Malagentia Province Meeting

Meeting Minutes 2.6.2025

Chronicler: Aesa Ormstunga

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by: Mat Wyck, Seneschal

In attendance: Aesa, Mat, Aloysius, Amee, Camille, Mickel, Max, Lydia, Tessa, Aurelia, Theo, Cole, Colette, Bo, Octavia, Diamond, Speedbump, Sulicena, Nancy, Aureliana, Volmar, Frances, Christine

1. Opening remarks from the Seneschal – Welcome to everyone to this very snowy meeting. Had a great practice on the fencing side this past week, which is how I sort of gauge the health and status of the Province. Lots of new people, particularly young and diverse people, and those are the people we're drawing. There's space for all of us. Last night, tons of people at Craft Night, too, which is great. This is how we grow and thrive. The efforts of previous years are really paying off, and we're well into becoming an accepting place that's open to new info and perspectives.

2. Officer reports -

- a. A&S Octavia: The usual! All the stuff, all the things, something A&S going on every week of the month.
- b. Chatelaine Collette: We have new people coming to all sorts of things! Just a reminder, being Chatelaine is the official position, but everyone here in the Province is part of the welcoming committee, and thank you to everyone who is open and encouraging to all these new people. The Province did hear from the Portland Pride committee, so we're reaching out to connect. This year's Portland Pride Festival is scheduled for June 21st and we hope to have a presence there again.
- c. Chronicler Aesa: Last quarter Moonstone came out in December, thanks to everyone who submitted something for a great end of the year issue. The upcoming first quarter issue is in the works, which will include all the amazing Malagentians who received recognition at this past Birka.

- **d.** Exchequer Shyvan: Not present, report from the Seneschal: year end reports have been filed, we're looking good.
- e. Herald Volmar: Nothing to report.
- f. Knight Marshal Micah: Not present, nothing to report.
- g. Minister of Lists Frances: Nothing to report.
- **h.** Rapier Marshal Aurelia: We're having fencing practice every week with new people, thanks to all who take time to teach and spend time with the newcomers.
- i. Thrown Weapons Tomas: Not present, Seneschal noted Dunlaith from Giggleswick has become a new thrown weapons marshal.
- j. Web Minister Tessa: Email updates have happened for GNE, anything else needed, please reach out! Still looking for a Deputy, will not be running for office next term.
- **k.** Giggleswick Dunlaith: Not present, no report.
- I. Archery Aloysius: Nothing much happening at the moment, waiting for the weather to improve.
- m. Ravensbridge Amee: Ravensbridge had their first meeting with the new officers two weeks ago and the transition of emails, etc. is mostly complete. Everyone's looking forward to what's coming up.
- n. Quartermaster Reynard: Not present, no report.

3. Misc. items:

- a. Youth Gear Tessa: been a marshal in training for several years, currently in the process of going through the youth loaner gear, sorting out what's damaged and useable so we can reach out for what's needed to get at least two full sets so that we can continue to have youth fighting at GNE. Karrah, who usually provides gear at GNE will likely not be present.
 - i. Comment from Speedbump: there were many attempts to go through youth gear in the past but never happened. Would it be possible to go through it the way we did Gold Key, using the Gorham church or something like that? Could we also use the gear even if Karrah isn't coming? Answer: probably not on the latter, due to distance and travel.
 - ii. Question: Was there money in the budget for it? Answer: no, but people have mentioned that they'd be happy to donate gear.

