

Shire of Starhaven
Business Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2016

Meeting attended by:

Adults: 15
Children: 1
Total: 16

Meeting Start Time: 7:01

Meeting Opened by: Sir Trude

Meeting Presided by: Sir Trude, Seneschal

Officer Reports:

Seneschal, Sir Trude Lacklandia:

The word of the month is communication. I do not have a smart phone so email, text, or call if you need to get a hold of me. We need to get rolling as a team and help each other. Communication greases the wheels. Mor is doing a lot in positive communications. Listen to her, she speaks with my voice. Remember that we have a lot of fighters coming off of surgeries right now.

Exchequer, Sir Morgan Etienne ap Gwalchmai Gwynedd:

Completed the 4th Qtr 2015 finance report. The Shire made \$162 profit this year. Sir Trude found a \$54 check for 2015 Gulf War volunteer hours that had been misfiled. I've contacted Kingdom Exchequer and the check will be re-issued.

I need a deputy to take over when my term is up.

Sir Trude acknowledged Sir Morgan as one of the few who send her reports. Please copy Trude on all of your Quarterly Reports.

Herald, Master Davius St. Jacques:

Absent. He is still on a rough work schedule. Davius is doing everything heraldic by appointment.

Knight Marshal, Tiberius Aurelius Magnus:

Attendance at the Fighter Practices is low and has been for some time. Reason why is unknown.

Sir Trude suggested that the Fighter Practices are not very family friendly. A fighter with children might feel the need to spend that time with his/her children rather than fighting. What can be done to change that?

Lady Mor said that she gets emails from families whose children want to fight. has gotten 2 emails from families that have children wanting to fight. The Shire needs a Youth Marshal. She's willing to help with the paperwork. We'd have a better turnout if family activities are included.

Arts & Sciences, THLady Arianna de Chateaumichel:

Starting an Arts & Sciences workshop the 1st Saturday of each month, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Lady Catherine's house. That location may change as they are having a major medical situation. Contact Arianna if you have something to teach.

Mor offered Feb 20th at her house as an Arts & Sciences workshop. Baroness Franca Donato will be giving an Italian Renaissance garb class.

Chronicler, THLady Eithne ingen Muirgein:

We have 134 email subscribers. The *Vair Bell* continues to go out.

Old Business:

- **Space Coast Nerdfest**

THLady Sythean said that she was hoping to get some of the folks from Wyvernwoode coming as they are not participating officially in the Bay Area Renaissance Festival. Sir Trude reminded Tiberius to insure the ropes for the fighting eric were present.

New Business:

- **Fighter Practice Move:**

Tiberius announced that Fighter Practice is being moved to F. Burton Park in Cocoa, 1-5 pm, every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays with Traveling Fighter Practice on the 3rd Sunday. Most fighters are in the south since Sir Haroun moved to Cocoa and Sir Duncan and Sir Morgan are not currently fighting. A more centralized location was needed.

Sir Trude reminded Tiberius that Fighter Practices (location, date, and time) must be published for the insurance to be in effect. Facebook posts do not qualify as published. Since the February *Vair Bell* has been published, the Webminister will be asked to make the changes known on the Starhaven website. THLady Eithne will make the changes in the Shire Calendar starting with the March issue of the *Vair Bell*.

- **Going totally digital for *Vair Bell*:**

Mor reported that Baron Wulfric, as Web minister, was concerned with the security of the *Vair Bell* going out by email. The possibility of putting a subscription widget on the Starhaven website was discussed. Various methods of publishing the *Vair Bell* were discussed: a) continuing as presently done, b) having an email subscription service using the widget to manage the subscription list, or c) post the *Vair Bell* on the Starhaven website. Some of

the questions posed were: the cost of an email subscription service; if posted on the website, how would the subscribers/populace be notified; the value of the present method in knowing who is getting the newsletter and could the email subscription service or the website show the same; what kind of diagnostics could we get with the email subscription service or the website; would there be a cost for the diagnostics; the amount of time it takes to send the emails.

The Chronicler stated that it takes very little time to send the email once the *Vair Bell* was finished. An email would still need to be sent to the email subscription service or to the Web minister so no time would be saved by either method. An advantage to the email subscription service is that the possibility of the emails being treated as spam would be negated. It would also handle the problem of how to hand over the email list to the next Chronicler, since the current list has a confidentiality promise from Eithne to each subscriber. Mail Chimp, one of the email subscription services she checked, allows up to 2000 subscribers per month—free. We currently have 134 subscribers.

A vote was taken, the majority for change to direct upload. Since 3 people changed their vote to keeping it as is, the motion was tabled until April to allow time for research and presentation. A poll will be placed on Starhaven Populace to gather information for discussion about this matter in April business meeting.

Meeting Closed: 7:48 pm

Notes Taken by: THLady Eithne ingen Muirgein

Attendees:

Sir Trude
Lady Mor
HLady Eithne
Laird Kelvin
Lady Lydia
HLady Sythean
HLady Kateryna
HLady Arianna
Matty
HLady Alane
Tiberius
Kelly
Syr Geoffrey
Whitney
Paige
Sir Morgan