

DRAFT Minutes of the Canton Meeting for Tear's-Sea Shore on 21 June, 2020

The May 2020 canton meeting was held via Zoom from approximately 5 p.m. on 21 June, 2020.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayer of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Yvonne Montclair, Aodh Marland called Adendra and Diana of Dair Eidand

Approval of Minutes: As the first order of formal business the draft minutes for May 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 noted that the decision had been made at the beginning of the month to cancel Warriors' games for this year because of the current situation and more would be discussed under Warriors' Games in the agenda. She also noted some recent issues that had arisen in some areas of the Society with folks making inflammatory statements on social media in the wake of the protests in support of the Black Lives Matter movement that sprang up after the Memorial Day weekend. In reaction to such issues in several kingdoms, fortunately not in Atlantia to date, the Board was taking action and letters had been received from the Laurel Queen of Arms, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Society Seneschal that everyone should read. She also asked that if anyone saw folks expressing themselves incautiously on social media in ways that could be interpreted as racist or misogynistic or that looked like doxxing, they should try to get those folks to think better of those expressions and their underlying attitudes. Finally, no announcement had yet been made as to the resumption of in person meetings though some feedback was expected at a kingdom-wide seneschals' meeting scheduled for 28 June. [The ban on in person activities was in fact extended through 1 August as many of us had expected.] It had been announced that a decision on War of the Wings would be made in the first or second week of August.

Exchequer: Adendra reported that she was just waiting on the June bank statement to get started on the second quarter report. we have money". As of the date of the meeting, there was \$4155.00 in the checking account. She was waiting on the refund check for Warriors' Games from Harleyville. Adendra would stop by and get Geoffrey's signature on the reimbursement check to Alisoun for the canton pennants.

Herald: Thylacine was sleeping so Alisoun reported that from the canton the name and device for Sabrina Rose, the name for Beornwyn and the devices for Seiffrid and Ysabeau had just been registered by Laurel. Also, from up in Moorhaven, Slaine's device was now registered. Alisoun asked Jorunn if she had had anyone ask her for heraldic assistance at Hospitality Hall and received a negative response.

Mistress of Arts and Sciences: Not a lot happening, but lots of great classes had been available at the virtual University of Atlantia on 5 June and at other locations on the internet.

Marshal: Not present and no report, but he had continued to post much good training and fighting technique material to the local fighters' group Facebook page.

Minister of the Lists: William Costello could not attend but a delayed emailed report was received after the meeting. In that he reported that at the June virtual University he had taken the classes on MoL 101, MoL 102 and MoLing at Large Events and learned a lot. However, since the MoL office is still requiring the MoL in Training requirements to be fulfilled before warranting, he will not be able to complete the warranting process until in person fighting events are once more permitted.

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. There was an effort going on for the chatelaine's office to check and update their rosters for both seneschals and chatelaines that appeared to be spearheaded by Melchior the kingdom Webminister.

Webminister: Seiffred was not present, but Alisoun noted that he had posted some material for her to the web page. She also reported the news that Melchior had managed to finally resolve the issue with delivery of emails from the kingdom servers that had led to pretty much anything from Atlantia.sca.org being trapped out as spoofing by many spam filters. As a result she was poking Seiffred to move ahead with activating and testing all of the Shore officer aliases since mail could now go through.

Old Business:

Warriors' Games: Alisoun noted that it just was not feasible to put on the Warriors' Games that we all know and love with the restrictions imposed on us by the site and by prudent measures to control the risk of infection in the current situation. With the spike in cases in South Carolina it was looking more and more like the ban on in person events would be extended through July in any case and essential aspects like the pot luck feast and games would be difficult if not impossible. Moreover, the limit of 75 individuals in the hall simultaneously would be problematic given we had had some queries from as far afield as southern Virginia as folks were desperate for an in person event. In an email received after the meeting William Costello the autocrat said "I cannot stress how painful it was to cancel Warrior Games. It was the correct decision based on every pertinent criteria. The City of Harleyville is refunding the monies for the cancellation. Amanda Childers, our contact person at city hall, was pleasant, professional and helpful."

Manannan mac Lir 2021: Jorunn the event was Spiked and up on the Acorn page Jorunn also mentioned that a flyer and a web site would soon follow, but there was plenty of time for that at this point. Alisoun and Adendra indicated that the check for the site had not only been delivered, but had been deposited and cleared the bank.

Silver Chalice: Geoffrey reported that at that point the event was still on and outlined everything he was doing to make it a safe event. It was also at that point also still a royal

progress event. However, he stressed that it could be cancelled at any point by kingdom right up to the day before the event.

Presentation to the Barony: Yvonne noted that the project was still in abeyance but could be readily completed within a week so could be ready for Silver Chalice in August.

New Business:

Alisoun asked if anyone had new business to bring up as there was none on the agenda.

Zoom Meeting Attendance Discussion: When none was raised she asked if anyone had any ideas on how to bring more people into the Zoom meetings. She specifically asked Jorunn what kind of attendance they generally had for Hospitality Hall. A discussion of the uses of Zoom and similar tools then ensued.

Oral History Project: From there the conversation jumped to the project for history of the local groups in preparation for forty year and a rather long, meandering but intensely useful discussion of resources for history mingled with reminiscences and a few memories of old timers in the Shore and Hidden Mountain. (The fact that all those attending except Diana had been playing on and off since the early 1980s or before lent a certain texture to the discussion!)

Continuation of Digital Meetings: Before raising the issue of adjournment, Alisoun asked for feedback on continuing to meet via Zoom since that had previously been approved through June. The consensus was that it would be only prudent to plan on meeting by Zoom through at least August.

Therefore, the July 2020 canton meeting will be held via Zoom at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 19 July.

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