Blatha An Oir Business Meeting: 12/21/23

In Attendence:

Kira Mikkeldotter
Sir Warren of Essex
Mikael MacLeod
Andromecha of Lesbos (For Sir Gavin)
Thomasina Fairamay
Tasia Darnel
Audny Refsdottir (With Roger)
Tullia Eleonora Domenichi d'Aragona
Penelope
Aesa Rethsdottir
Baron Nells
Baroness Elizabeth
Mishka Blumkiss
Cassimer
Austeja
Master Arontius
Elizabeth North
Melissa of Dalmatia
AEffe Michaelsdohtor
Rosa

Called to Order at 7:00 pm

Exchequer: Will redo Financial Policy in Jan or Feb for the barony. Ending Balance of a number. Budget. Based on sheet, wants to change Exchequer from X to Y. Wants to get a Zettle Reader and stand. Post office might change by X. Hall Rental needs to be discussed on if staying. Insurance overall is going up everywhere including us. Before budgets are spent, you still must go to meeting to get approval to spend money.
Budget Approved.

Herald: Nothing new to report

Heavy: Nothing

Archery: Ok Archery going well practices happening each Sunday weather pending, my surgery went well and I am in a cast recovering.

Nothing else to report.

Chronicler: Nothing New.

Arts & Sciences: Culinary night, 5 attendees with cookie exchange and a class on deserts. Sewing Nights on Mondays at Angharat’s. A+S classes at 12th Night and at Candalmas. If interested in teaching. Message Audny for teaching hours etc

Scribe: No scribal meetup due to Holidays. Candalmas Scribal contest still a go. Need their Excellencies alternative texts. No Scribal Jan due to 12th. First of the year will be in Feb.

Chatelaine: Deputy is Austeja.

Gold Key: Not Present

Hospitality: Not Present.

Family Activities: Not Present.

Chamberlain: There is stuff. Only thing that they are trying to do is Feb 24th, do inventory of Trailer and Storage unit.

Sargentry: Nothing new to report

Rapier: Not Present

Web: All the events and things are on the web calendar. Also discussed possibly adding nearby events. (Not Practices, EVENTS). All Event Stewards, anything that goes through Facebook needs to go through the Web Minister as well. Needs to get the information , so send to email or tag when created on Facebook. Sooner is better for events etc.

Past Events:

Seasons Beatings: Was epic and fun. Good times had by all. First one to have a Rapier element.

Future Events:

12th Night: 1.) Our Hotel Rooming Coordinator, Mistress Etienette, is working with a listing of room cancellation to get them transferred to those on the waiting list. She is also working to ensure the rooms set aside for Staff up-front have been assigned (or dispersed to others as needed). If anyone hears of rooms reserved at The Hilton being cancelled for any reason, please reach out to them to contact the Event Team first so that we can transfer the room directly to someone on the Official Waiting List first. The Official Room block has timed out, so it is imperative that we try to capture rooms internally or else whomever gets them otherwise will pay full-price. Much higher than our Block Rate.

2.) HL Ciar ingen Fiachnae (Brandy Stier) completed a schedule of all activities and the spaces in which they will take place. Our Royal Liaison, HL Ellisif (Elisabeth Howard-Langmack), collected the initial desires for meetings and activities from Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses. HL Ciar's final product has gone to TRM and TRH for final approval before it goes out for publication. We ask for everyone's patience on this. Putting together a schedule as complex as the one needed for Twelfth Night is a huge undertaking, so it is especially important to ensure everything is workable for TRM and TRH before it is issued. The primary purpose of An Tir's Twelfth Night is the Coronation ceremonies. Thank you very much, Ciar, for accomplishing this daunting task so well.

3.) On Saturday evening, following Court, is the scheduled Dance Ball, with After-Hours Social immediately following the Ball. The Event Team has arranged for refreshments to be available from the hotel. This is a cost that is not a part of the Event Budget, so if you might feel inclined to donate to help pay for the Refreshments Bartending Services, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to any of the Lead Event Stewards if you have any questions. ONE NOTE ON DANCE BALL TIMING - The hotel requires a two hour turn-around to break down Court seating and set up the dance flow. Keep this in mind as you plan your Saturday evening activities.

4.) The merchants who will be in the Marketplace has been finalized. You can find a listing of who will be present on all the Twelfth Night advertising locations: The Kingdom Calendar Event Page, as well as the Facebook Page, found here <[**https://www.facebook.com/events/604973157799820**](https://www.facebook.com/events/604973157799820?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZVokwJXGG-sOvI4aaLHUi4SkYk5QlKnzOfjG8nITIur4Xto35sdC8Rfyj4F55PnZDyQYO4e7x9SKqUMxNrVX6GPG7jNTTui6xTc8Mb6PXclkPVreIa9bGWBIOVK2vbXS8uCVeK-JRRr8poGCQEtLPffM12z3MjQdecNMzhjseGfTLfneGL6y2pgmrddEI5MJ7E&__tn__=-UK-R)>, and the Blatha An Oir Event Web-Page, found here: <[https://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/twelfth-night-2024/](https://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/twelfth-night-2024/?fbclid=IwAR3OPbOEBc0spcjcWJ6zjcewGble3QRRi_lKV25xuQ1dQ3TPONlG4mKP7Ik)>.

