

Moot & Curia June 17th, 2012 - Summits June Investiture

First, I would like to apologize for any potential errors in the first portion of my minutes, this was my first time using my voice recorder to assist and I somehow missed the first 15 minutes of the meeting, I must have accidentally paused it at some point. I took as accurate notes as I could during the meeting, but don't have the recording to verify with. I will note when the recording begins again. Thanks, Rose Atherton

In Attendance: Prince Aaron Duncan, Princess Telisia Brutusdottir, Vasa d'Este, Raffe, Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle, Luciano Foscari, Armand, Baron Michael, Idonia Sherwood, [Carmella], Antonia Crivelli, Janet MacLauchlin, Master Finngall, Baroness Yseult, Matea Volpelli, Temperence Tyrsson, Duana, Juliana, William Geoffry the Rogue, Anna Engel---, Aoife ingen Paitin, Tadgh, Morrghan, Rose Atherton, Crown Princess Astrid, Godwyn Reynard, David de Rosier Le Blanc, Brenden ap Lewellyn, Mistress Keterlin,

Vasa: Good Morning, the clipboard is going around, please be sure you sign in it's very important. I'd like to welcome Her Royal Highness. This is the first time we've had a Queen from the Summits in almost 10 years, this is very exciting for us. Any opening remarks?

Astrid: Thank you for coming.

Vasa: I am going to ask if any of the Principality Officers at this point.

Rose: I have been encouraged by my Kingdom Superior to use a Voice Recorder to assist in taking minutes. I went ahead and purchased one for about \$30 so I would have it for this meeting. I think the office should have one of their own, but I am also happy to have this be my personal recorder if the expenses are not approved. I would have liked to have requested the funds first but I didn't want to wait until after this event. I have all the packaging and the receipt.

Vasa: This is a valuable tool that we really need to have. Also it should be stated that we are recording this meeting. We will address this request in the financial committee.

Juliana: I'd like to point out that when we report, we should speak up.

Vasa: Any other requests

How are we on wax?

We are fine

Duana: I'm thinking of having some business cards made for the Chatelaine, I will ask around what that would cost and shoot it to Raffe.

Vasa: If that is all as far as financial request, I'd like to propose we roll Curia and Moot into one if that is all right.

Seneschal, Vasa: Things are moving along we had our administrative retreat, for exchequer and seneschals. A day and a half of intensive training, we learned a lot. Very worthwhile. Those who had not been able to attend have been going through a training with Raffe, and there are few who will going through a training with me. If you have a change over happening in the next year of an Exchequer or a Seneschal, I would strongly urge those people to contact Raffe or I so that those people can participate in the next training session

Brendan: I suggest that we have an administrative retreat as a regular thing, every other year, so people can be looking for a a site.

Vasa: Basically that is all I have to report for my office. Calendar deputy, I did not receive a report, so I will contact him and find out what's happening with that.

Exchequer, Raffe: I want to thank everyone for getting reports in on time except one group who is late on Domesday and 1st quarter, which is holding up Kingdom, everyone else is in compliance. Thanks for those who went to the retreat and came to my house for training. As we all know the society is changing trying to keep up with mundane laws, that's a significant thing we have to do to keep our nonprofit status.

We have \$4,600, and \$1600 divided in the travel funds. We are very low. The general fund will last us another year, year and half and that's it. We are not earning enough money at the Principality events to sustain our expenses. We have suspended budgets, but several people are working on that. We have had fund raisers but we need to look at that, and [the prices of] everything is going up.

Brendan: My question is when was the last time we looked at principality event site fees.

Raffe: You don't want to know the real policy because we've been in noncompliance. It was \$12, that's been ignored for a while. But we have to look at the fact that we will lose some people if we raise it. We want to get the most people to come. Many things we can look at, some options, I don't want to go there because I don't think it's fair, as far as the splits [with shires] and stuff like that. Our principality is the most generous in the kingdom. We'd love to keep it there.

David: Does the run rate apply to both funds, or would donations be better for which fund?

Raffe: We still have expenses for the last reign, \$400 are only for certain types of travel, the other \$1200 is royal travel in general, some of it will be eaten away. People [Royalty] seem to be good about raising the money that they spend. But there is always a chance that they won't be able to raise that.

Vasa: My only observation is that people tend to do more fund raising for the travel funds (branches themselves) and it seems to sustain itself, whereas the general fund is not getting that sustainability. Keep in mind we took a hit on two events last year, one made not enough money for the Principality to get a cut and the other was cancelled, and that dipped into our funds. Each branch has a decision to make about where their money goes, but we will bring that into attention. We have been requested, and it's perhaps becoming into a requirement, that Kingdom and Society really want us to have 2 years operating budget in their funds. That brings it into perspective.

David: Basically maintain travel fund, and do more for general.

Rose: I'd like to mention that at this event we have probably done pretty well through gate, and we have raised about \$40 for the travel fund and about \$200 for the general fund.

Duana: Did that take into account?

Yseult: I believe we had 180 through gate, I will bank 2210 gross gate receipts. I think we will have a successful event in that site, we had low costs. I would strongly recommend that people put themselves out for the silent auction, but our biggest source is the quarterly events. I think we need to take a harder look at the fact that the event need to be our major fundraising effort. I would suggest the financial committee look at a sliding scale split so a group who has a sufficient cushion could be asked to contribute more, but a smaller shire, could have the 50/50. Give where we give and make that go farther. \$15 for an event is very cheap. That's two movies. If you think about the cost of a latte , etc. We aren't being excessive. Let's take a hard realistic look at the finances and do better then we are doing.

Keterlin: I thought it was a good opportunity to point out they are doing an art auction at Pennsic, and you can specify that your share of the proceeds come to the Summits instead of An Tir, by putting Summits slash An Tir, and they will take anything and everything. it has to be a finished item and it has to be to them before Pennsic starts which means you have to ship it. I'm doing a felted bag, other people are selling their services and put on your thinking caps and see what you might do to contribute to that effort. Half of the funds go to SCA in general half to to the branch.

William Cristofore: How much is annual expenses to run the Principality? Like a storage unit?

Raffe: We don't really have anything like that, our expenses basically are a lot of travel involved in the officers, also replacement of regalia, repair, cleaning, refurbishing, we have a trailer, so that is a maintenance cost, all of that has gone up. We have had some extraordinary meeting requirements, we paid for the administrative retreat. That would be my intent, to have the principality pay for the major expenses.

