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Dragon's Lair Finance and Business Meeting Notes

Held April 06, 2021. Compiled April 06, 2021.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Artunis, Chronicler

Finance Meeting Notes:

Barony of Dragon's Lair

Finance Meeting Report

April 06, 2021

Committee members:

- Jennifer Lee, Branch President
- Heidi Schulmeyer, Branch Treasurer
- Amanda Zeitler, Committee Member
- William David Peters, Committee Member

Non-Voting Committee members::

- Brandy Stier, Deputy Branch President
- Michael Aaron Rogers, Deputy Branch Treasurer
- Kimberly Parks, Finance Committee Recording Clerk

1. Account Balances:

- Checking: \$34,178.78
- Savings: \$34,302.48
- CD: \$10,338.88

2. Event Bids:

- a. Twelfth Night, 2023, with the location as Ocean Shores- Aaron Rogers (**AKA Arontius of Bygelswade**)

None requiring financial consideration received as of the posting of this agenda.

3. Purchases / Expenditures / Fund-Raising:

Disposition of glass rods for bead making, Dave Peters (AKA **HE Arion the Wanderer**)

4. Administrative Actions:

- a. Financial Policy approved earlier in 2020 is being revised to clarify language and to include additional functionality to it (for example, the ability to allow the Barony to petition for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFTs) approval from Kingdom in the near future). Updated Rough Draft is complete will be issued once the incoming Baronial Exchequer, Heidi Schulmeyer, has had an opportunity to review upon receiving the Baronial Office. With a Financial Policy recently approved by Kingdom (July, 2020), there is no time requirement currently attached to this update. **DLFC has approved final updated DLFP (March 2021), waiting final Kingdom approval.**

- b. Investigation on various savings programs to see about placing excess funds from the Dragon's Laire bank accounts so as to earn some additional interest. Baronial Exchequer has reached out to other Exchequers across the Known World for advice and is gathering input. **Findings to be presented when additional information has been obtained.**
 - c. Upgrade of Baronial Checking Account. At the October, 2020, DLFC Meeting, the Baronial Exchequer requested a change to the Kitsap Bank Checking Account, an upgrade to 'Commercial Checking'. This would be an increase of the current \$3.00 a month Service Fee, to a \$20.00 a month Service Fee. The current Checking Account only allows single entry, which does not allow the Seneschal to act as a Second Check for banking activity as outlined in SCA Financial Policy. Additionally, Society is set to roll out new allowance for branches to receive permission to utilize Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) in order to facilitate payments electronically instead of writing checks for every expenditure. This speeds the timeliness of payments, avoids mailing errors, allows for easier payment for purchases such as insurance riders, emergent delivery of goods and services to events, etc. The upgrade to this expanded service capability was approved by the DLFC at the October, 2020, meeting, and is now complete with Kitsap Bank. Next step is to create account access for the Baronial Seneschal as required to maintain two-party control of bank account monitoring as required by policy. **Update (March 2021) Baronial Seneschal Furia Dommitia (Jennifer Lee) had been added to updated bank account.**
 - d. The 2020 Dragon's Laire Financial Reports are complete and have been delivered to Kingdom (before the deadline of January 31, 2021). When review is completed by Kingdom, the Financial Cover Sheets with all the major financials from 2020, will be made available to the Membership.
5. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):
- a. **Sale of Archery Equipment-** Dave Peters (AKA HE Arion)/ Jack Crockett (AKA Sir Andras Truemark)
 Sale of Archery Equipment (Bows and arrows) purchased from Ed Radford estate: Purchased for \$400 (estimated value of between \$1,300 and \$1,600). Plan is to sell as appropriate (SCA usable equipment to SCA participants, and non-SCA equipment to wherever it can be sold). After the initial outlay from the Barony is re-paid, remaining profits will be directed into special funding stream for similar purchases of loaner gear, or gear for new members (for purchase). Dave Peters (Master Arion) is the organizer and director for this action. On December 16th, an additional \$164.00 was deposited from the sale of archery equipment through Jack Crockett (AKA Sir Andras Truemark). Any new or additional status? **Sir Andras dropped off a check for \$100 for the final sale of the remaining items.**
 - b. **Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades-** Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira)
 Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Canvas was received in June. Poles, ropes, and stakes to be manufactured / acquired and Day Shades assembled for storage. Her Excellency Kloe is managing this effort at the moment. Several people volunteered to assist in this work. M'Lord Kamar (MKA Raymond Hicks) volunteered the use of an Industrial Sewing Maching for the manufacture of Canvas Bags in which to store Baronial Owned Equipment. If you have equipment, or time, you can donate for this cause, please contact Her Excellency Kloe. Latest status? **No new information**

