

Adiantum Baronial Council Minutes, March 27, 2023

Start time: 8:07 pm

End time: 8:24 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: Murchadh, Avina, Yseult, Asgerdr, Eoghan, Muirenn, Fingall, Aila'ntha, Katherine, Alan. Cyeth, William, Gillian, John Wayland, Isis. Brynjarr, Helen, Araina (Pictish Horde), Beatrice, Godwynn, William Cristofore

WORDS from Their Excellencies Brynjarr and Isis – Welcome even in absentia their new Heirs of the Principality. We need to get deputies for officers whose terms are running out, especially Lists in August. Officer reports need to be in by Friday before Council. Even if you haven't done anything specific in your office, can just give overall info about the time you put in for it. Would like to move toward doing hybrid Councils (live and Zoom). Brynjarr is zooming in from Bandon. Need new Principality thrones and Adiantum kneeling benches. Please send in any bids. Encourage anyone interested in youth activities to get an SCA background check. Form and instructions for the background check are on the Baronial website.

WORDS from the Seneschal – Went to Coronet and Moot, marshalled, Parks Volunteer agreement is in place, had to cancel one work party. Looking for progress on accessibility and site improvement. Katherine and Terry will test drive an electric wheelchair on site to see how it fares.

OLD BUSINESS

Birthday Bash report, Wulfric: OLD NEWS: April 15th, 2023, Event site is Pleasant Hill Lutheran Church, 84421 Gaupp Ln, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455 (the Yule site AKA PHLC). Will be set up by the Sergeantry, Wulfric will be Event Steward under Murchadh's guidance. Proposed budget is \$200. Insurance waiver request has been sent. Archery, Throwing Weapons, and new Youth Archery championships will be held at the event.

The site has been approved as Pleasant Hill Lutheran Church (PHLC). The issue with the insurance waiver should be sorted at this point with Kingdom. I asked to have the event altered on the Kingdom Website to more accurately express what is occurring at the event and they changed the title of the event and not the description as I asked. Now the title of the event is massive on the kingdom calendar page.

Egil's Tourney report, May 26-29, Hrodnavar Hakonson: Steward. Advisor Emeritus: Yseult of Broceliande **Location:** Lynx Hollow Park, Creswell, OR **Date:** May 26 – 29, 2023

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The "Unofficial" Facebook group was initiated on Feb. 22, and now has 88 members.

An Egils website was launched on Feb. 23. It is being populated with all necessary and useful information, plus links to forms and maps. Elení (who is a professional graphics designer) has volunteered to work with Kat to make it pretty. Contact points for Egils info are:

Kingdom Calendar page <https://antir.org/events/egil-skallagrimson-memorial-prize-tourney/>

Egils website: <https://egilstourneysca.org>

official FB event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1154001555305971>

unofficial FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/egils2023>

3Pillars FB group www.facebook.com/threepillarschampionship

Email: EgilsTourney@gmail.com

As of Feb. 24 we have a "**Friends of the Park**" agreement for Lynx Hollow. The agreement expires in 2025, and can be renewed indefinitely.

- The agreement enables us to set up work parties, and also allows individuals to go in at any time to work on the park.
- OPRD will provide us with materials to make stairs.

- Pyks and his group will set up their own schedule with the park, they do not have to coordinate with the general work parties to bring in their heavy equipment.
- We do not have detail on the financial arrangement (work for price considerations) but the understanding is that it will work out to be pretty much the same as we've had in the past.
- A "pirate" group is negotiating their own "Friends of the Park" agreement, and hope to use the park later in the summer. They will also be helping with park upkeep and renovations.

Pre-registration for camping reservations opened on March 1. Everything seems to be going well, we have not gotten many questions. Merchant applications are also coming in.

Our first work party was held on March 11.

- 30 SCA volunteers showed up plus three people from the pirate group.
- We cleared areas around gate and archery, cut scotch broom around the ponds and widened the path to parking.
- Jacob took aerial photos for land allocation,
- Pyks talked about his own plans with the Ranger, Hrodnavar talked to the Ranger about stairs.
- Another work party scheduled for March 25 was canceled due to weather, another is scheduled for April 1, 11 am to 3 pm.

Hobbit John is coordinating prizes. Traditionally the main prizes are hand-made by residents of Adiantum. If you can produce suitable items, or provide a promissory, please contact him.

I have received confirmation that 1) our Insurance Certificate is in process, and 2) that our event announcement will be published in Echoes and Crier in April.

