

2015 Winter Investiture Moot
December 12, 2015

Welcome and Introductions

Words from Their Alpine Highnesses, Turk and Vesta:

His Highness: Be safe when you drive today. Roads are in bad condition.

Her Highness: Please exchange events if needed. Not a negative thing.

Roll of Officers

Exchequer - Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne – *present*:

Financial report: Bank Balance \$16, 425.56

Gryphon Travel Fund 964.00

Summits Travel Fund 1974.75

Summits Regalia Fund 604.50

General Fund 12,909.31

Reminder: If you have a Principality event coming up in the next year, you must (per the financial policy) submit a budget 6 months in advance to be reviewed and approved by the Council of the Exchequer.

Chamberlain: Summits is in need of a Chamberlain. This position reports to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Attendance of the Chamberlain is required at Investiture twice a year.

Seneschal - Suvia filia Hereberti - *present*

Contingency Deputy – Maeve Cunningham – *present*

Calendar Deputy – Cassandra Deveroux - *present*

Chamberlain – *Office Vacant*

Herald – Elizabeth Turner – *absent*

Arts and Sciences – Rowan Spiritwalker - *present*

Chronicler – Aoibheall an Sionnach – (*absent; thanks go to Nadezhda for taking the minutes*)

Success: We've managed to get the Echoes published on or before the 1st of the month for three months now; the redesign (web/email distribution of color PDF) has been received positively.

Challenge: Training Principality officers, champions, and local seneschals/event stewards to submit announcements and event updates to the Echoes. (As a reminder, the call for submissions goes out on the 20th of the month, and the deadline is the 25th. So December 25th is your next Echoes deadline.)

Idea: To have each Principality Officer submit comments to the Echoes on a regular basis – to highlight accomplishments of the populace (like new martial rankings, heraldry that's been approved, congratulating new local champions, and so on), share changes to rules, and educate folks about your office.

Chatelaine – Naible Martin – *present*

Success - All but one branch has a chatelaine! I have a potential recruit for the role in Southmarch in the not so distant future.

Challenges - When a branch gets a new Chatelaine, how do I get that notice and/or be notified that it has even happened? I have heard a rumor that Myrtleholt has a new chatelaine, but I have no idea who it is, or how to best communicate with them. I did not receive a report from them for 3rd Qtr.

-The Principality 60-cup coffee pot has been non-functional since I received it at Investiture 2015. I have brought it up at moot, but know not how to secure a new one.

Clever Idea -Buy a new 20-30 cup coffee put and submit it for reimbursement. Approximate cost \$45.

Scribe – Telisia Brutusdottir - *present*

Painting is occurring. Royal Scribe for Their Highnesses requests the artists of the Summits think about creating scrolls for the new reign. Reporting remains fair with prompting.

Family Activities Coordinator – *Office Vacant*

Earl Marshal - Luciano Foscari – *present*

The principality is doing well. Lack of reporting is the big issue. We had five of nine branches report this quarter. The groups that did not report were BriarOak, Corvaria, Terra Pomaria, Tymberhavene. The principality held its fall coronet tournament with Zitos Turk and Vestia being the victors. We had one marshal elevated to senior this quarter.

Rapier – Alail Horsefriend - *present*

Archery Marshal – Hrothric of Fenwald – *absent*

Youth Armored Combat – Oden McCash - *absent*

Not much going on for YAC. Sounds like there may be a few youth in Terra Pomeria that want to fight so that is good. Still working on four new helms for YAC made out of 18 ga.

Equestrian Marshal (incoming) – Anna von Engelberg – *present* (report sent in by outgoing marshal Doe Floinn)

Success: We had a good event year with a few good events. No major issues this year.

Challenge: Still finding sites and events that are equestrian friendly continues to be a challenge.

great idea: Sir William was awesome and wrote up a nice article for the newsletter on the needs of equestrians at events to help us get the word out to see about new places and events to have equestrian activities at!

