

~The Village Idiot~

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

June AS LIII

Minutes of the May Business Meeting

~Next Meetings~

June 24th 10:30am @ Memorial Park, Appleton

July 22nd 10:30am @ Memorial Park, Appleton

~Officer Reports~

- ◆ **Seneschal** - Lord Edmund reported that his quarterly report was sent in.
- ◆ **Chatelaine** - THL Aesa reported that her quarterly report was sent in. There have been three information requests since the last meeting. She will be teaching SCA 101 classes at Munchkin Mayhem and WW. Falcon's Keep is looking for help with a demo on June 16th. Contact their Chatelaine if you are able to help.
- ◆ **Exchequer** - Eyfrior reported that her quarterly report and the Bardic Madness event report have been sent in. We currently have \$9860.99 in our account consisting of for \$8755.74 general, \$863.64 for Bentbridge, and \$241.61 for Rapier.
- ◆ **Chronicler** - Lord Edmund reported on behalf of Ashildr that the Village Idiot got out. The Baroness is up
- ◆ **MOAS** - Lord Edmund reported on behalf of Isolda that she would like to thank those who filled out and returned the survey. For those who answered woodworking; is there a particular project or scope you are interested in. THL Marketta has offered to teach a silk banner/fan painting class. There is discussion about having it before/after Fighter's Practice one week perhaps in June.

- ◆Herald- Lord Lazar reported that the Order of Precedence has been updated. He will be working on additional updates
- ◆ **Knights Marshal** - Lord Edmund reported that practices are ongoing and have moved to Memorial Park. The last Sunday of the month (starting in June) there will be joint practice with Falcon's Keeps at a site in Waupaca. Please watch for updates.
- ◆ **Rapier Marshal** - Lord Brice reported that with school being out, practices at Bentbridge have stopped. Practices will continue on Sundays at Memorial Park.
- ◆ **Youth Marshal** - Lord Aeden reported that he continues to work on signatures for MIT.
- ◆ Archery Marshal - Lord Ronin reported that outdoor practices have started. The first loaner bow is on order.
- ◆ **Webminister** - Luca reported that the website has been updated. He has been posting dance videos on the website, the Order of Precedence has been updated, the event for Munchkin Mayhem has been updated, and he is starting to work on a newcomer area for the website.
- ◆ **Social Media** - Lord Edmund reported on behalf of Lady Birna that we should continue to send practices and events to her.
- ◆**Bentbridge**- Lady Emerenciana reported that she is trying to move meetings to Tuesday to get more attendance. She is an intern for the Viking Longhouse. They are looking for humanely collected animal skins to fill to building. The kitchen will be going in in July. Anora took on the Exchequer role. She sent in her quarterly report, but isn't sure if Kingdom received it. The group will need help in the fall due to Emerenciana's heavy school/workload in order to graduate in December.
- ◆**B&B reports**- Their Excellencies reported that they both attended Crown Tournament. Their Highnesses Vlad and Petronella are the heirs. They gifted the new Shire of Avonwood with material to create banners. Their Highnesses have requested that newcomers be introduced to them at events. Their Excellencies have a busy summer and are planning on going to lots of events. Lots of A&S going on in the Barony. Please make sure you have profiles on the Northshield website.

~Old Business~

- ◆ **Baronial Work Day** - May 19th One banner almost completed. Mistress Mira will finish the sewing since it's a one person job.

◆ **Baronial Coronets** - Their Excellencies passed around the metal coronets so everyone could see the wear and tear on them. Mistress Mira will continue to work on getting information for replacing the 20 year old coronets.

◆ **Munchkin Mayhem** - There is a work day scheduled for June 2nd to complete preparation of the site for our event. A schedule has been worked of classes/activities that will be available. Site tokens are ready. Site/boffer rules will be posted on the website event and copies will be available at troll. Reminder anyone teaching classes or marshalling needs to have passed the background check. Please check with the Kingdom Seneschal if you aren't sure.

◆ **Kitsune Kon Demo** - Lord Ronin reported that we have one free ambassador table and four free passes. Lord Brice, Lady Emerenciana, Luca, and Eyfrior will be assisting with the demo on July 21st. If you have anything the group can use to show our activities, please arrange a time for them to get these. There is no weaponry allowed on site.

