

Minutes of the Tear-Sea's Shore Canton Meeting of 16 August, 2020

The August 2020 canton meeting was held via Zoom from approximately 5:15 p.m. on 16 August, 2020.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Aodh Marland called Adendra and Bridget O Shea.

Approval of Minutes: As the first order of formal business the draft minutes for July 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 reported that the "opening up" document that had been promised by kingdom still had not been received. It had been announced that the stages would be pinned to the infection rate for a fixed population number, but no details were yet available despite the fact that the most recent date by which the plan would be published had been listed as 15 August. She regretfully noted that since South Carolina was currently listed as a "hot spot" it would likely be some time before in person activities were authorized. She promised that, as soon as she heard anything authoritative, she would share that with the members of the canton. She also noted that since the last meeting Kingdom had unilaterally cancelled all in person events before 1 February, including Manannan, and the kingdom seneschale had been rather firm that there would be no variances. Alisoun added that, as far as she had heard, everyone's report had gone in on time and there had been no complaints.

Exchequer: Adendra summarized the exchequer report to note we still had money, that the second quarter report had gone in on time and that we still had not received the promised refund check from Harleyville for the Warriors' Games site fee so she needed to poke William Costello who had said that they were in the process of cutting the check. Alisoun asked Geoffrey to send Adendra the name of the person whom he had dealt with since the Barony had received their refund check for Silver Chalice and that might be the person to talk to directly.

Herald: Thylacine reported that there was nothing new except for the knee he had received five days earlier (hence his absence from the meeting).

Marshal: Heinrich did not attend and sent no report.

Minister of the Lists: William Costello was not present but reported the same information as in the previous two months: he could not fulfil the MoL in Training requirement because of the absence of events so that he could not be formally warranted. Alisoun noted that until we could start having events again the canton really did not need an MoL.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Yvonne did not attend and did not send a report, but Alisoun noted that the restrictions on in person meetings were still having a negative effect on group A & S activities.

Webminister: Seiffred was not present and sent no report. Alisoun noted that she had sent him the credentials that she and Jorunn had used to manage Shore email aliases but had not heard if those had helped.

Chatelaine: Jorunn indicated that a new person Dawn Henderson was actively attending Hospitality Hall and keeping in touch with Jorunn outside meetings. She had also taken part in the Hospitality Hall sponsored scavenger hunt, writing and performing an original song as part of her contribution. There was another new person, a young man about sixteen, who had been very interested for a couple of weeks, particularly in fighting so she had put him in touch with Heinrich for help with that aspect of Society life. Neither she nor Heinrich had heard from him for a couple of weeks so she was not sure what was happening with him. Jorunn had not heard back from kingdom whether her warrant was still good, but was following up on the warranting process in case we needed to do new paperwork. Alisoun indicated that, if Jorunn sent her the warrant request, she would sign it and send it off to kingdom.

Old Business:

Manannan mac Lir 2021: Jorunn proposed that we cancel the event entirely for 2021 and return to holding Manannan in 2022. Alisoun asked Adendra if she was correct in assuming that because of the profits from Manannan in 2019 and 2020 the canton was not in any financial danger from cancelling the event entirely in 2021. Adendra indicated that all planned expenditures for projects had been made for the foreseeable future so she

was very comfortable in pushing the next Manannan back to 2022. Jorunn noted that we could always run a fundraiser if needed. Alisoun noted that, since she first took over as Shore exchequer many years before with \$126 in the bank so that individuals had to front all event expenses, having over \$4,000 in the bank seemed incredibly comfortable. Alisoun noted that, even though attendance was light at the meeting, the four people still at the meeting were those who were most involved with Manannan traditionally as autocrats, trolls, etc. so could make an educated decision. By unanimous consent it was decided to accept Jorunn's suggestion and postpone the next Manannan to January, 2022. After a brief discussion it was decided not to roll over the site fee to Warriors' Games but to ask for a refund for the Manannan date and make a separate reservation for Warriors' Games. Jorunn volunteered to autocrat that delayed Manannan and, after some teasing about her autocratting Manannan triggering disasters, her offer was gratefully accepted.

