

**Barony of Brendoken**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2008**

In attendance: 20

I. OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. Baron and Baroness: Gave thanks to all who helped them at Pennsic.
- B. Seneschal:
  - 1. The poll process is under way
  - 2. There are five couples who sent in letters of intent
  - 3. A deputy is needed
- C. Exchequer:
  - 1. After reimbursements, the banking account holds \$2950.24
  - 2. Polling office needs \$171.60 to cover printing costs, stamps and envelopes
  - 3. Lady Ursula proposed that this amount be sent, Sgt Einar and Lord Robert seconded, the motion passed
  - 4. A deputy is needed ASAP
  - 5. The Exchequer must see all baronial financial activities
- D. Pursuivant:
  - 1. Milord Donal Bane has agreed to be the deputy pursuivant
  - 2. There were many awards, both at the kingdom and baronial level, presented to citizens of Brendoken
- E. MoAS: Not present
- F. Knights Marshall: Not present
  - 1. Concerned that he is not getting quarterly reports
    - a. Local group marshals have sent in on-line reports
    - b. Copies should be sent to Lord Magnus automatically
    - c. The online reporting needs to be checked
- G. Chronicler:
  - 1. Thank you for the articles that have been sent in
  - 2. A deputy is needed for the office of Chronicler
- H. Chamberlain: Not present
- I. Webminister: Not present
- J. Signet: Lord Robert would like to start a database of available calligraphers and illuminators in the barony

II. GROUPS

- A. Gwyntarian:
  - 1. The Art in the Park demo is be on September 6-7
  - 2. November 1 is the date of the Road to Alexandria event
- B. Thistle: No new information
- C. Three Towers:
  - 1. The group's new seneschal is Lord Galen
  - 2. Blueberry Festival demo went well
  - 3. The group has decided to do a Cook's Symposium
- D. Alderford
  - 1. *Melee at Roswell* went very well, more people attended

2. TRH, Ullr and AnneLyse, found it to be a nice relaxing event
3. The autocrat, Sgt Einar, is seeking opinions on whether the date is better pre or post Pennsic

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Baronial Scroll table

1. Lord Robert displayed the table that he is making
2. Baronial scrolls will be protected by a sheet of Plexiglas so others might get a closer look
3. It will be announced prior to court that scrolls will be displayed

#### B. Brendokenfest

1. Lady Ursula reported that the Tuscararus Co Fairgrounds will not respond until after the county fair
2. However, we are firmly penciled in for April 18, 2009
3. Lady Ursula is willing to be a preliminary contact person for the fairgrounds, but is NOT interesting in autocratting the event
4. Discussion of whether Equestrian activities were justified
  - a. An extra \$125 for insurance
  - b. Discuss with Forester Offria and Lady Finna about marshalling and advisability
5. General feeling was that if possible to have equestrian activities at Brendokenfest

#### C. Transition of B&B's

1. Transition Deputy is on track
2. Poll planned for early October
3. Everyone is encouraged to fill out the poll
4. Missing polls will be considered abstaining
5. Question: Is a certain percentage of the polls have to be returned? Answer: No.
6. Reminder: The poll is only giving an opinion to TRM. It is our monarchs who will decide who is to be the new Baron and Baroness
7. Member, non-members, those who live in the barony and out of the barony may receive a poll
8. Suggested that the candidates go to each of the four local groups
9. As three out of the four local seneschals were present, they agree, pending checking with the missing seneschal
10. It was decided that the four seneschals will organize the visits

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion on terms of office for Baron and Baroness

1. It was decided to have no stated term limit, with a poll to be held every 5 years in accordance with kingdom law
2. Our charter is only an advisory document and helps to provide continuity
3. Suggestion that the charter be looked at to make sure it states what we wish it to state

#### B. Barony Structure

1. Discussion concerning the local groups understanding of how the groups and the barony function
2. Lord Giles has received complaints from individuals of one group that the barony is not doing its part
3. Discussion tabled until the individuals' complaints can be clarified

#### C. Baron Alexander found the original question asked of the candidates at the "Q and A" session five years ago

1. He will e-mail them to Lord Giles for possible use at the October meeting

#### D. Lord Giles voiced a concern given him on how baronial business is discuss and decided

1. Discussion about other means of communication
  - a. An electric forum was suggested as a means to allow those unable to attend meetings to participate
  - b. There were differing views on this idea
  - c. Discussion was tabled, no decision was made

#### E. Lord Giles brought up a concern sent to him that the rapier fighters seem to be getting so much attention

1. Lord Giles comment: the reason that they get attention is that they are doing something.
2. The first time Brendoken fielded heavy weapon fighters there were 9. This year there were 2
3. Suggestion: Do something!

F. The meeting was adjourned

    Catriona, Baroness Brendoken, respectfully submitted these minutes.