

## **Vulcanfeldt Business Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

Attendance: Aesa Ormriauga, Alric Ivarsson, Ashley Longbow, Cem Hedar, Chiera Sarta, Daegar, Fiona ingen Conchobair, Freda, Iona Reginasdottir, Jon McLeod, Kata Byfluga, Magdi Tynkere, Heifna, Regina, Rurik Gjafvaldsson, Shannon ni Connell, Shelley Sandell, Steinnar Hrafensfuri, Tai Tjorkillsdatr, Theron, Thorsten Kvendulfson, Ullrich Hellelicht. Quorum met according to Minor Carta guidelines.\*

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Rurik Gjafvaldsson, Seneschal.

Approval of March meeting minutes: Motion made to approve minutes, seconded, approved as submitted.

Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona): Attended Baroness War. Had a good time. Fiona enjoyed watching the fun everyone had at Baroness Tea with the "Raven's Nest". Ulrich expressed thanks to everyone for all the "behind the scenes" items that get done for events. Baron and Baroness presented awards.

Seneschal (Rurik): Baronial Polling - Both sets of candidates are approved for polling. Candidates are Sir Steinnar Ravensfury/Her Excellency the Honorable Lady Sergeant Squire Tai Tjorkillsdator and His Lordship Cem Hadar/Her Ladyship Magdalyn Tynkere. Instructions to sign up for polling will be posted to the Vulcanfeldt Facebook discussion group and on the Vulcanfeldt website. The candidate Meet and Greet is Monday, April 21, 2025, 7 PM at RoundTable Pizza. If you have questions for the candidates please contact Rurik (Seneschal). Polling will begin May 26, 2025 and end May 30, 2025. Discussion followed regarding registering on An Tir website for polling.

Quarterly Reports are due April 30, 2025, remember to send copies to Baron Ulrich, Baroness Fiona, and His Excellency Rurik, Seneschal.

Chronicler (Ashley): March minutes and April newsletter completed and posted. *See Old Business/Minor Carta regarding upcoming change to newsletter publications.*

Webminster (Shannon): Everything currently up to date on the website.

Exchequer (Jon): Quarterly report completed. Stepping down next month. Seneschal announced that the Exchequer position is officially open. If interested in this office please let the Seneschal (Rurik) and Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona) know. Vote will be held at the May meeting to fill the office. *(Banking details are not published in the minutes. If you wish to know bank statement amounts please contact the Seneschal and Exchequer).*

Chamberlain (OPEN): If interested in this office please let the Seneschal (Rurik) and Baron and Baroness (Ulrich & Fiona) know. Trailers (baronial and castle) are currently at Sir Qorin & Her Ladyship Tai's. Tai reported that trailers need repairs: running lights need repaired/trailer jack needs replaced. Discussion followed. Mistress Regina motioned to allot \$200 for trailer repairs,

Her Ladyship Iona seconded, motion passed. Further discussion regarding location for trailers containing baronial items and baronial castle. Sir Daegar offered his property to store trailers with the caveat that access to trailers would need to be pre-arranged. His Lordship Jon motioned to store two (2) trailers with equipment at Sir Daegar's property with the caveat that access to trailers would need to be pre-arranged with Sir Daegar. Her Ladyship Magdi seconded, motion passed.

Herald (Cem): All quiet. Gifted some great markers last weekend.

Master of Stables (Steinnar): Received MIC reports from Baroness War, will get them submitted. Discussion regarding practicing outside on Saturdays until Summer, then may switch to a different day. Watch the Vulcanfeldt Fighters Group on Facebook for details.

Rapier (Cem): Everything went well at Baroness War. No injuries. Rapier practices will begin at the same time as heavy practices.

Archery (Alric): Had lots of fun shooting at Baroness War. Had some novelty shoots. Practice Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Equestrian (Ulrich): Edward won the tournament at Baroness War.

Lists (OPEN): If interested please let the Seneschal and Baron and Baroness know.

Chatelaine (Magdi): Had a few visitors at Baroness War, provided information.

Arts & Sciences (Iona): Held A&S gathering March 30, at Mansfield Manor (Ron & Lisa's home), painted, had a good time. Still have paint and shields available for the RoundTable Pizza wall. Next A&S will be in May, date TBD. Quarterly report completed. Will be stepping down in July.

Scribe (Kata): Scrolls painted for Baroness War.

Social Media (Uvhild): Absent

Past Events/Travel to other branches:

Ashley provided a report on Baroness War (report attached).

Upcoming Events:

Vulcanalia (September 19-21, 2025): Rurik will submit dates to Union Gap. Need an Event Steward.

Yule Feast (Tentative date January 3, 2026): Heifna will submit a bid for the event.

Ursulmas date change. There is a poll on Facebook regarding potential dates for Ursulmas 2026.

Old Business: Minor Cart - Motion made to accept changes as submitted (*see March meeting minutes*), motion was seconded, motion approved by the populace in attendance. Following

approval of changes, Dame Ashley, Baronial Chronicler, noted that with the changes *The Signal* will no longer be monthly, it changes to quarterly. Next issue will be a Summer Issue (June), followed by Fall (September), Winter (December), Spring (March).

