

Minutes of the Canton Meeting for Tear's-Sea Shore on February 9, 2020

The meeting began around 5:30 p.m. at the home of Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban. Among those attending in addition to Geoffrey were Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Seiffrid Wolfhart, Heinrich Wilhelm, Constantia in der lachun, Mikie and Hildegard. Adendra conferenced in briefly to report on the exchequer office and Manannan mac Lir.

Approval of Minutes: Postponed until the March meeting since the Mayhem in which they were published appeared just as the meeting began.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal: Waivers for Manannan had been sent in to the kingdom waiver secretary. Alisoun noted that she would be away attending Gulf Wars from around 13 March through 22 March so that the March meeting would be run by Seiffrid or, in his absence, Geoffrey. Also, Geoffrey would need a ride to the meeting.

Herald: Thylacine reported via Adendra that there was nothing new to report.

Marshal: Heinrich reported that he had made up for the missed MiT session at Manannan by serving as MiT at the Medieval Arts in the Park event in Ritterwald. He now has only one more MiT session before he can be officially warranted. He expects to do that at Ymir at which point we can formally nominate him as canton marshal. (The vote to do so was taken at the January canton meeting.) Seiffrid and Heinrich were tasked with checking if a specific form and/or officer signatures were now required. Seiffrid reported a few days later that all that would be required was a formal request from the seneschal once Heinrich met all warranting requirements for him to be listed as Shore marshal.

Minister of the Lists: William reported via email that he would be taking the MoL test on 11 February with a view to facilitating receiving his warrant.

Arts & Sciences: Yvonne reported that there had been successful A & S competitions at Manannan as well as a display of Patris casting work. She also noted that the regular Tuesday sewing session at Geoffrey's had taken place on 4 February with some pattern drafting for Hildegard, the daughter of Heinrich and Constantia. It was confirmed that these sessions were bi-weekly rather than twice a month and that the next session would be on 18 February. Yvonne also noted that Jorunn is resuming Hospitality Hall sessions now that her move to the new house is complete.

Exchequer: Adendra reported that the Domesday Report was signed at Manannan and submitted on time. The canton had \$4908.35 in the account as of the date of the meeting. See the Manannan report for further event financial details.

Old Business:

Vacant Offices:

Chatelaine: Seiffrid indicated that Beornwyn was still interested in being chatelaine and in fact thought that she had sent in a letter of intent. Alisoun indicated that she not received it, if so. If still interested, she needed to send a brief letter of intent to indicate that so that an vote of support could be taken at the March meeting. [A brief letter of intent from Beornwyn was in fact sent later on the night of 9 February.]

Webminister: Alisoun asked Seiffrid where the canton web page currently stood since he had been working with Jorunn to separate the canton material from Jorunn's personal material and updating information. He indicated that it was to the point that the website could be severed from the old URL and attached to a new one linked to the webminister alias. Seiffrid planned on working on this with Jorunn on 12 February and hoped it would be complete then. Alisoun suggested that, since no one else had stepped forward to volunteer to take over Webminister that the canton request that Seiffrid be warranted officially as webminister at least on an acting basis so that he could have full access to all the tools and credentials needed to manage the web site. The members present unanimously approved Seiffrid as webminister and he was directed to fill in all necessary forms to make that happen. (The seneschal received a request for approval of that nomination from the kingdom webminister on 10 February and responded promptly asking that Seiffrid be given all necessary credentials as soon as possible.)

Manannan mac Lir: It was a very successful event with positive feedback from all those who attended including both the Queen and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. Alisoun as reservationist reported on the finances for the event. Gross income including \$3 in keep the change donations was \$1482. There was a discussion of potential refunds. Two of the three parties eligible for a refund were present and indicated they did not wish a refund. One refund for a relatively new member from Moorhaven was proposed and approved. That reduced actual income to \$1464. With total expenses of \$664.41 and \$80 in non-member transfers to kingdom, that gave the canton a net profit of \$719.59.

