

Meeting minutes – 12 August 2023

1502 – Opened by Warren McArdle

Officers in attendance:

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| Seneschal | Warren McArdle | Present |
| Deputy Seneschal | Maree Yarwood | Present |
| Reeve | Janet Coath | Absent |
| Deputy Reeve | Cathy Leviston | Absent |
| Marshal | Stephen Davis | Present |
| Captain of Archers | Claire Carpenter | Absent |
| Deputy Captain of Archers | Michelle Kurrie | Absent |
| Rapier Marshal | Jason Metcalfe | Absent |
| Deputy Rapier Marshal | Jason Tate | Absent |
| Baron | Stephen Davis | Present |
| Baroness | Margaret Henly | Present |
| Constable | Leanne McArdle | Present |
| Arts and Sciences Officer | Joanna Thorpe-Jones | Present |
| Herald | Maree Yarwood | Present |
| Web Minister | Kevin Duong | Absent |
| Chronicler | Margaret Henly | Present |
| Chatelaine | Shona Boulton | Absent |
| Quartermaster | Erynn McArdle | Present |
| St. Monica Seneschal | Rachel Thorpe-Jones | Absent |
| Social Media Officer | Julia Jamieson | Absent |

Visitors: Stephen Roylance, Miriam Staples, David Staples, Sussanah Staples, Debra Eagle, Anthony Robinson.

Populace present: Margaret Clancy, Rebecca Taylor, Asmodea Barton, Elizabeth Tobin, Margaret Rendell, Patrick Corby, Elizabeth Corby, Natalie Szabo, Debbie Szabo, Andrew Wilson, Zachary Bessemer, Paul Harrison, Bronwyn Schoer.

Previous minutes accepted – moved by Marg Henly, Seconded by Maree Yarwood.

Officers appointments and vacancies:

- Armoured Marshal – still needs to be advertised. Stephen Davies has an extension.

Event Summaries – no events held since last meeting.

Recurring Events

Bi-monthly Archery Training

- 25 people attended last month despite the rain. Congratulations due to Claire and Michelle for making it happen.
- 3 heavy fighters, 1 unauthorized fighter and 2 plumed archers included in attendance.

Thursday Night Training

- Approximately 10 people per week turning up.
- Returning as well as new faces.
- Training is ramping up for both rapier and heavy.
- Had a visitor from Swordcraft attend last session – is interested in fostering mutual interest for both SCA and Swordcraft.

Expenses – none outstanding.

Upcoming events –

- **Solmonath III** – not happening this year due to time constraints.
- **Day of Honour** – Brechin will not be stewarding. If anyone is interested in stewarding, please see Warren. There is a notable lack of experienced feast stewards to run a feast. Suggestions for DoH – a ball with finger food. We could start a new tradition.
- **Royal Welcome to Our Hearth** – Leanne may end up being steward (TBA). The Queen is a fan of the performing arts. Suggestions for having music and dancing. Food depends on if we have a working kitchen or not.
- **Inter-College War** – will be held at Camp Warringal, Wittlesea. 5 weeks from today. Assistance needed for training and authorisations, marshalling, advertising (bookings have so far been slow), people to run the Arts and Science competition, more classes needed, time tabling and some assistance with the feast – most of it is sorted. Insurance is sorted – Monash University will insure all attendees regardless of if they are a Monash student or not. This technically makes the event a non-SCA event. St Monica's will consult with other colleges to see what has worked for them and for tips on how to run things. Activities will include: a ball, games on the Green, tournaments, a bad cocktail competition (not finalised), heavy and rapier war.
- **Pirate boffer event** – still in discussion. Waiting for Shona to get back from Pennsic.
- **Day of Champions** – proposed by MY to break it up into 3 – 4 events: 1 x heavy and rapier + arts and sciences, 1 x archery and +/- equestrian in a separate event. Likely will not be a feast due to the lack of available feast stewards.

Other business

Stormhold's 35th Birthday event – no word. Will be held sometime in October or November.

