for the fighters. We need tables and pop-ups. We need pink paper, and card stock. For the single sword tourney we have papers to hang on eric rope to be displayed. Mistress Bridget has a running tally of what we have/need/etc.

T-shirts: We can get them done for \$11, proposing we sell them for \$20. Will the Barony front the money for the shirts? THL Cormac argued eloquently in favor, and moved to do so. It was approved without dissent.

Baroness Gabrielle reminded us about some of the park rules Security concerns: The number of non-SCA people will be more so here than most events. It's being kept in mind.

Angels Yule: *Lord Amalgaid* - The Inn of the Crimson Spade will be there. Master Riordan will handle the raffle. Rules for bardic are on the website. We will have an ornament exchange. There was some discussion of handling trash and recycling. We may have gingerbread Norse people? Site tokens – does anyone have ideas for Norse themed tokens? Get ideas to Lord Amalgaid if you have them.

Miscellaneous:

Next month Baroness Gabrielle needs to see membership cards for all officers.

Money for Villa Esperanza: We have a lot of expenses, but we have the money on hand to cover it. We'll have to do some fund-raising. Everyone is willing to help out. Motion: THL Cormac moved to give Villa Esperanza \$1000. It passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Announcements: THL Cormac showed us lots of device forms from GWW although none are from Angels. All are encouraged to submit devices, names. He is willing to help (he WANTS to help), let's give him more to do. Baron John further encourages us to bring or submissions to THL Cormac.

Minutes from the September meeting: THL Cormac moved to approve as unread. Passed with 1 abstention.

Angels Officer Reports: THL Cormac moves to approve as presented. The motion passed unopposed.

Closing comments: Baroness Flavia: well, this was fun. Baron John: we got a lot accomplished. We're looking forward to the Agincourt Tourney on Sunday. A few of us will be there. Baroness Flavia: If you are feeling sick (and there's a lot going around) do not treat illness lightly – it's very important to get treated right away.

THL Cormac called the meeting to a close at 9:35 pm.

Minutes recorded by THL Tomaso da Barbiano