

Curia/Business Meeting July 18, 2006

Alison & Timothy's home

Peregrine, seneschale

30 mostly wet Thescorreans present

Pre-meeting: Pool party!

1. Officer Reports

- Herald: Matilda reminded everyone about processing as the barony in Opening Ceremonies at Pennsic. The ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. on the battlefield, so we have to muster at Æ Royal by 9 a.m., so we should meet in Thescorre camp by 8:45 a.m.
- Archery: We have about three to four archers coming out regularly to practice on Sundays at RIT, Cedric said. We have loaner stuff.
 - Orianna commented that if you go to archery practice, you'll be on the correct side of the city to go to Threadworkers guild practice this Sunday at 3 p.m.
- Thrown Weapons: "If you look on the other side of the pool," Timothy pointed, "you'll see the butts. Everyone here now knows where they are..." and so everyone will show up on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for practice, right?
 - Carlo offered to move Threadworkers to Alison & Timothy's so as not to compete for location and time during the same afternoon, but after some discussion they opted to keep the guild meeting at 3 p.m. at Carlo & Juliana's home.
- Rapier: There are three to four fencers regularly showing up at weekly practice, Yasmina said. She represented the barony in the Seven Pearls tourney at the Bog Three-Day event last weekend (she came in third). Thescorre is fielding two of the 10 rapier champions for the kingdom's champions team at Pennsic (herself and Grendel, plus former Thescororean Baron Rian). This Thursday's practice (7/20) will be the last barony fencing practice until after Pennsic (practice will resume August 24).
 - Peregrine questioned whether Yasmina's term was up as of this month, and it was confirmed. Yasmina recollected that she completed Grendel's term and did one of her own. She is willing to continue in the office and do another term.
- A&S: Thescorreans have been very industrious in the last quarter, Kadlin reported. Nivah and Caradawc received Sycamores, and Una and Pleasance were inducted into the Broche. We have lots of scribes and they're very busy! The Cooks Guild has been discussing period sweets, cookies, and quinces, and has a cast iron cooking day planned for the fall. The Threadworkers have been discussing quilting (specifically, trapunto), cross-stitch, and buttons. Medieval Western dance has been occurring at UR (and in the ice cream parlor parking lot) while the recreation center is closed for the summer, while Middle Eastern dance has been taking place at Dubheasa and Vettius' home. Kadlin thanked Phillipe for reminding her to do the paperwork for this curia! If anyone else is interested in being her deputy specifically to help with and learn the A&S side of the job, please see her. She welcomes topic ideas for future social meetings.
 - The June social meeting was a fabric swap, and Kadlin wants the next one in August to be another swap/finish-it-before-Pennsic session.
 - Alison offered her home again for the social meeting, August 1.
- Chatelaine: Dubheasa read Sigvaldi's report, noting several demos in past months at Brockport and Irondequoit. There are three Marion Library demos coming up: two ADEPT ones on Wednesday 7/19 (tomorrow) and Friday 7/21, plus a combined western and Middle Eastern dance practices demo on Wednesday, 7/26. (See the barony webpage's [demo page](#) for more information.)

- The demo box has grown, but it still needs stuff.
 - The Main Game demo is this weekend, and fighters, fencers, dancers, and everyone else are sought to perform and lend ambiance.
 - Dubheasa read her own report, noting that one of her and Siggy's objectives is to increase the number of participants in ADEPT demos. She also welcomes four new members to the Barony.
- Chronicler: We have a total of 45 subscriptions to the Fewmet, Mairghread reported, five of those being complimentary copies. She has published five issues so far this year. She named folks whose subscription will expire in August, so that they could avoid getting dropped: Pleasance, Kadlin, Bronwyn, Juliana, Otelia, and Lionheart.
 - She reminded everyone that she wants to purchase a copy of Microsoft Publisher for creating the Fewmet both in print and online. She priced it between \$89.95 and \$108; Timothy pointed out that we're an education group and can legitimately ask for an educational price discount. He offered to check out a cheaper price for her, and suggested not voting on the amount yet. (Note: he got a \$23.99 price quote the next day!) Collette offered to let Mairghread play with her copy of the program, if she wished.
 - The October issue will be all children's art, and Katrina has agreed to let her have a table with art supplies at Baronial Champs so kids can create artwork there.
- Youth Fighting: Segueing away, Mairghread said the youth fighters has helped make pennants for Queen Tessa's workshop, and has competed at several recent events. Caedemon succeeded Julian as the kingdom champion.
- Steward: We normally have stuff in my basement, Steffan said. Since Pax, much of it is in other people's garages and basements, and it wants to be back in my nice, cool basement. Timothy commented that the baronial stuff in his car is very happy because it gets driven around and thus sees new scenery.
- MOL: Bronwyn was at Pax, but had very little work to do. <smile>
- Web: Sorcha began her and Donal's report by thanking everyone for voting to induct them into the Raven's Feather; she said it was very emotional for them. The barony Yahoo group has 165 members, with three new subscribers just in July. (Timothy asked if Sorcha could determine how many are from out-of-area; Katja noted that you can look at the Member list in any public Yahoo group's webpage and determine from the member profiles whether they're from out-of-area.)
 - There are still 487 @Thescorre emails available (only 93 are set up), so if you want a Thescorre email, contact her or Donal.
 - She's made extra space on the August calendar in the barony's Yahoo group page, so you can print it off and pencil in all your classes and things you want to go to at Pennsic.
 - She's also added all missing meeting notes to the barony webpage's archives, and thanked Katja for sending them to her.
- Chirurgeon: Phillipe has finished reviewing the barony first aid kit's contents, and says he only needs to request funds for more Ace bandages and ice packs, which he'll ask for after Pennsic. He then presented a "Cedric-style" report in verse, which made everyone chuckle.
- Historian: I'm always willing to take more baronial stories and historical paperwork, Phillipe added.
- Exchequer: We have \$5,176 in checking and \$1,109 in savings, Alina reported, but cautioned that the checking account number is before settling all the outstanding costs from Pax. Currently, we have a surplus of \$580. Timothy asked if the amounts shouldn't be switched, since the savings account is interest-bearing, not the checking account. After some discussion, those present voted 28-0-2 for Alina to move all excess funds over \$2,500 (once all the Pax expenditures have been settled) from the checking to the savings account.

