

Barony of Krae Glas – Minutes February 2024

Summary			
Location	Noble Park Hall		Saturday 10 February 2024
Time	1527 – Opened by Warren McArdle		
Attendance			
Officers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seneschal 2. Deputy Seneschal 3. Reeve 4. Deputy Reeve 5. Marshal 6. Captain of Archers 7. Deputy Captain of Archers 8. Rapier Marshal 9. Deputy Rapier Marshall 10. Baron 11. Baroness 12. Constable 13. A&S Officer 14. Herald 15. Web minister 16. Chronicler 17. Chatelaine 18. Quartermaster 19. St. Monica Seneschal 20. Social Media Officer/Photographer 21. Deputy Social Media Officer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warren McArdle 2. Maree Yarwood 3. Janet Coath 4. Cathy Leviston 5. Andrew Wilson 6. Claire Carpenter 7. Michelle Kurrie 8. Jason Metcalfe 9. Jason Tate 10. Stephen Davis 11. Margie Henley 12. Leanne McArdle 13. Joanna Thorpe-Jones 14. Maree Yarwood 15. Kevin Duong 16. Margie Henley 17. Nic Barton 18. Erynn McArdle 19. Rach Thorpe-Jones 20. Julia Jamieson 21. Talie van Groeningen 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present 2. Present 3. Present 4. N/A 5. Present 6. N/A 7. N/A 8. N/A 9. Present 10. Present 11. Present 12. Present 13. Present 14. Present 15. Present 16. Present 17. Present 18. N/A 19. N/A 20. Present 21. Present
Visitors			
Populace Present	Ha Sarah Nguyen , Stephen Roycanez , Zachary Bessemer , Nicki Dobson , Bec Taylor , Caitlin McCrae , (Rob and Gabe) Jamieson		

Description	Action & Person Responsible	Comments/Status	Person Seconding & Timeframe (if determined)
Previous Minutes	1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes.	Janet MOVED to accept.	Maree
Officers (appointments and vacancy)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group acknowledged the passing of Marshal and Chatelaine positions. 2. Advertisement for the position of Deputy Reeve was discussed, with readiness expressed by potential candidates to step up. 3. Chronicler position vacancy was noted, with commentary closed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The group awaits communication from the Kingdom Chronicler. 4. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a Deputy Social Media Officer for Discord. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Talie has stepped up. 5. For the Seneschal position, despite advertising, no official applications have been received. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rebecca was proposed as a potential candidate for Deputy Seneschal. 		
Events Summary & Feedback			
Fencing Fiesta	<p>The Fencing Fiesta event was discussed, with overall positive feedback.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key highlights from the event report were shared, including: 2. 33 attendees over the weekend. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adequate catering arrangements. b. 'appropriate and ample without being overly ample.' 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Management of facilities despite challenges such as a sink (manageable but not ideal) issue and a fridge plug falling out. 3. Successful fencing sessions led by experienced instructors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3 HEMA combatants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Initial biases, but left positive of SCA. ii. Space was good. 4. Appreciation extended to individuals who contributed to the event's success. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Innilgard teachers. b. Rob for kitchen assistance. c. Margie for assistance. d. Seumas for marshal. <p>Approximately \$250 profit generated. There was a push to increase interest in fencing.</p>		
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Recurring Events

<p>Thursday Night Training (Noble Park Scout Hall)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnout Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visitors from Rowany - Master of Defence appeared. b. 11 people at one point. c. Sir Brennan and his son want to come. 2. Preparation for Upcoming Crown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Crown contestants have been actively training. 3. Night Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Due to cooler weather, spotlights have been considered for adequate lighting. 		
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<p>Bi-Monthly Archery (Noble Park Secondary)</p>	<p>Same day as Fencing Fiesta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The archery event saw over 10 attendees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Including a banana. <p>Future plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nic has suggested introducing rubber band gun training for fencers 		
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<p>Crafthall (Noble Park Scout Hall)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation of Classes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion centred on improving the organisation of classes to minimise confusion and enhance efficiency. 2. Collegians' Interest in Dancing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collegians expressed a keen interest in dancing activities. b. Plans were outlined to introduce dancing sessions on Wednesdays followed by Crafthall sessions. c. The Labour Day long weekend on 9th March was proposed as an ideal time for implementation. 3. Changing Crafthall/Council Meeting Times: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review of the recent Fencing Fiesta event, led by Stephen, prompted discussions on optimising event logistics. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Suggestions were made to adjust the event schedule to accommodate various activities effectively. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initially - Crafthall starts at 12PM with Council meeting at 3PM. 2. Proposed - Crafthall starts at 12PM, rescheduling council meeting to 1PM and proceeding with Crafthall. ii. This adjustment would allow for seamless transitions between different event segments, such as Crafthall and tournament training, while also facilitating stewarding team training. b. Note: The option for garbed attire was mentioned, with recognition of it being an additional cost and an optional element of participation. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A proposal was put forth to implement the adjusted event schedule post-Festival following Maree's event. 2. Further discussions were recommended with St. Monica's council to explore collaborative opportunities. 3. Additionally, plans for a dancing and barbecue event with the baron were discussed to encourage community engagement. 4. Contact with potential dance teachers, including Stephen Drane, Sorcha, and Elliot, was suggested. The Arts & Sciences officer will liaise with Janet to facilitate coordination efforts. 	
Expenses			
None	Receipts have arrived and will be sorted for reimbursement. No outstanding floats.		