- c. **Gender Buttons-** Jessica Bennet (AKA HL Jess of the Roving Irishmen)
Purchase of 'Gender Buttons': Check No. 3546, paid 12/15/2019, in the amount of \$137.50. Buttons received. Re-sell / dispersal plans to be considered when Events and In-Person Gathering begin again. Jessica Bennet (AKA HL Jess of the Roving Irishmen) will make arrangements to get some to you separately if you would like to obtain some. **On hold until in-person events.**
- d. **Identify Stamps-** Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady Skalla (YAFA Minister))
At the Business Meeting / Financial Committee Meeting of May, 2020, the Baronial Steward proposed to the Baronial Financial Committee a purchase of stamps to identify individual canvas storage bags for items contained within the Storage Unit. There will be eight stamps, manufactured by our local artisan, Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady Skalla (YAFA Minister)), with a total anticipated price estimated to be \$400. This was accepted by Committee. Manufacture in process. No check has been issued yet in support. Any new or additional status? **No new information**
- e. **Baronial Throne Seat Cushions-** M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus (MKA Susan Levitt)
- f. **Baronial Throne Seat Cushions:** The new Baronial Thrones need new seat cushions. We are seeking an artisan / craftsperson to create these items, and an accompanying bid to include a price for all the materials involved in this project. The Barony of Dragon's Laire is rich in talented individuals who could perform this vital service to the Barony. If you are interested, please contact either the Baronial Exchequer, or Their Excellencies Arion and Kloe. We can help with design, as well as putting together a bid. The Seat Cushions need to fit an area of 19" wide and 18-1/2 deep. Ideally, they would incorporate the heraldry, and the heraldic colors, of Dragon's Laire. As of September, 2020, M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus (MKA Susan Levitt) started working on a design and proposal, and would welcome help if anyone would be willing. She has even volunteered to donate most (if not all) the involved materials. If you have ideas, want to get involved, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either M'Lady Lucy, or any member of the Dragon's Laire Financial Committee. A formal set of specifications for what exactly is needed is in process through Their Excellencies. **No new information**
- g. **Keys for storage unit-** M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus (Susan Levitt)
We can put our own lock, we can get additional keys, or a combination lock. **Referred to M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus who is going to purchase a lock.**
- h. **Largesse storage-** Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira)
At the December, 2020, DLFC Meeting, Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira) requested \$58.19 for largesse storage (Details: Subtotal (Five items) \$54.37; Delivery: Free; Tax: \$3.82; Estimated Total \$58.19. For: Sharpies, Labels, Yellow Fabric. Baroness Largess Bins: Two 3-Drawer plastic bins). This purchase was approved, awaiting Check Request form submittal. Update? **Cancelled old order, working on new order. Bins have been received, will forward the receipts.**

Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

Baron and Baroness: Baroness Kloe of Thira and Baron Arion the Wanderer.

Greetings unto the Barony of Dragon's Laire,

Weary are those that have been isolated from each other for so very long. It is harder still as the calendar rolls past events that we all cherished attending. We have spent many hours attempting to find those connections through our virtual SCA world, but that feeling of disconnect has been an ever-lingering presence, taunting us all. For some it has meant stepping away or stepping back from our SCA family while we worked through the last year, for others it meant stepping forward, shifting to new ideas, to new experiences. Putting you first, your families first, your mental and physical health first, has been the most important thing any of us could do right now.