A team zoom meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, March 30, at 7 pm. The event invitation page and link for the meeting is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/159457437006686/?ref=newsfeed>

Brynjarr: Their Highness and Majesties will be in attendance. We will be getting info about their encampment needs. Encouraging them to register through the on line form

NEW BUSINESS –

Fall Event Proposal: Cyeth de Westcote and William Jakes propose to steward an Autumn Beach Revel on October 21, 2023, 10 am to 5 pm, at Washburn State Park north of Florence. There will be no charge for this event. Decent sized parking lot and a huge RV parking area. First come-first served, so they will camp the night before and get things set up. Space for heavy and rapier fighting if fighters wish. May do a donation based food service for lunch – more info to come. We can bring Baronial pavilions if the weather is damp.

Brynjarr – this replaces the Amergin's event.

Aila'ntha – would be need insurance for fighters – no, people can just happen to do what they do.

Asgerdr – grassy area? One fairly large grassy area.

In Person Council Meetings – hybrid with zoom, aim for June. Will check out Sizzler again. Even if they don't have wifi, we can use phones. Will book ahead because they book up quickly. Will also try to schedule the Egils debrief there.

Open officer positions: Youth Combat, Youth & Family Activities, Cut & Thrust, Social Media, Lists.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Arts & Sciences, Aila'ntha of William's Keep: During the last month A&S has met once, online. We had a total of 9 in attendance: 3 from Kingdom of The West and 6 from An Tir. We will continue to meet on Sunday Afternoons. However, due to Easter Sunday and Bar Gemels falling on our regularly scheduled dates, we will be meeting on the 2nd and 16th of April instead.

Arts & Sciences – duties of the office

- I have repeatedly requested a job description for this office since early in my service to the Barony as A&S Minister. I received no answers. So this is my interpretation of those duties. I extrapolated these from the Principality and Kingdom descriptions of the A&S officers duties, my experience under other A&S Ministers, and my own experiences serving in this capacity:
- 1) To promote interest in the Arts & Sciences through activities and contests
 - 2) To hold regular meetings at least once a month to engage in projects, research, and sharing experiences in the learning of Arts and Sciences
 - 3) To encourage research and understanding of historically accurate period arts, and sciences, technologies, and philosophies
 - 4) To assist newcomers in finding a means of beginning historically accurate involvement without feeling overwhelmed or judged for not being 100% HA in their early endeavors, but to be encouraged that this is an EDUCATIONAL organization, meaning that we are ALL still learning at our own level and all are welcome and encouraged to begin where they are able and move forward at their own speed in the quest for historically accurate projects.
 - 5) to report monthly to the Baronial Council
 - 6) to report quarterly to the Principality Arts and Sciences Minister

Chamberlain, Yseult of Broceliande: Your Chamberlain has been busy this month. I, Hrodnavar and Hobbit John (to whom many thanks!) spent four hours at the storage unit sorting canvas, ropes and stakes. We identified the poles for the Simple Blue Pavilion (the 18x18' marquee we bought from Ulf & Duversa) and the ropes for the Large Blue Pavilion. I will be painting the poles this month so that they are easily identifiable. Hrodnavar is painting the poles of the newly acquired Panther pavilion for archery with blue and yellow. We have four Panther marquee pavilions now and need to be able to distinguish one set of poles from another. I also plan on making a laminated page for each one, to be stored with the pavilion, detailing its parts (with pictures) so that we will not have problems identifying them in the future.

I painted fabric signs for gate: cash/check, credit cards, camping reservations, as well as a new Parking/Gate sign for use along the road. I made a bag for the stakes and another for the ropes of the Large Blue Panther pavilion. Yet to come are similar bag and/or buckets for the Simple Blue Pavilion and Alail's donation.

April tasks include getting and painting poles for the pavilion donated by Alail and making a new day shade and painting its poles. I also want to paint gold keys on the Gold Key pavilion so that it is easily identifiable in storage. There is a massive tangle of ropes in the storage unit that need to be sorted out – they include the ropes for the Simple Blue Pavilion among others. I hope to have identifying/visibility flags on all the pavilion ropes before Egil's Tourney. I also hope to meet with Muirenn and her children to assess the three tubs of potential children's activity supplies before Egils.

We will discuss possible repair of the baronial trailer brakes after Egil's Tourney.

I will work on updating the Baronial contact list.