Upcoming Barony Events

<p>Proposed Events:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Day of Champions (11 May 2024) 2. Spring Crown (14-15 September 2024/2025) 3. Day of Honour (27th July 2024) 	<p><i>[Pending Proposal]</i></p> <p><i>[Pending Approval/Submission]</i></p> <p><i>[Pending Time]</i></p>	
<p>1. Day of Champions (Maree/Conrad and Cathy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steward – Maree Yarwood • Co-stewards – Conrad (Rapier and Heavy Championship) and Cathy Leviston (Deputy Feast Steward). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Day of Honour Ball Proposal: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. "Day of Honour Ball" event has been suggested. 2. Event Format: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The event would typically feature tournaments with both heavy and rapier categories. b. Tournaments are proposed to run for 2 hours each. c. Open to all. 3. Scoring System: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A point-style system will be implemented for scoring during the tournaments. 4. A&S competition. 5. Food <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cold Feast with augmented sausages and chicken. b. Cathy - Helping as Deputy feast steward. But looking for someone to learn from her. Mentoring available. 6. St. Monican Champion Appointment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consideration was given to appointing a St. Monican Champion to represent the Colleges. b. The potential benefits of such an appointment in fostering collegiate pride and unity were discussed. 7. Financial Considerations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial projections for the event were presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. \$15 per adult head. ii. \$30 for the full event. iii. Break-even point estimated at 21 adults. iv. Expected profit range of \$180-\$220. 	<p><u>Proposal Approval:</u></p> <p>Motion: ["PENDING necessary administrative steps. Proposal for the event."]</p> <p>MOVED by Stephen and Janet passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Originally May Craffthall - May 11. However, Shore War is after and St. Monica's Feast Day is before. And the start of the SCA new year.</p> <p>Coming weeks will liaise with College to see how they want things to be run.</p> <p>Event Proposal TBD</p>

<p>2. Spring Crown 2024</p> <p>Akoonah Park – 2 Cardinia St, Berwick VIC 3806</p>	<p>1. Event Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kingdom Seneschal approached the group regarding a potential bid for the Crown. Concerns were raised about the potential financial and energy drain that a Crown Bid might entail. In lieu of the bid, discussions revolved around implementing Plan B, which involves organising smaller events to build experience and skills for future opportunities. Suggestions for smaller events included Balls, Tavern nights, movie nights, among others. 	<p><u>Proposal Approval:</u></p> <p><i>After careful consideration, it was decided not to pursue the bid.</i></p> <p><i>This decision was supported by BnB and other Pelicans.</i></p>	<p>14-15 of September</p>
<p>1. Day of Honour</p>	<p>Will come back with location.</p>	<p>Notably Warren's birthday</p>	<p>July 27th.</p>
<p>Other business</p>			
<p>Events Coming Up:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Challenge Shore War Monthly Bash Rowany Festival 	<p><i>[Pending Proposal]</i></p> <p><i>[Pending Approval/Submission]</i></p> <p><i>[Pending Time]</i></p>	
<p>1. Chess Challenge</p>	<p>Hosted by Stormhold</p>		<p>March 23rd</p>
<p>2. Shore War</p>	<p>Hosted by Stormhold</p>		<p>May</p>
<p>3. Monthly Bash</p>	<p>Hosted by Stormhold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to heat fighting did not occur last bash. 		<p>First Sundays at Clifton Hills.</p>
<p>4. Rowany Festival</p>	<p>BnB, Seneschal and a few others will not be available for Crafhall due to attending this event.</p>		<p>14th-23rd April</p>
<p>Local business</p>			

<p>Noble Park Scout Hall, refers to the <i>City Of Greater Dandenong District Scout Centre</i> from hereinafter.</p> <p>Next to Noble Park station.</p>	<p>Noble Park infrastructure updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water and kitchen facilities are still pending. 2. A plug falling out issue has been reported to the Scouts. 3. With a new Scouts Treasurer in place, invoices will now be processed monthly. 4. Progress on the ramp is still pending. 		
<p>Other</p>	<p>None.</p>		
<p>Baronial business</p>			
<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix the second set of thrones (in the trailer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Issue was finding equivalent wood, one small and large. Budget: 100\$. 	<p>Consideration was given to potentially painting the thrones as part of the maintenance process.</p>	<p>May 2023</p>
<p>Officer Reports</p>			
<p>Seneschal (Warren)</p>	<p>Seneschal Transition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stepping down in March. - Plans were discussed to set up a ZOOM account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval granted during the December meeting. - The account will be attached to the Seneschal's email after consultation with the Reeve. - The Seneschal expressed satisfaction with the reports and reminded officers that they are due by Wednesday. - A call was made for interested individuals to apply for the Seneschal position. 	<p>Updates from Kingdom Seneschal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder about completing the Crown Poll Alternate. - Discussion on the naming of events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasising the format: <p style="text-align: center;">Event Name-Barony-Location</p> - Avoid assumed knowledge. 	
<p>Reeve (Janet)</p>	<p>Account balances as at the end of December 2023 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Solutions One account \$3062.47 - Cash Reserve B account \$8467.82 - No cash reserve or floats are outstanding. - Xero is fully reconciled to the end of Jan 2024 - Dropbox is up to date with bank statements and sign in sheets. 	<p>Your Reeve is happy, Your Reeve is greedy.</p>	