Hope for a return to a normal life is increasing with every vaccination report we see you proudly posting. We are all weary of this time of isolation. Even those of us that self-identify as introverts are feeling a need to hug our friends. We hope all who can, and choose to, are able to be vaccinated as soon as you can get the appointment, wear your mask and continue with social distancing until we get the all clear to play at full speed again. We can get through this together. Keep supporting each other on-line, in your bubble or whatever safely works for you.

So many have worked hard to support our Barony as we live amongst the interwebs. So many have taught classes, recorded demos, and created connections to bring us together in these strange times? Or perhaps you feel someone has been overlooked for their hard work back when we were meeting in person? Then we want to hear from you! We would love to receive Award Recommendations from our Populace. Our Web Team has been updating the Baronial Awards section at:
<https://dragonslaire.antir.org/wordpress/welcome/awards/>

Take a look and see if you know someone who should get one of these Awards! Tell us by using this form or through e-mail to the Baroness and Baron.

For a bit of historical perspective, the Black Death was a bubonic plague pandemic occurring in Afro-Eurasia from 1346 to 1353. We will have this timeline beat thanks to the researchers at Pharmaceutical companies. Science for the win! It is amazing what we can do as a Nation when we all work together.

In Service to the Dream and the Barony,
Kloe, Baroness
Arion, Baron

Seneschal: THL Furia Dommittia

Greetings and Salutations to the Pollinated Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Firstly, Scribal Guild is looking for a new replacement head. If you have an interest, please don't hesitate to reach out to Their Excellencies or me.

Secondly, thank you for the event bid for June Faire 2021 Archos Stephen the Sinister! I am appreciative of your time and dedication and I look forward to a magnificent event.

Thirdly, we are still looking for an Event Steward for a live event in October 2021. If you are interested in running Dragon's Lair's first in person event, please reach out to Their Excellencies or me.

Speaking of deputies, darn near all of our Officers need one! If you are interested in learning more about a position, please reach out to me or the Officer in question! Deputies keep everything moving forward and teaching more people prevents burnout!

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone here for continuing to take time to participate in the SCA. I know that Spring has sprung, hope is within reach, and getting closer daily. I have seen the itch get stronger in the hearts of our fighters, artesans, and explorers and I beg your patience just a little while longer while we wait for the determination from Their Majesties. Thank you for continuing to be all that makes our Barony amazing and for always being an inspiration to me.

Yours in Service,

Furia Dommitia
Seneschal

[Exchequer: HL Adelheide Leeuwin](#)

Please see the financial business meeting notes.

[Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi](#)

No report submitted.

[Marshal: Conrad Ross](#)

Greeting oh Mighty and Feared Barony of Dragon's Lair!

Here in is your Baronial Marshal Report for the month of March of the year 2021.

The Clouds burst and spring has finally found us, between torrids of rain and blasts of cheary sunlight we look upon the world green and renewed, grass sprouts happily on our untrodden practice grounds and warfields, but there is a light of hope in the distance. As more of our number gain shielding from the dire plague that has held us from the field, we march ever closer to once again sharing the gift of mutual violence with our friends and loved ones.

In Accordance with Crown Decree and State ordinance, there have been no Martial activities.

Yours in Service Conrad Ross

Baronial Marshal

Chief Archer: Arcos Alaricus Simmonds

Greeting unto there Excellencies Kloe and Arion

April Archery report has no new information as to when resumption of in person practice will resume. I have been out to the VFW site several times and as of about one month ago the straw bails appeared to be in fairly good condition as is the equipment in the archery/ TW storage shed. I will continue to check periodically.

In service

Alaricus Simmonds OGGS

Dragon's Laire Archery Officer

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted.

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

No activity.

Fighter cards are expiring left and right, there are mechanisms to renew them online, but if they get too far out of date individuals may have to wait until we can meet in person again.

I will also strongly recommend (possibly require) retesting of all gear when we meet again as well.

A votre service,
Jacques de Normandie

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

You can't lock a mad scientist in his room and not expect him to create. The same with a siege engineer. New things are afoot and awaiting in person meetings.

Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

Greetings mighty Barony,

Still nothing to report with events and practices shut down due to Kingdom and modern decree. We await with baited breath for the time that we will be able to throw and score again.