Vasa: The site and all of the food [for the administrative retreat] was paid for by the Principality, we asked the branches to pay for the gas stipend, so we tried to keep it reasonable, but it was very important, and we were under the time constraints.

Raffe: [We pay for] Moot/curia breakfast, consorts tea, and they've kept it pretty low, so it's not a significant cost.

Keterlin: Some offices have significant expenses, Scribe needs to buy paper, there's wax, paints, shipping, etc. Printing, it takes a lot of money to run the scribal office. It nickel and dimes together, Chirurgeon needs bandages, chatelaine has breakfast expenses, but it all adds up.

Baron Michael: We are looking at nickels and dimes in expenses, we know that the officers are doing their job and trying to maintain control of the budget. As long as we continue doing that, we're ok. The big problem is we've had an abnormal year last year. The lawsuit and two unsuccessful events, if my Barony had that, we would be hurting, so as long as we are looking forward, and making our events successful, we'll be ok.

Astrid: I know a little bit about what happened with the lawsuit, is that something that impacted everyone considerably?

Vasa: It did impact us considerably, the other thing was the two events, March coronet was cancelled, and then the other event took place, but there is a cut off point, an event has to make x amount of dollars before the principality gets a cut, and they didn't make enough money.

Morrghan: Gas is a major concern.

Keterlin: Hocktide took a big hit too.

Armand: Site fees aren't that much, but when you look at the cost of gas, that compounds with the site fee.

Vasa: I highly encourage people to carpool, and do things to cut down expenses. Invite people, welcome them into carpool. It's a lot less expensive to kick in \$25 for gas than one person driving alone.

Carmella: Another concern, is if there is an activity to draw them besides the heavy fighting and court, if other things draw people in besides watching fighting, that is a huge draw to a majority of the populace, that will bring people. Having advertised what is available to participate in will give people a reason to attend.

Yseult: I want to second that. After doing Egils a few weeks ago, today we didn't fill one non member waiver form. Egils attracts non-members, this event was all members. A&S has been consisting of organizing things and getting them going, I would strongly encourage that. We will talk more about those in a few minutes.

Antonia: Einar did turn the youth A&S social over to me, but it was at the last minute. there was supposed to be a youth display, and I could have set out an activity, but I didn't get any instructions.

Keterlin: We can shift that forward to the next event.

*This is when I noticed that the recorder was not recording, I think I may have missed a minute or so while I turned the recorder back on. Again, my apologies for the hole in the minutes I believe we mostly just shifted our discussion to the Chamberlain. *

Raffe: We were unfortunately we didn't get the last order of tokens in time, that was my fault for misunderstanding, we got the order mixed up.

Vasa: Chamberlain is a thankless job, so please thank him for all his work, there are people behind the scenes working. We started taking absolute inventories during Brian and Acacia's last reign. We took picture and inventories and we are signing in out everything that we ow, and he is doing an outstanding job. When you are the teamster or the chamberlain it's a thankless job. Everyone expects all the pavilions and things to show up magically, but there are people behind the scenes who do that, so give him a pat on the back and tell him hey good job. We have a new chamberlain taking office this event. That will be Torstin because Lucius will be stepping into the Earl Marshal position. Those of you who don't know Torstin, he's in Terra Pomaria and is really hardworking and amazing, I know he will carry forward with everything Lucius is working so diligently on. So please just take a second and say thanks them for their work. Herald behind the scenes to put up banners, let them know they're appreciate.

Raffe: Officers, champions, we will be sending you a form to fill out list any regalia, principality property and the like, we will take complete inventory of what everyone is having, so everyone knows, like I have a computer owned by the Principality, so everyone knows, and so we don't loose things.

Vasa: I know Baroness Yseult really jumped on that when she got back from the administrative retreat, she immediately started doing inventory for adiantum. If you need help, bounce off her, Raffe and start getting that in hand.

Brendan: Is there a standardized form?

Raffe: I will be sending it out to all the Exchequers.

Vasa: So thank you, That was an amazing quick response and turn around on that.

Chatelaine: For the most part my shires and baronies are doing pretty good. A few people initially weren't when they stepped into the officer weren't sure to do or what to send me, and I do try to send a how do you do letter and send out 'here's kinda what I like.' Essentially what I send them, is what my report looks like. It has my name, when

my office ends, what I belong to, chatelaine for the Summits , etc., and then what's happened. I don't like not getting a report, because I know you're doing something. I listen and watch and see that you're doing stuff, I will send you a personal email and say, "Hello, time for reporting, hi guys", and then I get nothing back. Sometimes I'll step one step up and ding on your seneschal, and if you don't send me a report, I have to give you a bad frowny face on my report. And some of you have a string of frowny faces And that would be bad. I would like to ask, recently this happened, there was a reporter, and there was a newspaper article, it went viral because it started in one newspaper and was picked up by another, and ended up over in the Bend newspaper. A mother of a member said, "Hey did you see the article in the newspaper?" It had our Viscount here a picture, info about the SCA, I had NO idea what was going on. That is part of my job, media relations, I need to know if there is going to be something in the paper. If kingdom comes to me, and they don't know anything about it, I need to be able to say I knew about it, oh, yes it happened really quick, they didn't have time to get in contact with you. Or if something like that happens, ding me an email real quick and I can warn kingdom. They have those computers that go SCA, Ding, something's happened, for instance, in Briar Oak, and it was in the news paper, why didn't we have any information.

Michael: That happened at TP's Long and Short event. I apologize. We didn't know you were in the loop, we reported it to Vasa and Kingdom, and we apologize.

Duana: Ok, well just a quick CC.

Was the article in bend about long and short?

Yes, but it was about a Bend resident.

Vasa: If you know you will have media at your event. Contact me and the Principality Chatelaine and me immediately, as well as the media deputy. There are rules and things you need to follow. If someone shows up spontaneously, still please contact all of us as well.