Chamberlain- duties of the office

The Chamberlain is a deputy of the Exchequer, tasked with maintaining the storage unit and caring for the Barony's physical possessions. At the Kingdom level, the Chamberlain is tasked with delivering an inventory of the Kingdom's possessions at the beginning of every reign (An Tir Laws, p.19, May 2022). We do need to maintain a current baronial inventory for our own use and I believe we need to report it to Kingdom, possibly every two years or so – I'm having trouble finding any wording on that part and have emailed the Kingdom and Summits Exchequers for further information.

Caring for the physical possessions includes making sure that they are put away safely and in an orderly way after each use (Baronial event or loan of the items), noting wear and repairing where possible, suggesting replacement or acquisition of new items as needed, facilitating access to the storage unit for authorized baronial uses of the items. The Chamberlain is not expected to be able to do all repairs themselves. They do need to find others who can help or hire repairs done when needed (with Council approval if necessary).

Chatelaine, Johanna Trewpeny: Chatelaine has been slightly out of commission this month with a leg injury. Back to driving short distances but rough ground and hills are too dangerous.

Online a few survey and emails. Working on the class for Birthday Bash. Looking forward to meeting in person.

Lane County Fair Demo Friday-Sunday, 21-23 July – I have been in contact with the new person, We can do whatever we want for those three days at the fair. Hoping to have people tend our display in shifts rather than marathons days for just a few folks.

Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire, Sept. 9 & 10, 2023– there is a plan to have a Summits presence at Shrewfaire in the fall. This can be a good target audience for recruitment as they are already interested in things medieval / Renaissance. Will have info later about possible loans of Baronial pavilions for this./

Isis has a lead on raw wool – could bring it to us!

Chronicler, Yseult of Broceliande: I took notes at the February Council meeting and posted them to the baronial chat group and sent them to the Web Minister for posting on the baronial web page. I have begun work on the next issue of the BiCranial Bear. Any contributions of articles, recipes, etc. would be most welcome!

The Baron and Baroness have asked that the officers send them a “brief description of your duties.” Please copy me with the descriptions so that I can include them in the official minutes.

Chronicler - duties of the office

The Chronicler is tasked with taking minutes at Baronial Council meetings, publishing them promptly by posting them in the Files section of the Facebook group ‘Barony of Adiantum – Official Discussion Group’, and sending them to the Web Minister for posting on the Baronial website.

The Chronicler must also publish the baronial newsletter, the BiCranial Bear, four times a year. This is one of the requirements of being a Barony: “publish a branch newsletter no less than quarterly” (p.36, An Tir Kingdom Laws, May AS 57 (2022)).

Exchequer, Asgerdr Audsdottir: Bank balance March 27: \$16,807.34

Our bank (Columbia) has merged with Umpqua Bank. I’m currently having trouble getting statements, but I can get activity. Since the help line is overwhelmed, I don’t think I’m alone in not being able to access them. I hope to have statements in time to submit the 3/31/23 reports.

I have a deputy, Hobbit John, with whom I will be working and training. I intend to keep the office until January 2025, assuming I can extend my warrant by a year.

Egils 23: If you have completed the PayPal training and would like to work at gate this Egils, please contact me so I can add you to the approval list for the event.

Birthday Bash: I will be manning gate. While there is no charge for the event, we need to have a gate sheet noting attendants and waivers signed by non-members. There will be no NMS fee charged, but we need to have signed waivers. Nothing else new.

Exchequer - duties of the office:

The Exchequer is the local treasurer and 1/3 of the financial committee. They maintain the books, tracking income, outflows, budgets, and Baronial assets. Requirements for the job involve a working knowledge of Kingdom, Principality and Baronial financial policies. (Note that they’re not that different, very repetitive reading.) Also a general knowledge of spreadsheets and the reporting forms; training is available and the FaceBook group is valuable. Reporting is required monthly to the Barony, quarterly and annually to Principality (who combines all Summits entities and submits to Kingdom). In general, the work requires an hour a month on average, with some time for check writing.

At events, the Exchequer is responsible for processing cash (but not directly receiving it), handling Paypal info, gate sheets, and NMS forms/payment. Afterwards cash is reconciled to the gate sheets, a report of the income/expenses for the event is developed, and a deposit is made and recorded. Forms are available which simplify the process. Please note that Egils requires the Exchequer’s onsite presence to control gate income.

The Exchequer is the supervisor of the Chamberlain's office in that the Chamberlain controls and maintains the physical assets of the Barony.

Oh, and other tasks as needed.

