

Malagentia Province Meeting

Meeting Minutes

3.7.2024

Chronicler: Aesa Ormstunga

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by: Mat Wyck, Seneschal

In attendance: Mat, Aesa, Camille, Frances, Shyvan, Bo, Aurelia, Amee, Micah, Lydia, Johannes, Molly, Collette, Esben, Meara, Octavia, Aureliana, Sulicena, Max, Mickel?, Aloysius, Dunlaith, Tomas, Volmar, Speedbump, Q

1. **Opening remarks** - from Mat Wyck, Seneschal: Call for a moment of remembrance of Cecelia Hunter, known in the Society as Lady Rose Coppersteel who passed earlier this year. She was a valued member of the Society and our local group, and will be missed. Following, we have officer reports, practice space and questions for the attendees, EK and Provincial awards, upcoming events and Guild reports.

2. **Officer reports:**
 - a. **A&S - Octavia:** We have standard craft, scribal and dance nights. Upcoming events as well, Spring's Inspirations looking for teachers.
 - i. Comment from Bo: game night is still scheduled for last Thursday of every month.

 - b. **Chatelaine - Collette:** Demo time is coming up. Still developing a section of the Chatelaine's office to focus on demos. Esben has volunteered and has submitted a request to participate in PortCon. Discussion of participating in Portland Pride in June (does conflict with H&M), more details on both to come out in the next few months.
 - i. Comment from Seneschal: Folks are encouraged to do both the Pride demo *and* H&M, it's possible to have enough participation for both to be successful.

 - c. **Chronicler - Aesa:** First issue of the Moonstone went out in February. Planning on a supplemental issue of the MoonLite in the next month or so, or may roll content over to the next full Moonstone issue, depending on scheduling. Currently have some good content, but anyone should always feel free to submit articles or requests, and happy to help people put together an article if they never

have before. Planning an in memoriam section for the upcoming issue, any words of remembrance for Lady Rose are welcome.

- d. **Exchequer – Shyvan:** We have money! Insurance payment was received and the policy currently in force. Storage facility and all Provincial gear is now insured in case of theft, fire or other unforeseen catastrophe.
 - i. Question from Octavia: “how much does it cost?” Answer: \$350 a year.
- e. **Herald - Volmar:** Nothing to report.
- f. **Knight Marshal - Micah:** We have heavy fighting practice! Bonus practice was well attended. Some new people have stuck around and there are rumours of people who are coming back.
 - i. Question from Seneschal: how’s the gear situation? Answer: some stuff needs some care, but otherwise seems to be okay.
- g. **Minister of Lists - Frances:** Nothing to report.
- h. **Rapier Marshal - Aurelia:** Pretty much the same, we have weekly practices and no paperwork. Starting melee practices. Loaner gear is in good shape.
- i. **Thrown Weapons - Tomas:** Not much happening right now, but Crowe hosting a thrown weapons gathering at his house mid-April. Amy, who will be running thrown weapons for GNEW will be running her own range as a newly minted marshal. Hoping to get some places to set up ranges and have regular practice spaces.
 - i. Comment from Seneschal: Q is also a new marshal and has been talking about setting something up in Standish.
 - ii. Comment from Aloysius: Thrown space is available up in Ravensbridge (space and targets) but lacks a marshal.
 - iii. Comment from Tomas: Still in possession of Provincial thrown weapon gear, can transfer to anyone or to the storage unit.
 - iv. Comment from Dunlaith: Practice will be held in South Berwick once the weather cooperates and the ground dries out. Up to four TW marshals in the Province!
- j. **Web Minister - Aesa (Deputy):** Working on a website revamp, slowly going over the current content to see what can be streamlined, any points of redundancy. Working with the Cook’s Guild to revise their page as well. Deputy has been warranted, working on getting permissions to help with emails. Anyone who would like assistance in getting a Wiki page going, please feel free to reach out.