~New Business~

◆Baronial Bylaw Policy change - Lord Brice made a motion to change section III parts A4 and A5 from Captain to Marshall. Motion was seconded. After much discussion, Lord Eysteinn made a revised split motion to be able to vote on parts A4 and A5 separately at a future meeting. Lord Edmund seconded this motion. The revised split motion was passed. Voting on updating the Baronial Bylaws will happen at a future meeting.

◆Lord Ronin reported that Luca became an Archery MIT at Schutzenfest.

◆Website host- Luca would like the Barony to hold off on a multiple year contact due to only getting the current version of the site. He made a motion that we do a month to month payment of webhosting at \$11.99/month to allow him to research possible alternative hosting sites. Lord Edmund seconded. Motion carried

◆Northwatch Baronial History (Nov. 1st deadline)-Their Excellencies will contact Nathan for his history of the group and are asking for any pictures, stories, or notable events you may have for this.

~News from our Herald~

Greetings and salutations,

Before I begin, a reminder from our Northshield Clerk of Precedence to create an account on the Northshield website if you have not already done so. This helps with the posting of awards given to you, as otherwise a name page is made in lieu of an account. This also helps me, as I can easily look up you up and check for differences between our local and the kingdom level Windhaven OP, and thereby ensure greater accuracy at all levels.

Having returned from far away lands, I return to toiling away at our Order of Precedence. However, the length of the Windhaven OP grows with every new award, and I feel that it is getting to the point of being too unwieldy to edit, approaching 53 pages of content. This is, in part, due to the inherited formatting of the OP, which causes most editing software to slow down as it attempts to handle the large number of tables hidden in the document. It is for this reason that I sometimes lag behind making In order to reduce the size of the document, and make editing it less of a hassle, I have considered a number of methods.

Firstly, by separation of the devices and blazons from the awards, into a separate document. Originally, the devices were in a separate document, but had been merged with the OP to reduce the number of documents. However, I feel that the OP is of such a size now that it is no longer feasible to maintain it this way.

Secondly, by removing dead people from the 'active' OP into their own OP. As I do not expect dead people to continue receiving rewards, it might be prudent to remove them into a new document, thereby freeing up some number of pages in the active OP for more awards to be added.

Thirdly, by removal of the award icons into their own document. The biggest cause of the document size is the number of images it contains, particularly the award images. These images are not consistently sized, and do not play well with the word tables that provide the formatting. Removing them would let me show more awards per page and make everything more nicely formatted. However, I do not wish to take this option immediately, as I find the award images make for a pleasing document to look at.

Fourthly, by moving from a word document to a spreadsheet document. By switching to a spreadsheet, we can render large numbers of awards at once with minimal impact on editing software, as well as ensure that everything will fit nicely into their boxes. The grid pattern in the background is of little issue, as that can be hidden. I

do not know how nicely spreadsheets will play with images, however, so perhaps this option should only be used in conjunction with every option that removes the images. I encourage everyone to send me their thoughts on the above methods of reducing the OP size. I do not wish to make arbitrary changes to the OP without telling or asking anyone, especially when the suggested changes will create new documents.

As always, let me know if there are awards missing from either the local OP or the kingdom OP. While I wish to see everyone is properly noted for their accomplishments, I cannot add them to the document if I do not know of them. By letting me know something is missing, it can be added promptly. Thank you.

Herald
Lazar Eemii Nankovitz

~Guild Reminders~

◆**Project Night** - Continues at Grimmund and Mira's house on alternating Wednesdays with Game Night. Door opens @ 6.

◆**Rapier Practice** - UWGB on Thursday nights 6-10pm. Memorial Park in Appleton, Sundays at noon.

◆**Dance Practice** - 2nd & 4th Mondays at Ashwaubenon Library 6-7:45pm

◆**Archery Practice** - Memorial Park in Appleton, Sundays at 11.

◆**Fighter Practice** - Memorial Park in Appleton, Sundays at noon.

~Letter from the *Barôssa*~

Greetings

The camping season is upon us and the calendar is full of events. While I attended Border Skirmish, His Excellency attended Knowne World Heralds and Scribes. We have many events we will be attending this summer and hope to see you enjoying the fun and hospitality of our many friends.

We would like to remind you that interest to become a Baronial Champion is due 1 July. The information was in the May newsletter, we hope to have many gentles interested.

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Baronôssa Xanthippe Botanieatissa

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

Northshield

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

Windhaven

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

Army of Northshield

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Northshield Barter and Trade SCA

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