



The Shire's News a newsletter of Swordcliffshire



September 2008

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September Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:35pm

Members in attendance: 10 voting adults, 3 offspring

With the return appearance of Tan Po, discussion of vacant offices ensued, resulting in Tan Po resuming the Heavy Marshall position, Thorgeirr taking Pursuivant (vacated by Jean Baptist via the grapevine), and Genevieve taking Chronicler. Devin will remain Fencing Marshal.

Discussion of Camelot demo revealed not much info forthcoming from organizers. A rough plan was created (and mostly scotched the next day...) for various demos, including weaving, calligraphy, dance, music, woodcarving, and combat. Demo-ers are allowed to stay for the show, but not to eat the food until the paying guests leave.... A photo-op was requested at 5:30.

Fall Crown Tourney has been picked up by Flaming Gryphon (Dayton OH). Guillane reported a walk-thru of Williamsville school and possible site costs totaling \$600 for a future event there.

Fence panels were purchased at Pennsic for shower stall, a vote was taken to repay Guillane for costs and vote passed (8 ayes, 2 abstentions). Fence panels are stored with Midlands items in PA. Also reported: Sir Vargas chipped in to purchase one of two tankless water heaters for future Pennsics.

Exchequer requested a check binder, vote passed unanimously. Report totals of bank accounts uncertain, but roughly \$1214.62 is in checking account, minus \$210 for fence panels (and any outstanding checks). Reports for first two quarters of '08 have been completed and filed. 3rd quarter report will include write-off of copier and fence panels.

Tom submitted for signature a contract for the Taylorville Pool for next summer. So shire was asked if we want Ethyl the same again. General consensus was "don't fix what ain't broke" - so contract was signed and returned. Date for Ethyl: July 11, 2009, to be autocratted by Elaine Jayne.

No real contact has been had from Lincolnshire Faire organizers. So, shire members presently apathetic re: participation, and therefore consensus was to bow out (unless something gels real fast in the interim...)

MOF reports possible interest from 2 new prospects. Also looking into use of UIS gym, via Cydeaux. On a sideline: there may be kitchen somewhere at UIS...

Chronicler, taking notes madly, promises to have first newsletter by next business meeting. Web Minister reports having lost her memory.

In other news:

"Surviving History" series brings the gibbet and other tortures to the viewers.

Tom reports gas is cheaper in Taylorville.

Sir Vargas took a shower.

Thorgeirr and family have a new home at a posh trailer park in Taylorville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Officers:

Seneschale - Guillane de Vaux

Exchequer: Katrina

Heavy Marshal: Tan Po

Pursuivant: Thorgeirr in Vikverski Karlsson

Marshal of Fence: Devin Breighballach

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Orry de Guerin

Chatelaine: Cydeaux of Brittany

Chronicler: Genevieve de Vaucresson

Web Minister: Genevieve de Vaucresson

Here next month: some kind of
interesting article.....

(Somebody, write something!!!)

(And yes, the space will be bigger...)

Upcoming Events:

September 12: Demo in support of gala opening of Camelot at the Center for the Arts. 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

September 18: Swordcliff A&S mtg in Spfld. Topic: "Writing Documentation for A&S Fair entries".

Bring A&S entry docs and scores you have from prior years for discussion of what works and what doesn't.

September 20: Orry's Potluck in Decatur

October 2: Swordcliff Business meeting

October 11-12: Lincolnshire Faire, Decatur

October 16: Swordcliff A&S mtg in Decatur

November 6: Swordcliff Business meeting

November 8: Crystal Ball

November 20: Swordcliff A&S mtg in Spfld

December 18 - Swordcliff Yule Party