- k. **Giggleswick - Dunlaith:** Virtual Populace meeting coming up, next Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm. Working with Clair to determine a date for the next Officer Meeting.
 - l. **Archery - Aloysius:** Range is still squishy, but as soon as that dries out, the range will be set up. Monday evening practices will start up once there's more daylight. Balfar's Challenge will have a round-up for MITs to see who can be promoted to marshal or to give training as needed. There's definitely a need for archery marshals within the region/Kingdom.
 - m. **Ravensbridge - Aloysius:** In person meeting went well, will be doing it again. Pride and H&M will be in conflict—may apply a day rate for Saturday night so that people can do Pride festival and then pay a reduced amount for Saturday evening.
 - n. **Quartermaster - Reynard:** Not present, no report.
3. **Practice Space and Questions:** Had an extra martial practice space at the Baptist Church in Portland, about 45 people in attendance. Was roughly a smaller space than our Tuesday practice, but things went well. Current plan is to hold more extra practices there, maybe once a month (that will likely include a fee), but will continue to hold regular practices at the Sullivan Gym as long as that's viable. Since this new space is not part of USM, we can open up to Youth participants. The Sullivan Gym did ask if we were able to move from Tuesdays to Thursdays due to another group's schedule—since we have so many things already scheduled on Thursday it doesn't seem feasible. Response from the attendees: do not want.
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- a. **EK Awards:** Write someone in! You do not have to be a member of an Order to recommend someone. Armigerous level awards (AoA, Silver Rapier/Brooch/Mantel/Tyger/Wheel) can be recommended and awarded at any time, however Polling Orders have a set window scheduled, normally multiple times over each reign. Current write-ins for Polling Orders will be for TRHs to consider. NOTE: If you want to write someone in for an award to be received at GNE, do so *now*, events fill up quickly and it's almost too late.
 - b. **Provincial Honours:** We have them in the fields of A&S, service, youth, courtesy and martial prowess. Write someone in (see a theme, here?!). Miscellaneous comments: these are Honours and not precedent bearing, so they will not show

on the Order of Precedence, however they can be listed on your EK Wiki entry. Speedbump noted that they can be earned more than once, but will need to check details.

5. **Spring's Inspirations - Aesa and Aurelia:** Scheduled for April 13th. Seven confirmed classes—fibre, scribal, Forester, etc. Pre-registration via PayPal is open! Dayboard is in the works and sounds great (confirmation from Camille and Shyvan: the cookies are excellent!). Still open for any classes people want to teach, and if anyone is curious about teaching but doesn't feel quite ready, they are welcome to partner with someone to co-teach. Even if you're not teaching or there are no classes scheduled that interest you, feel free to come by—there will be plenty of socialising, discussion and general hanging out, including a fire space outside in the back, weather permitting.
6. **Test Kitchen - Lydia:** Already getting a tonne of attention even without active promotion—everyone is very excited about it. Diamond will be running gate, secret ingredient is in the works.
7. **H&M - Aloysius and Anee:** Same as last year, in the back property up in Leeds, big open field. It's a lightweight camping event with archery and thrown weapons, fencing, pickups (BYO marshal). There will also be some fun, silly games like Viking pillow-fighting. Hoping for expanded parking, should be a nice social event for people to try out their camping gear before the big event season starts. Several cleanup dates are planned, info on Facebook. Looking forward to it growing in a manageable sort of way. Will need an Archery marshal to accompany on a clean-up day to advise on the Woods Walk.
8. **Pride Demo:** See Chatelaine's report, nothing more to add.
9. **GNE - Q:** The event is happening! July 11th through the 14th. All our outside vendors are set up (cleaning, tents, etc.). Staff has been assembled, initial full staff meeting is scheduled for mid-March. Talks with Stonemarche are in the works to determine a theme/"opponent".
10. **Foresters Guild - Sulicena:** Otzi's was wonderful and well-attended! Unseasonably warm weather allowed for hiking further afield. Lots of people from out of area, lots of cooking, tents setup, socialising. No one(?) stayed overnight due to weather, but plenty of Forester conversations about what's going on and what's coming up. Looking forward to both Spring's Inspirations and Test Kitchen for more Forestry focused happenings. Stonemarche is also getting more active, along with Carolingia and Vermont.

11. **Cooks Guild – Lydia:** Maple syrup gathering coming up this Saturday 3/9 with Speedbump. Foraging event in the works with Sam towards June. Working on revamping the website as well, more to come.
 - a. Comment from Speedbump: The Saturday event is going to be very laid back, just sitting in the backyard while the sap boils.
12. **Other Events:**
 - a. Garb Schola in Stonemarche (Gilford, NH) 3/9
 - b. Floralia in Hadchester, fencing, dance and other activities on 4/20
 - c. Endewearde Baronial Muster Demo, camping event 6/21-6/23 at Fort Knox.
Comment from Camille: you can tent camp or set up a cot in the Officers' Quarters within the fort.
13. **EK Meeting:** Virtual meeting to discuss alternative Crown Tourney options, taking place at 8pm tonight, immediately after the Province Meeting.
14. **Old Business:** None
15. **Other New Business:** Esben – will not know about PortCon for another few weeks, but will need a couple volunteers to register with the con as part of a panel. Also looking specifically to approach at an angle of community, so if anyone has photos highlighting the SCA as a friends and family activity, those would be welcome for this and future demos.
16. **Questions:** None
17. **Closing:** Meeting adjourned by Mat Wyck, Seneschal at 8:01pm.