Gold Key, Helen Louise Gaskyn: Gold key is all clean and ready for Birthday Bash. We've had 4 people here working on garb for Egils.

Herald, Flinngall McKetterick: March activity:

--Assisted with field heraldry at March Coronet, including training a newcomer.

--Invited to travel to Southmarch to assist potential submitters, on a weekend TBD.

--Requested a password reset of the official office email @antir.org, and have received no response. My personal email is mehli@efn.org and I will welcome any office correspondence at that address.

April activity:

--Planning to teach voice heraldry classes at Birthday Bash.

Lists, Acacia: Nothing to report.

Marshals

Archery, Alan Bowyer: Not much to report. No archery practice this month, between work parties, illness, and SCA crown events.

Armored Combat, Wulfric Marinus: No injuries to report for March practices. The interest in heavy fighting has continued with people wondering "Who we are, What we do, and how to get involved." With war season here practice has had an increase in war/ skirmish scenarios when numbers permit.

Cut & Thrust: office is vacant.

Rapier, Hauk Bjarnarson: Nothing of interest to report. Weather continues to occasionally cancel our fun, but we must always remember that safety comes first.

Thrown Weapons, Eoghan Ua Cléirigh: Practices have been held Monday evenings, 4-7 pm and most Saturdays, 12-4 pm at the Dexter Range and are coordinated with Archery practices as weather allows. Practices are also adjusted so as not to conflict with events.

Practice attendance has been down slightly due to weather and illness, as well as conflicting events and work parties. Scores have been reported and no injuries or accidents have occurred.

Our Barony currently has the top 3 throwers in the Kingdom all in the expert division.

The Baronial trailer is located in Dexter. All hitch and door locks are on the trailer and Murchadh has custody of the keys. Thrown weapons is set up in the barn and outside adjacent to the archery range.

Thrown Weapons – duties of the office

The Thrown Weapons Marshal's job is to maintain the target stands and targets, to ensure safe range protocols are being followed at practices and events, to run the range at baronial events, provide the appropriate reports on a monthly, quarterly, and event scheduled basis. That's the work; the fun part is to encourage the sport, and to help instruct and guide new throwers and experienced alike to improve and grow.

Youth Armored Combat: office is vacant

Scribe, Gillian FitzGilbert: This month we have had no scribal meetings due to family health issues. However, I am almost done painting the charters for Birthday Bash.

Seneschal, Murchadh Monaidh Chroaibhe: Adiantum Birthday Bash is just around the corner, with Egils soon after. Please watch for news and volunteer opportunities so we can have successful events.

The last critical piece of transition is the Bank Signature Card, which I am working with the Exchequer to update. As anyone who has been through this will tell you, dealing with the banking processes is always challenging. This time around we also have a bank merger in the mix.

I submitted my report and attended Moot following the Coronet Tournament.

We have our Volunteer Agreement on Lynx Hollow Park approved and our Egils Event Steward has been working closely with the State Parks Manager to schedule and track our work at the Park. I'd like to start brain-storming how we want to continue the work. I have some ideas, but I'd like to hear others.

I've received confirmation from Society of a completed background check, valid through 3/31/2025. I know there are others in the works but wanted everyone to know the Barony has one. If you need me present for a youth-specific activity, please contact me.

As the Social Media Officer is a direct report to the Seneschal, I will include that information in my report until the position is filled.

Seneschal – duties of the office

The Baronial Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Barony. The Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within the Barony.

(1) Assist the Coronets in matters of Customary, Principality & Kingdom Law and Corpora; receive copies of all reports to the Coronets & Principality.

(2) Hold regularly scheduled Council meetings.

(3) Be in regular communication with the Coronets; be responsible for soliciting bids for all events and have ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out all events.

(4) Serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.

(5) Be an alternate signatory on all appropriate Baronial bank accounts.

(6) Maintain contact with and report to Principality and Kingdom Seneschals.

Web Minister, Katherine of the Lakes: I have kept the website updated this month. I have also gotten the domain and premium plan for Egils. I have met with Ellyni who will be helping with the Egils website when she has time. I am still waiting for Kingdom to reply. Will work on a calendar that populates from Facebook events.

Social Media, Murchadh Monaidh Chroaibhe: Social Media status: Facebook Page and Official Discussion Group have been monitored daily, with events and mandatory postings submitted as requested. No violation of SCA/An Tir Social Media policies noted. Official FB Page metrics:



Official FB Discussion Group metrics:

