

Ayreton Business Meeting Notes September 13, 2009

*All action items noted by a ***

Upcoming Business Meeting Host Schedule:

- October – Grey Gargoyles
- November – Tree-Girt-Sea
- December – Rokkehealden
- January – Vanished Wood
- February – Foxvale

Remember all meetings will be on the second Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted. Details to be posted.

Officer's reports:

Seneschal: Philip White

- Reports received: Arts and Sciences Minister, Marshals
- Reports due: Seneschal – 9/15th and 9/21, Herald – 9/30, Chronicler and Webminister – 10/1, Exchequer – 10/31
- A note on reporting for Baronial officers. It is better for you to report on time than let one of the Shire/Province reports hold yours up. At least send a note that you have your report ready and that you are waiting for late reports offering to send it on if requested by the regional officer.

Exchequer: Margherita Alessia (Ghita)

- We have money. Ghita has received \$50 from Grey Gargoyles for the Baronial Gold Key Project. They are the only one so far to have given the promised funds.
- The revision to the Financial Policy was completed and accepted. We now have a Baronial Financial Policy
- RFP for Baronial coronets – 10 vendors were contacted, 4 have expressed an interest and will be submitting proposals. The deadline is not up yet so we could get some more responses before it expires. Ghita anticipates bids from \$200-\$400 per coronet depending on design and materials.
- Coronet designs will be decided by the group in preparation for our Baronial Investiture.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Nicholaa Halden

- Artisan roster hit a snag because all the previously collected data was lost in a computer glitch. Nicholaa passed around a sign up sheet for those present to provide contact information if they wished to be included. She hopes to get something up on the web in 30-45 days. Over twenty names were collected at the meeting.
- Pennsic had a strong participation by Ayreton, there were performances by the Pippins, the Brewer's Guild provided some mead and beer for the Midrealm party, several people taught classes.
- A&S reports are due in November.
- There are local events coming up if you want to teach a class.

Knights Marshal: Henry of Exeter

- Practice continues on Sundays. Note that when the University is closed there are no bathrooms for changing and are dependant on weather.
- There was at least one Ayreton member in every battle at Pennsic this year including the belted and unbelted champion battles. We generally were 1/3 of the Midlands force. There were 13 Ayreton fighters on the first battle day which was the high point.
- Master JP held a siege weapon class at Foxhunt and several people authorized for siege weapons. If you authorized at Foxhunt please let Henry know as some authorizations were incorrectly listed at authorized siege weapon marshals.
- At MKAOD Henry of Exeter was selected as the new Midlands Heavy Champion.
- Two groups did not report to Henry for the reports due September 1st. It was determined the groups had reported to Regional Marshall and didn't copy Henry. They are not yet required to report to the Baronial Marshal but will be expected to when we become a Barony.
- Practice after 40 Year will be attended by Count EikBrandr as well as other Chivalry members and there will include a "Training the Trainer" session for three of our members.

Rapier Marshal: Christian Fournier

- Practice continues on Tuesdays
- Has not been getting all group reports. They are not yet required to report to the Baronial Marshal but will be expected to when we become a Barony.
- MKAOD was a great time

Archery Marshal: Wolfram von Waldersbach (Not present – reported by Seneschal)

- Practice continues on Wednesdays
- Wolfram won the "Advancing Assassin shoot" at Havoc at Hastings!
- The Middle was seriously outnumbered at the populace shoot this past Pennsic. There is a goal to increase our number of archers so that we can be more competitive next year.

Chatelaine:

- Still exchanging information and files with Hillary after office change.
- Aurora demo during Pennsic didn't happen. We were ready to participate but the event coordinator was not able to get us a location. We will be working with them earlier in the process next year so that we can be able to participate.
- Mensa Demo is October – Margarete Norwood is organizing, contact her to help. It is just a few people demonstrating some arts and talking about the SCA
- Continue to pass out and post recruitment materials

Ayreton Chronicler: Gianetta Andreini da Vicenza (Not present – reported by Seneschal)

- Looking for submissions for October's Zephyr
- October's theme will be "The Jewels of Ayreton," would like articles about the groups in Ayreton, exciting projects in A&S, fighting and service, any Kingdom level service from Ayreton. Share the cool things you have been working on.
- Also looking on articles about Fox Hunt and 40 Year.
- Deadline submission is October 9 with a plan to publish the weekend of October 17.
- Think of ourselves as roving reporters as you travel around to events and activities; write an article about your experiences or impressions.
- Thanks for giving as much advance notice as possible in order to publish correct weekly events

***Please update any announcements you have included in the yahoo weekly event emails to make sure that the information is current. Please be detailed.*

*** Always looking for newsletter content. Officers and guilds are also especially encouraged to submit columns or articles.*

Herald: Phebe Bonedeci

- Reports due at the end of the month.
- A few awards were given out at Pennsic: Order of the Willow – Jadwiga Vladescu and Award of the Purple Fretty – Ayreton Brewers Guild
- There were a couple of more awards given out at Pennsic. Please let us know if you received one and were not included here.

