

Minutes of the Tear-Sea's Shore Canton Meeting of 17 January, 2021

The January 2021 canton meeting was held via Zoom from 6:05 p.m. on 17 January, 2021.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Yvonne Montclair, Aodh Marland called Adendra, Thylacinus Aquila of Dair Eidand, Heinrich Wilhelm, Constantia in der Lachun, Bran Mydwynter, Megara di Alessandra, William Costello and Seiffrid Wolfhart.

Approval of Minutes: Motions were made, seconded and carried by acclamation to approve both the minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2020, whose approval had been accidentally omitted in December, and the minutes of the meeting of 20 December 2020.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal: Alisoun noted that she had filed what hopefully will be her last quarterly report as seneschal on time. She also noted as a matter of information that she had gotten total paid membership figures from the kingdom seneschal and paid membership in the Shore was down from 51 at the time of the baronial polling to 36 when Simone sent the membership figures. Alisoun had more or less expected some attrition since a number of people had acquired paid membership a year ago specifically so they could get a voice in the baronial polling. There was apparently a similar drop in total figures for the barony since that had dropped from 104 members during the polling to 80 at the present time. Alisoun noted that she attributed much of the drop to the same factors officers had been hearing about anecdotally: no point to membership if no in person events or activities, paid membership no longer even required for newsletters, generally a perception that you were "getting nothing for your money" at the present time. She noted that lockdown had been hard for a lot of people and she hoped that by the end of 2021 we would be back to at least some in person activities and people would come back. She also stated that, though corporate considers only paid members to be members, she personally considers and always has considered that membership in the Shore is not defined by whether money had been paid to the corporate office.

Exchequer: Adendra reported that the checking account now had \$4,559.50, an amount unchanged from the December meeting. There are currently no checks outstanding or income items expected in the near future. She was in the middle of doing the exchequer Domesday report and expected it to be done well before deadline.

Herald: Thylacine, as he had since the beginning of lockdown, noted no real heraldic news. He asked whether anyone was willing to take over the office. He had had a deputy/drop dead but had not heard from her lately. Alisoun noted that she had been affected by lockdown and the current situation made training difficult. She said that, if no one else expressed an interest in the next couple of months, she might consider taking it after she had had a month off from being seneschale.

Marshal: Heinrich reported that since fighting was still shut down there was nothing to report, but also no injuries. Much applause for the latter. Alisoun asked whether there had been any movement on the loaner armor inventory. Heinrich responded that he and Seiffred had not gotten together, but the two of them agreed to try and do that ASAP. Geoffrey, brandishing a large packet of six and a half foot rattan staves, noted that he had supported one of our Society merchants and figured that Seiffred, Heinrich and Getulio had several months before in person events would happen again and would know what to do with those if someone would only come and get them from him. Heinrich indicated that Constantia could come and pick them up. There followed a round of applause for Geoffrey's supporting not only the merchants but also the fighters.

Minister of the Lists: William reported that his report was identical to that since the lockdown: no progress on warrant and no need for MoL since no fighting. Alisoun noted that she had confirmed with Qulan that they had not suspended any of the requirements for apprenticeships for new MoLs.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Yvonne noted that her warrant was up this month. She did not know if anyone was interested in taking over the office. If no one was interested, she was willing to renew her warrant. Jorunn moved that the Shore ask Yvonne to continue as Minister of Arts and Sciences and that was approved by acclamation. Alisoun suggested that anyone who might be interested as serving as deputy to Yvonne get in touch with her to see how they could work together. Bran Mydwynter expressed interest in serving as deputy and dropdead. With Yvonne's favorable response, a motion was made to accept his offer and it was carried by acclamation.

Webminister: Seiffred said nothing much new on the page itself. He asked that, if there was anything perceived to be incomplete or wrong, please let him know ASAP. Alisoun asked if he had had any nibbles from a potential successor as webminister so he would not have to continue fulfilling that function once he was seneschal. He indicated that he had not, but if nobody stepped up for a while he could continue dealing with it because he had reworked the page so that maintenance for things like officer changes, etc. were simple and we would not require much effort since his changes made even posting an event as simple as making a Facebook post.

