

DRAFT Minutes of the Canton Meeting for Tear's-Sea Shore on March 15, 2020

The first virtual meeting of the canton via Zoom was held from 5 p.m. on 19 April, 2020.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, Seiffrid Wolfhart, Marie-Simone de Barjavel 'la Fildena, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Heinrich Wilhelm, Constantia in der lachun, Yvonne Montclair, Gnaea Honoria Lupus, Sabrina Rose and Chance Blakeley. Aodh Marland called Adendra joined the meeting late having been delayed by mundane affairs. Megara di Alessandra attempted to attend but had to leave due to technical issues with audio.

At the beginning of the meeting Alisoun announced that the meeting was being recorded on video so that nobody would have to take minutes. She then asked if those attending felt comfortable with that and the sense of the meeting was that they were. Alisoun asked Seiffrid whether video could be password protected on the canton web page and he indicated that it could be if desired.

Approval of Minutes: As the first order of formal business the draft minutes which had been uploaded to the canton web page were approved by voice vote of the members present.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal: Alisoun reported that the first quarter report went in on time. She also noted that the pennons that had been approved at the March meeting had come in on time and as advertised. They were in her possession and pictures had been posted to the canton FB page.

Exchequer: Adendra reported that "we have money". She had already filed the first quarter report and at the end of the quarter we had well over four thousand dollars in the checking account. Adendra was cutting the check for Manannan mac Lir and would get it countersigned by Geoffrey on Tuesday.

Herald: Thylacine was not present but indicated nothing new on the heraldic front.

Marshal: Heinrich stated that we do have fighters but fighting practice is in abeyance for the time being due to coronavirus restrictions pending guidance from kingdom and Society. He has been posting links to quite a few training videos to help people keep in shape in the interim and said that, if there were specific areas in which people were interested, they should let him know and he would try to find them. He was checking on what was required for the marshal and waiver reports for the first quarter and would file them ASAP.

Minister of the Lists: William was unable to make the meeting and had nothing further to report thanks to the coronavirus .

Mistress of Arts and Sciences: Not much to report though Kingdom had put out a challenge competition for plague masks, period or modern, to be posted on Facebook.

Chatelaine: Seiffrid reported for Beornwyn and introduced a new member of the Shore, Gnaea, who was at her first meeting. Seiffrid has been working with her on her name and she has been doing some Arts and Sciences with Esme, the baronial Mistress of Arts and Sciences. Jorunn and Seiffrid are partnering to keep Hospitality Hall up and running via the internet.

Webnister: Seiffrid has been hosting virtual Hospitality Hall. He can also host other meetings and classes as he has gotten a paid license for Zoom. Alisoun noted that she also had acquired a paid license for other reasons and would also be willing to host if he needed to have simultaneous meetings or classes. Seiffrid noted that the web page was more or less up to date, but we were waiting on Melchior to resolve some link issues before we could have it accessible through the Atlantian approved alias. Use the Weebly address for the time being. Alisoun asked if Seiffrid had the credentials yet to change the officer aliases to the current officers. He indicated that Melchior had promised to do so but had not yet done so. Alisoun noted that Melchior was being slammed by new projects thanks to the current need to launch new projects in some haste because of the coronavirus.

Old Business:

North Charleston Demo: Seiffrid reiterated that the North Charleston Demo had been cancelled. It was not likely to be postponed until later in 2020. In response to a question from Alisoun, he indicated that he had no information on it for next year, but he assumed that it would be on the first weekend of May.

Warriors' Games: By a report received after the meeting William reported that the event was on the calendar and at the time of the meeting was not being cancelled since it was still three months out.

Manannan mac Lir 2021: Jorunn Indicated that the site was booked for 30 January and that Adendra was supposed to cut her the check authorized at the March meeting so that they would hold the site. She had a tentative flyer and budget ready but not yet typed up. She is recruiting staff for the event already. She expects the final budget to be pretty much the same as for 2020 since we were using the same site and is only waiting on a check countersigned by Geoffrey to proceed.

Site Review: Constantia and Heinrich had visited the Boy Scout Camp on Wadmaw Island, but were awaiting some feedback from the camp on the dates that were blocked off for Boy Scout use and the dates on which outside groups could rent the site. None of those who had investigated other sites had updates at that time.

Cooks' Symposium: Alisoun proposed that the event which had been hopefully planned for autumn of 2020 be put in abeyance for the time being as the uncertainties with regard

to coronavirus-related restrictions were making it extremely difficult to plan and/or negotiate with sites. This proposal was accepted by consensus.

