

Shire of Blak Rose

Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2020

Officers

Seneschal

Hashiji Morikatsu

Deputy: Maraha Kahanikar

Acting Exchequer

Tuathflaith Chleirigh

Deputy: Sol la Cantor

Herald

Samira al Mansur

Deputy: Eleazar ha-Levi

Chronicler

Ragnall Cennétig

Deputies: Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh,

Minister of A & S

Tirza bithe Reaboughes

Deputy: Vacant

Knight Marshal

Seán Dubh

Deputy: Vacant

Chatelaine

Freydis Illska

Deputy: Orn Shieldbreaker

Functionaries

Web Minister

Vacant

Deputy: Tuathflaith

Chamberlain

Kathleen Rhoten

Librarian

Joscelin le esqrel

Current Committees

Financial Committee

Chair: Exchequer

Seneschal, Deputy Exchequer

Location:

Online Conference Call via Google Meets

Submitted by the Chronicler:

Ragnall Cennétig

Upcoming Events

Details can be found at Blak Rose and EK Calendars

(ALL ACTIVITIES IN E.K. POSTPONED OR CANCELLED ATM)

Shire Wars (Tentative)

Boy Schout Camp Bashore

Friday -Sunday, October 16-18, 2020

Call To Order

Six members were present and the Seneschal called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call and Assignment of Proxies

Proxies not assigned, as Bylaws are still in rewrite. All bylaw mentions marked with "*" are currently suspended per kingdom. Roll call was taken via sign-in sheet and collected by the Chronicler. In attendance were:

Officers:

Jerry Doyle, Seneschal
(Hashiji Morikatsu)

Cooper Kennedy, Chronicler
(Ragnall Cennétig)

Lew Wolkoff, Deputy Herald
(Eleazar ha-Levi)

Tracey Hanwell, Deputy Exchequer
(Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh)

Sean Marshall, Knight Marshal
(Seán Dubh)

Resident SCA Members of Voting Age

Populace:

Rosie O'connell

Kingdom Officers:

*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 six 5 officers present who made a total of 5 resident SCA members of voting age in attendance, the Seneschal declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

April Meeting minutes approved.

Seneschal's Report

Toys for Tots and Shire wars should take priority during meeting.

Other Officers' Reports

Exchequer - Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Submitted Formal letter of Intent for the office of Exchequer. Both letter and Exchequer Report sent in and are included as an attachment at the end of this document.

Herald - Eleazar Ha-Levi

Herald Report sent in and is included as an attachment at the end of this document.

Chronicler - Ragnall Cennetig

Minutes for the previous meeting were posted.

Webminister

No report.

Minister of A&S

No report.

Knight Marshal - Sean Dubh

Toys for Tots fighting event discussed. Later ruled as an event that due to current Covid-19 restrictions could not take place. Check was not sent to Coleman Park for the event.

Chatelaine

No report.

Marshal Activities Reports

Archery Marshal Report (Tuathflaith)

No Report.

Thrown Weapons Marshal (Alana)(MiT: Ragnall)

No practices, Ragnall Cennétig pursuing marshal authorization via online classes offered by EK Thrown Weapons Marshals.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

No Report.

Shire Wars Committee

The Autocrat, Eleazar Ha-Levi (Lew Wolkoff) asked that anyone looking to host or help with A&S activities please contact him. Rosie O'connell brought up the possibility of tambourines and scavenger hunts as activities.

Old Business**SCA Census**

The Census is upcoming, please do your part and fill out paperwork.

New Business**Business Meeting Dates**

All remaining 2020 business meetings dates will take place on the second Sunday of the month and are posted as such in the Blak Rose website calendar. Until such time as we are able to meet in person those meetings will be held online at the "Google Meets" link also found on the website.

Awards

The topic of recommending SCA persons for awards and acknowledgement for their hard work, art and skills was brought up. Please consider nominating those in your areas that contribute or offer their time skills services and knowledge as the SCA is made up and supported by the people who make it an activity based group.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM. The next meeting date will be announced online and posted on the Blak Rose Website Calander.