5.) Pre-registration for Twelfth Night is now closed. Please note that pre-registration was not required to attend Twelfth Night. There will be a full gate on-site, which will accept cash, checks, and credit cards. You are welcome, even if you didn’t pre-reg. Gate fee: $30, with a $5 member discount.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact HL Kira Mikkeldotter (Dawn Chronister) either here on Facebook, or via email at blathaanoir dot exchequer at antir dot org.

6.) The last Team Awen (Twelfth Night Planning Team) meeting was via Zoom on November 30th. The next is tentatively planned for the week after New Year's Day. The plan is to have these meeting via Zoom every two to three weeks until the event. Since so many of the Team are spread out geographically, it makes sense to meet more often online. If you want to listen in on any of these, please speak to anyone on the Team and we'll make sure you can get there.

7.) The next, and probably last, walk-through of the hotel is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27th, at about Noon. We will also continue to hold some conference calls with the hotel staff to ensure we're all coordinated on upcoming deadlines and required submittals (such as meeting room lay-out, schedule, etc.). Our lay-out of activities has been submitted to the hotel, along with a tentative schedule.

8.) For the 'move in' on January 12th, there are only five bell carts available through the hotels available to move luggage and equipment through the hotel, which will be heavily utilized by guests. We are planning on a supplement amongst ourselves (bringing in extra carts). We have found someone to take on the task to ensure they are collected, tagged, and returned when the Friday move-in is complete. This person will also coordinate a group of volunteers to assist in cart usage and moving ‘stuff’ from cars into the various rooms and meeting space where the ‘stuff’ is needed. Dennis Schroader Jr. from Blatha An Oir is out volunteer (thank you, Dennis!). Contact information and cart loaning information to be published shortly.

9.) HL Ciar wrote a fantastic 'Introduction To Twelfth Night' article intended for those who are new to the SCA and / or have never attended a Twelfth Night Coronation in the past. Please point this article out to those who have basic questions. This article can be found wherever Twelfth Night Event advertising is located.

10.) Insurance Rider has been issued by SCA, Inc., with a copy e-mailed to the hotel.

11.) We will need volunteers for many miscellaneous duties: loading / unloading equipment, space set-up (decorations), movement of materials around site, hanging and placement of signage, and other support that may come up unexpectedly. Please get involved and contact the Twelfth Night Volunteer Coordinator:

M’Lady Penelope Maria Domenichi (Tiana West), who can be contacted at hitgirl.tiana [AT] gmail.com

12.) M'Lady Bianca di Baldasarre Saturnio has volunteered to be our signage coordinator. She will have the map / plan of site and will ensure signs are placed appropriately. We are limited on how we can attach printed pages, but we might also use sandwich boards (as long as they don't get in the way).

13.) Among the other Volunteer Leads we are seeking is someone to be Lead on any set-up and tear-down functions. This involves unloading Kingdom Trailer (and re-loading on Sunday). As well as any set-up and tear-down functions separate from decorations.

14.) Your personal heraldry is wanted to display at Twelfth Night! We can't hang heavy, or very large, items (due to potential damage to walls and infrastructure. But we'd like to display what is possible. Additionally, HL Bledyn Drwg de Caerdydd, Youth Activities Coordinator, will be utilizing them for a Youth Scavenger Hunt. If you would be willing, please contact either the Decorations Coordinator, HL Francisca Ossiander, or one of the Main Event Stewards and we'll get you situated.

15.) If anyone would be interested in volunteering for livestreaming, either as a camera operator or to monitor text communications between camera and producers, please contact Lady Æffe Michælesdohtor (Lissa Dee).

16.) We will take 'Cancelled Rooms' for redistribution to the Waiting List up through the weekend prior to Twelfth Night, January 7th, 2024. After that the Team will be concentrating on on-site logistics. If you think you might be cancelling a room reservation, please contact someone on the Event Team so we can get the room moved to someone who really needs / wants it.

17.) There is a listing of alternate hotels in the surrounding area of the Bellevue Hilton which can be found on the Kingdom Calendar Event Page. A further listing of local amenities will be available in the next several weeks.

18.) The Tech Companies who had the upper floor rooms and Suites leased for their local business activities have released a number of empty rooms to be made available to us for rental. Suites were offered to the Vigilants and TRM / TRH. Arrangements are in process now to formalize these rentals.

19.) On auto-repeat from previous months: If you have questions in regards to Hotel Liason, reporting of the event, or overall coordination, contact Arontius of Bygelswade (Michael Aaron Rogers). If you have questions in regards to Financial Issues, or communications / coordination between Blatha An Oir and the Event, contact HL Kira Mikkelsdottir (Dawn Chronister). If you have questions in regards to Activities Coordination and Scheduling within the Event, contact HL Ciar ingen Fiachnae (Brandy Stier). Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienette de Montagne (Stephanie Ray-Solum), Kingdom Events Deputy, is our Gate Coordinator and Chief Kingdom Collaborator.

Candalmas: Lots of things planned. Italian feast. Tournaments. Meet and greet. Pre-reg opens soon.

Embers and Ambrosia: Angarat is still working on date ironed out etc with the Swiss (Site location).

Lord Defender/New Comers Althing: Wyewood business meeting needs be attended. Grass need be mowed. Newcomers side has classes that will need teachers.

Autumn War: Team meeting on Jan 11th, and meeting every month to coordinate.

Harvest Feats: We have a bid! Cap of 100 people. Bid put in by Michael of Morovick.

Seneschal: Busy Year! Lets get it done.

Their Exellencies: Volunteer for things. We have the opportunity to shine at 12th Night. Jump in both feet and lets do the thing.

No additional business, meeting called to end at 7:32