

Shire of Blak Rose

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2019

Location:

Linglestown Road Giant, Linglestown

Submitted by the Chronicler:
Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Upcoming Events

Blak Rose Yule
Hershey Masonic Lodge
Saturday, December 7, 2019

Officers

Appointed Seneschal

Magdalena Gdanska

Deputy: Ragnall Cennétig

Exchequer

Franz von Heilbronn

Deputy: Tuathflaith Chleirigh

Herald

Eleazar ha-Levi

Deputy: Sol la Cantor

Chronicler

Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Deputies: Ragnall Cennétig,
Eleazar ha-Levi

Minister of A & S

Dara Bayley

Knight Marshal

Vacant

Deputy: Seán Dubh

Chatelaine

Orn Shieldbreaker

Deputy: Freydis Illska

Functionaries

Web Minister

Vacant

Deputy: Tuathflaith

Chamberlain

Kathleen Rhoten

Librarian

Joscelin le esquirel

Current Committees

Financial Committee

Chair: Exchequer

Seneschal, Deputy Exchequer

Call To Order

The Seneschal called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call and Assignment of Proxies

Roll call was taken via sign-in sheet and collected by the Chronicler. In attendance were:

Officers:

- Daria Messino, Seneschal
(Magdalena Gdanska)
- Frank Heilman, Exchequer
(Franz VonHeilbronn)
- Lewis Wolkoff (sp?), Herald
(Eleazar ha-Levi)
- Tracey Hanwell, Chronicler
(Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh)
- Mary Bailey, Minister of A&S
(Dara Bayley)

Resident SCA Members of Voting Age

Legal Name	SCA Name
Charlie Anderson	Alexander MacAonghais
Andrés Bodon	Andrés Bodon
Tiffany George	Avitoria Vidua
David Hare	Daithi Mor mac Cernaich
UNKNOWN	Drifa Bjarnardottir
Mark Daniel	Geoffery Soulspeeder
Jerry Doyle	Hashiji Morikatsu
Jade Bailey	Katherine Jade of Bayley
Mary Braasch	Katrina Koshka
Shawn Jones	Maraha Kahanikar
Cindy Hanwell	Martha ingen huí Chleirigh
Cooper Kennedy	Ragnall Cennétig
Elena Daniels	Samira al Mansur
Scott Harkless	ScottHarkless
Andrea Boyer	Sol la Cantor
Marcia Anchors-Jones	Tirza bithe Reaboughes

Kingdom Officers:

- Elizabeth Dunhom, Southern
Region Deputy Seneschal
(Ellesbeth Donofrey)
- Heather Katzoff, Special Deputy of
A&S Education
(Marianne de Bretagne)

Populace:

Amy McClintock	Acha Osbeorn
Ellie Timmermann	
Shelby Shoop	Shelby Shoop

Five proxies were submitted. Cindy Hanwell held a proxy from Jessica Hanwell. Mary Bailey held a proxy from Robert Frazier and from Michelle Cardene. Daria Messino held a proxy from Rachel Wright and one from Micheal Lamar.

According to the current By-Laws of the Shire, a quorum is defined as a minimum of three (3) officers or their deputies plus any other two (2) resident SCA members of voting age. As there were five (5) officers present and a total of twenty-one (21) resident SCA members of voting age in attendance, the Seneschal declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The October 2019 minutes were approved by those in attendance. Reading of the minutes was waived by consensus.

Seneschal's Report

Daria Messino stated that the Quarterly Report was sent in. She then asked people to be courteous and requested that no one talk over another person.

Other Officers' Reports

Exchequer

Frank Heilman reported that there were no expenditures nor deposits since the previous month. Our balance remains \$2,287.12.

Herald

The Herald's report was sent in and is attached to these minutes by reference.

Chronicler

The Chronicler's report was sent in and is attached to these minutes by reference.

Webminister

No report.

Minister of A&S

No report.

Chatelaine

No report.

Marshal Activities Reports

Archery Company Captain (Tracey Hanwell)

Winter practices have been scheduled for every other Wednesday and every other Saturday through April. The dates have been posted to the Shire calendar. I have already held some of these practices, and I have had three brand new people attend.

