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Barony of Thescorre Business Meeting Notes from November 20, 2018

By Mistress Matilda Bosvyle

Seneschal:

The Proposal to add a new Baronial Social Media Officer in compliance with Corporate Policy was approved and will be added to our Policies.

We have a new Chancellor Minor: Dyrkye Hastings, who is already a Youth Marshal and has passed the background check.

We have a new Raven's Tongue Persiuant: Andrew of Thescorre. Both Ademar and Elisif have stepped down and we thank them for their service.

Further comments from the Seneschal, were also distributed via email and Facebook as an Open Letter to the Barony following the meeting, included below.

Exchequer:

Checking: \$5493.03 Savings: \$4049.89, As the 3rd quart report the Barony shows a profit of \$1147.44 for the year. We are running at a loss for the year as far as donations collected vs. paying out our share of rent for Red Shield Hall.

Next Event:

College of Three Ravens (the Seafarer's Academy) February 23rd 2019 at St Paul's Lutheran Church & School Event Steward: Gwen Cook (Jenn, mentored by Margurite), Feast Cook: Cairistian Symon (Mina), Lunch Cook: Katja (Chris), Tollner Marguerite, Class Coordinator: Nicole (Nikki), Rattan Coordinator: Corbin (Joel), Rapier Coordinator: Eric, A & S Coordinator: Torbjorn Sigardson (Jon). Registrations: Adult Event \$17, Member Discount Event \$12, Child Event \$6, Feast \$8.

Update: Gwen scheduled a site walk through for 12/14, confirmed that service animals are ok, has contacted the site for a walk through appointment, site token will be an anchor to go with the theme, there will be 3 teams to handle class set up & reset; Katja is having a cooks meeting 12/15 for the side board lunch cooks. Merchants announcement has going up, Adult combat will be classes only, youth combat may include a tournament, hoping adult fighters will stick around & talk to the kids, 9 regular classes confirmed, more teachers are needed –contact Nikki if you'd like to teach. Roberta is planning a childrens make & take largess project and an artisan

raffle fundraiser (approved by the Kingdom Exchequer). Their Highnesses have been invited.

Future Events:

Baronial Champs (Thescorre & Rydderich Hael), May 24-27th 2019 at Richard's Castle in Bergen, Event Steward: Lady Capt'n Nikki (and the Three Swans Crew) –negotiation were successful! This will be a joint venture with the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael, sharing workload, profit and tournament fields for Champions activities. Reservationist Katja (& Caleb), Feast Cook: Richard of the Swamp (& Crew) feast limited to 75 (paid in advance). Other staff to be determined. Event Registration adults: \$10, Adult member: \$5 day, \$10 weekend, children \$3, feast: \$8 adult, \$5 child. Comparable schedule to last year, but starting ½ hour later, features Heavy Combat, Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapon, Bardic and A&S Champion Tournaments.

Pax Interruptus (theme: The Good Olde Days) July 5-7th, 2019 at Genesee Country Camp-ground, Event Steward: Margurite de Neutchasteau, Tollner: Matilda Bosvyle, Lunch Cook: Andrew of Thescorre (lunch will be served to all attendees), Marshall in Charge: Corbinus de Cuis, Archery Marshal: Gwen Cook. Fee Structure: Adult \$19, Adult Member \$14, youth \$7.

Officer Reports:

Heavy Weapons: practice Thursdays starting 7pm at Red Shield Hall, Youth Combat runs on alternate weeks from 6-7p (check the Facebook Youth Activities group) January, will have materials for making more weapons, Dyryck will qualify more adults as sparing partners for youth.

Fencing: practice Mondays at Red Shield Hall starting 7pm.

Archery: on hiatus until spring.

Thrown Weapons: Practice Sundays 2:30p to 4:30p at Athos's house on the east side – continuing until the butts freeze, watch the email list for cancelation. West side practice at the castle on hiatus until spring.

