



THE CANTON OF ABERTRIDWR

Location: Wandi Recreation Centre
 Date: 14th of July 2013
 Time Began: 13.15pm
 Time Completed: 16.30pm

Attendance:

Mundane name	Persona name
Nancy van der Kooi	Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg
Viviane Allum	Clothilde du Lac
John Allum	Gontron l'Ancien
Adam Blower	Galen Wulfric
Linda Thompson	Alianore de Essewell
Celeste Wheater	Ilaria da Vale
Sandra Watkins	Slaine (pronounced as Slanya)
Jason Dodds	Konrad Hildebrandt
Annette Webster (Tina)	Sorcha inghean Uí Bhradagáin
Suzanne Den Hoedt	Sibilla Walsinghame
Steven Baker	Baron Kilic of Aneala
Amanda Baker	Baroness Branwen of Analea
Jo-Ann Colyer	Rhianwen ni Dhiamarda (late arrival)
Rachel Kerr	Isabel de Annesley

Apologies:

Anne Ramsden	Rosamond de Montfort
Anne Busby	Anne of Gyllingeham
Daniel Dunbar	Lachlan Ioseph of Dunbar

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes accepted as read by Slaine and seconded by Sorcha.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Result of the Shire vs Canton Poll:
 As there were not enough signatures on the Poll to meet the requirements of a clear and decisive outcome, Mistress Catherine (Lochac Seneschal) contacted all the members of Abertridwr who had not signed the Poll. Sadly it seems that the reason the poll lacked so many signatures was that some people feared reprisals/repercussions had they signed the document.
 The overall results of the Poll : 59 (84%) of the group's 70 members have now responded. Of those who responded, 46 wish to go shire, 12 wish to remain a canton and 1 abstained.78% of the respondents and 66% of the group's total members wish for Abertridwr to become a Shire.

The results have been forwarded to the SCAA Ltd, (BOD) who will discuss the outcome at their August 5th meeting. The SCA Inc and the SCA Seneschal will then be advised. Until the result is announced by the Lochac Crown, Abertridwr will remain a Canton and report as same.

- **Payment to Duke Fabian**

Authorisation was given to the Reeve of Abertridwr by the Lochac Treasurer to write a cash cheque for \$1,722.34 to pay for Duke Fabian's fares and expenses. Aneala has already agreed to recompense Abertridwr for half this amount, as discussed previously. Kane is to cash the amount of the cheque in order to hand it over to Duke Fabian.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENESCHAL:

- Nominations for the positions of Constable, List Keeper and Deputy Reeve are urgently needed.
- All websites, documentations and publications to be updated with regards to Achenfeld.
- Updating the Yahoo email list.
- College of St Lazarus to be approached with regard to their viability, having only 4 members and no seneschal.
- Pencampwr was attended by 234 people including visitors from our eastern shores. Visitors pleasantly surprised at the high standard of the event.

REEVE:

- Balance of SCA Abertridwr #1 account as at 12/07/2013: \$4,410.13
- Balance of SCA Abertridwr #2 account as at 12/07/2013: \$11,045.41
- Profit from the Pencampwr event before levies was \$1,959.77.
- Trialling MYOP to possibly replace EXCEL, with Margaret Sleigh.
- The need for an additional signatory to countersign cheques was stated. Adam Blower, (Galen) was ratified by Council to be the third signatory.
- All receipts are to be forwarded to the Reeve for GST purposes. The total income from any event must be handed in and any expenses incurred for that event will be reimbursed accordingly, by the Reeve.
- Supporting receipts must be presented if expenses are greater than the original allowance.
- Event Reporting. . .reporting and receipts are the responsibilities of the event steward and the green event form must be used. All reconciliations must be done prior to the next Council Meeting.
- 6 month Short-Term Deposit discussed for the possible investment of \$5,000 from the Pencampwr Account. The Committee discussed the appropriate amount to be deposited and agreed to investigate the conditions / benefits for a \$5,000 deposit. Baron Kilic recommended a website which Liduina will follow-up.

