

Minutes of the Tear-Sea's Shore Canton Meeting of 21 February, 2021

The February 2021 canton meeting was held via Zoom from 6:05 p.m. on 21 February, 2021.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Yvonne Montclair, Aodh Marland called Adendra, Heinrich Wilhelm, Constantia in der Lachun, Bran Mydwynter, Hrólfr Thorvaldsson, Megara di Alessandra, Seiffrid Wolfhart and Ingvar Erlingsson.

Approval of Minutes: Motions were made, seconded and carried by acclamation to approve the minutes of the meeting of 17 January, 2021.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal: Alisoun noted that appropriately signed warrant paperwork had been sent to the kingdom seneschal and to Morwenna about a week previously and been acknowledged by Simone. However, the actual warrants had not yet been received. [Note: the email with the warrants from Simone was received on the day after the meeting.] She also gave a brief report on the branch seneschals' meeting the previous Monday, noting that the major topic of discussion was COVID protocols and hopes that protocols that merged the current phase practices with possibilities for armored practice would be approved by corporate in the near future. Alisoun also briefly discussed the current situation with COVID phases and noted room for optimism since the infection rate in all four counties against which kingdom considered the Shore had dropped significantly in just the last week.

Exchequer: Adendra and Alisoun testified that the Domesday report had gone in on time and appeared to be accepted. Adendra reported that the checking account now had \$4,559.50 in the account with all checks cleared. There was a brief discussion of the paperwork required to add Seiffrid to the account and Alisoun noted that there was apparently now a policy from corporate that the expiration date for all signatories had to be at least 90 days from the date of the request to add or change signatories. She asked Ingvar if he planned to renew since he was stepping down from baronial seneschal and, if he was, could he do so early as his current expiration date was at the end of April, less than 90 days away. He instantly agreed to do so on the following day. [Upon his verifying this had been done on the following day, the paperwork was immediately sent to the kingdom exchequer who informs us that she has forwarded it the corporate office.]

Herald: Adendra reported on behalf of Thylacine that thanks to COVID there still had been no activity in the canton office..

Marshal: Heinrich asked if anything more recent on proposed fighting protocols during COVID restrictions had been circulated more recent than the one from October since he had not seen one. Several people discussed that, the mechanisms for circulating information on policies for both the marshals and seneschals. Alisoun and Ingvar agreed that Simone had said appropriate documents would be circulated to the branch seneschals

for circulation to local officers and populace once they were finally approved so everyone would know the policies before they went into effect.

Minister of the Lists: William could not attend but his report was identical to that since the lockdown: no progress on warrant and no need for MoL since no fighting.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Alisoun asked Yvonne about all the virtual A & S activities, including the recent University and the upcoming Kingdom Arts and Sciences. Her wrist was out of the brace so she was able to resume work on the Shore tapestry and also on the last bits of the Shore presentation to the barony. Alisoun noted that there was some A & S from other members of the Shore as Geoffrey had sewn the Pelican/Laurel cloak for Etain of Sutherland and she herself had made the not-so-silly cap of maintenance for the ceremony which had occurred the day before. Adendra then chimed in that she had made the Pelican cloak for Estienne Le Mons d'Anjou who had been elevated somewhat earlier. Geoffrey added that he had also done the towel for the hand washing for Estienne. Bran asked if these sort of things got reported and Yvonne explained the quarterly report. He followed up by asking if teaching classes counted and there was fairly loud agreement that it did. Bran then explained some of the classes he had been teaching not only for University but also via Zoom to groups in the north of the kingdom. Bran also noted that some of his friends in the north were interested in possibly doing a cross barony A & S thing if we were interested and there seemed definitely to be interest. Bran asked if he needed to get a kingdom warrant as Yvonne's deputy. Alisoun explained that the reason that the Shore was making a point to have Constantia warranted was because she would not only be Seiffrid's deputy but also his drop dead successor. The seneschal and the exchequer were the only offices that had to be filled continuously and there was some leeway with the exchequer. However, the seneschal had to file any required reports for offices that were vacant so kingdom liked to know that the drop dead was on their roster. Yvonne then pointed out that as deputy he did get to write reports. He seemed to like this idea which caused some looks of amazement from some other officers. Alisoun suggested that Bran as baronial chronicler and should update the relevant regnum listings to show him as deputy MoAS, Seiffrid as seneschal and Constantia as deputy seneschal as the changeover would technically be complete as of 1 March.

Webminister: Seiffrid indicated that nobody has stepped forward to take Webminister over, but it was not urgent as he could continue dealing with the page thanks to the simplification of the web page that he had already done. Alisoun reminded him that he needed to make the same changes to the regnum on the Shore web page that had just been discussed with Bran and also to add or redirect all the aliases to the new officers.

Chatelaine: Jorunn reported that Hrólfr had volunteered to do some publicity for the Society and the canton at a recent Shriners' event and had done a great job. Jorunn had pictures of him in garb from that event and he had signed permission forms so Jorunn would be sending those pictures to Bran for the newsletter. Jorunn said she would also send the same material to Seiffrid for the canton webpage, commenting that Hrólfr was going to be an important resource for the Shore. Alisoun seconded Jorunn's suggestion

that the photos go on the web page, noting that she and Seiffred had in the past discussed the fact that most of the photographs on the webpage were outdated and rather stale so it would be really nice to have some more current photos.

Old Business:

Seneschal Office Transition: Alisoun noted that Constantia had taken the two required seneschal classes and Seiffred had retaken them slightly earlier so both of them were good as far as the education requirements were concerned. Constantia said that Morwenna had said she would add her to the mailing list and Facebook page. Alisoun responded that she certainly had added Constantia to the Facebook page for the South Carolina and Georgia seneschals and made a nice welcome message announcing that fact. In that message Morwenna said she was leaving Alisoun in the group until the first quarter report was filed. Alisoun declared that she would help if needed but Seiffred was doing the first quarter report. She herself had done the first quarter report in 2019 even though she only was seneschal for a third of the quarter so she felt it was only fair. Alisoun planned on printing out hard copies of the reports she had received from Ingvar when she stepped up as well as most of the materials she had generated over the past two years. She would also provide the digital copies, probably via memory stick rather than by Dropbox. She was leaving it to Seiffred and Constantia to decide how, what and when to share that material between them. There had been some thought of an short ceremony in court to mark the transition, possibly by some form of Zoom recording. After some discussion it was decided to consult with the baron and baroness and see what they wanted to do. However, once all the paperwork is done, the transition will be automatic effective 28 February.

Warriors' Games 2021: Alisoun apologized for not getting the site booked in February as planned but it had been quite a month. She asked Adendra to send her the contact information for the lady with whom she dealt at Harleyville since she had not had any luck in making contact so far.

Manannan mac Lir 2022: Jorunn is still planning for the event, but will probably not do Spiking or serious publicity until at least the beginning of May.

New Business:

A call for new business produced no action items except for a request from Alisoun to Seiffred to announce the outcome of the polling on the date for the March meeting. He announced it would be at 6 p.m. on March 14. Alisoun indicated she might well not be available for that meeting and asked if Seiffred was good hosting on his Zoom account. He said that henceforth all meetings would be on his Zoom account.

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.