

## **Politarchopolis Baronial Meeting – 13 July 2014**

In attendance: Joan, Crispin, Semyon (Chair), Ulric, Iseldis, Fionghuine, Sveinn, Francesca, Lorcan, Eberhard, Monique, Anne, William

Apologies: Kitan, Ysambart, Gabriel, Elisabeth

**The meeting opened at 2pm.**

### **1.1 Welcome and Apologies**

Semyon opened the meeting noting the apologies

### **1.2 Acceptance of Minutes**

Acceptance of the minutes was deferred until the August meeting. The minutes for June and July will be proposed for acceptance jointly at that time.

### **1.3 Seneschalate Update**

Semyon raised the fact that currently the Barony has only one full time Senior Marshal presently, Sir Kitan. His Majesty is the other senior marshal but has other duties presently. Count Berengar is also a senior marshal but his availability is limited due to mundane commitments. The Seneschal is aware of a number of combatants who are looking to authorise as Senior Marshals for both heavy and light. Applications should be sent to the Earl Marshal who is currently Count Berengar. The recruitment process for that office is ongoing and Lochac Seneschal will announce the new office holder for commentary when it reaches that point. There are a number of rapier marshals in the Barony. The Captain of Archers is the archery marshal.

With regard to the changes to the Weapons Act in Victoria, SCA membership is now an appropriate reason to carry steel weapons to events. Please ensure you can provide proof of membership. The rules on crossbows remain in place for Victoria and NSW. Please note that rattan weapons are also included in the weapons act.

Semyon commended all those involved with Midwinter, noting how thrilled he was to see it all went. It shows what the Barony can do when it works together.

### **1.4 Baron & Baroness's update**

Speaking as the Steward of Midwinter, Crispin reported that attendance was in the realm of 240 and appears to have made gross profit of approximately \$5K before the appropriate splits occurred between Kingdom and the Barony.

Speaking as Baron, Crispin noted that the membership of the Barony is approximately 170 paid members, if everyone was to turn up, most of the current halls hired would not hold those numbers. This may be a consideration for future stewards. His excellency would welcome more members of the populace at events. More people, more fun!

Her Excellency, Joan, noted that they are looking forward to new events. The next events are the Tower and Fountain feast run by St Aldhelms and the Arts & Science Collegia in August. Some events have been postponed, opening slots. Next event listed is St Vitas. Their Excellencies encourage those members of the populace considering running events to do so (support is available). Crispin noted that Valentines does not yet have a steward.

Francesca noted that May 2015 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Good Food Feast. The Politarchopolis Assault Catering Corp are intending to hold this event again. A bid will be submitted but it should be noted that it will be an expensive feast due to menu with very limited numbers so members of the populace are encouraged to put a little aside (particularly collegians!). More details to follow!

The Rapier Championship is likely to occur at a similar time so there will be a range of options. St Andronicus is also in the process of planning events for this year and their Excellencies look forward to seeing those bids.

Crispin noted irregular reporting is currently the only concern that Lochac Seneschal has with Okewaite joining Politarchopolis. He seconded the Seneschal's previous comments, asking that all officers report to their Kingdom counterparts as soon as possible.

Lorcan advised he has not yet received confirmation of appointment as Rapier Marshal.

**ACTION:** Semyon to confirm Lorcan's appointment with Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

Crispin noted that the offices of Chronicler, Webwright, Chandler and Arts & Sciences Master/Mistress. Semyon noted that Marshal will also be vacant shortly. Crispin noted Blethyn has expressed interest.

Politarchopolis needs to demonstrate it is a thriving barony with well kept offices.

### **1.5 Reeve Update**

Eberhard tabled the Barony's report for Q2. For that quarter, the Barony made \$488.96 in cash profit. Hall revenue is tracking reasonably well, with just under \$3,000 having been submitted so far. The meeting discussed how the revenue flow was tracking for the hall.

It was noted that the Artisan's auction which has been suggested as a fund raiser for the Hall had no steward as yet. This was an idea from the Town Hall meeting. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for this role should contact the Seneschal and the Reeve.

