

Shire of Blak Rose

Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2021

Officers

Seneschal

Maraha Kahanikar

Deputy: Vacant

Exchequer

Tuathflaith Chleirigh

Deputy: Freydis Illska

Acting Herald

Eleazar ha-Levi

Herald: Samira al Mansur

Chronicler

Ragnall Cennétig

Deputy: 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

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)

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

Eight SCA members were present, and the Seneschal called the meeting to order at 1:35 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)

Tracey Hanwell, Exchequer
(Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh)

Cooper Kennedy, Chronicler
(Ragnall Cennétig)

Sean Marshall, Knight Marshal
(Seán Dubh)

Miranda Renee, Chatelaine
(Freydis Illska)

Lew Wolkoff, Deputy Herald
(Eleazar ha-Levi)

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

Resident SCA Members of Voting Age

Populace:

Roseia Poesy

*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

Both April and May meeting minutes, having been reviewed were both approved.

Seneschal's Report - Maraha Kahanikar

Samira is currently the Herald of Blak Rose and is taking time to continue working on their health journey. Eleazar will continue in his role as Deputy Herald for the time being and continue submitting the monthly herald reports. Motion made to "Accept and label Eleazar as Acting Herald, and to list him as such in documents and information going forward." Motion carried.

Maraha also brought up the need for deputies in various positions for the Shire, stressing a desire to have the deputies be filled by persons not already serving as officers.

Other Officers' Reports

Exchequer - Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

Dire situation with bank account signatory and lack of Kingdom level response, details outlined in Exchequer Report which was sent in and is attached at the end of this document. Seneschal Maraha will contact upper kingdom after as Tuathflaith has seen little to no help from EK Exchequer, who has been completely unresponsive to multiple persons.

Herald - Eleazar Ha-Levi

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

Chronicler - Ragnall Cennetig

Meeting minutes posted for April and May, nothing new to report.

Webminister - Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

I am now able to create, remove and alter email addresses for shire members. I have created 2 addresses for shire wars, one for the autocrat and one for the registrar. I offered them for use to Eleazar, if he prefers to post them on the event listing.

Minister of A&S - Tirza bithe Reaboughes

Semi Annal A/S report turned in on time, Vivat! Archery badge being turned into cross-stich pattern/project.

Knight Marshal - Sean Dubh

Waiting on approval of a safety plan for the purposed Heavy Fighting location.

Chatelaine - Freydis Illska

Freydis expressed concern over hosting demos especially without follow up activities, practices or events to point newcomers towards after their initial contact. Motion made by Freydis to "Try and participate in comic con demo to the best of our abilites." Motion carried

7/17 – UR Turn Gaming Café – Comic Con Demo

Marshal Activities Reports

Archery Marshal Report - Tuathflaith

Our active program continues. Practices have changed to Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. We need new target stands, as the "accuracy" of our archers is very hard on them. Tuathflaith also brought up the need to repair arrows to continue supplying loaner gear for archers. Eleazar motioned to "Approve archery related expenditures." Motion carried.

Thrown Weapons Marshal Alana, MiT: Ragnall

Practices are continuing to pop up 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. Continual updates from EK and SCA mean the following updates are applied to Shire wars, no food unless pre-packaged and handed out by gloved volunteers, and communal water coolers are approved. Eleazar is currently looking for someone to look after sanitization practices, prep and stations for the event.

Old Business**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.

Comic Con - Freydis Illska

No new information discussed. Approved Demo proposal attached at the end of this document.

New Business

No additional new business discussed.

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
June 2021

Activity this month

- I picked up old Shire records from Alana O’Keeve. They include the printed Exchequer annual reports going back to the 1980s. Some of these include signatures from Robert Frazier and Janet Bailey. I plan to scan them and add them to our eventually online document storage.
- Concerning the signature change process that was begun in November 2020, our Western Deputy Exchequer (Dagrun) has sent two emails to the Kingdom Exchequer since our last meeting. Neither of those emails has received a response as far as I know. On June 8 I sent an email to the Kingdom Exchequer which included all previous emails. Included were the first and last dates of contact:

December 19, 2020: First email to Kingdom Exchequer with completed paperwork (after it was reviewed by Dagrun).

January 8, 2021: The Kingdom Exchequer made a statement that he had all the information he needed from everyone involved.

As of this writing I have not received a response. Please note that some other emails were sent between January 8, 2021 and today, none of which were acknowledged.

- **Shire Wars Concerns:** We currently have the funds from several shires sitting in our bank account. If the signature changes are not passed through in a timely fashion, we could lose access to those accounts and lose the ability to pay the bills for Shire Wars. This situation is *unacceptable*.

Statement of Financial Position

Current Financial Assets

Checking balance on June statement \$5,824.97

Checks not deposited 0.00

Other assets, including cash on hand 0.00

Total Financial Assets \$5,824.97

Current Financial Liabilities:

Payments issued but not cleared \$0.00

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

There is currently no name or armory submitted by a member of the Shire and listed as being under review at either the Kingdom or Laurel level. Such submissions have been made but are not yet posted. This report was held back in the hope that a new posting would be made.

Laurel Activities

April 2021 Letter of Acceptances and Returns (LoAR) – June 1, 2021

The Laurel Sovereign at Arms:

- Discussed the rules for registering an item that had previously been registered and then released. These are treated as new items, however, a previously item that violates the current rules cannot now be registered.
- Announced that the rules are being relaxed to allow designs where a tertiary charge includes another dependent, closely associated charge. The example given was a squirrel holding a nut. The nut is considered an artistic detail and does not contribute to difference.
- Further announced a great number of changes to the rules for submissions:
 - The list of “Standard Sources” has been changed and greatly expanded.
 - There is clarification on the use of the term “proper”, especially with regard to items that are properly brown.
 - There are changes to the lists regarding armorial elements that don’t need documentation and items that are a step from period practice.
 - For charges being held: If the charge is large enough to have equal weight to the charge holding it (sustaining) both charges are part of the same charge group, and the held charge can count for differencing. Smaller charges are “Maintained” and constitute a secondary charge group.

My Own Activities

- I renewed my SCA membership for the next two years (until May 2023).
- I continue to be available for consultation on names or armory and may be contacted by e-mail at herald@blakrose.eastkingdom.org or eleazar_halevi@yahoo.com.
- I continue to comment on submissions at both the Kingdom and Laurel level.
- After some delay I am working on the materials for the “Herald’s Pages as a pair of tables. for the Blak Rose website: a letter of introduction with contact information for myself, the Heraldry Coloring Book, which needed some typos corrected, and the Shire Order of Precedence, which will be sent in “raw” data form

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.