Chatelaine: And if something like that happened, I understand it happened really quickly it would have been find if sometime on Monday you would have shot me an email or something, because by that time it's already in the paper, the thing about contacting kingdom. If you actively wish to have media there, you have to let her know because then there has to be SCA corporate approved information there, and it has to be approved by Kingdom. They can't just come in willy nilly any more. The people they come in contact with and The reporter has to be with either the Seneschal or the Chatelaine at all times. People don't realize that. They can't just wander the site any more. and just talk to whoever they please, we have to be with them, so if they head up to some of those party hounds, you can go "and there's this nice group over here that is family friendly" We want to promote that we are a family friendly groups, we don't want to give the sensationalism that most reporters are looking for. If you are at an event that i'm at and you're busy, tag me, let me know, I will step in and while you're busy doing

your job for your event ,I'll take that reporter around. I'm happy to do it, I'm chatty Kathy with these people.

Vasa: It would be your final report as Marshal

Aaron: Lucius is taking over my position, he's not here here to decimate everything that happened. It was fun to be your marshal for such a short time, sorry to step up as Prince. I wish we could say we had no injuries, but I can't say that. But since my last report, it as pretty uneventful since there were no other Principality event since my last report.

Vasa: Are people reporting in the marshallate?

Aaron: Yes, not everybody, but snail mail sucks and sometimes it doesn't happen. I'd like to thank those marshals that are here because I started pushing you before the deadline, so you guys actually made the deadline so that my report could meet it's deadline. So thank you for that.

Bow, Tryggr:

William Cristofore: Did we get the names changed? We changed it to Captain of the Bow etc. I had a hard time getting Kingdom to recognize that. So I want to make sure...

Vasa: I can change that on the agenda if it's a personal note.Thank you for letting me know.

Tryggr: We had 100% reports, so happy with that, if you can get an officer, that's superior, if you need help, we have some marshals Cai and Johanna have been working hard making marshals, so you can have those sorts of activities at your events. Things are going well. Let me know if you need help, send me an email.

Vasa: I'm sorry Viscount William, did you have a question?

William Geoffrey: Yes, with the injury yesterday, there's a 24 hr window where we have to get a report up to Kingdom.

Vasa: It's done. Since the Kingdom Seneschal was here, it was very much expedited.

William Geoffrey: The Principality marshal is supposed to send it up to the Kingdom Marshal as part of the paper trail so I wanted to make sure it's done.

Vasa: Yup.

Vasa: Victor is not here, he's the new rapier marshal. He was here yesterday and turned in some paperwork. He's just stepped into the position, I've heard really great things about him, he's lived here prior, went to school, did his law degree and is back

here. He's a well addition back into the summits, highly respected individual, I've heard great things from Kingdom, it will be nice to have him in the position.

Luciano: There are no branch rapier marshals in the summits right now, I really would like that changed as Kingdom Rapier Marshal. I'd really like to see some branch marshals in the Summits. I'm going to make sure that Armand takes one down south, trying to find one in Adiantum. If there are people fencing in your area, really be lovely to have a rapier marshal down there and getting them authorized.

Vasa: Being that I just got all of Victor's information I will be getting ahold of the webminister so that the link can be set up properly so you can start emailing him. But please get Rufus about 10 days, I know it's supposed to be 72 hrs. He's got a lot of things he is trying to take care of administratively for us so there might be a little bit of a lag time. We will try and get it faster, but we just went through that with heralds and there was a hiccup and Master Finngall wasn't getting the emails and that wasn't good.

Equestrian, Anna: Please remember that if you don't have an equestrian officer in your branch the seneschal needs to send the "no we're are not doing anything" report. Tymberhaven, Myrtleholt and Coeur du Val all have people who are working on their senior marshallate. It's more difficult for us to do that in the summits because most of the Equestrians are Portland and beyond, we have three people working on it right now. Hocktide was very successful and we got the first outrider of the summits. As a reminder, the equestrian championship was not set up to be at Hocktide, it doesn't have to be there, so if there any branches would like to put in for that, there isn't a system yet, but it wasn't expected that it would be with us all the time but it would be nice to see it come up north some as well, or in Tymberhaven.

Vasa: I think when their then Highnesses Brian and Acacia set that up the though process was that since Hocktide was an already standing event, to launch it it would make sense to do it there, but we would like to see it come up south, so Terra Pomaria Adiantum area...

Anna: Tymberhaven...

Laur: As it's in there now it's a sliding thing like the Summits Archery. IF another event vies for it it can be passed back and forth. Right now the only really strong equestrian event is hocktide so it has to be there. You want to compete, compete.

William Cristofore: I think the law on the archery is that it is at a local event between investiture and coronet. Maybe it could be worded similarly.

Laur: it is set up the same way.

Vasa: Yes, it says the months.

Warlord William Geoffrey; We've had two war practices, this last quarter, one at long and short, got a little bit done and war of trees was hugely successful. Lots of crushing

and smashing learning. Summits wall will look awesome. In the future we have Autumn war coming up. Norther aggression to deal with, another option to consider at the end of july is War of Stormgods, where the Summits traditionally makes a very strong showing both in Equestrian and on the War Field. join us for trying to steal the storm thrown, join us trying to stop the west, join us trying to stop the into the dust. Build shields, build tabards, bring water, go.

Vasa: YAC is open, we have had an applicant who has gotten their background checks and everything done.

Aaron: Have we heard anything back on that yet? I haven't heard back on that.

Vasa: Background checks, we just went through all this at crown. The deputy that presides over getting those done cannot release that information to either myself or any other seneschal, or anybody else. they have to release it to the individual who applied for the background check. Which has been a hiccup. They are trying to find a way that the info can get disseminated in a more appropriate manner.

Aaron: That sounds self-defeating.

Vasa: I understand, that is where Kingdom is right now. So those are the confines we that we have to participate under, and we can give them all kinds of suggestions which we did at crown, but they need to work through that with society and the BoD before any changes can be made.

Temperance: It would be nice if the background check form could be added to the documents, that's all I need to get my YAC, and I have all the other stuff, I'm a teacher so I know I'll pass the background check.

Vasa: What you need to do is contact the kingdom deputy, it was Nadezhda, I don't know that she will be maintaining that position now that she's a Viceroy. So...

Temperance: Can't we just add it to a link?

Vasa: But it still needs to go her directly.

David: I thought it needed to go the Kingdom Seneschal first.

Keterlin: It has to come from them unfortunately. You can't just download the form, you have to request through them, because they don't want to get a bunch of people doing it who don't need it.