- She urged once again that she needs a deputy, and anyone who offers to do the job should be willing and able to do the quarterly reports in her stead, and even to take over the job.
 - By the end of the meeting, Fridrikr agreed to be her deputy. VIVAT!!!
- Seneschale: Peregrine reminded everyone that the August business meeting is cancelled, since it's during Pennsic War Week. Therefore, there might be some business discussed at the social meeting.
- Western Dance: We're meeting at the Marion Library next Wednesday, Peregrine reminded everyone.
- Dance & Drum: Practice is tomorrow at Dubheasa's, Carlo reminded, and we're also going to the Marion Library next week.
- Scriptorium: Practice is the first Wednesday of each month at Pleasance & Matteo's, Collette said. We made cards for the Crown's gift baskets, and gathered useful writing supplies in a small box for Their Excellencies so that they would always have a pen handy for signing scrolls at events. <Note: Eric & Katja say THANK YOU!> The scribes plan on making similar boxes for TRMs and TRHs. The new sylvan signet will be announced at Pennsic, so Una will be able to step down soon and have more free time to do stuff. The scribes plan to bake shortbread cookies for the AÆthelmarc scribal tea at Pennsic. We will also be making bookmarks as favors, she added.
- Cauldron Bleu Cooks Guild: Bryn has several topics planned for the fall.
- Threadworkers: We will meet at Pennsic in Clan Yama Kaminari's camp on Wednesday of War Week from 2 to 4 p.m., and go shopping.
 - Honnorica noted that two of the bazaars on the Serengeti will not be at Pennsic, and several merchants will not be in their expected locations (the merchants now need insurance). Katrina noted that Pennsic spent \$59,000 buying tents from Grimms, so all the A&S tents and other Pennsic tents are now owned rather than rented.
- Baron & Baroness: "We got invested, it was really hot, we drove to the Bog, and it was still really hot," Eric joked. He said we have scheduled Baronial Court for its normal Monday 7 p.m. slot. We are negotiating with the other landed barons & baronesses regarding hosting the 7 Pearls baronial dinner late Sunday afternoon at Kyngesbride camp before the 7 Pearls bardic competition at Blackstone Mountain camp from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridrikr has to return home for work, so he can't represent the barony in the competition. Eric and Katja will ask Daedra, as the other bardic champion, if she can attend. They will also ask her, as Khan, if she wants Moritu and the Barony to go to the archery field together.

2. Policies and Procedures

Peregrine questioned whether the policies on the barony webpage are current, since the webministers are still listed as deputies of the chronicler's office and she thought we'd changed that. Sorcha offered to look through past meeting notes to verify that. The only new policy proposal is to change the wording of the Orders of the Black Talon and Broche from "this is not a polling order" to "this is a polling order." Those present voted 29-0-1 to approve the wording change.

Collette commented that the new online polling format for the three barony orders went very well. Katja thanked everyone for the response, announcing that she and Eric received over 66% of the ORF pollings<correction from the meeting; I incorrectly said 75% there, then we double-checked once we got home>, and 100% of the Broche and Talon polls. Katja commented that her experience with order pollings led her to believe that it was an excellent return, and Honnorica agreed.

3. College of Three Ravens bid needed

Peregrine announced that we need bids for C3R soon. Honnorica offered to organize the classes, while Collette offered to be head cook. Caradawc said he'd been looking into sites, but hadn't found one yet that would work for the event. (One of his choices was Trinity Church.)

4. Pax Interruptus post-event report

Alison reported that we had 222 attendees at Pax. We had \$1,863 in income (\$99 of that was non-member surcharges), and a total of \$1,429 in expenses, including \$427 for food. The total event profit is \$434, pending final reconciliation and approval from Alina.

She listed several things in lost & found, including a watch, some mugs, a watch, gloves, etc. All in all, Alison continued, it was a very good event. The owners loved us, finding us to be very polite and clean, and said we're welcome anytime. Timothy commented that even the other campers liked us. Katrina noted that several shopped at the merchants. We're already penciled in for next year, Orianna said, but she and Alison don't want to autocrat the event again after finding yet another "spiffy site." Katrina offered to autocrat it next year.

5. Baronial Champs

Coronation now conflicts with the event on September 16, Katrina reported. After some discussion, Katja said that she and Eric will talk with TRMs about the event dates. <Note: Eric and Katrina have rescheduled th event for October 7.>

6. Wyntersett cooking equipment request

Olivia introduced herself as a resident of Delftwood who plays in Thescore. She is the head cook for an outdoor event planned by the Shire of Wyntersett (Watertown area) on September 9, and the group has no kitchen supplies. She is planning a very simple feast, but asked if she could borrow some equipment from Thescore (electric roasters, bowls, platter, pitchers, serving utensils). She promised to rinse the equipment in hot water and bleach at the site and then wash them all at home before returning them to Thescore promptly. Katrina reminded her that we may need the stuff by the very next weekend, September 16, if we don't move Champs. Those present approved lending Olivia the equipment she requested 23-0-7.7.

Pennsic announcements

- A&S Exhibit on Monday of War Week in the baron. Can still pre-register by July 30. It's okay if what you display is a work-in-progress.
- Does anyone want another potluck in Thescore camp before baronial court?