



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

February AS LX

Next Meetings:

- February 16th, 2025 - **6pm on Zoom**
- March 23rd, 2025 - **6pm on Zoom**

January's Meeting Minutes:

Seneschal's Report: Aesa reported the New Years Moot was well attended. She is still working on getting zip codes for Tads members who have now become part of Windhaven in order to reach out to them. The Baronial website will need a new map updated. Also, picture release forms will be held by the seneschal in the future so there is one spot to keep them. The seneschal can then provide pictures to the social media and webminster to update the appropriate places and keep our pictures updated to show current events.

Chatelaine Report: Lord Eysteinn reported that the dates for the Fall Midwest Viking Fest have been chosen by UWGB and didn't give any options for the dates. It conflicts with other events but if you are thinking of attending, it will be held September 19th - 20th. They need help Thursday night to prep around 4pm. Also, they need assistance for tear down Saturday night after the event.

Exchequer Report: Hilde Steward reported that the annual budget is being sent with the Doomsday report.

The funds are now as follows:
General Fund: \$6,282.81
Practice Fund: \$212.61
Event Fund: \$1,164.74
Total: \$7,660.16

Chronicler's Report: Lady Eyfriðr reported that the VI was written and sent via email.

MoAS: Lord Helgulfr reported that his position is up and his last report was sent on time.

Herald's Report: Lady Nuala reported that she is working on the Order of Precedence.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Aeden reported that there hasn't been a lot of fighting activity lately but he is still hoping to get a couple of practices going. With Fighter's School coming up, there are a lot of interesting teachers coming (ones from West and Middle Kingdoms). He is planning for Regional Summer Practice which will probably be held at Aedan's House - Wednesday night practices to come.

Rapier Marshal's Report: Wilhelm von Mansfeld reported that there are currently no practices right now.

Archery Captain: Lord Luca had nothing to report.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Luca reported that the VI was posted to the site. Also, the last year's VI reports were packed up into a zip file and moved to the archive.

Events Reminder: Do you have any events or practices going on? Please send the details to: events@baronyofwindhaven.org This will forward your events details to the Web Minister, Social Media, and Calendar; letting us stay on the same page and know what is going on. If you are hosting a practice, you can also use the same e-mail address to let everyone know if you need to cancel.

Social Media Deputy's Report: THL Birna reported that she was looking into how to add others as a cohost on Facebook. However, in order to do so, the settings of personal accounts would need to be changed which would be challenging to do and therefore will probably not happen in the near future. She is looking at how to setup accounts for Instagram and other social media websites in such a way that it will attach to the Barony rather than a personal account so it can be passed on to future officers.

Baron & Baroness reports:

Greetings kinsfolk,

More than three years have come and gone since we first took the baronial thrones. We've seen many of our populace receive well-deserved recognition and been pleased to welcome several new faces to our game, as well as a few returning members.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the barony for their confidence in us, as well as their support over the last few years. We leave you in the very capable hands of our Heirs, Eysteinn and Helgulfr; we have absolute confidence in their ability to lead this barony for the next three years.

We didn't even know we were sick ...

M+H

Help Wanted:

- **Knights Marshal position available** - Election can happen as soon as an interested party steps forward.
- **Youth Combat Marshal** - Elections can happen as soon as an interested party steps forward.
- **Thrown Weapons Marshal** - Interested parties can reach out to the seneschal.
- **Chatelaine - Voting in February**

Old Business:

- **Fighter's School** - February 22nd - Queen of the Midrealm is confirmed to be coming. The menu and schedule has been posted. Setup will be Friday night at 4pm for those available to help. They are currently looking for volunteers on the Facebook Fighter's School event discussion.
- **Online Officer's Week** - Allows for officers to meet and discuss together online items relevant to their position. More info on the Northshield website.
 - Monday Feb 17th:
 - 7pm Royal Family
 - 8:15 Web Ministers
 - Tuesday Feb 18th:
 - 7pm Exchequers
 - Wednesday Feb 19th:
 - 7pm Marshallates
 - 8:15pm Chatelains
 - Thursday Feb 20th:
 - 7pm Heralds
 - 8:15pm Chroniclers and Social Media Officers
 - Friday Feb 21st:
 - 7pm Seneschals
 - 8:15pm MoAS
- **Spring Crown Bid Approval** - In May, same site as Fighter's School. Site tokens are done and will look at a lunch menu when it gets closer.