Arts & Sciences: In October and November we made a collection of baronial and kingdom award medallions (ORF, Broche, Talon, Alce, Keystone, and Sycamore) There has been a discussion about new fighters/fencers possible interest in How-to-make gear A&S which will be pursued in January. There will not be A&S in December (too close to Christmas), and a reminder that the next social meeting is a Yule potluck, garb encouraged. Discussing plans for a future armor repair workshop.

Sadira's next Fun-with-Food workshop will be bread making on Dec 9th. Cooks Guild meets 12/15 to finalize menus, January will meet to test run the recipes and start pre-cook for C3R.

Dance & Drum met in July, at Pennsic, and September, next session will be late November at

Runa & Gabe's.

Chatelaine: The chatelaine report was sent in. We had a New Comers meeting, where 5 people showed one of whom is coming to Heavy practice, the next New Comers Open house will be next year on Jan, 29 2019, from 7:30-9 pm. On Nov 17 2018 the barony had a booth at the Rochester Maker's Faire, we had a lot of interest and passed out a lot of information. My thanks to Corbin for hauling all the stuff and helping set-up also tear down. Also a huge thank you to our lovely Baroness and Dear Baron for their time and help. I must also thank to Gwen Cooke and Roberta for doing the flyers and bookmarks, (Yes Roberta I have you items) we do have a lot of all 3 items left for the next demo.

Chronicler: Fewmet is coming out.

Gold Key: we have stuff, it lives in 9 totes, and 8 baskets. 3 Scadians borrowed garb for Pennsic, received donations of 2 pair boots.

Web Minister: Kingdom report done, webpage updated. Have gotten permission from Stephan to share Michael's recipes, they will be added eventually as time allows. Domesday project: need folks to send info. Have saved actual copies of documents off the old website and backed up. We are in compliance across all formats.

Steward: We have stuff. Most of it lives in the basement. We (I/Katja) loaned out some of the "fish boxes" for Crown to hold the prepared foods for the event, and they are still at large. We will get them back eventually.

Baron & Baroness: Have been enjoying the office, attended many events including Aecademy, Birthday Brawl (Kings Cross). Plan to be at Rhydderich Hael Investiture, Delftwood Yule, Baronial Game Day (Dec 15th), Delftwood Investiture at & Deadlies. We have largess to pass along to the new Barons/esses but there is always room for more if you have a contribution. Makers Fair was amazing and so much fun, we talked to a lot of people and handed out about 50 fliers (with our web link) Award pollings will be going out soon for possible C3R Court.

An open letter
to the
Barony of Thescorre

from your Seneschal

Mistress Matilda Bosvyle.

I don't step up on the public soapbox often, but I felt compelled to do so at our recent Baronial Curia; herein are my words for the benefit of those members of our group who were not present at that meeting, and with the goal of expanding the discussion.

Firstly, I want you all to know that your presence in the Barony is valued. Your participation is important, and when you are not here, your absence is felt, deeply. We are not as large a group as we once were. Our October Social meeting was attended by only four people. The November Social meeting was just myself and Oteila. She made cookies. For ...no one. Two people do not make a Barony or even a Shire.

For decades the Social meeting has been the glue that's held us together; a chance to hang out, relax and have face to face conversations. Even the folks who weren't interested in the month to month business of the group used come and be social. Now there are far fewer of us. Many who were once intrinsic to the group have told us they must step away from their activity and service. There are only 15 or so of us left who show up to Barony meetings on any kind of regular basis, and that's it. It's just us. We all have reasons for not showing up sometimes, and they are all equally valid, whether you have to work late, or your life has taken a left turn, or you simply don't want to put on pants. Your reason is valid, and I'm not asking for excuses.

I'm asking that, going forward, could we please make more of an effort to communicate with one another. When the call goes out on Facebook and the email list regarding an upcoming meeting, please join the comments and let us know if you are planning to show up, or if you are unable to make the meeting. A simple "can't make it tonight" is sufficient. Sitting in a cold hall waiting for people who aren't coming, is not an evening I'd like to repeat. I would also be sad to see our social meeting tradition come to an end for lack of interest, but that may yet come to pass if that is what you decide.