- iii. Comment from Theo: is an MiT, willing to help out with this project, also the Chancellor Minor for Stonemarche (lives in Giggleswick) and always up to assist. Currently, youth activities and youth fighting have been very siloed off from each other, good to know they're more closely involved in Malagentia.
- iv. Question from Octavia: how many youth do we have who have shown interest in fighting? Answer: not many at the moment, but we also lack a Chancellor Minor so no one's been available to organise/promote it.
- v. Comment from Amee: at the past GNE, there were maybe 10 to 12 kids who were interested, many of whom left when they weren't able to get gear. But at least 3 or 4 were local Maine residents, so it's important to be able to support that in our own area. What we currently have in storage is a tote (maybe) and two duffel bags of gear.
- vi. Comment from Mat: potential to have something noted about gear requirements posted before GNE, so parents might be able to acquire pieces for their own kids ahead of time.
- vii. Comment from Aurelia: potential to borrow gear from neighbouring areas, Stonemarche, Endewearde, etc. May be better to borrow the gear first and see if we can raise interest first, before buying. Response from Tessa: the intent here isn't to buy new gear, but to figure out what we have so that people who have expressed interest in donating know what's needed.
- viii. If anyone is interested in helping or being otherwise involved, please reach out to Tessa at westminster@malagentia.eastkingdom.org
- b. Provincial Honours Bo and Collette: Provincial Honours are something we've had historically, but have fallen out of use, trying to get it going again. The idea is to start using belt favours as honour tokens, which are easier to make and share effort. Framework is there, just trying to get them back in use.
 - i. Comment from Collette: for anyone who doesn't know what these are, they're recognition that we in the Province (all of us) feel that another member should receive. Nothing as formal as Kingdom/Baronial awards, just a thank you for something people do for the Province, accompanied by a token. It doesn't have to be anything huge. We want to include the community who's being recognised (Malagentia, Giggleswick,

Ravensbridge, all y'all) in the making of the tokens as well, hence the belt favours. We're also open to other ideas. We'd like to have these available to make at craft nights or other gatherings so the community can pitch in.

- ii. Question from Aurelia: how does it work? Does anyone who was nominated get the award? Answer from Mat: in the past, the Officers receive recommendations and would vote on it. Comment from Speedbump: you could also mention it directly to the Officers (i.e. if you were nominating another Officer and didn't want that individual to know). You can get the same honour multiple times. You can also get any type of honour for doing *service* in that area, so if you did fighter support or run A&S gatherings, you could get a Service, Martial or A&S honour.
- iii. Question from Nancy: how would the honours be given? Answer from Mat: in the past, we've given them out at various local events or practices. Since we don't do Court, it's sort of catch as catch can.
- iv. Comment from Aloysius: a good way to jump start might be to get the selecting people together to discuss who might be good candidates now, without waiting for write-ins.
- c. GNE Aesa: Staff meetings for GNE will be starting this month. Event listing with dates is up and will have more info by the end of this week, including rates and info about the new family cap. Website in the works as well. This year the war will be between the Province of Malagentia and the Shire of Quintavia, theme to be finalised, but currently looking to be puns and Provincial pride. Would like to make this a good time to show off Malagentian spirit and pageantry.
- d. Bids Sought Mat: Looking for bids for both Spring's Inspirations and the Malagentia Test Kitchen (set for the first Saturday in May).
- 4. Foresters Guild Sulicena: Otzi's Paradise this coming Saturday (the 8th)! Looking forward to getting out in the snow, doing tracking, snowshoeing, or whatever people want to do. In Bradbury State Park in Pownall, ME. Very laid back event, lots of fun and should be between snow storms. Other than that, hoping to get out before the snow melts for some skiing or snowshoeing, more to come.
- Cooks Guild Lydia: We'd been waiting on a site in Poland, ME for February's meeting which has not come through yet, so our sweet swap may not happen. March: death

dinner, hosted by Frances, date to be posted soon. Ides of March, death and black food themed.

- 6. Old Business: None
- 7. Other New Business: None
- 8. Questions? None
- **9. Closing:** Comments from Mat: lots of Malagentians receiving recognition at Birka as always, well-deserved all around and reflective of all the things happening in the Province all the time. Congratulations to everyone who received recognition during any of the many Courts from that weekend. Thank you all for coming, hoping to see many of you this weekend at Otzi's!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by Mat Wyck, Seneschal.