

Shire of Blak Rose

Board Meeting Minutes

Officers

Seneschal

Maraha Kahanikar

Deputy:

Exchequer

Tuathflaith Chleirigh

Deputy: Freydis Illska

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 esquirel

Current Committees

Financial Committee

Chair: Exchequer

Seneschal, Deputy Exchequer

May 9, 2021

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](#)

(Upcoming practices and events will be added to the Calendar)

Call To Order

Eight SCA members were present, and the Seneschal called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Roll Call and Assignment of Proxies

Proxies not assigned, as Bylawas 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:

Shawn Jones, Seneschal
(Maraha Kahanikar)

Cooper Kennedy, Chronicler
(Ragnall Cennétig)

Sean Marshall, Knight Marshal
(Seán Dubh)

Miranda Renee, Chatelaine
(Freydis Illska)

James Orwan, Deputy Chatelaine
(Orn Shieldbreaker)

Lew Wolkoff, Deputy Herald
(Eleazar ha-Levi)

Marcia Anchors-Jones, Minister of A&S
(Tirza bithe Reaboughes)

Resident SCA Members of Voting Age

Populace:

Brendan Sorenson

*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 seven officers present which made a total of seven resident SCA members of voting age in attendance, a quorum was present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes late to post and will be approved at the next business meeting.

Seneschal's Report - Maraha Kahanikar

Blak Rose Seneschal email transferred to Maraha's EK members email and things are operable on that front.

Other Officers' Reports**Exchequer - Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh**

Report sent in and attached at the end of this document.

Herald - Eleazar Ha-Levi

Report sent in and attached at the end of this document.

Chronicler - Ragnall Cennetig

Nothing to report.

Webminister- Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Maraha, as Seneschal, was successful in getting acknowledgement of his position with the web ministry. Then he was able to officially notify them that I had been appointed Webminister in October 2019. I was sent a link to apply for warrant, which I filled out. I am awaiting notification on acceptance.

Minister of A&S - Tirza bithe Reaboughes

Fort Hunter Garden Faire/Maypole Demo went well. A/S display on clothing had people very interested. Medieval garb presented by Tirza, specially corset and bodice wraps/bindings. Goes to show, people will always be fascinated by undergarb.

Knight Marshal - Sean Dubh

New site proposed and inspected. The venue will work well for Blak Rose Heavy and Rapier fighters, Sean is working on a safety plan to submit for EK approval.

Chatelaine - Freydis Illska

Freydis has been in contact with all of the people who submitted contact information at the Maypole Demo. We have seen lots of interest and interaction with both our private Shire Facebook group and public Shire Facebook page.

Marshal Activities Reports**Archery Marshal Report - Tuathflaith**

Our active program continues. Practices will change to Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons in June 2021. Current pods will need to rearrange or combine, which will still keep each practice under 15 people, likely under 8 people.

Thrown Weapons Marshal Alana, MiT: Ragnall

Practices have begun to pop up again across the lower EK region and Ragnall is looking to travel in order to finish their MiT and be able to run a marshalled practice within our shire.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

No Report.

Shire Wars Committee - Eleazar Ha-Levi

Report sent in and attached at the end of this document. Much was discussed in regard to current EK/SCA corporate regulations for approval and running of this event. New considerations include: No event feast, food, drink. All sustenance must be self-provided. No overnights/camping. Outdoor events only are allowed. Attendance cap of 150 persons. Eleazar is changing our event listing to those events that can be accomplished within the new regulations with the preparation and noted addition that a full event will take place if the restrictions are lifted within time for the event. Motion was made by Eleazar, seconded by Ragnall "Move to continue working on shire wars to make it as successful as possible given the current conditions." Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business

Maypole Dance - Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Maypole Demo final report attached at the end of this document.

Contact List

A new contact list is in the works, as the old one needs to be updated. If you would like to be added to the list please email your **publishable**, preferred contact information to chronicler@blakrose.eastkingdom.org.

Toys for Tots - Sean Dubh

Site deposit of \$50.00 submitted by Sean Dubh, looking to get reimbursed from event if attended well. Sean is also working on a safety plan to submit for the event.

New Business

Comic Con - Freydis Illska

Freydis presented a demo proposal attached at the end of this document. Additionally, discussed were the possibility of a variance being needed, medicine/plague themes and various other ideas. Motion made by Freydis to "Try to do comic con this year and apply for a variance for the demo if needed," seconded by Tirza Motion which passed with all in favor.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM. The next meeting date is posted on the Blak Rose Website Calander with a link for the digital meeting group.