Vasa: Because it costs money to run it.

Laurs: Kerrick and I are going through the background process right now and it's been 4 months, so if you're interested in the future, start now. Because it's not like, well next week I'll get it done...

Vasa: The caveat is that the branch seneschal needs to say yes that you will serve as the Youth Armored Combat or Family Activities Coordinator. Those are the only position that background checks will be run for at this point. I understand that thinking ahead to the future but that's not a reality check right now.

William Cristofore; I was once told that for running youth archery we fell under the requirements, and that's part of why we haven't been scheduling it. It is an activity. Is that no longer apply?

Vasa: Here's what Kingdom had to say about that at Crown. If it is an official event, you have to have someone with a background check that's been authorized there. If it's not an official event, then the parents are supposed to be with the minor child anyway, correct, so the two deep law is removed because the adult there who is responsible for that child is physically there with them. If it's official and publicized at an event and authorized through the branch, then yes you must have someone with a background check physically standing there assisting, even if it's just standing there watching it happen.

Yseult: Parents don't count? For example at Egils we had parents there with their child.

Vasa: Parents do count if they are with their child, as long as parents are with their child you're ok. But it can't be official unless you have someone with the background check.

Kerrick: And the background checks are backlogged so we're still in a catch 22 with having official vs. not official, with parents vs two deep rule.

Vasa: Yes, and we are all frustrated but trying to deal with that process right now. They are trying to streamline it and make it easier, and so once again patience prevails and we need to allow the Kingdom and the Society and the BoD to get through the process because it's never as easy as we'd like it to be. We'd like to wave a magic wand and make it all streamlines but that's not the case right now.

Baron Michael: You're still confused on the youth shooting at the archery field. We can have the range set up out there, and kids can come and they can shoot, we just can't call it youth archery, without needing the background check.

William Cristofore: We will consider to do it as we've been doing it, we can set up the range, and as long as the parents are present, they can shoot. We could call it a shorter range shoot.

Vasa: Ok, we'll move on to heralds, and I'm going to ask Elizabeth, she sent me a nice email, before we... Fingall is acting herald, I want to let everyone know this is great news.

Elizabeth: My project since forever ago was making all the summits awards registered in the OP, and O andA, we have a list that is already done. Ordo Aerie, Order of the Bezant, Die Gesellschaft von den Guildenen Sternen, Grail of the Summits, Gryffin and Spear, Heart of the Summits, Joy of the Summits, Shield of the Summits, Silver Berberie, Order of the Wings. There are four orders that are at Laurel awaiting decision. Vanguard of the White Griffin, Impresa di Shamedori (sp?), Order of the silver Shamfron (sp?) and the order of the lark and mountain. There are four awards that are on the June 2012 internal letter at the kingdom level and provided there's no conflict and everything is cool will go to laurel at the end of July. THE Astrolabe of St. Brendan, The Gryffin's Talon of the Summits, The Jewel of the summits and the Silver arrow. Then that is everything unless their highnesses choose to make a new award.

Vasa: Elizabeth has been working tirelessly behinds the scenes on this just doing a phenomenal job. I want to give the accolade to her while she's here. This is a huge amount of work. Those of tyou who don't do book heraldry work, huge. Once again another person silently behind the scenes, this takes hours and months and years some times and She has done an outstanding job. Please once again...

Tadhg: I just wanted to ask, it sounds like we had to change a couple names to get them registrable. What were you reading, I'm not familiar with some of those.

Elizabeth: Some of them came into being at the end of Brian and Acacia's reign. Six are for former champions, Astrolabe was the far voyager. Gryffin'd talon was by Brogan and Johanna. We had to change Far voyager because it's not an acceptable period pattern for order names.

Brendan: We picked that form because one of the forms is object of veneration of saint's name. Digging through St. Brendan the Navigator, was the one who supposedly led the Irish to Ireland.

Vasa: I liked the astrolabe because it's an instrument used by seafaring people to get from place to place.

Elizabeth: Since the far voyager was meant for those who travel far and spread the word fame of the Summits, that's why we chose that. It took so long because St. Brendan is a branch name in the West. We had to wait until the new rules came out that said that Branch names could clear conflict. Lots of manipulating of the rules, and how far you can bend them, and it's lots of fun. The Gryffin and Spear was the Gryffind's sword. Gryphons don't have swords. We had to put an and in the middle, and Griffin and sword was already taken so we had to change it to spear. The only one I'm still

working on is Morgan's Rose, I don't think we should change it, but the college of arms doesn't agree with me, so I'm trying to make it work. Rose of St. Morgan?

Elizabeth: I asked him and he was not ok with that. They are super protective of the order of the rose because they don't want anything to be presumptuous against it, and chivalry etc. which is why we couldn't register 'shield of chivalry'. We registered order of the shield of the summits. A lot of things that had to be changed like that, were changed for those types of reasons. I tried to keep summits traditions, and changed things only when I had to. This process started when Tadhg was Summits Herald. It's been a lot of finding things.

Vasa: Just so everyone understand how long this takes, Thank you Elizabeth so much.

Duana: Are they posted to the Summits website?

Vasa: Their names will be updated, we're waiting until they are registered.

Finngall: REporting in the last quarter was poor, but that can be blamed on a snafu of the email alias not being changed over. Things sent to summits herald didn't make it to me. It has just been changed. If all else fails, the summits lists alias still works, but we'll get to that in section two. mehli@efn.com same email for a long time. I have two applicants for a replacement. I hope to consult with Their Highnesses, Black Lion and Black Lion to be, and with the candidates, we have two very well qualified applicants and I hope to have one selected soon and have them official invested in september. No financial requests.

Lists, my term as lists is up today. I have yet to receive applications for a replacement. I hope to have a replacement as soon as possible.

Keterlin: I'd like to suggest a class on running lists at our next event, it might be a great way to generate that interest.

David: I think people have interest, but they have no idea what to do.

Finngall: I was busy yesterday, but at birthday bash in temberhaven I did a list class, and I am perfectly happy to do so again. Kingdom list mistress was here along with her Majesty's retinue and she's very happy with what's going on in the office in the principality.

Vasa: If your branch is interested in Master Finngall putting on a class, please talk to him and he can take a look at and maybe say he can go up north and do one here , south and central here. That might be a very effective way to help him out, instead of having to do 8 or 9 classes.

