Shire of Abertridwr – Al Thing 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

Location:

Willagee Community Centre 12th January 2014

Date:

Time Started:

12.25pm

Time Completed:

16.25pm

Attendance:

Name	Persona Name		
Nancy van der Kooi	Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg		
Adam Blower	Galen Wulfric		
Linda Thompson	Alianore de Essewell		
Simone Watkins	Florence Watkyn		
Jo-Ann Colyer	Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada		
Chris Colyer	Kane Greymane		
Kyne Savage	Bjorn Hildglfsson		
Andrew Gregory	Horlefr Horgersson		
Viviene Allum	Clothilde du Lac		
Annette [Tina] Webster	Sorcha inghean ui Bhradga		
Ro von Rangno??			
John Allum	Gontron l'Ancien		
Anne Busby	Anne of Gyllingeham		
Sandra Watkins	Slaine inghean ui Ruadhain		
Lindsey Cowell	Laurence McCowle		
Karen Colli	Kolfinna Radulfidottir		
Peta Day			
Lauryn Pearce	Signy Hrafnsdottir		
Yana Allum			
Jason Dodds	Konrad Hildebrandt		

Apologies

Name	Persona Name	
Suzanne Den Houdt	Sibilla Walsingham	
Alan Dicker		
Heath Watkins	Garret Watkyn	
Peter Welch	Gotz Velch	
Kim Byrnes	Rose Pennington	
Andrew Leitch	Andre de Montsegeur	

Meeting Agenda
Previous Minutes

Motion as read: Sorcha [Tina] Seconded – Galen [Adam]

1. New Officers:

Chatelaine- Slaine inghean ui Ruadhain [Sandra Watkins)

Warranted as from 22 Jan 2014 to 22 Jan 2016

Archery Officer – Gontron l'Ancien[John Allum] is to replace Alianore [Linda Thompson].

Warranted as from 23 Jan 2014 to 23 Jan 2016.

We thank Linda for the excellent job she has done, John has some big shoes to fill

2. Arts & Sciences:

Jo-Ann is the new A&S Officer after Celeste's recent resignation.

Suggests we have an Arts & Science page set up on the Abertridwr Website:

This will include pictures of what people have been doing.

Also, an Arobyrn page, listing past winners, plus pictures and documentation of what they won with.

A meeting of Arobyrn's, to go through the charter of how the competition will be run in future...

2014 to be a single competition run at Pencampwr

Future competition may be run throughout the year from Pencampwr to Pencampwr

More to come....

Agreement on running A&S workshops at Wandi, once a month starting in March

Alternate venues discussed, possible roster of people's homes.

It was also mentioned that Wednesday nights is the Anealan A&S and experienced teachers are available.

Chris suggested inviting teachers from outside the group to come in and do workshops to teach new medieval things we have no-one in the groups can offer. These workshops will probably involve costs so must be well advertised.

Also possibility of inviting Laurels over.

A&S at Fighter Training Camp end of February.

Translating recipes – food to be served at Saturday Night dinner, people needed for this.

History of the groups.

People needed to run classes and be in classes.

Judges needed for Open A&S.

All help and suggestions appreciated.

Setting up Guilds:

Liduina - we already have guilds on the West Coast

Andrew- Can we start guilds in Abertridwr, as going north of the river a hassle for some.

Exp. Blacksmithing operates too far North.

South of the River Blacksmithing used to be done at Marcellus' in Kwinana but he is in Baby mode at the moment.... Liduina will contact to ask of possibilities

Leatherworking - presently done at Andre's Western Leathercraft..... Liduina to contact to ask about workshops.

Sunday Mornings at Wandi as possible location now that Dragons Bay have moved to a new Lair in

Rockingham..... Liduina to contact Debbie of Progress Association To be reported on after March.

Jo-Ann to promote entering of A&S competitions at Kingdom Level. Projects can be entered at local level first. If anyone needs help on what to do, just ask Jo-Ann or Linda

Rhol / Website will have information

3. Storeroom:

Liduina -

Silver Metal boxes containing white carport tents taking up too much room in storeroom... We now have four 6x3 popups. Do we want to sell them, action agreed to.

