

Barony of Brendoken
Business Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2008

In attendance: 25

I. OFFICER REPORTS:

A. Seneschal:

1. Local group seneschals, please send your reports to Lord Giles, Baronial Seneschal, before May 15th.

B. Exchequer:

1. Lady Bekea reported the Hafla site deposit was returned.
2. The Hafla made a profit of \$1, 408.95
3. Receipts are needed ASAP in order to complete the final report on Brendokenfest.

C. Pursuivant:

1. Lady Ursula the Widow has updated the Barony's Order of Precedence
2. Please go to the web site and check it for additions and corrections
3. A deputy is needed for the office of Baronial Herald

D. MoAS: Absent during the meeting, however, it was noted by the Regional MoAS that he has all the reports from Brendoken

E. Knights Marshall: Absent, however, he has submitted reports as needed and has been reporting the martial activities of Thistle

F. Chronicler:

1. There was difficulty in copying the May Portcullis. She regrets not having copies to pass out.
2. Articles, reports on events, recipes, and drawings are needed for upcoming issues.
3. A deputy is needed for the office of Chronicler

G. Chamberlain:

1. Lady Ursula introduced Lady Michele of Thistle as her successor
2. A vote of confidence was taken and Lady Michele was accepted

H. Regalia: This office is open.

I. Webminister: Lady Mair also needs a deputy for the office of Webminister

J. Chatelain(e): This office is open.

K. Signet:

1. Lord Robert asked that any scribe who would be willing to do scrolls for baronial courts to please contact him.
2. He proposed that the scrolls be showcased after court, that doing this would be part of the signet's duties
3. He was going to check out the pricing of Plexiglas to make a cover and report back to the group

L. Baron and Baroness:

1. Sgt Einar was given his scroll from the court at the *Moors in Hispania* event.
2. Pennsic Encampment items were discussed

3. A demo of siege weapons and combat archery was announced, taking place outside after the meeting

II. GROUPS

A. Gwyntarian:

1. The *Moors in Hispania* event had about 55 participants and 40 at the feast
2. The church was very happy with the group and would welcome them back as renters
3. They have 2 school demos coming up

B. Thistle:

1. Baron Nigel will visit the Wadsworth Library meeting on May 28th. His topic is A&S Documentation
2. There are several changes in officers coming up
3. Lady Elena was happy to note that Chip is an MIT of Archery

C. Three Towers:

1. *Encampment VIII: Siege the Dane* will be on the weekend of on June 21st
2. There will be a tabletop siege weapon competition
3. Three Towers will be doing an all day demo for Ashland Middle School on June 4th. They would appreciate any help.

D. Alderford

1. Melee at Roswell is on July 11-13
2. Alderford will be part of the 4th of July activities at Silver Lake Park in Alliance, OH.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brendokenfest postmortem:

1. Changes for future Brendokenfests
 - a. Raise the site fee \$1
 - b. Raise the number of feast tickets to be sold and raise feast fee
 - c. Do not expand the number of feast seats until our feast are regularly selling out
 - d. If we wish to make use of the same site, reserve it NOW
 - e. Standardize the time of year it occurs
 1. Discussion of possible dates
 - f. Discussion if to continue equestrian activities; general consensus: Yes
 - g. Charge a fee for the horse discussion
 1. It was decided to check into real life horse fees
 - h. Have VIP largesse basket prepared in case of visitors
 - i. Any volunteers to be autocrat??

B. Officer File boxes

1. \$15 reimbursement limit set
2. Our seneschal suggested VERY strongly that officers get the boxes ASAP

C. Pennsic hospitality

1. Fighter Café- subsidized by the Barony
 - a. Grapes, pickles, boiled eggs
 - b. Lord Giles homemade beef jerky
2. Other martial activities: vegetable trays
3. Brendoken Revel: Milady Emma of Thistle has volunteered to coordinate
4. Baroness Tea
 - a. Donations of money or food will be needed
 - b. Milady Cliodhna of Scone and Sgt Einar volunteered to coordinate the food for the tea

- D. Retainer at Pennsic for TRM's
 - 1. Each Barony picks a day to supply retainers
 - 2. Midrealm court is Thursday of War Week
 - 3. Lord Akira will check on the details

IV. New Business

- A. Invasion by Middle Marches' Archery Champion
 - 1. Will be contacting Their Excellencies Brendoken
 - 2. Challenging all surrounding baronies
 - 3. Melee or Encampment

- B. Event promotion
 - 1. Lord Giles has noticed lack of event flyers at other's events.
 - 2. In the discussion these suggestions and comments were made
 - a. Pick up flyers not taken from troll at the end of the day
 - b. Mail a hard copy to nearby seneschals
 - c. Discuss ideas with THLady Milica
 - d. Send 1/2 sheet flyers as they go with postcard postage rates
 - e. Make the copy specific to the audience
 - f. Use multiple ways to get the word out
 - g. Mention merchants in the information
 - h. Have event promotion be a separate staff position
 - i. Send people to nearby groups meetings to hawk the event
 - j. If appropriate for real world audience, put flyers in public libraries

Catriona, Baroness Brendoken, respectfully submitted these minutes.