MARSHAL:

- Konrad has resigned due to real life issues and Galen Wulfric is now Acting Knight Marshal until warranted by the Lochac Earl Marshal.
- Konrad's report for Pencampwr : there were 2 injuries, with a case of exhaustion and a badly bruised upper arm and mentioned that members of Templestone were not playing the game by not taking blows/arrows during the war event even though warned by the marshals on the field at the time.
Other Council members also commented on members of Templestone refusing to acknowledge Royalty and bow even when requested to do so, as well as bringing vehicles onto the site to dismantle their pavilion during Court, in mundane garb; having fighters registered by someone else and registering after List closure had been announced. Galen and Konrad have been asked to report incidents in writing.
- Galen asked for clarification on procedures to be followed when Crown is not acknowledged.

- Liduina is to report incidents up-line.
- The handling of injuries was further discussed with Baroness Branwen advising that fighters be informed by Marshals at armour check, that they fight at their own risk and also be asked the question 'Are you aware that'.
- It was stated that SCA rules do not allow any Chirurgeon to stop fighters from entering the list field.
- New procedures are to be set up to ensure that no-one goes on fighting when either injured or suffering from a medical condition. Fighters wishing to do so may be required to sign a waiver or produce a medical certificate from either their GP or Specialist. Marshal will forward a notice to be published in The Rhol.

ARCHERY:

- Alianore's tenure as Archery Marshal expires in January 2014 and she is looking for a Deputy. Volunteer requested.
- 3 new Marshals have now been authorised Anne, Gontron and Ken.
- Equipment available is as listed in report.
- There have been 6 shoots for the Regional IKAC so far.
- Isabel, through her business, Target Solutions, has offered to sell equipment to newcomers.
- Two proposals were put forward:
 1. That a recurve bow (24lbs) be purchased at the cost of \$150 as part of the loaner gear, from Target Solutions.
 2. That part of the usage of a loaner bow and arrows belonging to Abertridwr incur a charge of \$5.00 per use, to cover cost of wear and tear on loaner gear.
 Both proposals were approved by Council: proposals accepted by Gontron and seconded by Sibilla.

RAPIER:

- Pantera is to be asked if he will still provide training at Wandt.
- At Pencampwr Pantera returned 2 swords now deemed to be suitable for use and which he had fitted with new wooden handles.

HERALD:

- Pencampwr IX was attended by his Highness Prince Niall, as well as his Excellency, Baron Cormac, from Krae Glas, who both took part in various tournaments.
- Lord Dino de Malta is the New Champion (Pencampwr) of the Canton of Abertridwr.
- During the Pencampwr IX Champion Feast, HRH, Prince Niall presented two Kingdom Awards:
 - ❖ The Golden Quill Award to Lady Rosamond de Montfort for the most improved website in Lochac and
 - ❖ An A&S Token to Lady Alianore de Essewell for winning a pewter casting at the May Crown A&S competition.
- During the Pencampwr IX Baronial Court, Their Excellencies the Baron and Baroness of Aneala presented to:
 - ❖ Lord Galen Wulfric, the Demi Sun Award
 - ❖ Lady Maeve Montgomery-Scott, the Demi Sun Award
 - ❖ Lady Vienna di Rossi, the Demi Sun Award
 - ❖ Lord Gontran L'Ancien, the Black Feather Award
 - ❖ Lady Clothilde du Lac, the Black Feather Award
- During the event, Court Herald duties were performed by Baron Lachlan Ioseph of Dunbar, Baronial Herald duties were performed by Baron Lachlan Ioseph of Dunbar, Mistress Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg and m'Lady Clothilde du Lac. Field Herald duties were performed by Baron Lachlan Ioseph of Dunbar, Mistress Liduina de Kasteelen van

Valkenburg, Sir Kane Greymane, m'Lord Laurence McCowle of Maughold and m'Lady Clothilde du Lac.

- Thanks to all the Heralds at large and those who did impromptu voice heraldry, for their contribution to this event.
- A note of appreciation goes to the List Keeper and her assistant Lady Alazais of Chainbridge and Lady Seraphina le Dauncer for supporting the Abertridwr Herald during this marathon event.

Registered with the College of Heralds:

- ❖ Name for Sibilla Walsingham (Suzanne Den Hoedt)

Pending with the College of Heralds:

- ❖ Name and Device for Signý Hrafnisdóttir (Lauryn Pearce)
- ❖ Name and Device for Kolfinna Ráðúlfsdóttir' (Karen Colli)
- ❖ Name and Device for Clothilde du Lac (Viviane Allum)

Pending with the Herald of Abertridwr:

- ❖ Name and Device for Sorcha inghean Uí Bhradagáin (Annette Webster)
- ❖ Name and Device for Meyrick vom Tal (Glynn Leslie)
- ❖ Name for Dante De Sollario (Sean Scarf)
- ❖ Name for Maeve Montgomery-Scott (Amanda Blower)
- ❖ Name for Galen Wulfric (Adam Blower)
- ❖ Badge for Kolfinna Ráðúlfsdóttir' (Karen Colli)

A new Rocket Herald has now been elected and more submissions will shortly be forwarded to that officer.