	Event report for the Fencing Fiesta Workshop weekend is still outstanding, as are the receipts for reimbursement for food from that event.	
Barony Marshal (Andrew)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday training session resulted in a minor profit. - Two newcomers attended, contributing positively to the reputation of the group. - Notable crossover observed between rapier and heavy combat disciplines. 	A report has been submitted summarising the activities.
Rapier Marshal (Jason Metcalfe)	<p>Reported by Jason Tate (Deputy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited report provided due to absence caused by travel and sickness related to COVID-19. - Videos from recent events indicated encouraging cross-pollination between rapier and heavy combat. 	Plans are underway to acquire 8-10 additional mats, with a focus on enhancing safety measures through two softer lighting for heavy training.
Arts and Science Officer (Joanna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The A&S officer was not present to deliver a report. Due having left a moment she was due to report. 	Refer to above notes related to barony activity.
Webminister (Kevin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landing page: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes, and other irrelevant pages removed. - Sections have been re-organised. - Combined Calendar fixed and moved up. 	
Herald (Maree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Herald's report has been submitted. - A reply from Crux, the first one in the Kingdom to submit a report, was noted as a significant achievement. - No further updates were provided. 	
Constable (Leanne)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive updates were shared regarding attendance records and payment processing. - Acquisition of a Second Square was confirmed, with ongoing use related to bi-monthly archery. 	
Chronicler (Margie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awaiting commentary period and response from the Kingdom Chronicler. 	The transition of office is scheduled for April 12.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received the Chronicler Pouch/Token of Office. 	
Social Media Officer (Julia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facebook is at 122 likes & 158 followers (+2/5 from last month) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instagram - 53 followers (+0 from last month) - FB engagement rate - 14% - Instagram engagement rate - 13% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anything over 6% engagement is considered really good, so even with fluctuations, those numbers are still good. - Facebook posts reached over 2,500 people & Instagram posts reached almost 700 people (both about 95% non-followers) in the last month. <p>Despite slow but steady growth, the engagement percentages reflect a positive response from the audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of a Linktree, has streamlined access to the group's website and social media platforms, enhancing user experience. - Business cards have been designed and are ready for ordering through Canva, pending approval of the design. - A QR code on the business cards will link to the Linktree, providing easy access to all relevant links. - Delay in posting event photos was acknowledged, with reassurance that they will be shared soon. 	<p><u>Proposal Approval:</u></p> <p>Motion: ["Procure 250 business cards for \$37"]</p> <p>MOVED by Margie and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Additionally, it was suggested to include a "You spoke to..." section on the back of the business cards.</p> <p>Talie has volunteered to serve as Deputy Social Media Officer, with plans to streamline communication via Discord.</p> <p>Sarah has volunteered to teach a Discord workshop.</p> <p>Plans were made to organise a big group photograph in the near future.</p> <p><u>Proposal Approval:</u></p> <p>Motion: ["Subscribe to Google Drive for \$30 a year"]</p> <p>MOVED by Janet, seconded by Julia - passed unanimously.</p>
St Monica (Rachel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St. Monica's group held a meeting to organise their activities for the year, particularly with the start of the university semester. - O-week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Despite not requiring support from the Barony, plans are underway for events. - Though a demo was suggested the suitability of the location leaves much to be desired. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Megan has assumed the role of the new St. Monica's Arts and Science Officer. Plans are being drafted to address inconsistency in Marshall availability, with suggestions for weapon demonstrations proposed by Conrad.
Captain of Archers (Claire)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was a banana for the bi-monthly archery. 	

Quartermaster (Erynn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will set things up soon. 		
Chatelaine (Nick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing new to report at this time. 		
Baron & Baroness (Jon and Margie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm and ideas contributed by members, highlighting their role as facilitators and community builders. - Emphasis was placed on the importance of enabling initiatives to foster community engagement. <p>Community Engagement Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community fairs, including the Mooroolbark Festival, Pakenham Show, and Dandenong Show. - It was suggested to propose participation in these events to the Barony for exposure and engagement with the broader community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notably, a budget of \$3000 was mentioned for potential participation in the Celtic Festival, severe financial difficulty dissuades this. 	Attendees were encouraged to explore and engage with upcoming community events, keeping in mind the group's role as a recreational society and the potential benefits of increased visibility and engagement.	
Meeting closed at	1647		
Next meeting	Saturday 9th March 2024 Noble Park Hall		