William Cristofore: Bash is a gathering for the whole principality in the venter of the summits.

Finngall: Gladly. No branch list ministers at this time, I've been hearing from people about what's going on. I've been getting authorizations. no financial request.

Vasa: are seneschals remembering to email you to say they have no officers?

Finngall: sometimes.

Vasa: Seneschals, please remember that if you don't have an officer in a particular position it is your job to report for all positions that you don't have in your branch quarterly. Even if it's just a courtesy note saying you don't have an officer. Do that quarterly so the Principality officers can complete their kingdom requirements.

Keterlin: It's easy you make an email that has a list of them all, and you send the same email every quarter.

Vasa: A&S, Einar had a medical situation that occurred at the very last minute, he apologizes for that, please keep him in your thoughts. Last I heard everything is going really well. He traditionally is doing things at every Principality event, having people get together. Antonia, do you have anything to add from the champion perspective, since Einar isn't here right now.

Antonia: No, I came here sort of expecting that there would be youth entries, there weren't, the social went fine, there was definitely an A&S presence.

Vasa: Speaking from past experience, from having had Einar's office, we do try and promote youth activities,,s last time I did one, we only had two entries. The individual branches might want to take a more hands on approach and encourage A&S activity in their youth. It doesn't need to be scary thing, just a way to acknowledge what they're doing and nurture them a little bit in the Arts and Sciences.

Idonia: I know in Adiantum at least, we don't have any youth old enough to participate, so that might be part of it. So it might just be what ages the kids are.

Keterlin: The Summits population of children right now seems to be under 5.

Vasa: Something to keep in mind.

Chronicler: Rose: So, I finally received some training that was very exciting, remote training over the phone, finally got to talk to my kingdom superior 9 months later. I got the voice recorder that can hopefully help with the minute taking, got a little more clear expectations about the Echoes. With the exception of my oversight and snafu this spring, I've received a lot of positive feedback on the Echoes. I'd still like to publish articles, drawing, that stuff if you'd like to send it to me. You just have to make sure that you include the appropriate permissions that include release forms, there's there person who took the photograph, the people in the photograph. If you want details on that we

can talk privately, I'm not going to go over it all now. If you'd like to receive the Echoes directly to your inbox, let me know, but I've been sending it out pretty reliably pdf publicly anyways. as far as reporting, I am almost certain I heard from every chronicler or at least their seneschal this last quarter eventually. The one exception might have been Coeur de Val. I feel like I didn't actually hear from them. I'm sorry I don't have it right now, I was thinking about other things this weekend. But reporting is getting better then it was so that is good. I'm having a little bit of a delay receiving warrant forms when new chroniclers are stepping in, so seneschals, as you get new chroniclers be sure that they are filling out a warrant form, they are one of those positions that are warranted, it's not just a change of officer form .Be sure you are sending a copy to me and a copy to the kingdom warrants deputy, and a copy for our seneschal as well. That's an important step not to forget to do. That about covers it for me.

Vasa: We are a principality, and therefore we have autonomy warranting officers. It's very important that we get those change of officer forms to me. We don't go through the same process as a branch in the middle area of the Kingdom. We do an officer warrant roster. They are signed every time we have a new King and Queen. It is extremely important for me to get that information so I can list it out and have them ready and give them to my superiors so everything is signed right at once and authorized. So please get those change of officer forms to the appropriate people..

Gryffin Scribe, We'd like to welcome our new scribe Janet, and thank Fortune for the amazing job she did and creating a smooth transition to Janet, and thank her for all her work that she did for our principality. Awards can be verbalized, but it's the painting and the seals that really make those awards pop. Without our scribes we'd be in not too good of shape. Thank you Fortune, and welcome Janet.

Janet: I have been working with Fortune for about 6 weeks. I don't know what we have for inventory, everything went from her car to my car yesterday I haven't looked at it. My first business when I get home will be to inventory everything. I was expecting a filing drawer and I never got one, so I need to seek that. I requested a change of officer form from Siobhan, Adiantum's new scribe and I need to talk to the other Barony. I have sent my own to you [seneschal] and the kingdom scribe. We do have the charters for the current reign and I have handed out quite a few packets. If anyone wants some just let me know. I will get them to you. I believe that the kingdom page is changed, but not the principality page. Let me know somehow so I can get those emails.

Webminister is not here, I didn't receive a report. I will tell you he has been extremely busy, we received notification from society level that they were requesting all the webpages and email addresses turned over to the kingdom servers. So he has been incredibly busy trying to get caught up. It's a massive amount of work. He's been working on that since the administrative retreat. If you don't have your branch webpage hosted by kingdom it needs to happen ASAP. Get ahold of him and be nice.

David: I'm going to be blunt, we are getting no response.

Vasa: I emailed him again on that...

David: I understand he's busy, but we want to do it, we are paying now by the month to keep out site up but...

Vasa: I will have a phone conversation with Rufus again, if your branch hasn't started that process, that needs to happen. Get a hold of him, send him an email to get it changed over. Let him know you need to get those things changed over.

Chirurgion, Brendan: I would like to say it was an uneventful quarter but that's not the case. All my chirurgions reported. Special props to Kenji who reports on everything. 4 of the branches remember to say they don't have a branch chirurgion. Myrtleholt, Glyn Dwfn, Tymberhaven and Briar Oak are good that that. We have one branch chirurgion in Terra Pomaria. In the last quarter there were no serious incidents. In this quarter we had one. The good news is that he came back on site last night and it was just a neck strain. I can share that because he was freely sharing that. I called and left a voice message with the kingdom chirurgion. When I get off site I will try and touch base with him again. About the process. Chatelaine talked about newspaper articles. In a lot of communities, a basic of the 911 calls go into the newspaper. If you have an ambulance on your site, if you don't have a chirurgion to do the reports, the autocrat or seneschal needs to call Kingdom, or Vasa immediately. When a serious incident is on site, they have 24 hrs to call kingdom, kingdom has 24 hrs to call society, which has 24 hours to call Bod, and the insurance company. Marshal, Seneschal, Chirurgion all have that. It's important that you call people. If we use this site again for an event, if you have to call 911, maybe the thing to do is to go up to the house.

Rose: That would have been acceptable, I have no doubt. I'm sure the person who made the call did what first occurred to them but I don't know why they didn't go up to the house.

