



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 2010

Held at the Caltech "Y" on June 10, 2010



ATTENDEES: Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Jean-Christophe Messier, Duchess Natalya de Foix, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baron John ap Griffin, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, Lady Muirgen ingen Ultain, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Adwen Gwen, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Christine Foster, Lady Ysenda of Perthshire, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy, THL Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Lady Selewynn Beltran (Chief Lady-in-Waiting), THL Cormac Mór (Baronial Herald) is attending the Known World Heraldry Symposium, Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood (Constable)

PROCEEDINGS: Baron John called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BARON AND BARONESS – OPENING COMMENTS: Their Excellencies are very glad to be home. Montana is beautiful but... They have had a difficult month: they had a car accident, then went to Montana to be with Baron John's sister who passed away, then came back home, and went to Potrero.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on the successful delivery of a basket to Their Excellencies of Altavia at the Anniversary tourney, including retrieval of a signed Permission to Publish form from Baron Secca on behalf of his daughter Lady Petronilla who is the Seraph Bard. Introductions were made around the room.

OFFICER REPORTS:

HERALD'S REPORT: *Report given by Baroness Gabrielle* – The Order of Athena badge art has finally passed. The Order of the Crescent and Order of the Flame were returned for redrawing.

Canton of the Canyons: *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – Nothing new to report.

College of the Voyagers: *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* – Lord Fáelán has secured the meeting room for 7/8, 8/12, and 9/9. (Note: Their Excellencies will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 10.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Potrero War: The Angels encampment had 7 or 8 newcomers, in part because the staff at the Front Gate sent everyone who said they were from Los Angeles to us. Angels did a lot of volunteer time especially Christine and Maud.

GWW A&S Area: *Lady Theodosia* – Things are going very well. There will be lots of classes, some of which have already been posted on the GWW website. Lady Theodosia is going to schedule another planning meeting soon.

Baroness Flavia mentioned that Mistress Ansteys Darcy will be attending. It was warm during the day and cold at night, and Christine's tent will hold a number of people (as noted from her experience at Potrero.) The Angels encampment will be set up similarly to the way it was done at Potrero and there will be a Food Plan.

Griffin Freehold uses a camp kitchen (sink with racks) – something like this could be used for the Angels kitchen at wars. The cost is approximately \$150 (shipping is free). Lord Jason ap Griffin is able to set it up by himself so it isn't an item that requires a lot of people. THL Catharine Hawkwod moved that the Barony purchase a Camp Kitchen and Lord Amalgaid seconded it; NTE \$200. Approval was unanimous.

THL Tomaso suggested that the Barony have communal dinners at GWW. He offered to coordinate the effort and Lord Amalgaid offered to help.

Baroness Gabrielle reminded people to save Bed, Bath & Beyond coupons to purchase electric "candles" for the campsite. Putting the candles on small glass or mirrored plates will increase light by reflection. We can have an actual fire pit.

Sunshade for Gate/2nd Baronial Pavilion: *THL Tomaso* – The Barony needs fabric for smaller sunshades. Lord Tobias is looking into a place that sells used sails as a possibility for pavilion fabric and will report his findings at the next council meeting.

Rapier: *Lord Fáelán* – There are several new people who are interested in fencing, and the smaller helm being used as loaner gear needs to be replaced. Approximate cost is \$75.00 (includes item and shipping). The Barony voted unanimously to approve purchase of a new rapier helm for NTE \$100; Lord Fáelán offered to front the cost and present a receipt.

NEW BUSINESS

Gyldenholt Anniversary: There is no one available to pull the trailer to the event so the full pavilion won't be there. THL Catharine said that her grandson might be able to help retrieve the pavilion from storage but she wasn't sure. Baron John asked that she contact him directly as soon as she knows.

We normally need 20+ poles to set up the pavilion, plus stakes, the topper, and the hammer. It was suggested that ropes and stakes be split into two packs and carried in the plastic buckets. We also need two tables. Baroness Justina suggested that we build a plywood ramp to make it easy to load and unload items. It was suggested that Lord Peter might be able to build the ramp. We will need to take the pavilion to Lyndemere Anniversary.

Exchequer: *Lady Dalphina* – No expenses other than storage, and reimbursing Lord Sechequer after he presents the receipt, which is scheduled to be given to Their Excellencies at Gyldenholt Anniversary. The cost is under \$100. Baroness Flavia reported that he is a very safe driver, and has offered to take the Baronial trailer to GWW. He is hauling the Kingdom trailer to Pennsic.

Rapier: *Lord Fáelán* - The Barony's fencing loaner gear is in desperate need of a new helm. Lord Fáelán will obtain quotes and report back to the council.

Constable: Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood was not present to lead the discussion about getting storage cases for the walkie-talkie radios, so the item was tabled.

Arts & Sciences: *THL Catharine* – Baroness Angelina Nicolette will be conducting an overview of costuming on July 18 at PitP. Future classes are planned: Lady Theodosia is planning to teach a class on making Viking aprons, and THL Owain teaching leather shoe construction. Costuming will be one of the "core" classes being offered at PitP. Other planned classes include Illumination taught by Baroness Aliskye and Baroness Flavia, and Dutch Over Cooking by Lady Callin Liathain O'Neill.