Blak Rose Business Meeting
Exchequer Report – Tracey L. Hanwell
May 9, 2021

Activity this month

- The Quarter 1 report was completed on time and accepted.
- Reimbursement in the amount of \$106.00 was sent to Miranda Jewett for the purchase of 2 loaner bows from Lancaster Archery.
- We received an honorarium of \$150.00 dollars from Friends of Fort Hunter for our performance in the Maypole Dance. While this is half of the usual honorarium we get, I am pleased that they were able to do so under the circumstances (of Covid fears).
- Alana O’Keeve mentioned to me that she found old Exchequer records and would like me (or someone) to pick them up. I told her I would contact her after the Maypole Dance was over. I have not yet done so.
- We have had no further communication on the following matter: Paperwork to add **Jerry Doyle, Seneschal** (at the time) and **Miranda Jewett, Deputy Exchequer** has been acknowledged as received by the Kingdom Exchequer.

Statement of Financial Position

Current Financial Assets

Checking balance on April statement \$5,780.97
Checks not deposited 150.00
Cash not deposited 0.00
Other assets, including cash on hand 0.00
Total Financial Assets \$5,930.97

Current Financial Liabilities:

Payments issued but not cleared \$106.00
Payments due but not issued 0.00
Total Financial Liabilities \$0.00

Net financial assets: \$5,824.97

**Blak Rose Business Meeting
Deputy Herald's Report – Eleazar ha-Levi
May 9, 2021**

Monthly Report

East Kingdom Internal Letter of Intent (ILoI) dated 04-19-20

There is no name or armory from the Shire of Blak Rose currently under review or consideration. A new Internal Letter of Intent for review at the Kingdom level should be posted in the next week.

My Own Activities

- I worked with Jonet Giffard on documenting and submitting her name.
- 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.
- I filed my Second Quarter Report to the East Kingdom College of Heraldry.
- I renewed my SCA membership for the next two years.

Laurel Activities; Letter of Acceptance and Returns (LoAR) May 7, 2021

The Laurel Queen of Arms announced that bids will be accepted for 2022 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium until July 1.

The Pelican Sovereign of Arms:

- Announced that the construction “Housse X” where X is a French surname will not be accepted to form household names.
- Clarified the rules for using “Tercio” in forming Spanish household names.
- Announced an addition to the formation of Baltic language names.

The Wreath Sovereign of Arms:

- Clarified the rules on primary charges between flaunches.
- Stated that the default orientation of a hoe is blade to chief.

Maypole Demo 2021 Report

Tuathflaith

General Information

15 people attended. There were 10 dancers (8 plus 2 back-ups), 3 musicians, and the on-site autocrat and the dance mistress. We had the larger Blak Rose pavilion and Clan Chleirigh's yurt. The shire's banner was displayed.

Financial report

The Shire of Blak Rose received a \$150 honorarium as a thank-you. There were no expenses for the Shire, as all the materials were donated.

Recommendations

I recommend that we continue this event. We had some visitors who later attended Happy Hour and we were well-received as entertainment for the patrons. Also, Friends of Fort Hunter again donated money to the Shire.

Problems and Solutions

Clan Chleirigh provided a walled yurt to shield from weather and for a changing area, which increased our comfort level. I highly recommend walls for demo events. Not only do they provide better shelter, but they give us some privacy for mundane items, rest periods, and our own snacks and drinks.

Ways the Event can be Improved

(The following are 2 suggestions from a previous year that may again be relevant.)

The band had to stay under our shelters because of the rain. We need some brainstorming on how we can get the band closer during damp weather, or maybe get a sound system. Perhaps if rain is likely, we could ask the Fort if we can put up a small pop-up in the field near the pole.

More participation is the best thing we can do. Period-looking tents, heraldic display, more dancers and musicians, more people at the tents to interact with the audience, all these things will make a better impression. People come to this event **to see us**. We are a prime attraction for this event and we need to take advantage of that. To get enough dancers each year, I have to rely on my own friends and family who do not otherwise participate in the SCA. The Shire should be fielding its own people for this event.

This need for more participation from Shire members has continued for years, now. If it were not for my own family and friends, this demo would not happen.

I wish to note that *this year* the Shire provided all the volunteers we needed, but we only needed 8 dancers instead of 12. We are going in a great direction this year, fully staffing our own demo.

Comic Con at Harrisburg Mall
Demo Proposal to the Shire of Blak Rose - Freydis Illska
May 9, 2021

Location for Event

Harrisburg Mall
3501 Paxton St Harrisburg, Pa 17111
Harrisburg Comic and Pop Con

Contact:

Andrew Melius, co-owner/organizer
fourstatecomiccon@gmail.com

Days and Times

Saturday September 18, 11 am to 7 pm
Sunday September 19, 11am to 5 pm
Set up time is available Friday before the show, we will have additional details as we get closer to that date.