Baron's Challenge to Ynys Fawr – to be held in January. Stormhold challenges Ynys Fawr to defend the high tide mark between them and Stormhold. Krae Glas has been asked to ally with Stormhold as we also share a vast majority of our coastline with Ynys Fawr.

Kingdom event – Warren has informed the Crown that we may be in a position next year (2024) to host the Spring Crown Tournament. Warren will most likely steward (he won't be Seneschal then).

Noble Park Scout Hall

- Kitchen – Delayed again because Rovers are waiting for approval from Scouts Victoria. Also, the builders have been ill so no further work has been done. MH proposed that we buy some benchtops for them from Bunnings:
 - \$500 moved by Marg Henly, seconded by Margaret Clancy. No objections from anyone present.
- The visitor from Swordcraft (Anthony Robinson) is an electrician and will be in contact with Rovers.

- Waldo (Laurence Irvine) is uncertain about installing a new ramp himself as there are regulations on the steepness and dimensions that it has to be.
- The Rovers are not comfortable taking large sums of money from us due to bad experiences in the past with other groups that did the same thing.

Other

- KG communication strategy: Our Instagram page now has 30 followers. Please follow if you haven't done so already.

Officer Reports

Reeve –

- Account balances as at the end of July 2023 :
 - Community Solutions One account \$3014.71
 - Cash Reserve B account \$8467.43 No cash reserve or floats are outstanding at this time.
 - Xero fully reconciled to end of July 2023 Dropbox is up to date with bank statements and sign in sheets with the exception of July CraftHall on the 8th.
 - No event reports outstanding. Your Reeve is happy.

Marshal

- We would like to add more marshals to the St. Monica's Marshalling roster – if you can spare a Wednesday night to help out the Collegians, we would appreciate it.

Rapier

- Rapier Marshal is in the midst of changing careers so has not had much time to work on Rapier stuff. Warren has got is first rapier sword!

A&S

- Our new A&S Officer has been running classes at St Mons. She is still new and learning the role.

Webminister

- In the midst of job hunting as well as prioritising an upcoming technical interview in a coding language he has no knowledge of.

Herald

- No awards since last meet because there haven't been any events. I am helping our social media officer with registering her new name and device. I have not heard from Geoffrey Warren about his new name and device.

Constable

- The paperwork is sorted into easily located folders. No new lost property. Waiting on Rebecca Taylor to deposit cash when she can. We have Erynn's old phone that we can use as

device for the Square reader so we don't have to keep relying on people's individual phones to take payments.

Chronicler and Social Media Officer

- Social Media Facebook pages: reactions up 24% and engagement up 36.5%. There was a spike in engagement around the last Archery training event. Photos and memes posted by our Social Media Officer has brought more traffic to the site.

St Monica's

- Rachel Thorpe-Jones (not present) has asked us to please name the St Mons delegate in the minutes.
- No St Mons delegate this week.
- We believe the College has been busy with Inter-College War.
- We have heard there is some interest in the College for Saturday training. Conrad Leviston (not present) has said he might be available for Marshalling.

Captain of Archers

- I still haven't seen the invoice from the school.
- I just got the official archers account open though so will follow up next week.
- Other than that, am keen to do an arrow making/fixing session at a craft hall as discussed with SD.
- If anyone can help particularly with supplies/costing let me know what month suits.

Quartermaster

- Nothing to report.
- I still need to catalogue all the items in storage.

Chatalaine

- Has been at Pennsic. On her way home as we speak.

B&B

- Thank you for coming to training.
- Let us know what you want to do in the Barony
 - Events
 - Winery tours
 - Theatre restaurant excursions
 - Arts and sciences projects
- Please ask us if you want to know what is involved in being a B&B.
- What would you like to see us doing?
- Royal KG Crochery – being picked up next weekend. Will be here for the Royal Welcome to Our Hearth.
- Leanne asked about knives forks and spoons for the Royals – Marg said that we should be able to find something fancy for them.

Next Meeting: Saturday 9th September 2023

Meeting closed 1625.