I have grave concerns that in five years Thescorre may be a group in name only. People came from all over the kingdom for our events this year, and it was wonderful. We've been very successful as a group and have worked for decades establish these traditions and work with these sites. For 2019 we have our three annual events planned, but there are fewer of us to do the work, and only 3-4 people willing to take on the largest tasks of organizing and

running events. Burn out happens. Everyone wants to come to the events, but if we don't have enough bodies willing to lend their support, skills and brute strength for set up and clean up, to run the tollner and the kitchen, then we may need to cut back on how many and what events we continue to host. To that end we have negotiated and agreed that this coming year the Rhydderich Hael will join us at the castle to hold their Baronial Champion's Tournaments in conjunction with our own, and next year we will hold our tournaments on their land; all with shared work and shared profit.

Do not take it for granted that we will always be here. Most of the Baby Boomers have retired; Generation X has reached middle age with some passing 50 already. The Millennial generation has simply not shown up to play our game, certainly not in sufficient numbers to replace those who've stepped away. It's been challenging, at times, to retain the full complement of officers we are required to have as a Barony. Of the folks who typically show up for Barony meetings, work events and serve as officers, each of us at some point, are going to come to the difficult conclusion that we, personally, cannot continue to serve at the level we have in the past. I ask have asked them, and all who will be voting to approve future event proposals in the next year, to carefully consider if they are willing to commit to working that event, and not just vote in favor of having it because it's tradition, while expecting others in absentia to step up and volunteer to work.

In our last election, seventy people voted in favor of our remaining a Barony. When it comes time for Eljarn & Dubheasa to step down, we each will need to ask ourselves: does the group really have enough actively participating members to continue as a Barony into the future. If you are not willing to show up at meetings, to step up at events, to serve as an officer in the interim, you might consider voting in favor of a downgrade in group status.

It grieves me that we now stand at a precipice. As Seneschal, I see the direct line downhill from reducing or ending our social meetings, meaning less face to face opportunities for communication, to smaller business meetings and fewer events, to losing our income and then an end to our use of Red Shield Hall. Be assured that we will make every effort maintain our top priorities of martial and guild practices and events, for as long as we can. But unless or until we see an influx of willingly active participants, of any age, it's just us. A few years from now someone may ask you what happened to Thescorre. I'm telling you now, this is it; this is the turning point.

For those of you who maybe haven't been to a meeting for a while, please come back if you can, if only to say hello. You are always welcome and we miss your face, but we also need your help if you are yet willing and able to fight for the dream.

**(edit. There were further discussions on Facebook and the email group following the business meeting on 11/20/18 and publication of this letter on 11/27/18 which are not included here.)

College of Three Ravens Announcement Capt. Gwen Cook

As the gloom of winter threatens to keep adventurers, privateers, pirates, scholars, and all other gentles trapped within their homes, the Barony of Thescorre wishes to invite all to join us for College of Three Ravens on February 23rd, 2019. We will be returning for a second year to St. Paul's Lutheran School, located at 158 East Avenue, Hilton, NY 14468. The site will open at 9am and will close for clean-up at 10pm. There is abundant parking off-street in the site's parking lot. The entire site is handicap-accessible, and the event is located on the ground level.

With this year's College of Three Ravens comes an invitation to journey into the Seafarer's Academy and explore myths and legends of the seas all while attending classes, engaging in martial activities, feasting on delicious dishes, and engaging with one another. There is a wide range of learning opportunities that will occur throughout the day in a number of different classroom across the site. In addition to the various opportunities for scholarship, there is also a full-size gymnasium for Heavy Fighting & Fencing! Those wishing to volunteer their services as a marshal should seek out the marshals in charge.

