

Barony of Brendoken Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2005  
Mishler Weaving Mill, Smithville, Ohio

After a short delay due to a double-booking at the Mill, the meeting was called to order in the shelter of a nearby park. Lord Brice presided.

**Baron:**

The Baronial campsite at Pennsic 34 has been finalized. The camp will be in section N03. A meeting to discuss plans for the Baronial camp will be held after this meeting.

**Baroness:**

Baroness Catriona was unable to attend but sent the following report:  
Several people have been working on tabards and there are 15 pieces now completed. Several more just need minor finishing to be ready for use at Pennsic. If anyone would like to help, please take the tabards home, finish them and return them to their Excellencies either before or at Pennsic.

There will be a Baronial Revel at Pennsic on Tuesday August 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Baronial Camp. Please bring chairs.

The Fighters' Cafe will be held on Friday August 19 at the Field Battle. Time is 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with food and waterbearing.

Their Excellencies would like to thank those who prepared a delicious luncheon for Oaken Barons and Baronesses at the recent Oaken Melee School. The luncheon was very well received. Special thanks to Lord Giles and Lady Faoileann for their cooking prowess.

**MOAS**

Lady Debforgail is looking for a deputy to train for the position of Minister of Arts & Sciences with the goal of taking over the position.

Anyone wishing to enter the Baronial A&S Championship at the September 17 Brendokenfest should begin preparations now.

**Chamberlain**

Lady Debforgail has asked representatives of each group to pass along that there is a need for retainers for the Baron and Baroness at local events. Anyone interested in helping should contact Debforgail. Retainers will particularly be needed for Pennsic, especially during War Week.

**Webminister**

THL Ailith needs to have permission forms signed by the officers before she can publish information and reports on the website. She also needs

information for the online flyer for the Baronial Championships event.

### **Chatelaine**

Lady Maerwynn reported that she has been very busy with Alderford demos, but that there is nothing new in the Brendoken Chatelaine's office.

### **Chronicler**

THL Milica passed around the latest issue of the Portcullis which will now be published monthly. Due to printing costs, approximately \$35/month, it may be necessary to hold an auction or other fundraiser to support publication of the newsletter.

Lord Brice asked if a section of the newsletter could be added highlighting activities in each of the groups.

Milica added that permission forms for the chronicler's office will also need to be signed by officers or anyone submitting articles or artwork for publication.

### **Exchequer**

Lady Bekea reported that there is currently (before checks written) \$1692.24 in the coffer.

The Barony has been given a donation of uncut gemstones by Lord Troy Fergusson for a "rainy day fund." The stones will need to be appraised for value. Brice suggested that they be taken to the V-Rock Shop in Canton. Lord Durdel offered the opinion that the stones should be auctioned or sold and the money held for future use. Other suggestions included cutting the stones and using them in Baronial regalia. Action was tabled pending appraisal of the stones.

### **Groups:**

#### **Thistle**

Lady Mageen reported that the July 9 demo at Brunswick Public Library was small but successful due to participation by Master Patrick and family, Mistress Arwenna and an unidentified fighter from Cleftlands.

There will be a melee practice July 18 at the church in Brunswick at 6:00 p.m. The practice will take place rain or shine with Applebys being a suitable back-up plan for rain.

Durdel would like to step down at Thistle's Knights Marshal and is seeking a replacement. He hopes to begin fencing instruction for Thistle fighters after Pennsic.

Mageen reported that the July 27 meeting will be Thistle's last at the current site. Plans are to move the meeting site to a new location.

### Three Towers

Lord Giles, reporting for the group, announced that they, too, have had lots of library demos. Baroness Catriona and Lord Brice were helpful in lending a hand at two of the demos.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Hastings event has been cancelled.

### Gwyntarian

Gwyntarian has also been very busy with demos. On July 30, there will be a really BIG demo at Hudson Library. All help and pavilions would be greatly appreciated.

### Alderford

Alderford held a very successful Oaken Melee School event with a great feast and lots of campers. Thanks to those who attended and helped out with various activities.

Alderford has several more library demos including a very large one on July 22 at Stark County District Library (6:00 pm), a smaller one August 26 at Tuscarawas County Public Library (2:00 pm) and another large one at Glamorgan Castle in Alliance (7:00 pm). Anyone who would like to attend is gratefully welcome. The Louisville Library demo which took place July 16, was a great success with over 200 people attending.

### **Old Business**

Brendokenfest and Baronial Championships will be September 17 at Zion Lutheran Church in North Canton. Debforgail still needs volunteers to help with the event, especially for set-up and tear-down. There are also slots available for teachers.

### **New Business**

Her Excellency has proposed a change to the schedule for baronial meetings. In order to reach more of the populace, it has been suggested that the quarterly meeting schedule would include:

- 1) a populace meeting
- 2) an officers' meeting
- 3) a floating meeting as needed

There was much discussion but the idea was adopted. Durdel suggested that the agenda could be discussed on the Gatehouse and set before the meetings.

The August 27 meeting will take place at the Mill in Smithville and will be a "Baron's Bash" celebration of his Excellency's birthday. This will take the form of a revel with the possibility of a fundraiser consisting of opportunities to "bash" the Baron.

Lord Giles announced that there will be an armoring and fighter practice at his home July 24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

THL Milica of Varna  
Chronicler, Barony of Brendoken