Andrew Leitch of LARP interested

Jo-Ann also wants one of the silver boxes

Possible sale cost \$100

Action with Liduina and Group Reeve, Simone, to be sorted by Jan 31st

Sandra- Recent purchase of Kitchenware is in storeroom at Wandi, packed in cardboard boxes... this needs repacking into proper containers.. [yet to be purchased, held over to Feb Council meeting]
Some of it also requires to be marked Abertridwr

More shelving required

Authorising costs of \$400 motioned by Liduina, seconded by Vivianne and Tina. Heath to purchase from Bunnings via Simone

LARP request from Andrew Leitch to borrow some equipment in Storeroom granted

4. Fighting Arts:

Galen-

Heavy Combat

Marshals and authorising cards, requesting copy of authorisation paper to keep on file due to difficulty in receiving cards

All heavy combatants are auxilary marshals but they cannot authorise other fighters or be a marshal in charge....

Galen and Loki to coordinate on running war melee training sessions on a monthly basis between Wandi and Lake Monger training. Advertising will be essential.

Problems at training with having marshals present for heavy combat.... Fighters there but no marshal, marshal there but no heavies...... A roster of Marshals necessary to ensure training can go ahead.

Presence of fighters and marshals need to be published.

Rapier:

Not much interest, as no one in the group is passionate enough to promote it. Loaner gear with Gwenyth, Anealan Rapier Marshal.

Liduina to speak with Gwenyth about trying to get it started up again.

Jo-Ann – we have the gear, we need to let people know it is available to use.

Andrew agrees, asking what are we doing to promote rapier? Stronger emphasis is needed...

Jason – Lochac Don moving to Perth (Greybeard)

Back to Galen on Heavy, combined sessions of melee.

Linda asked if it will include Combat Archers

Galen is hopeful but not all venues permit archery, example: river foreshores.

Anne commented that South Perth, near Coode St., may permit archery

Archery:

John [Gontron], hoping to start archery Sunday mornings at Wandi instead of afternoon. Wanting to enquire about outside storage for Archery gear.... Informed none available. However Liduina is happy to come early and open up.

Use of Wandi Sunday Mornings needs to be checked with Debbie first.....

Linda to contact other groups to set up Regional IKAC schedule Organising Saethydd as well

4 Marshals available for archery, roster to be set up.

5. Reporting:

Liduina-

All group Officers report quarterly except Reeve.

15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug, 15 Nov

Reports to be sent to Shire Seneschal and Kingdom Upline.

A monthly report given at Council so everyone knows what's going on. Send to Seneschal electronically, by the Friday (12nn) before Council, small summary on the day, report will be included with the Minutes and sent to Web Master to upload to website.

Anne would like reports posted before council, so they can be read beforehand.

Minutes of Meetings...... Some debate

Kane would like a draft of the minutes put up in short order after any meeting.

Jo-Ann - life can get in the way, those who offer to take minutes should get them to Seneschal ASAP

Adam – Minute takers should put up a brief summary of the minutes

Sandra – point by point

Liduina- Who is to volunteer to do this [Adam]

Viviene - A keeping up list should be made. Names of people, what they are doing and when they are to be done by.

Jo-Ann- Officer Changeovers

The expiry date of Offices should be easily available, listed somewhere...

Deputies should be found within 6 months but deputies do not necessarily take over the Office. They can be 'drop dead' deputies.

Previous officers should be deputies for the first 6 months to assist incoming Officer if inexperienced.

6. Future of Abertridwr

A&S – Done Fighters- Done

Officers - Done

Mentioned:

Loaner gear fix up Dec- Cancelled

Needs to be reorganised [Kane] Agenda Feb Council

Mentoring Program:

A list of people willing to be Mentors, volunteers Liduina to speak with possible:

Peers

Fighters

A&S

Resources:

Library

Knowne World Handbooks

People

Jo-Ann- A list of people and the skills they offer on the website

At Group Events- before each event the steward is to hold an officers meeting to let everyone know what is happening

Andrew calls this a Pre Event tool box meeting.

Stewards are to contact each Officer to learn if they are available and if not who will be acting as Officer.

We must not assume a group officer will be available to carry out their duties.

Break for afternoon tea...

Pageantry.

Liduina- The recent Red Dragon Celebration was a great success in regards to display, very well done....

Kane's Vision-

Developing pageantry [not everyone seems to want it]

Everything decorated to hide mundanity, to be surrounded by the medieval so as to not know it's the modern era.