Semyon asked if this was the fund raising raffle proposed by Alesia and it was clarified by Anne that the raffle was a separate item, looking to raise funds to sponsor Duchess Sir Mari Alexander to come to Fields of Gold as a teacher.

It was noted that the bid for Fields of Gold has been received by the Seneschal, Reeve and the Baron & Baroness. Some final details need to be clarified, due to the involvement of the jousting group. Anne advised that the intentions were for the Saturday to be SCA only and the Sunday to be promoted to the public with a jousting demonstration done. The bid notes a small payment to the jousters for their time and this will need to be handled carefully to ensure compliance and avoid additional complications for the Steward and Barony.

**DECISION:** Semyon formally approved the bid for Fields of Gold 2014.

Rowany are about to trial the new accounting the package. If the pilot goes well, the package will be rolled out nationally. Eberhard will keep Politarchopolis updated.

Eberhard intends to advertise for a deputy in the near future.

## 1.6 Officer Reports

### Archery

The Baronial Archery Championship is taking shape. It will begin run for 4 weeks beginning the last weekend in August and then into September.

The Politarchopolis will also be doing an archery challenge for Science! It will be testing a theory relating to archery slits in Castles and the intention is to test the theory and report back to the author.

Archery attendance continues to remain strong. It is positive to see old faces and new ones attending.

### Lists

Midwinter was held successfully. It was noted that as the tournaments held on Sunday were rose tournaments, no formal lists were required. The populace is assist lists where possible, particularly by ensuring their view of the field is not blocked.

### Chirurgeon

No injuries reported from Midwinter.

The Seneschal again reiterated the need for officers to report on time and the meeting discussed how this could be assisted.

**ACTION:** Anne to place reminder in the Politarchopolis calendar for people to subscribe to.

## 1.6 General Business

Monique advised that she had 4 trestle tables available for sale to the Barony, total cost \$100.

**DECISION:** The Barony to purchase Monique's tables and pick them up. Monique to invoice the Barony

Sveinn advised that he had submitted an application for the Chandler's office. It was also noted that two applications had been received for the office of Seneschal.

Next meeting is Sunday 10 August 2014 at 2pm.

**Meeting closed at 2.50 pm.**

### Summary of Action Items

Date	Action Required	Update
13/06/2014	Semyon to confirm Lorcan's appointment with Kingdom Rapier Marshal	
13/06/2014	Anne to add reporting reminders to the Politarchopolis calendar	
08/06/2014	All officers to report to the Seneschal and their Kingdom Officer at their earliest convenience. Any experiencing issues to contact the Seneschal for	

	assistance	
08/06/2014	Eberhard to publish BSB details for the Politarchopolis account	
08/06/2014	Stewards of St Vitas and Fields of Gold to send through event bids	
08/06/2014	Constable to provide more forms	
08/06/2014	Captain of Archers to work with Andronicus re Draft Safety policy.	
08/06/2014	People holding first aid certificates who are willing to serve as field chirurgeons to contact the Chirurgeon so a register can be established.	
04/05/2014	Seneschal to confirm process for a Politarchopolis Register of people with working with children and vulnerable people at the June 2014 meeting. Anne to discuss with Semyon.	Discussed. Semyon to discuss options at June 2014 meeting.
04/05/2014	Populace to familiarise themselves with the Bullying and Harassment Policy and Code of Conduct	Ongoing
04/05/2014	Anne to discuss proposal for May Rapier Championship with Semyon on his return and provide the outcome by 11 May 2014 to ensure event preparation can occur. An announcement will be made to the populace following Semyon's decision.	Complete
04/05/2014	Liadan to provide a handover email updating Gabriel on ongoing projects.	Complete
04/05/2014	Anne to discuss warrant register with Semyon.	Discussed. Semyon to discuss options at June 2014 meeting.
04/05/2014	Update on vacant or passing officers to be provided at the June 2014 meeting by the Seneschal once Kingdom Officers have made appointments.	