For those who wish to teach, please contact the Chancellor of Classes, Lady Nicole du Marais – almightyanubis.nb@gmail.com (585) 300-7319.

Adult Member Discount Event Registration is \$12,

Adult Event Registration is \$17

Youth (5-17) is \$6.

Under 5 is free.

Evening feast is an additional \$8, \$4 for Youth 5-17, and no charge for kids under 5 years old.

Event registration includes a sideboard lunch prepared under the guidance of Baroness Katja Davidova Orlova Khazarina's (Chris Adler-France). Evening feast will be prepared by Cairistiona Symon (Mina Steele). Dietary concerns for the sideboard lunch should be directed to Chris at (585)615-8519 or Katja@Thescorre.org. Dietary concerns for the evening feast should be directed to Mina at (585)353-3233 or cairistionasymon@gmail.com.

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated for meal planning and places at feast table can *only* be guaranteed if payment is received by 2/16/2019.

Reservationist is Lady Marguerite De Neufchasteau (Nancy Weed) PO Box 263 Wolcott, NY 14590. Nancyfuller1964@yahoo.com or (315) 947-6968, no calls after 9pm, please. Checks are to be made payable to SCA NY Inc – Barony of Thescorre. It is essential that reservations include modern name, SCAdian name and membership status for each person to be covered by your payment. Also, indicate which are minors, and for whom feast reservations are

desired. Please supply contact information with your reservation so that any confusions can be quickly resolved.

No alcohol is permitted at the facility. Enclosed flame is allowed. Service animals are welcome (proof of current vaccinations required). Sneakers must be brought (not worn) into the gym by all combatants to help protect the wooden floors. Smoking is only allowed outside, well away from entryways.

For further information or questions, contact the Autocrat: Gwen Cooke (Jenn Bigelow) 110 East Main Street, Corfu NY 14036 CaptainCookeoftheAardvarks@gmail.com or (716) 481-3283. Please feel free to leave a message or text if no answer.

Directions:

Take your best route to NYS Thruway (I-90) – exit onto I-490 towards Rochester.

Exit onto I-390 northbound for 7.9 miles.

Use the left lane to take exit 27B onto the Lake Ontario State Parkway westbound.

In 3.2 miles, take East Manitou Road exit, turning left at end of off ramp.

In 0.8 miles, turn right onto Frisbee Hill Road.

In 0.6 miles, turn right onto North Greece Road.

In 256 feet, turn left onto Frisbee Hill Road.

Continue straight as Frisbee Hill Road becomes Wilder Road, which in turn becomes East Avenue.

After a total of 2.9 miles you will arrive at the school (on your right).

Upcoming Events

December, 2018

[Delftwood Yule](#)

December 8 @ 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

[Kris Kinder Market 2018](#)

December 8 @ 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

[Third Annual Coppertree Holiday Shoot](#)

December 15 @ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

January, 2019

[Æthelmearc 12th Night *LOCATION CHANGE*](#)

January 5, 2019 @ 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

[Debatable Lands Twelfth Night](#)

January 12, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

[Endless Hills Birthday XXI](#)

January 19, 2019 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

[St. Swithin's Bog Annual Twelfth Night Celebration](#)

January 19, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

[Region One 12th Night – Fire & Ice : a Celebration of Shenanigans and Fellowship](#)

January 26, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

[Curia of HRM Anna Leigh](#)

January 27, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

February, 2019

[Æthelmearc Grand Tournament *DATE CHANGE*](#)

February 2, 2019

[Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins : The Lords and The Rogues](#)

February 9, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

[Steltonwald's 1st Birthday Party](#)

February 9, 2019 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

[Aedult Swim IV](#)

February 16, 2019 - February 17, 2019

[Estrella War XXXIV](#)

February 19, 2019 - February 25, 2019

[College of Three Ravens 2019](#)

February 23, 2019 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

March, 2019

[Tournament of the White Hart XXII](#)

March 1, 2019 @ 5:00 pm - March 3, 2019 @ 11:00 am