IS,

HL Stephen the Sinister, OGGS
Dragon's Laire Thrown Weapons Officer
Senior Marshal for Target Archery, Thrown Weapons, Missile Combat, and Siege

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Greetings all,

March was a good month! We had presentations or classes every week at the Online Baronial Social. First were the scholars' presentations, on cloaks, and Viking vegetables, fruits, and grains. Then we had sewing classes taught by Dame Gwen!

Coming up in April we will have more classes and presentations. On 13th April our Arts and Sciences champion, THL Sigridr, will be giving a presentation on the garb she researched and made for the Baron! On the 20th will be the research corpus meeting, after will be a class about doing research and writing in the SCA. On the 27th will be some bardic happenings! There will be classes/presentations all through May as well; they are already being planned.

YS,

Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister

Chronicler: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Lair

Reports are actually reaching the chronicler email now, which is fantastic progress.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Report.

Chatelaine: THL Ataliana 'Talia' de Segna

No report submitted.

Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled [Looking for a Deputy or two](#)

Welcome to the Month of Aproned Fools! Or... something like that...?

March 2021 was, for your Webminister, a month of treading water. Early in the month I worked with one of the Kingdom IT team members to recover from a problem which emerged while migrating our website from one server to another. This problem ate some of the updates that happened in late February, including some extensive work from Ciar, so you could say that I was motivated to solve the problem. And we did!

Another issue -- one that we're still working on -- is preventing our website from sending emails. This includes those sent by the forms for monthly reports and reward recommendations, so for now I have replaced those pages with instructions to send reports and recommendations by email instead.

But every thorn has its rose! Or, at least some thorns do. Or maybe blackberries? Anyway, the Dragon's Laire email list has been reestablished! The Kingdom team migrated all branch mailing lists from the old system to a new Google-based system, which meant our mailing list was unavailable for some time. Now that the migration has been completed, the list is working again and is available for subscription. If you would like to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your settings, please visit this link:
<https://groups.google.com/a/g.antir.org/g/dragonslaire>

All monthly reports will be sent to the email list, including once the forms are working again, so subscribing is a good way to keep up with those reports -- especially if Facebook is not your cup of kilobits.

Hopefully the dust will soon settle on these migrations, and I will return to forward-looking work. I'm still thinking about reorganizing the menus so it's easier to find all the content, as well as some expansions of newcomer-friendly content.

In service to the Barony of Dragon's Laire,

Máenach na Cailled
Webminister, Dragon's Laire

[Scribe: Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea](#)

Baronial Scribe's report for March LV

After February's Candlemas event the scribes continue to work on creating and painting charter designs with an eye towards being prepared for a virtual court to be held in June.

If you are interested in painting or designing charters for the Barony or even taking the occasional original scroll assignment please contact me.

Best Regards,

Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

Youth and Family Activities: THL Bera-Skall Hrafnisdottir of House Awry

No report submitted.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings All!

The Growing Season has begun and those among our cohort who garden have been busy at it! Several classes on medieval vegetables including spinach and some tasty root types have been made available online.

The West Coast Culinary Symposium was last weekend a lot of great information was exchanged! Many of the classes were recorded and handouts made available. The Event team is working to coordinate recordings and handouts and establish access outside of the Facebook Event.

Warmer weather is on the way! Time to check the outdoor cooking gear and verify everything survived the winter storage!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Culinary Guild

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Report

Events & Event Steward Reports

Yule 2020: Master Arontius:

VIRTUAL DRAGON'S LAIRE YULE FEAST -

Candlemas:

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring):

June Faire 2021: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

I have reached out and spoken with Maenach, who has agreed to help run the Zoom stuff for this, and reached out to our current Bardic Champion, Marie nic Siobhan, who is excited to run a bardic circle

My thoughts were a social beforehand with some pre-recorded classes (we've had a couple people express some interest, and I've reach out to a couple more who may be interested in doing classes or presentations.)

Their excellencies have expressed interest in doing a live court.

I have reached out to Ciar, who has agreed to mentor me for this.

As this will be a virtual event, there's nothing budgetary-wise. Still working on time frames, but looking at Saturday, June 19.

Arcos Stephen the Sinister

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall):

New Business

Bid