THL Tomaso will host a "Mead-a-Palooza" at his home on Saturday 6/19 and inquired about contributors to a bulk honey purchase. He also announced that there will be an all-day Armoring Workshop at Lord Peter Cadarn's home on 6/27.

Pentathlon 2011: *THL Catharine* – Will put "Team Angels" information on the elist. She has a Yahoo group ready to go.

Elist Format: *Duchess Natalya* – In response to a question from Lady Fu Ching Lan, Duchess Natalya opened discussion about having an online forum for the Barony. Lord Amalgaid thinks it's a good format for group discussion, as does Lady Ysenda who is on many online forums. Several people asked if they can get a forum post as email, which they can. THL Tomaso said the ability to search through posts is

very important. Lord Fáelán expressed concern about monitoring feature creep (on the elist and/or forum). THL Catharine asked whether official business would continue to be conducted on the elist. Lady Theodosia said that a forum can be set up so that people can be notified via email about subjects in which they are interested. Lady Dalphina doesn't like forums and wanted to know if there was a way to archive the forum with a file structure. She was assured that an archive can be sorted and searched.

Lady Dalphina raised the issue about why other Kingdom groups haven't switched from a Yahoo group to the kingdom elist. Baroness Gabrielle explained that Angels has the technology and people who are savvy about it. (There was a humorous suggestion that the barony was one of the first because we are "Angels".) THL Catharine asked whether outside guilds can access the forum. Duchess Natalya explained that registration on the forum would be monitored, the way it is for the Yahoo group and elist currently.

THL Tomaso was asked to post written instructions on the elist (crier) about how to search the archives of the list. It was decided to revisit this subject at the August council meeting after people have had a chance to review THL Tomaso's instructions.

August Crown Tourney: *Baroness Gabrielle for THL Cormac* – She displayed the Caidan Crescent site token. THL Cormac has found a source for beads by the pound.

The event is still being held at Recreation Park, but has been moved to the area by the baseball diamond because there is a wedding scheduled by the museum area. Baroness Gabrielle will meet with Park officials to see where the "back" entrance to the park is located. She noted that we have to pay an "employee recovery" fee for all staff assigned to our event that day. THL Catharine reminded Baroness Gabrielle to arrange that the sprinklers don't water the area several days prior to the event.

Angels Anniversary: *Baroness Gabrielle* – The announcement for the event was submitted to the Kingdom Chronicler's Office and posted on the Angels website. It will be a standard list for Armored Combat. Baroness Gabrielle displayed the site tokens designed and executed by Master Hroar and Mistress Huette. It was suggested that the Barony have a Bake Sale to support the Trailer Fund. The Hester Spoon competition will be held.

There will be a memorial for Duchess Carol of Bellatrix. Her wishes were to have one in the West, An Tir and Angels in Caid. Ritter Brion of Bellatrix and his lady will be attending.

Baron John attended the memorial in the West, and reported that a number of original members were present including Countess Astrid of Hawk Ridge (daughter of Sir Bela of Eastmarch [Poul Anderson] and Mistress Karina of the Far West) and her lord husband Count Sir Stephen Blackeagle (Greg Bear). Mistress Geraldine of Toad Hall was also present, as was Duke Andrew of Riga who presented Baron John with the framed documents of Caid's petition for Principality and for Kingdom status to be added to the Kingdom's archives.

There will be a basket raffle to support the Trailer fund (costs for the trailer include license and registration fees, monthly storage fee, refurbishment, gas to haul it to events.) Baroness Flavia reminded everyone that baskets don't have to contain items that are necessarily "period" – baskets for pets, children, youth fighters, and adult fighters are also popular.

Officers: *Baroness Gabrielle* – We still need deputies for some offices.

Lord AEOelwigg is looking for a deputy for Archers.

THL Owain had spoken previously to Baroness Gabrielle about finding a deputy. Lady Ysenda of Perthshire has volunteered, as has Lady Rayne Archer of Annan. THL Catharine Hawkwood was praised for doing "yeoman's work" helping with newcomers. Baroness Gabrielle also reminded everyone that we are all Chatelaines at heart.

THL Catharine suggested that we always have a person on patrol at the Angels pavilion and campsite to monitor the area. It was noted that some people helped themselves to the potluck lunch without contributing food or funds, so we should find a way to manage that situation.

PitP: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Injuries to spectators affect our liability so she suggested that we set up an eric at PitP to protect spectators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2010 Minutes: Accepted as presented; moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Accepted as presented; moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Closing Comments: Their Excellencies agreed it was a good meeting and they were to see all the people in attendance. Baroness Flavia showed the blue and gold necklace created by Lady Dalphina Delacroix that Angels would be presenting to Baroness Collette at Gyldenholt Anniversary that coming weekend.

A finance committee meeting was held immediately after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Duchess Natalya de Foix.

THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010.