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# Dragon's Lair Finance and Business Meeting Notes

Held May 04, 2021. Compiled May 04, 2021.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Artunis, Chronicler

## Finance Meeting Notes:

### Barony of Dragon's Lair

### Finance Meeting Report

May 04, 2021

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- 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
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## Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

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

Greetings unto the populace of Dragon's Laire,

2021 is the year of changes, of learning, of adjusting, and of growing. The Barony of Dragon's Laire has not been excluded from those things. There are many things happening, coming, and in the works. Please read through this... longer than normal missive, and see all that is planned. We value your input and hope you will reach out with your thoughts as well.

First a class:

The Sergeantry Candidates will be attending a brief walk through of the An Tir Handbook presented by Maitre Renart le Fox, all are invited to listen in and learn. This will happen during our Social on 25 May.

Speaking of the Sergeantry Candidates:

The Sergeantry Open enrollment period is now closed for the 2021 term. We will be welcoming new candidates early next year. Anyone can access the Sergeantry book and information to learn more between now and then.

There will be several classes put together for or by the Sergeantry Candidates as they work towards their goals. We will open the classes to the greater populace as is appropriate going forward.

Events! Awards! Virtual Content! Oh My!

There are many events dancing around the Virtual Calendar, and we encourage all our populace to check out all it has to offer. From Bardic Wars, to Science Symposiums, there is something that may spark the interests of everyone.

June Faire is coming.... Virtually. So many have been working hard in our web based world that deserve to be recognized, and we ask that you please submit award recommendations to us as your earliest convenience, as time is running out.

The June Faire Event Steward, Stephen the Sinister, is also looking for video content: fighters practicing, artisans teaching, archers sharing, and rapiers demonstrating. If you have a class, a lesson, a technique, how to set up a range, an eric, a warfield, basics to marshalling, or anything of interest for your time period, consider recording a video to share.

Jess will officially be stepping up as the Court Coordinator at June Faire. We are always looking for more individuals who would like to learn about the positions that are behind the coronets in court. If you are curious, reach out and we can connect you with someone to shadow!

As announced, An Tir West War is cancelled this year. Many of us have longed for the sounds of shields and swords, the smell of camp fires, and cool misty mornings that the event brings. Until next year we will hold fond memories of wars past as well brush the dust and rust off our tools and equipment for 2022.

We also want to share the changes coming down the pipe for our Barony's events.

As has been previously announced, we are putting on a Fall event, and we are looking for an Event Coordinator for it. This Fall event will be in place of our traditional December Feast. The discussion over moving away from a December Yule began when we granted our Yule date to the Barony of Glymm Mere, who was managing site restrictions.

With that in mind this unexpected shift came with the perfect opportunity to reevaluate our own events schedule and make a move that we hope allows for our Barony to come together as we would for Yule, but also allow us the opportunity to share in the events of our cousins.

This Fall Feast Event will also mark a significant shift in the order of activities in Dragon's Laire as we are preparing to move the Baronial Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championships to the Fall Event. This change to the Championships is not a new idea, and had been previously discussed and well received.

With that we know that the change means that our champions terms may be cut short, and we are in discussions with our Champions and Arts and Science Minister to determine if they would prefer to end their terms early with the new event, continue to the spring and step down when they would have (leaving the seats vacant temporarily), or extend through to next Fall Championships.

In any case we would like the artisans to enter their works, completed or in progress, for display, feedback, as well as evaluation in preparation for those who wish to enter Kingdom Bardic later in the fall and Kingdom Arts and Sciences in spring 2022. We would also like to open it up for scholars to present their works and research. We hope this change will afford our artisans more time to prepare for, and have time to take into consideration all the feedback they received before, the Kingdom level events.

We know that is a significant change. We will still have our late winter feast where Candlemas has taken place on the calendar. This will be a day for our Baronial Family to celebrate the end of the winter months. Artisans will still be on display, and are encouraged to do so before the Kingdom Arts and Sciences, classes and games will be held, and the welcoming of the spring season and all that follows will be embraced. This will be our more relaxed feast event during the mix of the bigger Kingdom events.

If you have thoughts, questions, concerns, please email us at [dragonslaire.baroness@antir.org](mailto:dragonslaire.baroness@antir.org) and [dragonslaire.baron@antir.org](mailto:dragonslaire.baron@antir.org)

As always, thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Our socials have been filled with music, classes, laughs, and good times. We value all your participation in these new and crazy ways.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Kloe                      Baron Arion

Dragon's Laire, An Tir

[Seneschal: THL Furia Dommittia](#)

Greetings and Salutations to the Springtide 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.

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!

There is something I want to take a moment to address. I completely understand that the real/outside/mundane world currently controls how we can play our game, how we can participate in our community and it has been chafing for awhile. I understand that when you see gatherings and festivities outdoors, it's even more difficult that we can't play our way yet. I also love the Fauci Ouchie posts and the joy of hope for a future where we can.

That being said we, as a Barony, cannot and will not violate the directives of the Board of Directors and our Kingdom, nor the laws of Washington State and Kitsap County.

We cannot currently have a live in-person gathering. Period. Regardless of vaccinations, regardless of social distancing, we cannot control attendance in a way that will abide by the current laws and mandates.