Does it have to be a group decision of what it is?

Liduina- comes a time when each individual needs to choose whether they want to belong to a Medieval group or a social group.

Jo-Ann- my SCA is more than a social group, it's whatever I want it to be, a wonderful spectacle.

John- setting up exceeds the amount of time to enjoy the game

Laurence - agrees with Jo-Ann and John

Kyne- Newcomers see things differently, what is there, what more?

Andrew - different generations want different things, computer games vs SCA

Vivianne – work vs play, more people helping

Jo-Ann- used to have a monthly bash, little events

Liduina – need more stewards, different people to run events

Andrew - to run the small events

Kane - low key events

Jason – A monthly Tournament, low key pageantry

Liduina - highland games, not just fighting arts, potluck tables

Kane – getting off topic Pageantry

Liduina - Make use of the stuff we already have

Interruption

Yana puts hand up to steward and proposed an event:

An event run by those who have been in the SCA less than 3 years.

Present officers are not to be involved except in an advisory position

Back to discussion

Communication:

Viviene – Rant [meeting was supposed to be 11am as stated in minutes, somewhere along the way time got changed, complaining there was no official notification]

All advertising stated a 12nn start with a potluck afternoon tea both on the Abertridwr Yahoo list, Abertridwr FB list and in the Rhol but never referred to it having gone off first decision.

Ro – a mutual calendar website would suit situation, being trained to go to it for all information on the one page

Ro informed there is group website—

Official communications are:

Abertridwr yahoo group email

Official/unofficial newsletter: Rhol

Pegasus is only official Lochac Newsletter

Postcodes:

6167 not available, belongs to Dragons Bay.... Not worth pursuing

Royal Presence Pavillion:

Was stunning at Red Dragon Celebration but stage made it too short for people to stand, Kane: People not meant to stand behind stage, in medieval times they stood on the sides.

Poles are not stable for that tent, although the cross riser worked very well.

100mm diameter posts to be sourced... 12ft tall

Popups:

Jo-Ann- decoration ideas brought to group discussion

Liduina – tried that, several times, no response.

Jo-Ann/ Viviene- Have workshop to brainstorm ideas and designs to bring to group'

Liduina - decorations for Hall,

Jo-Ann – busy bee to paint more devices on the hall banners Mentioned silk banner workshop to be held on weekend of fighter camp

2014 Calendar of Events:

Abertridwr regular events

Feb 21st – 23rd Annual Training Camp – Bickley

May 29th – June 2nd Pencampwr X Autocrat needed, bid by Feb Council final discussion

July 4 Man Melee

Western Shores Events:

February 1st Anealan Midsummer North Perth Town Hall

February 21st UWA O'Day Demo

March $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ Dragondor Event (no information at this stage.)

March ? Newcomers Feast

March 22nd Perth Medieval Fair WAMA Supreme Court Gardens

April 18th-22nd Rowany Weekend

Galen asked about taking Banners for Processional.

Jo-Ann motioned request, seconded by all

April 22nd [Linda to run possible Archery event this weekend]

May?

Baronesses Fighter Auction?

May 10th/11th

May Crown

May 29th – June 2nd

Pencampwr X

June/July

Vallon d'Or Feast

July

Anealan Midwinter

August

Balingup Medieval Faire

September

Talk Like a Pirate demo WAMA Fremantle

October

November 18th Sat

Highland Festival demo at Minnewarra Park, Armadale

December 7th

Toys for Tots Aneala date to be confirmed

Missed a bit of the calendar discussion. Sorry

Jo-Ann – When talking to others ie. at demos, positive face of SCA, no "my group is better than theirs..."!

Andrew - Agreed

Baronial Aspirations:

ON HOLD till further notice.

General discussion:

Kane - open door, quality of recruits

Liduina – 50 financial members, less than half here today, can only do so much, the info is put out there for those interested in making a difference.

Bottom line- educating newcomers in the basics of the SCA, the reality of this medieval group rather than their perception of what they think we are.

Anne – start the basics at non- SCA events, like at training, calling people Milord or Milady, staying in character, getting people used to it so it flows into events.

Presentation / Awards:

Presentations for Shire Members-

For:

Service

Fighting Arts/Archery

A&S

Encouragement for Newcomers

Ideas to be forwarded to Seneschal.

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