Chatelaine: Jorunn reported that she would be taking the Chatelaine 101 course in February as that had been requested by her "bos". Hospitality Hall was continuing every Wednesday evening and in the preceding week a returning member, Hrolf, had attended which sparked an interesting conversation. Jorunn said she hoped not to have to cancel any sessions of Hospitality Hall due to the move, but Alisoun stressed that she should not hesitate, citing the old Shore motto of "Real World Comes First".

Old Business:

Seneschal Office Transition: Alisoun reminded everyone that she had notified both Morwenna as regional seneschale and Simone as kingdom seneschale of the plan for Seiffred to succeed her way back when it was first voted on at canton meeting and the

response had been positive. Alisoun noted that Seiffrid has started the ball rolling on filling out his seneschal's warrant for submission with the information that he needed to supply. That would have to be signed by several other officers and Alisoun asked Seiffrid to outline the method of doing electronic digital signatures he had worked out with Morwenna. He outlined that process using Acrobat and Alisoun asked him to write up a short blurb on the instructions for the officers who would be signing, obviously including Alisoun as outgoing seneschal. She suggested that the other signatures include at least two of Heinrich, Yvonne and Jorunn as long as they felt comfortable with using the digital signature. That needed to be done no later than early February to make sure that Seiffrid's warrant would take over when Alisoun's expired on 28 February. Alisoun explained that we would need to start the process of getting Seiffrid on the account early because of potential delays at corporate and briefly explained the procedure. Geoffrey suggested that the canton keep Alisoun on the account as a signatory to facilitate check signing. That was agreed to by consensus. Constantia then asked if a deputy would be needed for Seiffrid and volunteered to serve in that role. This was greeted with great joy and her offer was formally accepted by acclamation. Alisoun asked Seiffrid to get with Constantia and do another warrant for signature that had her information and the notation that it was for deputy seneschal and dropdead. Constantia having asked about files, Alisoun jumped ahead to note that when she took over from Ingvar there had been almost nothing in the way of files: just a few emails and digital copies of the quarterly reports Ingvar had filed. There had been significant files at one point as Alisoun and several others could testify but they had apparently gone into the ether. Alisoun will do the minutes for the February meeting and get hard copies AND digital copies of the files since she took over as well as the small amount of data that she received from Ingvar to Seiffrid by the date his warrant becomes effective. There had been a plan to follow tradition and do a formal exchange ceremony in court at Baronial Birthday, but it had not been worked out how or indeed if that should still happen now that that court would be virtual. However, once all the paperwork is done, the transition will be automatic effective 28 February.

Presentation to the Barony: Yvonne indicated the report was identical to past months as except that it looks like the presentation will be at Silver Chalice at the earliest..

Warriors' Games 2021: Alisoun reminded the meeting that it had previously been decided to put off actually booking the site in Harleyville until February. She asked if people would feel more comfortable in holding off on paying for the site until March or April given the current COVID spike in Dorchester County. William Costello suggested that we at least confirm that they are still booking for July and write the already approved check if they are. That seemed to be the consensus.

Manannan mac Lir 2022: Jorunn is still planning for the event, but felt it was probably prudent to wait a bit to write a check for the site fee. Alisoun agreed noting that the event was still more than a year away.

Baronial Trim: Geoffrey there is still some baronial trim available at a cost of \$2.50 a yard. .

Baroness' Request for Canton Wall Hangings: Yvonne had been working on enlarging the selected design when she fell and damaged her hand so has had to hit pause on that. Jorunn indicated that all of the materials for the hanging were currently packed for the move. Alisoun reminded everyone that the project was slightly less time destruct than it had been since the baroness had pushed back the deadline in view of the fact that Baronial Birthday was now virtual and the Shore appeared to be the only canton to actually have embarked on the project. The new deadline was Silver Chalice which was expected to be in August or September.

New Business:

A call for new business produced no action items.

Since there was no further new or old business, there was a call for a motion to adjourn which passed by acclamation and the meeting closed.