Webminister: Sarafina Sinclair

- Send any updates to BOTH Serafina and Gianetta
- Looking at moving site to midrealm.org – now waiting for the Kingdom officer to finish transitioning and the website to be updated before we make any changes since they have so much other stuff going on.

***Please update any online content to make sure that the information is current. Please be detailed.*

Local Seneschal Reports:

- Vanished Wood – Upcoming All Soul’s event in November
- Tree-Girt-Sea – Note that Twelfth Night is coming up
- Foxvale – Thanks for supporting Fox Hunt event
- Rokkehealden – nothing at this time
- Grey Gargoyles – nothing at this time

Local Officer Reports:

- No reports

Transitions Update:

- Baronial Transition Timeline:
 - July: Financial Policy Approved by Group!
 - October: Possible approval of Landed Nobility Expectations
 - November: Possible approval of Charter
 - December: Possible approval of Name
 - February: Possible approval of Device
 - March: Possible submission of Transition Packet
 - May: Curia Meeting - Possible declaration of candidate for Landed Nobility
 - June: Possible Polling for Landed Nobility
- Please remember that this is just an approximate timeline.
- We need to wait for the “Laurel Letter of Acceptances and Returns” to be published for our name and device. This is the formal proof that the College of Arms has accepted our heraldry. After they meet it is currently taking about four months for publication.
- We also now have a more active Kingdom Seneschal Deputy for Charter Compliance. We will also need to have him check out Charter against Kingdom law for conflicts once we have completed it and before we can submit it to Curia.
- We may be able to get approval from Curia before the Curia meeting. They are able to communicate through online means for decisions.

Ayreton Events:

- Simple Day
 - We had a nice day camp and the Pippins performed.
- Pennsic
 - Thank you Midrealm Royal guard, the Crown was impressed; Ayreton was only group to provide a full day’s coverage of guard duty.
 - Ayreton brewers provided mead for state dinner
 - Jane and Anne organized the Ayreton Angels. They can use donations and volunteers at future events.
 - Ayreton day – shopping together, food at House Rayburn, everyone had a good time and we would like to do it again next year.
 - Opening ceremonies led by our Deputy Herald
 - There are plans for an Ayreton camp at Pennsic next year.

- Midrealm XL Celebration: Steward: Fern de la Foret
 - Bojei is the tavern coordinator. There will be 4 food taverns throughout the day.
 - An Armorer's Guild meeting has been added to the schedule.
 - We have the site on Saturday from 8:00 AM-10:00PM. Staff starting at 8:00AM, populace starting at 9:00AM and activities beginning at 10:00AM. On Sunday for fighter practice we have the site starting at 10:00AM. The schedule is subject to change and will be posted on the website shortly.
 - Sarafina is the Royalty Liaison. There will be 11 royal persons in attendance. The Royal Room will be the East Room. Sarafina needs volunteers for retaining and to serve as door guards.
 - Henry is in charge of heavy fighting and is looking for prize donations for tourney winners.
 - Anna Rakel's daughters Magdalena and Zhou Mei have volunteered to organize water for the event and bathroom inspections every hour between 12:00PM and 8:00PM. They need volunteers, youth and adult can help.
 - Crash space is needed. There are a lot of requests coming in and more crash space could be used. Volunteer to host people if you can.
 - Tacit is organizing the Dessert Revel and so far no one has confirmed that they are bringing anything. The subtlety is done. Please consider contributing a dish to the dessert revel.
 - Baronial Banner Project—5 are done, all but 2 have been designed and a majority of the designs have been traced onto fabric awaiting painting.

- Carnivale 2010: Steward: Accepting Bids
 - Please submit by November Business Meeting.
 - The Glenbrook North Spring break weekends are March 27th and April 3rd. We do not know which we may be able to use yet if you would like to bid to run the event using this site.

- Joint Event with Carraig Ban
 - Continuing to find a way to partner. Reassessed availability and will look at 2011.

Largess Projects:

- Any other projects we could offer? Anyone need help?

Tabard Project:

- Julianna said the first two tabards are done. They will be used at 40 Year.

Baronial Gold Key

- Gianetta has invited anyone who sews, can cut out patterns, embroider, etc. to help out with the Baronial Gold Key loaner garb project next Sunday at Julianna's house.

Upcoming Local Events:

- 9/18 The Fields of Cloth and Gold {Illiton}
- 10/3 MK 40 Year Celebration {Grey Gargoyles} **Local Event**
- 10/11 Baronial Business Meeting {Grey Gargoyles}
- 11/7 All Soul's Day {Vanished Wood} **Local Event**
- 11/8 Baronial Business Meeting {Tree-Girt-Sea}
- 12/13 Baronial Business Meeting {Rokkehealden}
- 1/10 Baronial Business Meeting {Vanished Wood}
- 1/16 12th Night Celtic Fair {Tree-Girt-Sea} **Local Event**
- 1/23 Festival of Maidens: The Merry Maidens of Penzance {Wurm Wald}