

**Minutes from March 14, 2004**  
Meeting hosted by the Marche of Three Towers

**I. Officer Reports**

**A. Knights Marshal**

1. Outgoing - Alexander of Hawkwood. Has all reports, Garth der Eisenzahmer taking over Knights Marshal position.

2. Incoming - Garth der Eisenzahmer. Regarding Pennsic: on days with multiple field battles, it is a possibility to have Brendoken fighters together for one fight - Ancel brought up point of only 8 or 9 un-householded fighters at Pennsic. Alderford's fighter practice is open to the entire barony - is also attended by other baronies and groups.

**B. Exchequer** - Genovefa da Terranova - Account Balance \$1067.51

**C. Chronicler**

1. Outgoing - Gregor - Will update the online versions of the **Portcullis**. THL Sofia Tzyes taking over Chronicler position.

2. Incoming - Sofia Tzyes - Introduced herself as new Chronicler.

**D. Herald** - Katarina Peregrine - Asked if she could have help from the local heralds with book heraldry. Assisted in court at Masque VII (Investiture).

**E. Chatelaine** - Francesca di Onorati - Thanks to Three Towers and Gwyntarian for offering their Gold Key for Investiture.

**F. MoAS** - Debforgail - Brendoken Sewing Bee 3-13-04 had many individuals in attendance. Requested populace to provide information of desired classes. Looking for ideas regarding a baronial collegium.

**G. Chamberlain** - Nan of Dragonhurst - Please contact by the phone number on the Website only - She's working on a schedule for Their Excellencies of which events they will be attending, etc

**II. Group Reports**

**A. Alderford** - Finishing Masque, Melee in July (16, 17, 18), in Roswell, OH, Knowne World Costuming in September.

**B. Gwyntarian** - Moving to a new site in Kent in April. See Gwyntarian's website for details.

**C. Thistle** - Meets at Patrick McPhelan's house on the 2nd Sunday of the month, Medina County Library on the fourth Sunday of the month.

**D. Three Towers** - Encampment at the Castle is in progress - June 18, 19, 20. Tentative Encampment feast menu on website. Baronial Auction approved. Did highly successful demo in Ashland - involving newspaper coverage, video coverage. Possible Cook's Symposium in December; waiting to hear about their Coronation bid.

**III. Baronial Championships**

**A. Alderford's Oaken Melee School** - Archery, and Thrown Weapons championship.

**B. Three Tower's Encampment at the Castle** - Heavy and Light championships, A&S Championship.

**IV. Baronial 'War of Southern Aggression'**

**A. Location** - Alderford's Oaken Melee School

**B.** If we win, Their Excellencies Middle Marches eat lutefisk. If they win, Our Excellencies will eat grits.

**C.** Ancel suggested we try & incorporate archery - may or may not be possible (Archery championships at same time may interfere). May become incorporated next year.

**D.** Their Excellencies plan to ask other Baronies to help fight against Middle marches.

**V. From Their Excellencies**

**A. Unicorn** - Their Excellencies will be sending emissaries to Unicorn in their stead.

**B. Baronial 'Thank Yous'** at court

1. Wish to do this at every court in the near future

2. Keep them in small groups, so others will recognize the individuals. If the groups are too large, people lose their personal recognition.

3. If you know anyone who should be recognized, please let Their Excellencies know, wherever you may see them. There are so many people to thank!

**VI. Website**

**A.** Will soon have new URL - <http://brendoken.org>.

**B.** Each group will have a 'mini page' to list meeting info, etc.

- C. Each officer will have a page of their own to list what they see fit.
- D. Will include policies, charter, and administration (bid policy, officer transition)

