Shire Meeting Minutes
October 19 2014

Seneschal - Nothing new
Herald (not present) Next Heraldic Dismay will be November 8th
Exchequer - no change from last meeting
Knight’s Marshall - No report
Fencing (not present) - No report
Archery - New person shooting; has 2 of her 3 RR’s for an average. Range still open in Bloomsburg
Thrown Weapons - new person throwing on the range.
A&S - Contact Sierra if you have/need demo space for A&S demos at AE&E war
Chatelaine - Held several newcomers meetings. Had good reviews for the October 4th Boy Scout demo. Bloomsburg book fair demo was successful. May be able to use the school for other activities. 4 folks signed up for more information. Danville demo (during the day) coming up on the 21st. Will be teaching a Chatelaining class at AEcademy on November 8th
Chronicler (not present) No report - Antoinette encouraged folks to send in articles.
Web Minister - No report
Chamberlain - No report (we have stuff)
Chancellor Minor (not present) - No report

Events and Demos
AE&E war - Tim reports that we are expecting 200 heavy fighters and perhaps 30 fencers. There is a youth marshall coming, so we can have youth combat activities. Setup can happen Friday from noon ‘till whenever. Troll opens at 9:00 on Saturday, and the first activities are scheduled for 10:00. There will be a hospitality tent for fighters with water/etc.

Kingdom 12th night - Everyone should plan on working in the kitchen at some point in the day. Will need white table cloths - Brownwyn does not have enough, and the old ones we have are showing their age. Aibell has some plastic/plaid table cloth material that can be used for demos or other purposes. Will need $180.00 to buy new table cloths (that will be used for future events as well as 12th night). Brownwyn: We, of course, will have to do many jobs at the event, so be prepared to pitch in.

FFF - Denys is here to report. Everything is going well - some fencing is planned. Phiala is working on classes. 100 minutes war is the same weekend, so Tim may be occupied there the day of the event; will come out on Sunday with the gang and help with cleanup. Will do the dayboard. Denys is inviting the site coordinator and the University president to come to the event to see what we’re doing. If anyone is interested in Autocratting next year, talk to Denys and Egill. No merchants have contacted Denys yet, but if they show up we’ll fit them in. Auction will be held again to cover teacher travel costs.

Confed winter gather - January 3,4 is Confed winter gather at Cowan.

New Business
Signs - Jehan is updating the signs for events. Black arrows that have 2 bolts, and will be flip-able to change directions. May add reflective tape for better night visibility.
Election nominations - Elyse is the only nominee. A&S - Sylvester and Leioolfr. KM - Jeremiah. Archery Captain - Denys will stand for the office. Exchequer - Conrad will run only if has a deputy (some deputies are lined up). Herald - Jehan will stand. Chamberlain - Brownwyn will remain as
Chamberlain.

**Coronation** – Do we really want to do this? Gilles is willing to autocrat. Concerns: Are just repeating the same thing we did the last time. Are we too tired to do this? We’ve excelled, do we want to risk not pulling this off well? Coronation again – should we give other groups a chance. Should we reconsider the shire doing the event. Preferred date would be April 11th. Tim and Gabrielle have had 2 groups approach them about doing coronation. Their 1st choice would be the shire, and having the same event would be fine with them. If we feel overwhelmed, that would be OK. There are 3 months between 12th night and coronation. (Tim reminds us that the Shire is what re-energized them in the SCA). Could we change the format such that everyone could “enjoy” the event, and not burn out. (T&G left the room).

Brownwyn: theme for the reign is “AEthelmearc proud” Only 12 events from now to Coronation. Sylvester: Could we co-host with Angel’s Keep? Splitting this with another group would allow them to see how a big event runs,

Gilles: looking at 4 Bells church, and a site in Muncy that we haven’t used yet.

Brownwyn: Sites (St. Pauls in Wellsboro, Camp Victory).

Alicia – we have to decide today if we’re going to do this.

Gilles – he really doesn’t have the energy to do anything other than what we did the last time.

Rhenna – will we be too tired? Is 3 months enough time?

Gille – all for doing this, but I’m tired. If Angel’s keep hosts the event, I’d be willing to go and help.

Alicia – Note that this is the last chance we’ll have to host a Coronation for Timothy and Gabrielle.

Also, could we talk to Hornwood about hosting?

Maacha – What about surveying _all_ the groups in AEthelmearc to see who would like to come and help?

Brownwyn – A local event would be nice for everyone involved.

Gilles: If you vote yes, please make sure it’s a “resounding” yes, because we’ll need lots of help.

17 out of 25 people vote yes, let’s have the event. Who hoo!

Sang happy birthday to Gabrielle.

**Proposal of the 2015 SRI demo** - Information from the 2014 event was passed out. SRI’s goal was to get people out to the park, and they don’t care about losing money. June 13th proposed date - no conflicting events (yet). For more income:

- charge for thrown weapons
- fee for pageant/parade
- More “free” scadian performers
- hiring a tent company to set up pavilions (cost)
- Maybe not do the stamping
- Class tent? - scheduled classes in a tent. (may not work)
- Have heads of demonstration areas to coordinate
- flat fee for merchants
- planning and inviting earlier.

SRI was happy with our help. May have led to us helping at the Danville demo.

Exchequer will continue to be updated on 2014 event.

Tim - could we do Bardic champions at the demo?

Still have site Friday through Sunday. Some room for camping.
No shire outlay for the 2015 event.
Financial statements were gone over.
Conrad: the shire could be more of a partner in the event, and perhaps save some money so there could be a profit.
Etain - what about the name? How to separate us from the Renn faire “image.” It is just a name, but is there any possibility of discussing what we’re calling the demo?
Some folks felt that us as “performers” for the demo doesn’t sit well with our “mission statement”
Lewisburg Art’s festival - very few folks come to see us in particular, whereas SRI _really, really_ wants us to come and perform.
Brownwyn had a very passionate appeal to the shire that we’re the center of attention for the faire, and where else are we going to have that?
Tents are an issue - shouldn’t be so bad if there’s not a feast. Some folks would like tents set up, and some would like to bring their own.
Conrad - would like to see more of a partnership. We do these because we love to do this.
Communications was a problem. It seems that improving the partnership aspect would be easier than just asking them for a fixed fee.
20 voted yes, no count of nos.
**Lewisburg Arts festival** - Need a new autocrat for the demo, since Timothy and Antoinette cannot do it this year. Majesties will be away. 6-7 no’s 6-7 yes’s. Will discuss next month.