

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

December 15, 2019

By THL Theodora Doukaina

### **Attendance:**

Merewen	Rosamond	Theodora	Myfanwy	Felicia	Mahala
Genevieve	Michael	Avelyn	Freybjorn	Thorsteinn	
Novella	Seaborn				

**Approval of Minutes:** October minutes were approved.

**New Member Declarations:** No new members were present.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**Arts & Sciences (Genevieve):** 12 people were present for the JdA feast tasting on November 10. We need to make 41 more site tokens; probably meet for informal sessions. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Kingdom report is due soon. Please send Genevieve detailed information on you're A & S activities in October, November, and December.

**Chatelaine (Myfanwy):** One new person (John) attended the Shire Christmas party on December 7. He plans to attend JdA. We will need newcomer badges for JdA. Give them to Myfanwy or bring to JdA. Myfanwy plans an instruction poster on newcomer badges to be displayed at troll. Myfanwy wants to embroider QR code banner and link to a Shire site. Freybjorn discussed tiny URL and making an account which allows one QR code to link to different destinations. Myfanwy has not heard from the previous two newcomers.

**Children (Mahala):** No events have been attended. Mahala is getting classes and activities ready for JdA. These include a mural project and a largesse activity.

**Chronicler (Theodora):** The October minutes are ready to be uploaded to the Shire webpage. Theodora is working on the first quarter 2020 newsletter. Please send her any items for inclusion. The Kingdom report is due December 31 and will be submitted on time.

**Exchequer, Knight Marshal, Quartermaster, and Rapier Marshal (Brian):** Absent, no report. He texted Merewen that he would send her the reports later.

\*At Jan. 5, 2020, meeting Brian said there had been no change in the balance since November, 2019. No martial activity and no changes to inventory.

**Herald (Myfanwy):** Names, devices, and badges have been approved for Avelyn, Freybjorn, and Marina. Merewen's badge is still in the pipeline. See Myfanwy if you have new heraldry to discuss and/or submit. The Kingdom report was submitted on time.

**Seneschal (Merewen):** The Kingdom report was submitted on time. Merewen's warrant expires on December 31. She will remain seneschal until February 13 to close out JdA. Merewen wants to devote more time to the Web Minister position and the Social Media Office. There was discussion on the process of becoming the new seneschal.

**Social Media Office (Myfanwy and Merewen):** Myfanwy submitted the Kingdom report on time. Neither Myfanwy nor Merewen has received their warrant. This was noted on the Kingdom report. There was a discussion on ways to publicize the Shire and Jour d'Amour. CC both Myfanwy and Merewen.

**Web Minister (Merewen):** Merewen will send the statistics on usage to Theodora. Basically visits to the Shire webpage are down since we are using Facebook more. Merewen has updated the JdA pages on the website and put the revised Bylaws, put out the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter voting list, and uploaded the October minutes and will upload the November minutes. She has put disclaimers on every page per Kingdom directions. She is working on getting the Officer email accounts.

### **Old Business:**

**Approval of Bylaws revision (Merewen):** The 2020 Revised Bylaws were approved unanimously by the 10 Shire members present for the vote. (Thorsteinn, Novella, and Seaborn came in after the vote.) William and Brian sent in "aye" proxies making the total 12 ayes; 0 nays.

**Jour d'Amour Update (Avelyn):** Genevieve and William will precook the meat dishes. Mistress Dianora gave Genevieve a detailed description of the Indian Springs State Park kitchen. Avelyn emailed the JdA update this morning. Class spots have been filled. Their Highnesses will attend. Avelyn will contact Her Highness Ysmay concerning the Sword in the Stone project. Salty Blue will do the fundraiser lunch which will be chili with all the fixings. Katerina will do the revel with half live music from the Electric Normans and half recorded music. Merewen asked for a playlist so the Normans could practice. Merewen will send out a troll sign up sheet via Google Docs. Rosamond asked about Paypal. Avelyn said it was likely too late. William will be asked to bring the sheetwalls, benches, flag pole and stand, and the wooden boxes. Likely use Geoffrey's tables for feast. Mahala plans to have scrolls to give children at troll. Please write award recommendations for JdA.

**Next Meeting:** January 5 at 12:30 at the Georgia Southern Library.