Berndan: Check cellphone and response time for new sites. There is a lot of this principality that isn't a 20 minute response time, it's 40 minutes. Outside places like this, it's volunteers, so be aware of that. Be aware of that, I don't have any financial requests at this time. But if people wish to donate supplies to a chirurgion or the principality, that's acceptable as long as it's not over the counter medicines.

Vasa: I sat in on the chirurgion meeting at crown. Telisia was there, there are some changes as far as what the Chirurgion can or cannot do, can you cover that Your Highness? There are some new regulations from Society level.

Brendan: I received some clarification too.

Telisia: Talking to the Kingdom chirurgion there was a back board issue. A backboard isn't covered by our insurance, and it can't be owned by the Principality or society, and can't be used by chirurgions. A chirurgion can own his own, but it's his own liability. and it requires special training to use it, the problem there is liability. People can sue,

and they do sue. I don't know what kind of insurance would cover anything like that. So according to us, we do not want them used by a surgeon at an event.

Vasa: the other thing is anything, even a bandaid is dispersed, a report needs to be reported. You cannot lay aspirin on a table and walk away and say 'oh, well, the aspirin is there, I can't give it to you.' There are situations where this has happened and we are in a lawsuit happy environment. They are very sticky about reporting on every little thing. We have to be very cognizant of what is going on. Even though it may have worked in the past, it cannot work now. Please be very aware of that be very aware of what you're doing and take the measures necessary to protect ourselves.

Telisia: I know it only affects two states, but the Kingdom surgeon has asked that we comply as well. it's been asked that over the counter medicine can be carried by the surgeon. We are seeking clarification, so this may change..

Brendan: I've since received a clarifying email from the Kingdom Surgeon and she will be clarifying that for us. It's in flux.

Vasa: Right now, no over the counter medicine. So make sure you are carrying any medications you need, and your people you are camping with know what needs to be done and how quickly it need to be done. Keep your first aid supply hit in your camp and do the responsible thing and what most of us have been doing forever.

FAC; Position is open. A few people have hinted being interested. No one has actually put in a letter of intent. I think one of the biggest fears that is going on, and we talked about this at curia at crown , people think that if they become the Family Activities coordinator it will make them a babysitter ,and that is not what is going on in the slightest. Adults who have their children must be responsible and must be with their children at all times. So if you know if somebody who has a heart towards children and is interested in working with some children and have maybe hinted around, but oh I don't want to be...., please reiterate the them and explain to them that this is not a babysitting situation, that they are there to coordinate actives and that is why the name change,pull in families and to do family things together and to participate on that level. Get the word out. If you have someone dealing with the children, its family activities now, pied piper is no more. The interim seneschal will twitch if you say that in front of her, Please get that changed. We have small children now, they will be growing up in our society and hopefully filling our shoes. Be aware of that and Let's plan fun things for them to do. Also , we have had changes of officers, we aren't done yet, but at the end can Principality Officers stay to sign some forms.

Any old business?

Rose: I remember there was some conversation at recent meetings about some updates to law that is still in flux and then also the purchase of swords. For the rapier champion and the heavy champion.

Vasa: We are going to have a meeting after this meeting to discuss the swords so everyone is on the same page with Armand, Luciano and Their Highnesses. There was some communication flux. The sword of state progress is ongoing, it will take a good deal of time. It is a year long project. A lot of things goes into that. Initial designs were done by mistress keterlin, those went to Viscount Sir Brian, so they are in the process of coordinating, the next step is breaking it down and figuring out the cost, and then we'll come back and look at budget.

Law, law has been a hiccup. Society changed what could and could not go into Kingdom newsletters, they cut it down to 12 or 16 pages. According to An Tir law, the only way the law comes in affect is if they are published in the crier, there was a huge rewriting of law during Brian and Acacia's reign and it was more then 12 pages even microscopic font. What we've been told to do is put them on the Society webpage which will make them go into effect, that is the direction we've been going in. It's been a huge process, now that we've figured out the way to go on this situation, Their Highnesses will review law, see if they have any revisions, then they will be sent to society so they can go on the society webpage and be formalized.

Duana: My last day was supposed to be today, however, I have offered to extend my officer for a year to find someone to take her job position, but is very firm that is is one year.

Vasa: She definitely needs a replacement. This is her second 1 year extension.

Keterlin: Can I recommend a class, on Chatelaine, or requiring all branch chatelaines to help you.

Rose: One of the things that i feel like we have been focusing on a lot is being more in compliance as far as making sure people aren't overloaded and we are paying attention to the rules restricting holding several offices at once. one of the repercussions about being better about following those rules is that we need a greater number of people to fill all of our holes. For instance I only in the last month have finally been in compliance having a contingency deputy after being in the position for a year, because my contingency deputy could not be a person who held a greater office at any level, and we'd been attempting to find people who don't hold any offices at all, and all of the greater offices of the Principality need to have those contingency deputies in order to be in compliance with law. So where I'm going with this is that Seneschals and people who talk to people at your branches who maybe don't travel as much, I think there's a lot of fear associated with serving at a Principality level. We have that same problem that we have in so many other levels where we have the same 20 or 30 people rotating through positions and I think that it's a little bit of a self-fulfilling prophecy, when the same people are doing it then no one else know show to do it so it's scary so it seems like a really big deal, so people don't volunteer for it, so we have the same people doing positions. So if you could encourage folks who are maybe at that point where they have autocrated an event, and they're in for the long haul, or maybe they served as a baronial or shire officer, encourage them to be a deputy, or even if they haven't, but they seem like a

really responsible person, a deputy is a great position to find out if they are someone who we can trust to do a principality position because we need the se deputy positions filled. I'm looking at half way through my term , I don't want to extend, I know I want to give the position up and I'm thinking oh crap I have to find several back ups just in case someone steals my contingency deputy before IC an take him. Please consider becoming a deputy, even if they aren't sure they really want to do it, they can try it out for a few months and then say no thanks, and there's no shame in that.

Vasa: Also being a contingency deputy doesn't mean you'll automatically become that position, but it does need to be someone really responsible, in case there was a hiccough. Like when I was in the hospital with my son, I was able to turn things over to Juliana and had access to the files and info for me and was there in case of an emergency. It was relatively smooth transition for me to give her a call and let her know this is what is going on, and she was up and ready to be prepared. It doesn't mean she wants the job, but she was there as a stop gap in an emergency situation. It's a great way to train someone, it's a great way to incorporate them.