Presentation to the Barony: Yvonne was not present but Alisoun asked Geoffrey if her assumption that he had not received the stamped fabric for finishing was correct. It was, but, as Alisoun noted, it was something of a moot point since we did not currently have an event at which it could be presented.

Warriors' Games 2021: The discussion of what to do about Warriors' Games had been postponed from the July meeting. Alisoun proposed that the Shore go ahead and schedule it for the the second Saturday of July in 2021 and offered to autocrat the event. After a bit of discussion the members present --- with Alisoun abstaining --- voted to adopt that date and ask Alisoun to go ahead and Spike the event with her as autocrat.

New Business:

Baronial Trim: Alisoun and Geoffrey gave a brief report on the status of the baronial trim. August barony meeting had voted to order 500 yards and Geoffrey as exchequer would be handling everything to do with orders, trim custody and delivery. Alisoun provided a brief explanation of the difference between the way Hidden Mountain and Nottingham Coill were handling trim acquisition and why the Mountain had taken the path it had.

Baroness' Request for Canton Wall Hangings: Alisoun opened discussion on this by noting that she thought it would be a good idea to try to

coordinate the type of fabric and the size of the hangings with Moorhaven and the Marsh so they would look good together. That triggered a parenthetical discussion of what had happened to the sepia toned hangings of the barons and baronesses through Bor and Asta that the Shore had done as a presentation to the barony on its thirtieth birthday. It was suggested that perhaps Alisoun and Adendra who had helped make them at some point check out the inventory since Geoffrey did not have a visual on them. Returning to the current request for more hangings, Jorunn said she had some ideas about the way she would like the Canton's hanging to look. She explained that she wanted to base it on one of a famous set of unicorn tapestries but substituting motifs that would represent the Shore with things like marine creatures, palm trees, Shore armory, etc. Alisoun noted that she agreed entirely with that idea and that all she had been trying to add was that she would like to see some of the older history of the Shore with people like John Emeris, things like the Broach of Manannan, some representation of Warriors' Games, etc. It was decided to try to come up with a strategic plan at the next meeting and Alisoun would try to talk to the other canton seneschals and see if they were interested in coordinating size and fabric. Geoffrey asked if Jorunn was willing to take lead on the project and she said she would be happy to. Alisoun suggested that she would like to have Yvonne involved with the project, not because she was MoAS, but because she had tools and experience with such projects. Jorunn indicated that she had already brought Yvonne into the project. By consensus it was agreed to let Jorunn and Yvonne run with it with as much input and assistance from others in the canton as might be forthcoming.

Possibilities and Priorities for “Opening Up”: While it was impossible to really discuss options without the formal document having been received, there was a discussion of the possibilities for open air activities. Jorunn noted her small archery range at the house and indicated that Patris had said that he would be willing to come down from Moorhaven and teach the required instruction sets to get her warranted as a target archery marshal. After a more general discussion Jorunn was asked to get with Patris and see if she could take the first steps towards getting warranted as an archery marshal so that the Shore could finally start doing archery again if it was in fact part of the early stages of the “reopening”.

Promptness and Attendance at Meetings: Under the heading of “any other new business” Jorunn raised the issue of members being late to meetings or entirely missing meetings. She suggested that the time might be a problem

for some people and, if the meeting time were changed, it might be less likely that those who were on time would have to wait around for the late comers to arrive. Alisoun suggested that she could put a poll on meeting times up on the canton Facebook page and see what the response was. That was strongly approved by Jorunn and Geoffrey.

Setting Future Meetings: Alisoun asked if people felt comfortable with keeping meetings on the third Sunday of the month at whatever time the poll determined was best. There was general agreement that doing that via Zoom at least through October would be ideal.

Following all those decisions, the meeting finally adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.