It has been 3 months since I have put in notice that this office term is almost up and I will need a replacement. So far only one person has shown interest, and of the people I have discussed possibly taking over the office, only that one has said they would. It was Anne, who was EQ officer before me. I have sent a missive to Their Alpine Highnesses and Their Excellencies to ask if she is acceptable to them. She has been an incredible help to me this term, helping me in every way with anything I asked, and I honestly can say I would have had a tough time with this office without her. I would of course always be there should she need a hand with anything.

Outrider - Anna von Engelberg - *present*

Success: Horses at Long and Short again in 2016

Challenge: \$\$ to travel to all of the horse events I'd like to attend (as always)

Clever idea: Win a huge lottery, buy a huge farm in the middle of the kingdom, and let SCA events happen there for free only if they allow horses to be part of it. (Other than that, I "got nothin". I'm using all of my clever for work these days.)

Warlord - William Geoffrey - *absent*

Success: Summits joined with the West to repatriate Caid

Challenge: Finding a free weekend for war practice

There are six months and some left in my tenure as Warlord. It is time to solicit applications for my successor, the change over to place the evening after the final day of battle at AnTir-West War

List Minister – Leonardis – *absent*

Webminister (interim) - Luciano Foscari – *present*

I update the website when people send me things. People don't send things to me in a very timely fashion.

Roll of Branches

Summits Seneschal explains that all branch seneschals were contacted, and had to acknowledge that they understood that they or their deputy needed to be at Moot to indicate desire of branch to host future championships. All seneschals acknowledged.

Barony of Adiantum – *present*

No idea about championship rotation.

Shire of Briaroak- *absent*; report sent

Success: We have a place for indoor fighter practice that has room for A&S as well!

Challenge: This one is a personal challenge. Not overwhelming myself by thinking of everything that must be done, but breaking things down to "what must be done today".

Idea: I don't really have one, stuck in event steward brain at the moment.

Shire of Coeur du Val- *absent*

Shire of Corvaria – *present*

Interested in hosting Archery.

Shire of Glyn Dwn – *present*

Interest in hosting Equestrian, Archery.

Success: We have had a very successful year for events being profitable and well attended. 3 out of 4 of our events have averaged around \$400 profit, save for Hocktide which brought in less (Hocktide, being an equestrian event, requires a more expensive site). We had Samhain at a brand new site which was a big success with consistent attendance (despite the new site) and, again, over \$400 profit (first time in recent memory that it did so well). I'm very proud of the people in my branch who have helped us increase our reserves.

Challenge: It was recently realized that our Coronet report was sent in late, resulting in a loss of profit from that event. While it was sad to let the Shire know that due to our error of not getting the reports/check in on time we saw a reduction in that percentage, I am glad that it has provided us an opportunity to shore up our event recap policy, including re-looking at our financial policy to add language on deadlines and processes for event reporting, receipt and bill reconciliation, NMS, etc.

Future Plans/Clever Idea: The challenge above has actually re-invigorated my drive to create Event Steward Packets (coupled with copies for the Seneschal) that break down each shire and principality events deadlines, usual event sites, typical event staff, etc. I'm hoping to have that complete before my term ends in October. If they turn out well, I can create generic copies that can be used by other branches if they wish.

Incipient Barony of Myrtle Holt- *present*

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Shire of Southmarch – *absent*; report sent

Success is we gave a couple new member's

Challenge to keep members and get new blood to stay with group

Idea tavern night

Barony of Terra Pomaria – *absent*

Shire of Tymberhavene - *absent*

Coronet Event Reports – (Event Steward, EIF/DRF, Crier/Echoes, Venue, Insurance)

2015 Winter Investiture: Prelim report: 167 thru gate, \$3060 gross, net ~\$1700

2016 March Coronet: Southmarch 18-20 March, no approved budget yet, the site layout and contract have not been sent to Council of Exchequer for review as requested.