I am planning an Archery Opening Day tentatively to be held on May 9, 2020.

Archery/Thrown Weapons Marshal (Rachel Wright)

No report.

Committee Reports

Blak Rose Yule

Andrea Boyer reported that she has chosen people to work the gate and that Rachel Wright has agreed to do a thrown activity.

Bylaws

Frank Heilman stated that not much has happened. He plans to hold a committee meeting after this business meeting.

Old Business

Calligraphy Demo Kit

Tracey Hanwell reported that there is still one more item to be printed.

Sound System Proposals

Tabled until the December 2019 meeting.

Ballot Access

(Because a few members had not yet arrived, Tracey Hanwell asked for a suspension of order for this item. The suspension was granted by Daria Messino. This item was discussed after the New Business item Introduction to Camping.)

Shawn Jones asked if anyone had received ballots. *(Chronicler's Note: The election timeline provided by Kingdom stated that ballots would be mailed on November 2, 2019. As of the meeting date, no one had received ballots.)* Elizabeth Dunhom stated that the ballots would be mailed by the end of the week. She claimed that the recent arrest of the King of the East delayed the election process.

Tracey Hanwell asked for a new election timeline with specific dates. Elizabeth Dunhom replied that she did not have that information and would forward it. Shawn Jones requested that the new timeline be forwarded to the Chronicler quickly.

Elena Daniel inquired of Elizabeth Dunhom if the candidates for office could get a list of all potential voters in the Shire so that the candidates could contact them. Elizabeth replied that the posted Letters of Intent are considered sufficient.

Some discussion took place about where the Letters were posted. Tracey Hanwell stated that they had been posted to the Shire's Yahoo group and Facebook Group. They could not be easily posted to the Shire's official web site because the Shire's forum was taken down by kingdom in June and the only current way to post the Letters was to hard-code them into the web page.

Lewis Wolkoff made a motion to designate Tracey Hanwell as the ad-hoc webminister and request that she be added to the ballots as a candidate for webminister. Andrea Boyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Tracey was directed to send in a Letter of Intent by the end of the day.

Demo Proposal Procedures

Tracey Hanwell reminded people that potential demos are supposed to be written up as a proposal and voted on at meetings.

Bylaws Committee Proposal

At the October 2019 Business Meeting, a motion was passed that the Bylaws Committee be formed according to the process outlined in our Shire's bylaws. Frank Heilman was directed to write a committee proposal accordingly. When asked for the proposal, Frank stated that there was no reason to discuss this.

New Business**Persona Workshops**

Mary Braasch reported that she is working on these for a week night. She suggested a starting date of Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:00 PM. There were no objections and some encouragement.

Introduction to Camping

Mark and Elena Daniel are planning a series of workshops for the spring. They are looking for a location where a fire pit exists or where a new one can be dug.

Yellow Breeches Demo Proposal

Daria Messino handed out a proposal for a demo at the Yellow Breeches school. Andrea Boyer made a motion to table the proposal until a date was provided. Tracey Hanwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The proposal is attached at the end of these minutes.

Queen's Favors

Lewis Wolkoff asked what the status of these was. It was reported by a Shire member that Amy McClintock is working on these.

Announcements

The Bhakail Yule is scheduled for December 14, 2019.

Adjournment

Daria Messino announced the meeting was adjourned; however, at this point Elizabeth Dunhom interrupted to make the following announcements.

Elizabeth stated that a group waiver form is required at all business meetings and noted that there was no form at this meeting. (*Please see addendum attached to these minutes.*)

Elizabeth apologized about the delay in sending out the election ballots.

Elizabeth stated that the bylaws committee was created at the direction of the previous kingdom Seneschal.

Elizabeth announced that the Blak Rose bylaws have been suspended by Kingdom. The Shire is now operating directly under kingdom law. Elizabeth stated that the proxy policy is "not healthy" for the group. She also stated that the entire grievances section will be removed. The Shire has six (6) months to make the changes to our bylaws that kingdom has demanded. A new bylaws outline is expected to be presented at the December business meeting.