New Business:

- **Chatelain Position Available** - No one stepped forward so it will be up for a vote in February. Note that the current Chatelain must step down as they are stepping up as Baron at Fighter's School.
- **MoAS Position Available** - Taleza Alijohar (Charlotte Yeramian) was voted in as the new MoAS Officer.
- **Equestrian Practices** - Balthazar would like to setup equestrian practices in the future, including mounted archery, at Artisan Stables. There is the potential for rental horses for qualified riders. For Insurance

purposes, he needs to book dates.
Proposed dates included: 3/29, 4/26, 5/31, 6/28, 7/19, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/8 From 10am - 3pm (perhaps earlier in the summer when it is hot mid-day).

- **Royalty Gate Payment at Fighter's School**

- The SCA holds no policy for waiving gate fees for royalty. Northshield's policy is to waive gate fees for coronation and crown events.
- Windhaven Policy - Northshield sovereigns do not pay gate fees, and if they cannot attend, then Northshield Heirs are waived gate fees. Visiting Royalty fees may be individually waived by a vote at a business meeting or via a Quorum of greater officers.
- We have three sets of Royalty attending Fighter's School. NS Sovereigns, NS Heirs, and Midrealm's Sovereigns.
- ***Vote will be held next meeting to waive fees for all attending royalty.***

- **Financial Policy Proposed Changes -**

Hilde would like to propose some changes to the windhaven financial policy after the above vote is complete. The recommended changes will be included below:

=== Current Bylaw: ===

V. Financial Policies

j. The Sovereigns of Northshield are not required to pay site and feast fees for an event financially sponsored by Windhaven. This privilege would extend to their Heirs in the Sovereign's absence. Waiving of fees for other visiting royalty must be individually approved at a business meeting or a quorum of Great Officers.

=== Proposed Bylaw ===

V. Financial Policies

j. The ~~Sovereigns-Crown and Heirs~~ of Northshield are not required to pay site and feast fees for an event financially sponsored by Windhaven. ~~This privilege would extend to their Heirs in the Sovereign's absence.~~ Feasts are defined as ~~fixed-price pre-determined meals and ala carte meal offerings provided by the barony.~~ Waiving of fees for other visiting royalty must be individually

approved at a business meeting or a quorum of Great Officers.

Hilde's reasoning:

1. The Royals would no longer be 'competing for tickets'
2. We can give a quick and easy answer of "Are my tickets comped?" to the Heirs.
3. Replace "Sovereigns" with "Crown" to bring language in line with Kingdom verbiage. This is the only place in the Windhaven Bylaws where "Sovereign" was used.
4. Proposed update will more clearly define what is included as 'feast' with regards to questions about ala carte versus "sit down" meals. It will also prevent confusion on out-of-scope comps such as individual vendors providing food/drink.
5. Both CAM and Nordskogen currently comp Crown and Heirs tickets and feast and this would bring consistency with our nearest neighbors. (I was unable to locate Jaravellir's bylaws.)

Guild Reminders:

Fighter Practice- Heavy:Awaiting a winter location. Rapier: Practices awaiting winter location.

Archery Practice- Looking for an indoor location.

A&S Shop Nights- 362 Elm St (Menasha):

Hiatus for the winter.

Previous Guilds:

These are guilds that have been provided in the past but are currently on hiatus due to lack of interest. If you are interested in bringing them back, let Baroness Xippe know as there are options for teachers, locations, etc (We just need people interested to join).

Dance Practice

Period Games

archery@baronyofwindhaven.org

Knight's Marshal
Lord Aeden of Clan Colquhoun (Jason Krueger)
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Rapier Captain
Wilhelm von Mansfeld (Joshua Leeder)
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[SCA/Northshield/Windhaven Facebook Links](#)

SCA

Northshield
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kingdomofnorthshield>

Windhaven
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Windhaven>

Army of Northshield
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656097414404272/>

Northshield Barter and Trade SCA
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469057956444539/>

If you have more links (Facebook or otherwise) that you would like to see added to this list, please email
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