

Barony of Blatha An Oir Business Meeting Minutes

September 2019

Seneschal(Elspeth nic Grath): Dates are on the calendar for the next 2.25 years. Both the customary and financial policy need to be updated. We will start that in January after 12th night

Events for 2020

Candlemas	February 15
Embers	April 24-26
Autumn War	August 19-24
Lord Defender's	September 18-20
Harvest Feast	November 7

Events for 2021

February 13
April 23-25
August 18-23
September 17-19
November 6

Events for 2022

February 5

Exchequer(Aislinn): \$40,360.11 in the checking account

Herald(Alizand Thorgeirsson): Nothing to Report

Heavy Marshal(Agmundr Glumsson): 3 new people in armor. One in his own armor as a returning fighter. Practices will be on Sunday beginning on September 29th.

Rapier Marshal(Verith de Prendergast): No Report

Archery Marshal(Yusuf Ja'bar al Timbuktuwwi): We've arched. It has averaged 3 to 6 people at practice.

List(Maehrid): Nothing to report.

Chronicler(Francisca Rosil): Baroness Maricka did a wonderful job on The Blatherings. I am excited that she will be mentoring the next Chronicler.

Webminister(Berwyn Ulric): Thank you everyone for content for the website. Please keep it coming.

Social Media Officer(Baroness Anne of Bearshaven): no report

Art and Sciences(Angharat verch Reynulf): Sewing has had a nice crowd as did cooking. There will be classes at Lord Defender's and the Thursday social. Please send Nykera suggestions for Talent spotlight and Did you know.

Chatelaine(Francisca Rosil): There was a large turnout at the Thursday social. We discussed the newcomer academy plans. The finalized plans are on the Populace page on FaceBook. The first class will be at the November Thursday social.

Gold Key: Open position, Chatelaine will be going through and figuring out what we have at Lord Defender's

Demo Coordinator: Open Position

Scribe('Taisa Darnel): The new charters are on point. A new person has been attending scribal. Sigrun has been submitting original charter ideas. If the populace has ideas please let us know.

Chamberlain(Jazod Felygo): The old pavilion needs to be replaced. Two new rips happened at Autumn War. Will submit a cost total at the next business meeting.

Family Activities: Open position, no report

Hospitality(Baroness Elspeth nic Grath): There will be a potluck at the Thursday social again. There will be a Christmas party at the December Social.

Past Events: The Autumn War report was given at the last meeting by the co-event steward. Mr Nix has still not received the final check. Jazod will contact him next week to check and see if he has received it. We are planning on mailing a letter to the residents on the road to thank them for putting up with the folks who drive too fast with loud music.

Future Event:

Lord Defender's: The trailer and hay are already on site. Site tokens were finished on Tuesday. We are ready to have a great event.

Sargent's Trials: The Insurance is purchased. There is a sargent mom who is taking care of everything. Still need help with gate. Bleydn has volunteered to help.

Harvest Feast: Tribe was awarded the bid. The menu will have four removes based on the 14th century English period. An appetizer, soup, the main dish of Moorish chicken and mini desserts.

Ember's and Ambrosia: The bid was awarded to Maire nic Shiobhan

Candlemas: One bid is in the works

Other Business:

The heavy Marshal will be stepping down in January or when the position is filled

Season's Beatings will be either December 14th or 15th at Opus Arabians. Asher is in charge.

With regards to the Barony doing Fundraising:

1. No Raffles – BAD – ILLEGAL DON'T DO IT **Correct**
2. No dedicated funds. Raise money to assist the Barony but don't denote the funds to anything specific **Not entirely correct. You can raise money for a specific thing, but it is not recommended that you treat them as a "Special Purpose or Dedicated fund". A restricted fund, such as the Raven Travel Fund, restricts the use of funds to a specific purpose and the only persons who can change the funds purpose are the original people who set it up. You can track raised funds separately for something like, to replace a pavilion or buy a trailer, but your minutes should reflect what will happen to any excess funds once the intended purpose is met such as "any remaining funds after the purchase of the pavilion will revert to the general fund". Without language reverting the excess to the general fund, you could end up having to restrict the excess to only the purchase of a pavilion and carry it on our books separately. It all comes down to the language used when you opt to raise funds for a purpose.**

Some of the ideas that have been presented to me to bring forth

3. Sell items we no longer use in the storage unit and are off our reports. – So an SCA Garage Sale with all proceeds going to the Barony **Perfectly acceptable.**
4. Someone wants to make silk printed painted fans and sell them (my understanding we can do this but we can't buy the fans and paint, that would have to be donated) **Your branch may incur expenses in order to fund raise provided the funds that are raised are going back to the branch or to an authorized 501c3 organization that the branch's FC has voted and agreed to donate to. Review chapter 5 of the Exchequer Handbook for detail regarding allowable fundraising expenses.**

5. Bake Sales – same concept I believe, product can be donated but not bought funds can go to the Barony The barony may purchase materials to create items to sell for fundraising-note that the Income Statement of our report format has an entire column dedicated to tracking Fundraising Expenses.
 6. Sell Dags to go on the Pavilion to help pay for the pavilion and the fabric for the dags. Usually contains the buyers device (this would end up being a dedicated fund) Great idea!
 7. Can we do an Auction? Where someone makes something like the Peers Action and then the proceeds go to the barony and not another charity. Yes, absolutely you may do an auction and raise funds for your branch or another 501c3 charity. You just have to make sure that the parameters of the auction do not resemble a raffle.
- So, fundraising is fine and incurring an expense to fundraise is acceptable provided the source you are raising funds for is authorized. What you cannot do is raise funds to specifically benefit a person or a charity that does not have a 501c3 designation.

Hope this helps define some of the boundaries!

Message from the Coronets: If the populace wants to run an event please put a bid in 6-9 months in advance. We are talking with neighboring Baronies about restarting the South Sound Unity Tournament. It will be run as a joint branch event with possibly having it at the Wyewood archery location.