A&S MINISTER:

- Only 5 of the 11 advertised classes were held following cancellation requests by teachers.
- At the Arobryn only 1 single item was entered, declared to reach standard but with no documentation. The entry was not judged so as not to disadvantage the person who can now re-present the item with documentation at another time. There was no Aerobryn announced for Pencampwr IX.

CHATELAINE:

- Newcomers have been sent website coordinate and encouraged to attend events to appreciate what the SCA offers, rather than just receiving emails.
- No more business cards are required. Cards to be placed at Western Leathercraft.
- A wooden shield, depicting the Abertridwr coat of arms, was made by Rob Woodward from the WA Scrollers and donated to the group. A calligraphies and illuminated scroll will be created and sent to him to convey Abertridwr's appreciation.
- Label machine now available to mark loaner gear.

LIST KEEPER:

- Position vacant.
- Abertridwr was very fortunate to have had Lady Alazais of Chainbridge and Lady Seraphina le Dauncer from Vallon d'Or as List Keepers for Pencampwr.

CONSTABLE:

- Position vacant. Volunteer urgently required.

CHRONICLER:

- Congratulations Rhianwen and Deputy Chronicler Kolfinna for the remarkable issue in The Rhol of a special 'Pencampwr IX Edition' with all its details and photos.

- Rhianwen stated that Duke Fabian's Training School had, on that specific day, an attendance of 13 fighters with many photos being taken. These have been submitted to Liduina for dissemination and will be forwarded to the Chroniclers for inclusion in The Vine and The Rhol.

WEB MINISTER: (not present)

- Congratulations to Lady Rosamond for her well deserved Golden Quill Award
- The Abertridwr website was hacked into, sincere thanks to Lochac webwright team for working on it and giving it the all clear again.

CHIRURGEON:

- Report from event of 5 minor cuts, 1 contusion and a soft tissue injury, 1 splinter from chopping wood and 1 case of hypoglycaemia.
- Sunday morning was the busiest time of the event with 22 people requesting (but being refused) Panadol.
- Instances of fighters being unwell from not eating during the day. The Chirurgeon to write an article for The Rhol.
- There were several unfortunate incidents late on Tavern night when our concerned Chirurgeon approached some very inebriated college students, with the view to advising them to drink water, rather than continue drinking alcohol, as they were "falling-down drunk" by this stage, and she was verbally abused for her troubles.
 - Baroness Branwen will write an article in The Vine about 'Lack of Respect' which will also be published in The Rhol.
 - Baron Kilic and Baroness Branwen will speak with College Seneschal to inform him that this kind of behaviour should be discouraged and that students with attitude problems may possibly not be welcome at any future events.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July

- 20th - Not As It Seems Feast (Ilaria, non SCA Event).
- 21st - 4 Man M  lee Tournament (Meyrick vom Tal).
- 28th - Dragon's Bay IKAC, new grounds in Rockingham.

August

- 14th - Bastion Chivalric Round Table (Sir Kane, non SCA Event)
- 24/25th - Balingup Medieval Fayre (Baron Kilic)

September

- 8th - College Challenge UWA Oak Lawn (St Basil's)
- 22nd - Talk Like A Pirate Demo (WAMA)
- 27th - 30th - Anealan Championship (Vallon d'Or, Baron Kilic)

NEW BUSINESS:

Royal Event 16th -17th November, the date was changed from 23-24 November, following a Royal request.

Liduina to be Event Steward, Galen to organise the Tournament, Alianore the Archery and Maeve, the Saturday night Feast.

Unfortunately, Sunday November 17th is also the Highland Gathering Demo so further discussions will need to be held as to what to do re: this potential double up.

Liduina was advised that Her Majesty is an equestrienne and has advised that if possible, would like to participate in any riding that can be organised whilst She is here. The Equestrian school can be

used, at the cost of \$300, and this, added to the hall/grounds hire for the weekend would amount to \$650. The costs were ratified by Council and Liduina will inform the Equestrian Guild that they can organise to hire the Equestrian school for the Saturday.