Presentation to the Barony: Originally planned for investiture, that obviously had not happened. Yvonne indicated that she had all the materials, but had not proceeded with the decoration since she did not know when it could be presented. Geoffrey noted that at the time of the meeting Warriors' Games was the next event scheduled and he assumed the Baron and Baroness would attend that. After that was Silver Chalice which was scheduled for August. Alisoun noted that at Barony Meeting the Baroness had indicated that they wanted their heavy champion to be selected at Warriors' Games which would imply their attendance at that event.

Silver Chalice: Geoffrey noted that the flyer for Silver Chalice's flyer had been submitted and would presumably appear in *Acorn* in due course. Youth combat had been added and the Baron would marshal that. Caissene has agreed to be Mistress of the List for the event. Cecilia is reservationist for the event so people can start sending in reservations if they want to. Essentially everything is ready to go and we are just watching and waiting with regard to lessening of current restrictions.

Before proceeding to new business, Alisoun called on Simone to ask if she had anything to communicate. Simone indicated that she was trying to visit every group possible by Zoom or other electronic mechanism. She would be stepping up as kingdom seneschal on 2 May. When asked by Alisoun if she had insights on things going forward, she indicated that the Crown had decided that no kingdom-level events would be held until people from all states could attend. She suspects that South Carolina would open up first. Maryland had just pushed schools back though they had not yet cancelled for the year. At that point there was just no certainty.

New Business:

Renewing Exchequer Warrant: Adendra reminded the meeting that her warrant would be expiring in a couple of months. Heinrich and several other members immediately moved rather enthusiastically that the canton request her warrant be renewed. All paid members were polled and Adendra was requested by acclamation to stay on.

Virtual meetings: Alisoun said she hoped that the technical difficulties and other issues had not turned everyone off the technology. Several people indicated they were good with it. Geoffrey noted that it would be a useful tool for those who had limited mobility or travel issues or time conflicts. Alisoun asked if he was suggesting that we continue to make digital access available after restrictions no longer kept us from meeting in person. He in fact made that suggestion. There ensued a discussion of technical issues with Zoom and explanations of defaults and technology by Seiffrid and Alisoun. Heinrich and a number of others noted that keeping digital attendance options available should allow more people to attend meetings and other functions. Seiffrid noted that the fact that the meeting could be recorded easily helps. Heinrich noted that it would give people a better idea of what officers did and might add to our officer pool. Geoffrey suggested that since travel time would be eliminated perhaps meetings could occur on weeknights. Alisoun

replied that there were already several nights occupied by Hospitality Hall, fighter practices, sewing nights, etc. That would be something to consider down the road.

Informal online get togethers: Gnaea indicated that she would love to see as many informal sessions that would allow in depth interaction as possible, even to another Hospitality Hall type evening in the week.

Online classes: Alisoun mentioned that she was in the process of trying to put together some online classes for the heralds at the national level and that was why she had gotten the paid Zoom license. She could do some heraldic consults on obscure topics. Geoffrey might be able to teach blackwork. He said he might need some equipment. Seiffred and Alisoun offered technology assistance. Alisoun asked people to tell her and Yvonne ideas for classes they would like to take (not give) and we could see whether we could record MP4 video to upload to the canton web page for download.

Helping One Another: Alisoun asked for ideas on how we could help meet members' needs and wants in this unusual situation. The Shore has a lot of high risk people so we need to be conservative in following restrictions. However, were there people in the group who needed shopping done or other errands done or assistance in any other way. Did people have ideas how we can assist those folks? For instance, offering resume help to someone who might have lost a job. It would not have to involve the medieval part of the Society. Seiffred said that he had seen some things happening along that line, but more transparency would help. Let people know what you can do. He used himself as an example because his real world employment made him a good courier as he was out and about and had more mobility than a lot of members. Alisoun noted that we also need to know what people need help with. She was using Zoom to talk to a lot of people who like herself lived alone and were going stir crazy so she was talking more with An Tir and other far away kingdoms that she was close to home so that people had someone to vent to or give advice on handling issues.

Forthcoming Meetings: Constantia reminded people that the May meeting had been scheduled for their house. Would they be hosting? Alisoun suggested that, given the current uncertainties, it would be prudent to plan on having the May meeting via Zoom and asked Adendra as the local medical specialist to give her opinion. Adendra stated strongly that, given the fact that asymptomatic individuals were known to spread the disease and that the Shore had so many high risk members, she did not recommend returning to in person meetings till the situation got clearer. Seiffred suggested flat out that we should simply hold meetings by Zoom until things appeared to be safer and, when that was the case, at the last all Zoom meeting decide where the first in person meeting should be held no less than 30 days after the date when relevant restrictions were lifted. That approach was approved by all those still in the meeting.