Contacts	Names	Email	Phone
Autocrat	Freydis Illska Miranda Jewett	Dragonberry.muffin@gmail.com	(717) 756-5845
Deputy Autocrat	TBD		

Alcohol and Smoking Policy

There is no smoking or alcohol usage permitted within the Mall.

Event Objective

Since we had so much success last time, we are looking to up the ante this year. My hope is that this demo will promote the SCA at large, primarily by including the participation of neighboring shires and possibly Atlantia. This is a branding opportunity, and we need to approach this event as a “live action infomercial” for the SCA and what we do as an organization.

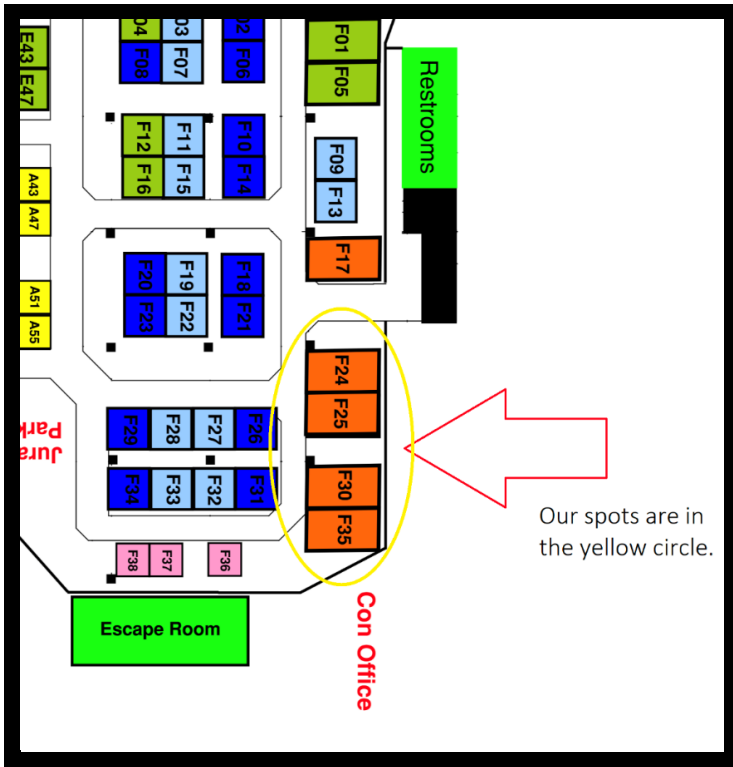
We have reserved a total of 4 vendor spaces: F24, F25, F30, F35. We will be using two conjoined spaces as for larger demonstrations such as heavy fighting, dance, music, and possibly other field activities. The other two spaces will be conjoined into a medieval camp setup, and used for displaying information about the shire, its activities and community, and displaying other arts, such as A&S activities.

I was contemplating a theme for this year’s demo, “Plague Times”, and incorporating elements involving of historical recounting of how they dealt with pandemics in the Middle Ages.

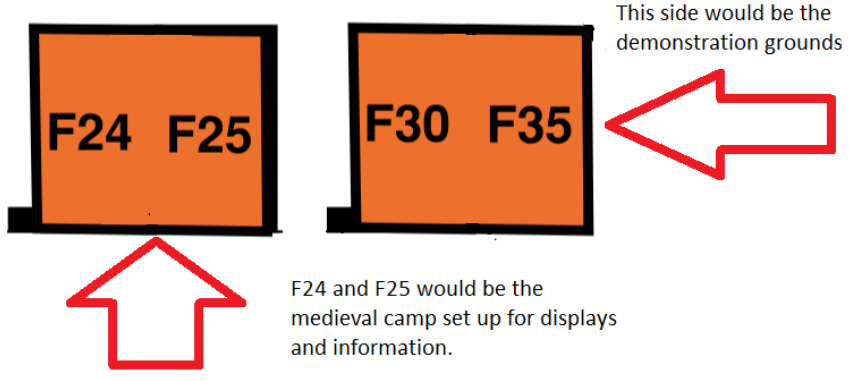
Due to the updated SCA resolution, we will need to apply for a variance in order to formally participate in this demo as SCA.

Budget

The con board graciously agreed to give us the same space we used last year free of charge.



Our spots are in the yellow circle.



F24 and F25 would be the medieval camp set up for displays and information.

This side would be the demonstration grounds