In regard to the Royal visit in November, Liduina reported an incident which happened at a recent meeting held by the Anealan Council and during which an unsupported decision had been made on behalf of the group.

HRH, Prince Niall had been informed at Pencampwr that fares would be paid for the Crown to attend the November event and that Aneala was prepared to pay half the amount.

At the Anealan Council meeting, held on 21 June, 2013, the issue was to be discussed. The subject was brought up and before a decision could be made, Kane, who attended the meeting, stated that Abertridwr would cover the complete cost of the airfares. No further discussions were held on the subject.

Liduina continued, stating that Kane did not have the approval of the Abertridwr Council to make this decision on behalf of the Group. Questions were then asked as to the validity of this occurrence and when affirmative answers were given by those who had attended said meeting, Liduina stated that Kane was on notice that if he broke with protocol again, without first getting permission from the Abertridwr Council, there would be repercussions.

At this stage, Rhianwen became very agitated and accused Liduina of going behind Kane's back and this should be handled through the grievance procedure. Rhianwen then stormed out of the meeting.

Liduina informed Council that this incident had nothing to do with the grievance procedure but was instead a breach of protocol and that she had spoken only after obtaining clearance from the Lochac Seneschal, (also that she had waited to mention this subject until Rhianwen was present, Kane being at the Duke Fabian event) so that the situation could be clarified and documented in the Council Minutes.

Considering the fact that this has happened, the Baron and Baroness did not think that the Anealan Council would be amenable to now paying for half the airfares for the Crown for the November event, plus the fact that by the time this event happens, we might be a Shire. Under these circumstances, Abertridwr will now fund the full airfares for Crown for the November event.

Liduina is to inform the Crown that the November event will go ahead and also that the Baron and Baroness of Aneala have offered to billet the Royals.

Pencampwr event:

As various items relating to Pencampwr IX had already been discussed during the meeting, Galen presented his recommendations for sustained and improved items.

Sustained:

- Portable toilets, marquee, bin, fridge and oven, to help maintain and improve the attendance number.
- Setting up on Thursday afternoon was a good idea.

Improvements to be made:

- Feasting, soup, taverns - All the cooking procedures.
- Portable toilets to be installed in car park to facilitate access for the pump-up truck, with suitable privacy screens and more toilets.
- Marquee to be re-orientated to accommodate grounds (step had to be dealt with in the dark when carrying food from kitchen)
- Learned a lot from the event, grounds are adequate.
- Equestrians could only walk on the oval, horses will not be allowed at future events. There were complaints about the War from the Equestrian school. Next year, Steward will need to

liaise about timetable so that school can organise their events to prevent horses being spooked by fighters.

- 5 man m el e - the screen was borrowed from Steve Osborne.
- Possible new venues and their short comings were discussed, for future reference.
- If necessary, more table cloths can be hired, no more chair covers required.
- Power cords, boxes needed to hook up showers.
- Galen to put out a Steward's Handbook containing contacts from previous reliable suppliers, checklists, time frames and deadlines.
- A financial program to help evaluate costs will be provided on a USB and sent to the Website Minister to load on website.

Kitchen equipment:

- All households contributed some of their equipment as Abertridwr does not own any, being a Shire may prove costly initially as other groups may not necessarily wish to loan their gear. Hiring over-rides the cost of owning and is not cost effective, owning gear will create storage problems but will consider possible off-site storage.
- Users are to clean kitchen and ovens after usage and keep to a strict timetable to allow next users to start on time, in a clean kitchen.

Consumables/non consumables:

- The crates in the store room must be checked prior to buying any new items.

Objectionable behaviour :

- Again discussed, Liduina to address following this meeting and prior to each event.
- Fighters to register themselves and not send someone else to do so.
- **Definitely no registration** after List has closed.

Pencampwr is Abertridwr:

- More volunteers needed, more team work required. All other groups provided much needed support but the amount of volunteer help from within the Canton left a lot to be desired.
- Must have a dedicated Steward, or Deputy, on site at all times.
- Booking Officer next year will ask when processing a booking, if that person intends to attend meals, most particularly, the Victory Feast. Paying for the weekend automatically entails buying food for each of the individual who has booked, for all the meals. However, some people elect to bring their own food and to not attend certain meals. This results in food being bought but not consumed, money unnecessarily spent, and wastage.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 11th August 2013 @ 1pm, Wandl.