Cindy Hanwell asked why the Shire bylaws were being suspended and by which Kingdom laws she was able to do this. Andrea Boyer also asked Elizabeth to state what laws allowed her to suspend our Shire's bylaws. Elizabeth stated that there were three areas of law that allowed this and that she would send them after the meeting. (*Please see addendum attached to these minutes.*)

Elizabeth stated that the reason Kingdom is suspending the Shire's bylaws is because the membership was using them to suspend the Kingdom's attempt to change our bylaws. She added that another reason the Shire's bylaws were suspended is because Blak Rose was giving the Kingdom "push-back." Cindy Hanwell asked if any other shires were having their bylaws suspended. Elizabeth said "no." When asked a second time by Cindy if there were any other shires that this was happening to, Elizabeth stated that Blak Rose was the only Shire that this was being done to.

Shawn Jones spoke out to say that any "push back" has come from a severe lack of transparency. Many Shire members had stated their wish (since July) to see the items that were requested to be changed. Elena Daniel asked "why not give us a list of issues kingdom has" and Andrea Boyer asked if Frank Heilman (appointed as the bylaws committee chair by Kingdom) was free to post the list to all the members. At this point, Elizabeth stated that Frank was free to

post the list to the membership, but soon after she stated that transparency would cause “too much confusion” for the committee and because of that they were advised not to make Kingdom’s comments available to all members of the Shire. When several members in attendance asked for the list of changes to be made public, both Frank and Elizabeth refused.

Shawn Jones stated that Kingdom has added to the difficult relations by its responses of becoming more and more authoritarian.

Elizabeth stated her intentions were not to be restrictive. She acknowledged Shawn’s statement and said the bylaws committee was given “direction, not restriction.”

Elena Daniel asked if there were parameters or a template of what the Kingdom wanted in bylaws. Elizabeth said there was no official outline or template of what was required to be in a shire’s bylaws listed anywhere.

Elena Daniel asked if she can ask questions directly of Adam Brennon (Special Deputy Seneschal overseeing this matter). Elizabeth said yes.

The discussion ended soon after and the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at the Linglestown Road Giant at 1:30 PM.

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Herald's Report - Eleazar

East Kingdom Exnternal Letter of Intent (XLoI) dated 08-30-2019

Freydis in illa - New Name

Now being decided; the decision should be known in February or March 2020.

Laurel Activities

The Wreath Sovereign at Arms

- Encouraged duty heralds who wish to wear the badge of their office to find ways which are appropriate to their time period and culture.
- Stated the following rules for allowing animate charges oriented in annulo as a step from period practice only if the following criteria are met:
 - There are a minimum of five charges in the charge group
 - The charges form the appearance of an annulet, either solid or broken
 - Each charge is independently recognizable in both type and posture
 - Animate charges which are attested in period to be in annulo singly, such as serpents and dragons, will continue to be registerable without a step from period practice.
- Clarified the rules on Non-Tergiant Reptilian and Amphibian Quadrupeds
- Stated the new rules regarding charges on tierces, gussets, and gores, as follows
 - Charged gores, charged gussets, and charged complex-line tierces are now allowed as a step from period practice.
 - Tierces with other charges directly on a field are no longer a step from period practice, due to period evidence supporting the practice.
 - Charged plain-line tierces are still disallowed, as they risk the appearance of marshalling. Charging an existing uncharged plain-line tierce as an augmentation will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
- Commented on the use of memes like "Hail Hydrate."

My Other Activities

- I submitted my quarterly report to the East Kingdom College of Herald's on November 6. It was late because I was in Israel on November 1.
- I continued to comment on names and armory at the Kingdom and Laurel levels.
- I continue to be available for consultation on names or armory and may be contacted by e-mail at eleazer_halevi@yahoo.com or at herald@blakrose.eastkingdom.org.
- I continue working on five more Boars Hunt tokens bearing the populace badge of the Shire-Marche of Blak Rose for use at the Shire's Yule event.
- I participated in the Elmet Herald's online discussion on November 13.

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Chronicler's Report – Tracey Hanwell

I did the minutes and posted them to the Shire's Yahoo group and to my household's public forum. This will be the last time minutes can be posted to the Yahoo group. I also did the agenda and posted it to my household's forum.

I have answered questions from some people concerning our election process and the fact that ballots have not arrived as expected. I have recommended that people contact Brennan directly about this, as he assumed the responsibility for our elections.