Brendan: Yesterday I not only lost my contingency and my contingency contingency deputy, who is Lucius, and the back up is Telisia. I can't just say, Elizabeth can you be my contingency because of the specific requirements for Chirurgeon.

Vasa: Any new business? No, I'd like to go into upcoming event reports.

Rose: Everything that I was going o say Yseult pretty much covered. About \$200 for the silent auction fundraiser. The manicure fund raiser that Rhi organized did pretty well as well, about \$30... it was less then \$50. I guess the only other thing I have to say regarding this event is that... one of the things Andrew and I tried to do with this event knowing it was coming three weeks after Egils our biggest event, we tried to make it really low impact on the Barony as much as we could. So what that means is that we would really appreciate anyone who'd available to help take down the pavilions here ont he eric, summits marshal etc. this afternoon after this is done. Anyone who's available, we'd appreciate the extra hands. It sounds like we've made some money for the Principality.

Briar Oak Sept. Coronet: We have our site, same site we've use for bash the last few years, we have biffies. wash stations, children's activities on the eric, so definitely bring your children, you won't miss out on anything. We have merchants, contact Michael if you want to merchant, Archery next to us for thrown weapons or archery, it will just be open unless someone wants to organize something. I've talked to pretty much all the summits officers, so if I've missed you, I'm Celeste, come find me. It's all ready to go. IF you bring cans and bottles, we'll collect them it will go to the Principality. Drop them in the barrels. There will also be a dumpster on site.

What about propane canisters?

Vasa: Put them separately.

We can have a trash can, the dump down there in Winston is free, they should have a drop, but we can't take it for two days, the dump is closed until Wednesday.

Vasa: I think the recycling is pretty brilliant, it's low impact, and it's the responsible thing to do. And it doesn't take that much time to return them, especially with water bottles being return.

Winter Investiture, Coeur du Val. Any representative?

No. I haven't received reports.

Spring Coronet 2013, Kerrick, Jefferson County Fair Grounds, it's reserved. We will have indoor and outdoor camping. Indoor is barracks style, bring you sleeping equipment. Please let us know if you want to camp inside. We will tape out the requested space, it may be tight. You have a 60/40 chance of either this [hot and sunny] or snow, so outdoor camping is iffy. We are working on deals with local hotels and there are 3 or 4 within a mile.

Rose: Have you considered investigating any opportunities for crash space?

Kerrick: The crash space would be available is an hour away in Bend where most of us live. Most of us will be camping. It was there two times ago when we held it. It was a pretty good site from my understand it, it's where the Celtic festival is held. High desert, so prepare for anything. We will be looking at if there is space for archery.

Vasa: Raffe and I both have some comments, there is policy for principality events, it's on the principality website. Anybody who is an autocrat needs to follow those guidelines. I have not, with the exception of Celeste, been getting reports, as far as what is going on, what the planning is, the space, where things are located, even up to and including autocrats and for all intents and purposes, if you step in and your bid has been accepted, that makes you my deputy, and I absolutely need those reports. The months prior to the event, let me know monthly, let me know what you have accomplished. The month prior to the report, let me know once a week, that you're on track what's happening. Biffs ordered, site secured, set up secured, etc. we need to readjust and find extra space or whatever. We ran into spacing problems not having enough space for retinue etc. Hiccough's happen, we all know that, but we need to quickly readjust what we're don and try and find extra room, or where to have an extra meeting or whatever. Please keep me informed on that level of what is going on and what is happening. It is very important.

Raffe: More on that, I need a copy of your budget and I'd like it 6 months ahead of time. It's not to criticize, but I need it on my file. Ultimately the principality is responsible for those events, even though you're hosting that. We need to have that on the same level as kingdom does, the only thing I'll be working for is that it's not outrageous. And that's where Principality gets it's money from. Remember there is a report due afterwards. Both a financial report and a written report. They can be done as one. There is a packet

on the kingdom website. You need to make sure it gets to Vasa and myself with the check that is within 30 days for the 50/50 split. After 30 days it is not a 50/50 split any more. We don't want you to be in a place where everyone isn't getting what they should be getting.

Janet: How far in advance would you like us to report?

Vasa: As soon as you have an autocrat. I would like to know who that autocrat is so I can start working with that person immediately.

Brendan: In the principality event stewards handbook that was created a few years ago, there are examples.

Raffe: that's a wonderful document for principality events, and new event stewards in general. It does need to be updated.

Rose: Is there a ... new autocrats tend to be announced at Principality events. Is there a way that there could be a follow up, when Andrew and I put in our bid to Adiantum and that was accepted, and then we announced it I think at December's investiture, it would have been really great if someone was like, 'hey by the way, there's a packet on the website that has all the information you need to tell you what to do', because I didn't know any of that, I did what I'd done for Baronial events because I didn't know anything different. If there could be an initiation from Principality level when somebody announces yea, we have an autocrat now, just a connection to say hey go the website and look at that, or here's the packet, I think that would be really helpful.

Vasa: I think there was an assumption that branch seneschals knew that that was what supposed to be happening, because some of them were doing a really good job with that and then as seneschals were cycling in and out it was something that was overlooked. .Yes, I can completely understand, that is why I am making the announcement now, we really do need those reports, we need to stay on track with those things. As a principality, one of our autonomies is doing our own events. We need to appreciate that there are points of accountability at Principality level. One point is the Principality events.

IF you're here from your branch and your seneschal isn't here, please take what you're hearing at this meeting and disseminate it back to your branches at your meetings.

Raffe: I'll try to send a copy to the Exchequer and Seneschal of every branch now, and when I update it. I think I initially gave 2 or 3 copies to branch seneschals, but I know everything disappears . I don't know if I can get it reprinted or not but we'll see.

Branch reports

Adiantum, Godwyn: Things are going fairly well. We have a Viceroy Nadezhda. We only have one event in the next six months. It's in October on our traditional weekend, the 20th, it will be a one day smaller event, I believe that's it for me.

