

## **DRAFT Minutes of the Canton Meeting for Tear's-Sea Shore on 19 July, 2020**

The July 2020 canton meeting was held via Zoom from approximately 5 p.m. on 19 July, 2020.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayer of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Yvonne Montclair, Constantia in der Lachun, Heinrich Wilhelm von Ansbach, Bridget O Shea, Detlev and Seiffrid Wolfhart.

**Approval of Minutes:** As the first order of formal business the draft minutes for June which had been uploaded to the files area of the canton Facebook page were approved by voice vote of the members present.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**Seneschal:** Alisoun drew the canton's attention to the missive from the Board asking for feedback on proposed changes to the introduction to Corpora to include strong statements against harassment and bullying with specification of protected classes as well as a radical change to make the scope of the Society pre-seventeenth century cultures throughout the world and not centered in Western Europe. This would bring the rules governing Society life in line with the mission statement as revised previously so that specific areas of the Society such as the College of Arms could modify their practices to allow areas of non-European culture that previously were considered alien to the core culture of the Society. A brief discussion of the implications of these changes ensued. Alisoun also noted that Silver Chalice had been postponed at the request of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschale and asked Geoffrey who was the autocrat to add to that bare statement. He indicated that the event was at that point postponed but would be discussed at the August barony meeting and a decision made whether to have it in December or to cancel it entirely for 2020. Alisoun also noted that the seneschals had not yet received the draft of the "opening up" document, but that the kingdom seneschale had indicated that no in person activities would be likely until mid-to-late August and that, when they did happen, that it would be initially limited to activities that lent themselves to social distancing like archery or thrown weapons practices. Alisoun also belatedly remembered to note that she had filed her second quarter seneschal's report on time.

**Exchequer:** Adendra was not able to attend, but had reported to Alisoun that the canton had money and that she had almost completed the second quarter report so that it could be signed by Alisoun and herself and sent in before the end of the month..

**Herald:** Thylacine had reported to Alisoun that nothing much was happening largely because of the COVID situation. Plans for him to get with Sabrina to do some heraldic training had had to be postponed until isolation restrictions were eased.

**Marshal:** Heinrich reported that he had had two queries about fighting and had replied to explain that fighter practice was in abeyance due to the virus but that he would be happy to provide resources and answer any questions. There was a brief discussion of reporting schedules and Heinrich noted that he would check on whether he needed to report since there were no fighter practices at the moment. Alisoun expressed her

gratitude for his diligence in posting resources for the fighters since many inside and outside the canton were finding them very useful.

**Minister of the Lists:** William Costello could not attend but reported that he was still in the position of having completed all the necessary courses, but could not fulfil the MoL in Training requirement because there are no events so that he could not be formally warranted.

**Mistress of Arts and Sciences:** Not a lot happening, but she had filed her second quarter report on time. University was going to happen virtually in September. Also, Jorunn's virtual newcomer's meeting (Hospitality Hall) was filling in some of the gaps caused by the halt to in person A & S meetings. Jorunn noted that she, Olwynn the Odd, Sabrina Rose and some others had participated in the Society-wide scavenger hunt. She expressed particular pleasure at the role Sabrina had played in that effort.

**Webminister:** Alisoun noted that the Shore FB page had gotten to the point that the only administrator who was still local and active was Adendra. As a result she had asked Adendra to make Seiffrid and Alisoun administrators to make adding new members and other tasks easier to perform in a timely manner and that had been accomplished before Adendra had left on her trip to Arkansas.

**Chatelaine:** Beornwyn was not present and sent no report. Alisoun noted that she had tried with no success to contact Beornwyn to check the status of her warrant as Jorunn was still shown as canton chatelaine. Jorunn indicated that she believed that Beornwyn was no longer interested in filling the position at least through the end of the COVID period and offered to take the office back at least on an interim basis. The members present voted to accept that offer. Jorunn will check on the status of her warrant and potential expiration date and, if needed, send a warrant renewal request to Alisoun for her signature. [See also the note on Seiffrid's comments upon his arrival at the end of the meeting.]

### **Old Business:**

**Manannan mac Lir 2021:** Jorunn outlined the measures she had planned for Manannan. She was rolling over much of the safety, social distancing and other measures that Geoffrey had had planned for Silver Chalice. Also, Heinrich would be serving as marshal in charge and Constantia as feast cook.

**Presentation to the Barony:** Yvonne indicated that she was going to get the tablecloths done and to Geoffrey so they would be off her to do list even though Silver Chalice was currently in abeyance.

### **New Business:**

**Warriors' Games 2021:** Alisoun raised the issue of scheduling and picking an autocrat for the 2021 iteration of the games. As there was no great eagerness to address that issue

and the autocrat for the cancelled games was not present, it was decided to postpone that discussion until the August meeting.

**Zoom Meeting Extension:** The membership had previously voted to have virtual meetings by Zoom through August. Alisoun indicated that the feedback she was getting from kingdom was that in person meetings were probably not going to be allowed for a bit longer given the current spike in COVID in South Carolina. She proposed to extend holding canton meetings by Zoom through October. This was immediately approved.

At this point it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.

However, Alisoun immediately cried hold on the adjournment since Seiffrid had just arrived at the meeting room. Jorunn then moved to reopen the meeting to allow Seiffrid to report and that was unanimously carried.

Seiffrid noted that Melchior had told him that it would be simpler for Melchior to make the alias changes and so Seiffrid had sent him the table of email links I had provided. Alisoun and Jorunn indicated that they thought that the original webminister account still existed and the password might not have been changed. Alisoun will send those credentials to Seiffrid so he can try them and see if they work. If they do not, he will let Alisoun know and she will do a higher level poke of Melchior.