2016 Summer Investiture (Date change!): 3-5Jun, Terra Pomeria, DRF sent in, no signed contract yet. *Summits Seneschal reminds that no contract can be signed until budget approved by CoE.*

2016 Fall Coronet: No one here to report

2016 Winter Investiture: Happening! Marcello and Gwyn autocrattng

2017 Principality A&S/Bardic not discussed

Summits Championships

Year	Event	Branch
2016	March Coronet	Southmarch
2016	June Investiture	Terra Pomaria
2016	September Coronet	Tymberhavene
2016	Winter Investiture	Adiantum
2017	A&S&B Championship	Briaroak
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2017	June Investiture	Corvaria
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2020	A&S&B Championship	Terra Pomaria
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Championship discussion

(Much discussion was had. Names were not captured, just remarks)

- Bid process rough, needs some work.
- A&S/B doesn't draw much. Adding heavy Tourney will boost numbers.
- Getting people to participate who understand the champion role.
- Dud ideas – no participation.

- Change focus to celebration of A&S/B, possibly include a competition.
- On alternate years from SoK, host Sport of Arts (SPA). Summits could take this on, make it big. Similar idea to SoK, but focused on arts and sciences, including Bardic.
- Suitability of candidates for the champion role – are they a leader? Are they inspirational? Judges do discuss this.
- (Comment about TP's not being in championship rotation) Populace tried to get barony to approve, experienced roadblock after roadblock. Officers apathetic.
- Large amount of apathy in Summits. Royalty excited, populace excited. Officers apathetic, both at branch and regional level. How do we bring back joy and fun?
- All championships in one event something big to draw from surrounding areas.
- Law regarding equestrian shortens the time period needed for event to happen this next year.
- His Highness: Being Champion is a big deal. Process / practice is constant for heavy, rapier. Pels and Laurels do the same thing process all the time. Having drive and pop – that brings leaders. Leaders bring people together to foment community.
- Her Highness: championships open communities up to the populace. Allows them to explore who they are.
- Bid process vs rotation: consistency is huge. Easier to build upon when you know when things will be happening. Bid process constrains that. Champions would not know how long their term would be. Multiple champion events help to bring focus to each specialty. Having one championship event for all championships would spread the focus and be harmful.
- Apathy: autocrats failing to get back to people who are offering to teach. Physical placement of things other than fighting (A&S / B / other): Promoting teaching and learning is difficult when pushed to the back of the event. Reach out to teachers. Have a variety of things at an event.
- Follow up on the nature of championships: Weird gray area in relationship to Coronet & Crown. Not retinue, often treated as retinue, not incorporated into ceremonies or court planning. Walk in because they are supposed to, not thanked or consulted. Include your champions! Consider their role. Champions contribute to the majesty of the event.
- Leadership / building community: How do people bill themselves? Appreciate the other areas of the Society. Support other areas of the Society. Call on fighters to actively support and give back to A&S. Return of service.
- Sense of overall community is lacking. Breach the walls of different communities.
- Broaden the awareness of other communities, encourage education and community building. Priorities should broaden.
- Bringing more interest helps me and others. Interest in many things, lead others to those things as well.

- Seconding what Luciano said about Champions: Encourage fighting support for other areas. Water bearers are needed for more than heavy fighters, as an example.
- Summits Seneschal calls for last comments
- His Highness: Humbled by discussion, learned a lot. Return to service is important. It takes teams to support fighters. Fighters should return that to other areas.
- A lot of work for a lot of play.
- Tryggr and Temperance made Bardic and newcomers the focus of their reign. Suggest Vesta and Turk make “Return to service” their focus.
- Her Highness: Apologizes to champions for not seeing them, will work to fix that. Work on cross-pollination and enculturation. Building connections.
- Summits Seneschal: Introduces Alpine Scholar (Anya) and Captain of Cats (Piaras). Branches will have a chance to opt in for championship rotation at Winter Moot 2017.

Quick summary of upcoming local events:

Hogmanay in Myrtleholt.

All Fools in Corvaria.

Raven’s Yules in Corvaria.

An Tir West War

Mid-Winters in Adiantum

Egils 42 – Adiantum

Hocktide – Glyn Dwfn

Gwyn (Adiantum) – known world teacher’s list