On November 15, 2019, I received the following response from Ellesbeth concerning our ByLaws Committee:

Your Seneschal did as she was asked [regarding the by-laws committee]. At a meeting she announced that a committee would be formed and published it as well, asking for interested individuals to submit a letter by a specific date and a committee would be selected and seated. She received letters, a committee was seated, a chair selected and the committee was announced. Later Duke Brennan attended a meeting and his role as advisor and guide for the committee was announced.

At this time, the committee needs to move forward with their task, a charter is not required. Should you or any members of the Blak Rose populace have any questions on the process, please feel free to contact Duke Brennan, Mistress Medhbh, or myself. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Kindest regards,

Ellesbeth

On November 11, 2019 I made inquiry to Special Projects Deputy Brennan regarding the Shire's election ballots that have not been mailed, as follows:

Greetings,

Have you mailed the ballots for our Shire, yet? Your timeline lists November 2, 2019, as the mailing date. I have received a few questions about the ballots not arriving. It seems to be causing some anxiety as a couple of people wonder if they will not receive a ballot at all, as if they have been removed from the list of eligible voters. I have assured people that I have not received a ballot, either, and that the ballots should arrive any day, now.

Please let me know when the ballots were mailed, or, if there has been a delay, when you expect to mail them.

In service,
Tracey Hanwell

His response on November 14, 2019:

Good afternoon,

I've reached out to the Kingdom polling deputy to verify. Thanks.

In Service to the East,

Brennan Dux

Special Projects Deputy to the East Kingdom Seneschal

I continue to work on saving and storing our documents that are currently in the Yahoo Group's files. We have less than a month to preserve them.

Proposal for demo at
Yellow Breeches Education Center - Fishing Creek Campus
1524 Pine Tree Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17112
(717) 469-0159

School Contact Person: Jacob Reisler

Date of Demo: TBD

Starting Time: TBD

Length of Demo: 2 hrs

Demo Autocrat: James Orwan (Orn)

Demo Deputy Autocrat: Daria Messino (Magdalena Gdanska)

Expected Expenses: \$0

Expected Income: \$0

No supplies or items required for demo

The theme of the demo is the life of a man in the Middle Ages

For the consideration of the Shire, this is an **excerpt on the Waiver policy** found on the official website of the East Kingdom

<https://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/docs/waiverpolicy.php>

SECTION I - When to fill out a Waiver

- A. All persons attending SCA events must either present a membership card demonstrating proof that a signed waiver is on file at the SCA Member Services office (a "blue card", referred to as a "waiver card" in the SCA Governing Documents), or they must sign a waiver at the gate.
1. An event, for the purposes of waivers only, pursuant to the SCA Corporate Policies, Section VI.C, is defined as any recreation function announced in the branch, Kingdom, or Principality newsletter. Further, any recreation function that is publicized in any other manner to the members of a branch, either local, Kingdom, or Principality, is also subject to the waiver policy. **Business meetings, demos, guild meetings, dance and other non-combative practices, or planning sessions are specifically excluded from these provisions (emphasis added).**

**Elizabeth Dunhom's Reply to Andrea Boyer via email sent 11/21/2019
(regarding what law allows her to supsend the Shire bylaws)**

Greetings Sol,

As you have requested this information, here are the relevant document references.

Corpora: VII.A.4 "Local officers are responsible to a superior officer, and possibly Royalty, or a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness, depending on the particular administrative structure of that area.

EK Law IV.A.6. "Kingdom officers will supervise and coordinate the actions of their local counterparts throughout the East Kingdom."

IV.A.7 "Kingdom Officers have the authority to make policy for the discharge of their offices and their subordinates' duties, within the limits of their officers"

EK Seneschal's Handbook IV.G.1. The local seneschal must "read and uphold Kingdom Law and Corpora. Any question concerning the interpretation of Law can be clarified by the Kingdom Seneschal's office."

EK Seneschal's Handbook IV.G.20 "[Local seneschals] must make sure that all "local customs" are known to all branch members, preferably in written forms. While these "local customs" have no official standing within the hierarchy of rules governing the Society, they have a great deal of weight concerning the daily operation of local branches."

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Ellesbeth