Briar Oak: Cai isn't here, and he didn't send a report. Carmella: Bash is the first weekend of August, I'm the event steward. More info will be up on the website, Same site as always. There will be archery thrown, weapons, defender tourney and prize tourney. Activities for the kids. It is a hunt theme, there will be a potluck feast, meat is provided, and side dishes will be divvied up. And then fall coronet, six weeks later.

Vasa: Coeur de Val, any representation?

No.

Corvaria: Kerrick: We have our harvest tourney coming up with is summits archery championship. All our championships will be happening, there will be a prize. Anyone who wants to participate, you can win and there will be a prize but the highest ranking Corvarian will be the shire defender or champion, we want lots of participation, that's why we're making a prize tourney, but we want to keep the championships in the shire. We are making money, we haven't lost any. We made about \$180 on our last event, and that's a big chunk of money for a small little shire. We are anxiously awaiting spring coronet 2013. We are looking to make it one of the best yet.

What weekend is Harvest Tourney?

The 17th, 18th and 19th of August, at Peterson Rock Garden.

Glyn Dwfn: Keterlin: We had Hocktide Emprise, it went very well. We were proud to host the first ever outrider of the Summits championship. Hopefully someone else can put in a bid to host it another time. We were really pleased to do that, and start the regalia thing building for that slowly but surely. I will be stepping down in 2 months or so, after I put our volunteer through seneschal boot camp. We have June investiture 2013, we had an autocrat but they stepped down and are looking for another one. I'm thinking a higher elevation would be good for June. I might know who the autocrats are going to be. We have Samhain in October, but that's... We now have a senior archery marshal, thank you and we had a class at Hocktide, and there was a lot of interest in archery, so thank you for making that finally happen, and Cai, and we just a few days ago, we have a new senior rapier dude. We are looking forward to rapier and cut and thrust and getting some good exposure.

Myrtleholt: David, thanks for supporting us a St Eggberts Feat, that was a great success. It was a good shot forward in our bank account. We have coming up... we have a bevy of changes of officers, that will be coming through, then we have in October, our ancestral remembrance celebration, nicknamed ARC and everyone is welcome to bring fallen heroes, people who are beloved from their shires, we have a celebration during a bardic thing during the evening for anybody who wants to remember someone of their branch. Everyone is welcome to join in that. The format is very exciting, we've got a gypsy kids games festival along with holding a rather complete attempt at archery, we may be putting through possibly running York rounds. We are having a real full hunt as the Equestrian side of the event. There is a really broad base of Equestrian activities. Please let Equestrians know that this is fun and

exciting. That will be located Shamoie (sp?) on our site this fall. I think that's it, we are autocrating for Fall Coronet 2013, Janet will be reporting on that.

Southmarche: Ekate needed to leave yesterday, she sent a report. Southmarch is in great shape. They had a 30% increase in membership (3 people). They had two peers move in. May revel was a success, we had a lot of fun, war scenarios, archery and our wolf walk. We're working on Frostbite. They have 11th Night 2013, and will have a report at Sept. Coronet.

Terra Pomaria: We'd like to welcome a new seneschal, Mathea.

Mathea: We are in a big state of change, in the last two months we have a new seneschal, exchequer and chronicler. We are having a few more officers stepping up tomorrow. We have some recent transplants who are very interested in being officers, so we may not only have a full officer docket, but have contingency deputies too. Some transplants from out of kingdom, We have a full docket of events coming up, we just finished Long and Short, we had Winter's End, we have an Ithra August 25th and a state fair demo August 26th. We also have an October Archery championship tentatively planned, no date yet, and we are looking to do a November event called Martinmas to be a harvest/hunt event celebrating all things pig. We are starting to get bids for next year.

Baron Michael: She covered it all well, we've been active, increased our fighter practice, and are making great strides there; we are on an upswing. We had two great events, both Long and Short and Bar Gemels, His Highness came and attended both of them, so we are definitely going to have a successful year.

Mathea: I did want to say about fight practice, we've had up to 18 people in armor, some of that I want to thank His Highness for coming up, at the Mid Willamette practice, first Thursday of the month, we get people there from south and north and it's become a very vibrant practice, and there are a lot of spectators too, and it's a really great thing.

Tymberhavene: Thorffin's wife has just had surgery, they day tripped here yesterday, but they needed to go home yesterday. They said things are going fairly smoothly there.

Brendan: Last weekend was war of the trees. 21 people were in armor, 19 during the war scenarios. His now highness and the grand vizier got in armor. It looks like we'll know come shire meeting Thursday, but it looks like we made about \$250 and \$198 fund raising for the principality. Tymberhavene Birthday Bash is coming up last weekend in September, An Tir West War is coming down. We will have ash cans so ashes don't go in the dumpster and bins for the propane dumpster. The trash companies, are like "that's a wonderful idea, thank you"

Keterlin: How about separated recyclables the Tymberhavene can collect as fund raising?

Brendan: working on that, also the event bid gave some of the merchant money to Tymberhavene, so we may get some funds out of the war. And the autocrats for that meet with their majesties west next weekend, one of the things they will be aware of is that there is discontent about the scheduling of war scenarios.

Astrid: I was kinda disappointed that there wasn't going to be more archery on Saturday. I am getting armor made so I can get on the field.

Brendan: I will express that to His Majesty of the West, I meet with them next weekend and we're going over war scenarios, recycling, all that stuff. The T-shirts seem to have raised \$300 for war. That was a good deal, Ulfblood said I'll do this, I'll sell t-shirts and the war will get \$5 for every shirt no cost to the war - no risk fundraiser. He may be willing to do that for the Principality if someone wanted to talk to him.

Vasa: Officers, see me so we can get the forms signed. And thank you.

Duana: Please on your way back through the camps, let people know to come eat this stuff.

Vasa: Just wait, Keterlin has something.

Keterlin: Brendan sparked creativity in my brain, I'd like to know, if we made principality t-shirts, who'd be interested in purchasing them, as a fundraiser?

Aoife: I really like what An Tir West War did this year they had the women sized t-shirts, I don't feel comfortable buying a small t-shirt that I'll never wear. I want something flattering that I can wear.

Keterlin_ I'll let the business people deal with that, I'll deal with the art work.

Brendan: For those who didn't see, the shirts were available up to 5x

Vasa: Any other comments? Please don't forget I need to meet with Luciano and Armand immediately following this. Thank you.