## **VII. Baronial Administration**

- A. Bid process for Events is not yet completed, due to illness of the Baronial Seneschal (Ailith)
- B. New Officer Transition Policy
  - 1. Make sure offices are as spread out as much as feasibly possible between the 4 groups. Three months before an officer steps down, he/she will inform all groups, seneschals, mailing lists, etc. that he/she will be seeking a replacement. One month before the transition, the outgoing officer will meet with all other officers to discuss potential candidates, though the end choice will still reside with the leaving officer. Officers change every 3 years.
  - 2. Officers should submit courtesy copies of all reports to Seneschal, though all personal comments may be removed.
  - 3. All officers are expected to attend Baronial Meetings. If they cannot, they should inform the baronial seneschal ASAP, and they should either send a deputy, or give their report to the seneschal prior to the meeting.
  - 4. The MOAS and Knights Marshal are requested to have 1 activity quarterly, with the activities rotating from group to group (i.e. At least 1 activity per group per year.). Activities do not need to run concurrently with each other, but they may.
  - 5. Arwenna requested all changes be mailed, in writing, to the 4 seneschals of the local groups, for those who do not have website access. Ailith agreed

**VIII. Other** - Nan of Dragonhurst has come to the barony asking for donations of clothing for the Medina County Achievement Center. Due to budget cuts, many individuals cannot afford clothing this spring/summer. In the last clothing drive (fall), the Barony had supplied roughly 3/4 of all clothes donated! Their Excellencies have issued a baronial challenge to meet or beat the amount this year. Nan will be collecting gently used clothing, accessories, and shoes at both the Gwyntarian meetings and at the baronial meetings.

## **IX. Rose Tourney Bid**

- A. Katarina Peregrine submitted a bid for Rose Tourney on Sept. 18, 2004. The sponsoring Rose (former queen) is Duchess Kateryn Bronwen of Gloucester. Duchess Kateryn specifically requested the Barony of Brendoken host this event. She also selected the date (September 18), requested the site be First Church of Christ in Tallmadge, if possible, and wishes the event to have a 14th century theme.
- B. The site proposed is the First Church of God in Tallmadge.
- C. With the numbers of Queens attending, there are roughly 160 guaranteed attendees.
- D. Katarina went over the members that would be on her "Dream Staff," making it clear that all positions discussed were tentative, and that if someone had other commitments or didn't wish to accept it was OK. (See bid for specifics.)
  - 1. Lord Garth and Duke Edmund of Hertford working together on marshal activities (Duke Edmund is the chivalry volunteer)
    - a. Rapier - Giles (Chris Hetrick backup)
    - b. Youth Combat - Faoileann
      - i. Giles proposed all forms of Youth Combat be held - both Giles and Garth will be discussing the necessary marshals in the future, though they know that we have the marshals to make it happen.
    - c. Both Waterbearer and List Table coordinator are needed, which are under the jurisdiction of KM, as shown in the bid.
  - 2. Chirurgeon - Justin and Fredrick (One will be main the other will be backup. Will know closer to date)
  - 3. Troll - Still needed, though Katarina would like someone from Three Towers or Thistle. (Backup: Hugh?)
  - 4. Populace Lunch: Wulfwen (Backup Fahe)
    - a. Debforgail will possibly be donating food, which makes the cost even less.
  - 5. Royalty Liaison - Ailith (Backup Sisterhood of Gilded Bee)
  - 6. Children's: Sofia (backup, Erin?)
  - 7. Merchant Coordinator: Debforgail (Backup needed)
  - 8. Cleaning Crews: Tetsuo Akira and 3 volunteers, and Lord Brice and volunteers.

**E.** Going over the Budget: Katarina was unable to find a feasible situation where Brendoken would lose money. It was made clear that this is -not- a kingdom event, thus there is no need to split the income with the crown.

**F.** Katarina outlined that while it was close to the Knowne World Costuming symposium, the target audience and the merchants involved are so widely divergent care will be taken to not 'poach' merchants from the Knowne World Costuming symposium.

**G.** Katarina provided a contingency plan for rain.

**H.** After much discussion, questions and answers, a motion to vote for approval of the event was made by Ian Gordon. It was seconded by Giles, followed by Garth. When called for a vote, the event proposal passed without dissent.

**1.** Topics of discussion included Ancel volunteering to make a banner for the Rose sitting area, Justin asking Katarina to up the number of seneschal flyers to account for incipient and some out of kingdom border groups, and Katarina emphasizing that her goal is to staff completely and evenly as possible from the barony, and is looking for one or two more Three Towers and Thistle folks, and asking attendees from those groups to suggest people, particularly newer folks who might be interested in helping in various aspects of the event.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum: Mistress Arwenna of Kelsley took Lord Frederich Holstein der Tollhase as her first protégé!