New Business: Tai: discussion regarding indoor location for practices. Ideas: Selah Civic Center, Naches Event Center. Magdi: discussion regarding demos, when are people available for demos (days/times)? Ideas: Farmers Markets.

Adjourned: 8:01 PM

Next Meeting May 12, 2025, 7 PM, Roundtable Pizza

\*Per Barony of Vulcanfeldt Minor Carta - Customary for the Barony of Vulcanfeldt 'for any votes to be taken, a quorum must exist that includes at least four of the Major Officers and/or the Baronage. Each person holding a Major Office may cast one vote. The Baronage together counts as one vote.'"Major Officers shall be defined as those holding the offices required to function as a Barony: The Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, Chronicler, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Master of Stables, Web Minister, and Chatelaine. While not a required position, Chief Scribe is also considered a Major Officer."

#### BARONIAL POLLING

To prepare- please make sure that you have set up an account with [www.antir.org](http://www.antir.org). This will take a day or two as all accounts have to be approved by the web team. If you do not already have a login, please set one up now, to allow yourself the maximum amount of time to complete your polling. Want to know more about the polling process <https://antir.org/online-baronial-polling/>

**Event:** **Baroness War 2025**  
**Site:** Grandview Event Center & Rodeo Grounds  
**Event Date:** April 4-6, 2025 (set up Thursday, April 3, 2025)  
**Event Steward:** Dame Ashley Longbow

***First order of business for my report.***

Rolf, thank you for standing by me throughout this crazy idea to steward this event.

To my Team, thank you, you were influential in making this event a success.

Suzanne, Gate Lead	Alric, Archery
Dana & Adrianna, Arts and Sciences	Rolf, Armored Combat MIC
Sa'ada, Bardic	Edward, Equestrian
Aesa, Baroness Tea coordinator	Rashida, Missile Combat MIC
Gudrun, Dessert contest	Cem, Rapier MIC
Magdi, Class coordinator	Conrad, Siege Weapons
Uvhild, Merchant Coordinator	Bacchus, Thrown Weapon

Your Excellencies, Baron Ulrich and Banbharun Fiona, thank you for your help, assistance, and support.

Special thanks to the event site setup and teardown crew and to everyone who assisted with the setup and teardown of the castle, you are a valuable asset to any event, and to our kids, Tai, Steinnar, Theron, Thorsten, and Rurik, thank you for everything.

Before getting into the numbers of the event, Thank You to everyone who attended. Vulcanfeldt appreciates your support.

Numbers (for those interested in details)

192 total through gate (173 paid, 17 youth/child, 2 comps)

Weekend Adult	Actual 108	Bid estimate 150
Day trip Adult	Actual 65	Bid estimate 20
(Non-Members	Actual 24	Bid estimate 10)

Armored fighters: 40-45

Missile combat: 7

Dessert Contest: 4

Bardic: 5

Siege machines: 2

Equestrian: 3 horses, 8 riders

Classes: 10 with varying participants attending classes

Archery and thrown weapons fields: too many participants to count

Sunday prize tournaments: Armored heavy 9 fighters. Rapier 8 fighters.

Income:	\$3910
Expenses:	\$2705
Fair Grounds	\$600
Rodeo Grounds	\$800
Valley Septic	\$790
NMR:	\$240
Insurance:	\$275
<b>Estimated final Profit:</b>	<b>\$1205</b>

Thanks to several benefactors the Barony incurred the following expenses:

Grandview Fairgrounds, Rodeo Grounds, Valley Septic, Liability and Equestrian insurance, and NMR to Kingdom and benefactors donated gate copy, site tokens (snacks/water), baroness tea supplies, arts & sciences supplies, prizes for contests, bales for thrown weapons, and other various and sundry items.

### **What went right, wrong, and what I'd do differently.**

What went right: The Team! Communication! Site setup and tear-down. Castle setup and tear-down. The weather. We were blessed by the gods, mid 60's for most of the weekend, light wind, and few clouds. We locked up the gate at 2:45 PM as the last RV/merchant drove out and as the rain started.

What went wrong: I'm sure things probably went wrong or at least not as planned.

We did have an injury during one of the battles that required a trip to the hospital for evaluation.

What would I do differently...

As many know, I felt strongly about doing some things differently for this Baroness War. I tried them and they worked, but not well.

- Site tokens (have site tokens available at gate, people like to take home a site token as a reminder of the event)
- Gate copy (you do not need one for every person)
- Double check that electricity is turned on for the covered area (i.e. Baroness Tea)
- Better communication on points being announced in Court
- Day trips (for the bid, calculate that 1/3 of your attendees will day trip)
- Keep Sunday Prize tournaments
- Advertise, advertise, advertise (it's a fine line though between saturating social media and keeping the event in everyone's mind)
- Check trailer tabs for expiration dates.
- Prizes versus Points *Recommendation for the future from Her Ladyship Dana Chathair Saibhin A&S report: "one war point for the Barony with the most A&S entries (not the most winners) and a second war point for the Barony with the most Largess entries (again, not the contest winner). This would inspire more people to participate in A&S and Largess in support of their Baroness, hopefully without upsetting the marshal activities war points balance too much. And prizes could be given to contest winners."*