That said, when you message the Facebook group for the Barony to express your frustration, there are real people on the other end. There is my deputy Ciar, our social media officer Kosem, and me. We see your messages and we do not deserve to be bullied or harassed for protecting the Barony or our fellow citizens. We are happy to answer questions and provide you contact information to the Kingdom Seneschal and or the Board of Directors so that you may address your concerns to the appropriate source. But until the Kingdom Seneschal and Crown direct otherwise, we will follow our current mandates - no activities and no events.

However, there is hope for moving forward. Latest word from the Kingdom Seneschal is (keeping your fingers crossed), maybe August for activities like archery, guilds, masked marshallate, and perhaps even September for events ONLY if infection and hospital rates drop.

Thank you all for being an amazing community and continuing to set an inspirational example.

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

No report submitted.

## Marshallate

Mashal: [Conrad Ross](#)

Unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Archer: [Arcos Alaricus Simmonds](#)

May Archery report

There is nothing new to report this month

Alaricus Simmonds OGGs

Dragon's Lair Archery Officer

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted.

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

Still no activity.

Attended some online classes on Gender Minorities and fighting - very interesting. May be making some requests for new equipment for rapier to assist in making practices more inclusive (smaller gear and specific gear for women and GM).

-Jacques

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

Baronial Siege Marshal's report:

Testing continues on various engines and engine components. Development continues on the Target Siege front as well. We're planning to shoot a video of a socially distanced Target Siege practice including a Royal Round using the newly developed rules. We're hoping to debut it as part of Virtual June Faire and to present it to Society as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Arqai Ne'urin, OGBG\*

\* "Old Grey-Bearded Guy"

Hoping to have four working engines by the time we are able to have in-person eventing again.

Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

Greetings mighty Barony,

Winds of change are (very) slowly coming our way. Until then, nothing has changed on or with the ranges since last year.

IS,

HL Stephen the Sinister, OGGS

Dragon's Lair Thrown Weapons Officer

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted.

## Minister of Arts & Sciences: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Arts and Sciences champion gave a presentation in April. Research corpus meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, a bardic circle on April 27. We will have a class on May 11, possibly on applique. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, another bardic circle. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Renart will give a walk through on the An Tir handbook.

Looking for volunteers to be arts and sciences sub ministers, especially someone who may be interested in the process of choosing the next arts and sciences champions.

## Chronicler: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Lair

Nothing much to report.

## Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Greetings all,

Activity in the herald's office remains slow but steady. In April four names and devices were sent to Kingdom, and work is underway on a device resubmission.

The big news is that I have now learned how to make and share pictures of proposed devices, which makes online consultation much easier. This isn't very good art, but it's certainly a step up.

Elisabeth Golden Dragon

### Chatelaine: THL Ataliana 'Talia' de Segna

Still waiting for things to open up. If anyone need help getting started or need help finding information, please let me know.

HL Altaliana de Segna (aka talia)  
Dragon's laire Chatalaine

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

Greetings, and welcome to the month of Maia -- or is it the month of elders? Hmm...

In this calm between virtual events, I have been attempting to catch up on some much-delayed website work. One notable change is that the menus on our website have been rebuilt. For most people they should look the same as they did before, but they should work better on phones and tablets now. This is especially true for deeper menus, such as the Gallery of Works from this year's ethereal Candlemas.

As many officers will have noticed, the forms on our website are still not working. After consulting with a member of the Kingdom Webminister's team, have have determined the source of the problem: for security reasons, they have disabled a feature that I was using for these forms. Unfortunately we have not yet arrived at a complete solution, but I will keep you informed.

I was thrilled to see the success of our recent ethereal Bardic night! Many thanks to Master Arontius for driving this effort, and to all who contributed and attended for making it a robust and enjoyable evening. We continue to grow our abilities and confidence in digital large and small; if you have ideas for another joyous Tuesday evening, please speak up and I will be happy to help coordinate it!

I expect website work during the coming month will be a bit slow with preparations for June Faire, but we shall see. On the plus side... June Faire!

Máenach na Cailled  
Webminister, Dragon's Laire

### Scribe: Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea

Report.

### Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

### Guilds & Groups

#### Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

There's nothing to report. Cool classes coming, May Ithra, and more. There may be some online stuff to check out. April was pretty quiet as far as that went.

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

Still looking for a replacement leader.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

A meeting was had a couple weeks ago. It went pretty well. Starting this coming month and after that, we'll only be meeting about once every two or three months, or meeting on a different day so as not to clog up baronial social.

I would like to have us start preparing and submitting scholars papers maybe every six months instead of one a year.

Events & Event Steward Reports

*Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring):*

*Virtual June Faire 2021: Arcos Stephen the Sinister*

Things are slowly progressing. We have a tentative okay to go ahead with a target siege demo. At least one person is interested in doing something more administrative A&S-wise. Working to find a good day and time for those of us involved to meet up via Zoom to chat, and working on getting the event description up on the calendar and the Dragon's Laire website.

*Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall):*

New Business

There is a land grab going for September Crown 2021 (assuming it happens). If interested, message HL Adelheide Leeuwin on Facebook with your camp dimensions ASAP.

Looking for an event steward for an October event this year. Hoping to re-establish a fall event, including moving the baronial arts and sciences championships to a fall feast (not giving up Candlemas, just switching things around).