

Barony of Vulkanfeldt Virtual Council Meeting

May 10, 2021

Attendees: Lucia, Ekaterina, AEsa, Fiona, Dana, Eberhardt, Alric, Ryan

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes were approved.

Baron & Baroness Report (Eberhardt & Ekaterina) Did as much inventory as possible on the contents of the trailer.

Seneschal (Lucia) Report is in

Chronicler (Fiona) minutes submitted.

Exchequer (AEsa Ormriaga) Transition continues. Account balances. If you require the amount in the account, please contact the Seneschal and Exchequer in writing. There are two outstanding checks from last month. Need to add the Kingdom Exchequer-Elowyn Ferch Emerus- to our signature card.

Herald-(Donal) absent

Master of Stables (Sir Daegar) absent.

Archer (Alric) nothing to report.

Arts and Sciences (Fa'el) absent.

Chatelaine (Dana) Currently, I am working on getting all official in my new Office. I will scan and send a copy of my membership card and last month's meeting minutes (at which I was approved) to the Kingdom Chatelaine. She will accept the minutes in lieu of a Change of Officer Form signed by Officers, since we are having Council Meetings virtually. I have yet to obtain the password from my predecessor for the email account, but once I do, I will get to work on learning the Office 365 for Officers.

There was some friendly conversation with many folks on the Vulkanfeldt FB discussion page last month with Christopher and Crystal Bevers. She is working toward her PhD in Old Norse Literature! And some of you may remember a young man named Cole Ewing who attended Masque and Steel with his lady-mother and was uber-enthusiastic. He had moved away, but now he's Back!

Webminister (Baroness Ekaterina) Website is functional. Things are updated.

Chamberlain (Baron Eberhardt) Almost done with trailer inventory. Wind got too bad. Will build a stanchion holder for trailer. Requested money for tire covers for trailer tires.

Librarian (Iona) absent

Lists-Open until filled.

Scribe-(Elizabeth) absent.

Social Media-Talked Ryan Stackhouse into taking the office.

Past Events

None

Upcoming Events

Archery Fest and Grand Champions Tourney-Dana

Contemplating the future of our much-hoped-for event for Sept. 17 -19, 2021, here are some serious issues to consider:

- 1) An Tir is CLOSED, by lawful decree of Their Majesties. TRM's litmus test seems to be whether the U.S./Canadian border is open. Should TRMs issue a new decree allowing events in time to save this one;
- 2) Per BOD resolution of 3/23/21 (paraphrasing) restrictions with lifting ban on all events;
We must follow all [Kingdom], State, County and Health Dept. guidelines regarding social gatherings.
MASKS: everyone over age 4 must wear one at All Times (except when eating or drinking).
NO CAMPING. Yes, we could try to get local hotels to offer us discounted prices, but realistically, how many people from outside our immediate area would attend?
All Outdoors. No worries there.
NO FOOD or water bearing. No event staff or attendees may offer or share food with any other attendees and must provide their own food & drink, consumed while remaining still w/social distancing.
Max attendance of 150 people. Not much danger of that. (sigh)
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
- 3) Yakima County is currently in Phase 3 of WA's Roadmap to Recovery, which means: Outdoor MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE from outside your household. In 2019, we had 53 paid adults at gate and a total of 74 humans in all.

So, IF TRMs were to allow opening up, but we have to pre-register everyone with a cap of 50 attendees and there is No Camping, so we pretty much are left with a one day event, can we really visualize what Archery Fest AND Grand Champions Tourney will even look like? Who wants to be the one to enforce the masks must be worn over the nose and mouth of everyone over the age of 4, at all times, except when eating or drinking the foods and drinks we cannot share with each other? (I shudder to think what the food & drink restrictions would do to Yule, but that is a different matter.)

Sadly, I must admit that I find this untenable. I remain willing to hang on doggedly for one more month if that is the group consensus and I can prepare Crier copy in time for the June 15th deadline to get in the August Crier, but what little hope I had is dwindling fast.

Decision made to cancel the event for 2021-will contact Union Gap to see if possible to roll everything over for September 16-18, 2022. Will submit DRF

Yule-No decision yet. Arnora and Michael still want Wealdsmere to have it. No plan until BOD and Kingdom decide to lift restrictions.

Storage Shed-tabled

Customary revision-Katya-progress being made

Financial Policy-AEsa-published. Voted on and accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

Virtual A&S Competition-Dana- With in-person events in An Tir closed until further notice due to the “plague” we are all missing getting together. Many people really enjoy virtual events and classes as a substitute to in-person events (for now) just to feel like we have some type of contact with each other. Other folk simply do not have the capability to do the virtual thing for various reasons. Still others cannot bear it and find it worse than no events. My point is that your mileage may vary.

When it comes to having the time, energy and inspiration to create things, your mileage may vary, as well. Some people have taken advantage of more time at home time to make things. Some had time but lacked the oomph and/or inspiration. Let’s face it, malaise or even depression are very real and can sap a person’s creative spark. Others have been “essential workers” this whole time and just do not have time. Then there are folks who are juggling working and assisting their children with remote learning. There are variations on these issues. Some people see pictures of stuff others have made during the past year and feel badly that they have not made anything.

I would like to have a Vulkanfeldt Virtual Arts & Sciences Contest and here are my ideas about it:

Many categories are possible, such as: the fiber arts like weaving, sewing, embroidery, etc., wood working, leather crafting, armor making, pottery, glass bead making, jewelry, the scribal arts of calligraphy, illumination and painting, banner painting, etc. (meaning all the usual stuff). But also, I would like to expand it to categories such as: works in progress, unfinished items that you retrieved from the “punishment pile” and finished, items you made that are not relevant to or useful for the SCA, but you MADE them, etc. In short, I would like to ENCOURAGE people who may feel stuck to just make a thing, or finish a thing they already started, or start a new thing they are not even sure how to do but always wanted to try. I want to tell people who feel badly that they haven’t been making things that it’s perfectly okay. I want them to help us by looking at the things people made and voting in a populace choice manner for their favorite one. Perhaps they will enjoy that, and a spark of inspiration may take hold and they can begin to make a thing. I want this to be mellow and light-hearted and fun.

It's May now (Happy 56th Birthday Society for Creative Anachronism!) how does sometime in July sound for our Virtual Contest? We could post pictures afterward and set up a survey monkey for voting. Prizes would be recruited. We might only get a few entries and not need any categories at all. I'm okay with that. These are just ideas. Please let me know what you think about this. Do you have any suggestions? Possibly use Survey Monkey to collect Populace votes.

May Crown 2022-Fiona will put together a new bid and submit at next meeting.

Virtual Meeting platform-using Teams tonight. Have been using Facebook rooms. Google Meet is also available option. Will try Google meet for next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.