Blak Rose Business Meeting
Exchequer Report – Tracey L. Hanwell
June 14, 2020

Activity this month

- I have received three checks for Shire Wars participation from the following Shires: Owlsherst, Eisental, and Hartshorn-dale, each for \$412.50. I have been waiting on the remaining checks before I make the deposit because of my present inability to drive.
- Before the May meeting I submitted a Letter of Intent to run for the office of Exchequer. I request an election to be announced and held as soon as our procedures allow for it. My letter was sent to the Chronicler and Seneschal and then it was posted the the Chleirigh Forum on May 3, 2020.
- I have not yet received my officer warrant nor access to the exchequer email account nor have I received any response to my follow-up email to the Kingdom Exchequer. I will make no further attempts until an election is held.

Statement of Financial Position

Current Financial Assets

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| Checking balance on May statement | \$3,132.47 |
| Checks not deposited | 1,237.50 (3 shires) |
| Cash not deposited | 0.00 |
| Payments expected but not received | 1,645.00 (4 shires) |
| <u>Other assets, including cash on hand</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Financial Assets | \$6,014.97 |

Current Financial Liabilities:

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| Payments issued but not cleared | 175.00 |
| <u>Payments due but not issued</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Financial Liabilities | \$175.00 |

Net financial assets: \$5,839.97

Formal Letter of Intent

Tracey Hanwell, Acting Exchequer, known in the Kingdom and Shire as Tuathflaith ingen hui Chleirigh, has submitted this letter to illustrate her intent at running for the position and office of Blak Rose Exchequer.

"Greetings unto the populace of the Shire of Blak Rose,

I, Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh, a member of the populace, hereby submit my letter of intent for the office of Exchequer. I have taken over as Exchequer three times, including this current term. My name is already on the bank account and I have experience submitting the Quarterly Report.

My goal as Exchequer is to manage the funds of the Shire, including submitting an annual budget. I also plan to recruit one or more deputies to train to take over the position of the current term.

In Service,
Tracey L. Hanwell
Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh
Member #171136
Expiration Date: March 31, 2021"

Deputy Herald's Monthly Report

East Kingdom Internal Letter of Intent (ILoI) dated 04-15-20

There is no name or armory from the Shire of Blak Rose currently under review or consideration

My Other Activities

- 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. Working on registering your name, device, and/or badge can be a good way to spend some time during the extended “lock-in.”
- I’m also available if anybody would like to start learning about heraldry, either just to know more or to be trained as a herald.

Laurel Queen of Arms Activities

The Laurel Queen of Arms announced in the East Kingdom Gazette that the Laurel Office is taking steps against offensive names and armory, including names and armory that were previously registered and may now be considered offensive.

In 2007, the name Wolfgang von Sachsenhausen was registered. This name included reference both to a Nazi concentration camp and a scientist who did experiments there. Laurel has prepared a report to the Board of Directors discussing the issue of offensive names and armory, its plans for moving forward, and the calls for revocation of this person’s registration (something that is regulated by Corpora rather than the Laurel office).

The Society’s Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory (“SENA”) ban the registration of names that are offensive. “No name that is offensive to a large segment of members of the SCA or the general public will be registered. Offense is a modern concept; just because a name was used in period does not mean that it is not offensive to the modern observer.” Offense is not dependent on intent. The fact that a submitter did not intend to be offensive is not relevant. The standard is whether a large segment of the SCA or the general public would be offended.

Laurel’s Office makes a regular practice of checking Google and other available resources, such as the databases of white supremacist images and lists of offensive racial terminology, when making decisions. Offensive racial epithets such as the Gypsy have been banned, as have certain depictions of the Celtic or Norse crosses that are commonly used by hate groups.

In addition the Laurel Office has:

- On June 12 issued a Palimpsest (Rules) Letter asking for commentary about adding a provision to SENA banning names that are morally offensive and proposing a multi-factor test for moral offensiveness.
- Researched and prepared a proposal for how to handle names that incorporate place names of concentration camps, which will appear in an upcoming Cover Letter.
- Will announce in the next LoAR Cover Letter a new policy allowing free changes of names and armory for people whose registered elements are offensive. For example, some period armorial motifs have been co-opted by hate groups in the years since they were originally registered. Likewise, the phrase the Gypsy once had a very different popular meaning, but is now considered hate speech by the Roma people and the United Nations. People who now find themselves with inadvertently offensive names may wish to change them and we are removing one barrier to doing so.

The Pelican Queen of Arms is forming a working group to identify other potential red flags in names so that we can maintain a list of problematic name elements going forward. The group is now actively reaching out to people who are not presently commenting to request their assistance.