Warriors' Games: William asked via email about insurance requirements for the Harleyville Community Center. Adendra via telephone indicated that they do NOT require the named insurance for which there is a \$50 fee. Instead, you need to request the general Certificate of Insurance from the corporate office for which there is no fee. William requested that anyone who had ideas for new games in addition to the usual traditional ones communicate with him. There was then a discussion of possible games which might require preparation like kube, kayles, croquet, bocce, etc., all of which will get passed back to William.

Site Review of Harleyville Community Center: The hall and field were well received, and events in those areas proceeded well. Alisoun noted that the absence of a handicap accessible bathroom due to a broken pipe was a problem which hopefully would be remedied soon. Alisoun had requested Norton to review the kitchen which he did in some detail. Overall score he would give was about a 4.5 out of 10. There was only a 4-

burner domestic range but it works. The on-demand hot water very slow to heat up, but there was a full triple sink!. The refrigerator that the Shore had donated after Hurricane Hugo is still there and works!. Prep space was poor to non-existent so they needed to set up tables for prep. The center had no cooking equipment, no cleaning supplies, etc. so everything needs to be brought by user. The whole kitchen needed serious cleaning before cooking due to presence of black mold in many areas. There was a discussion of whether we could use it in the future. The conclusion was yes, but it would offer a challenge to future cooks without access to the resources 3 Barons has, but that can be remedied. Definitely would not be recommended for use by a first time feast cook and we would have to plan on serious cleaning before the next use which will probably be Warriors' Games.

Possible Autumn Event: Alisoun once again raised the possibility of the canton going back to a third event in our schedule, not necessarily something along the lines of the old Saint Andrew's event but definitely something cooking oriented which would allow more of the canton's cooks to be involved, possibly in November since September and October were so crowded. Constantia brought up the idea of doing something along the lines of an event that had been done in An Tir with a Cooks' Symposium with classes on feast creation, recipe redaction, sources, feeding the masses, etc. Some classes would be hands on and possibly produce food items for a feast which could be buffet style. Having just ruled out the Harleyville Community Center for such an event there was some discussion of sites and Seiffrid suggested we look at the Boy Scout camp on Wadmalaw Island which he had examined for the 2019 Silver Chalice. Constantia and Heinrich agreed to go and look at that site and confirm costs before the next meeting. There was much subsequent discussion and some excitement about the possibilities for the event, particularly since the canton was in a financial position to extend itself a bit after two successive profitable Manannan events.

New Business:

Investiture: Seiffrid reported on current progress towards Investiture. He indicated that some details are waiting on announcement of the new baron/baroness so some aspects can be personalized. Baroness' Tea planning is well under way. The request for Certificate of Insurance was mailed on 4 February. Seiffrid knew of eighteen reservations received prior to the meeting. Seiffrid was waiting on the Crown for approval of court times.

Silver Chalice: Geoffrey indicated that they needed to finalize a site decision so the event could be spiked. He was tempted to see if we could use the Harleyville Community Center with a relatively simple feast selection if they will let us do a serious cleaning of the kitchen.

Canton Presentation at Investiture: Alisoun brought up the possibility of a canton presentation to the barony as had been done at the investiture of Bor and Asta. A motion was made, seconded and carried to make such a presentation with only one member opposed. It was then proposed to allocate an initial amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) for purchase of items and any supplies needed to embellish them. A discussion of

appropriate presentation items then ensued with details to be finalized after some research by Yvonne and some others.

North Charleston Arts Demo: This is currently scheduled for 2 May at the same site as last year and the City of North Charleston very much wants us to participate again. It was noted that this is the same day as Crown Tourney which is in northern Virginia which is likely to preclude attendance at Crown by most of the Shore but would also prevent the demo being an official event. The membership unanimously voted to participate in the demo and to nominate Seiffred as autocrat and site liaison with the City of North Charleston. They also voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of fifty dollars (\$50) to get the appropriate Certificate of Insurance as soon as possible. (Note: The seneschal emailed the formal autocrat warrant to Seiffred on 11 February.)

Review of Upcoming Events and Canton Business Meetings:

After a brief review of upcoming events focusing on those which canton members planned to attend, dates and locations for canton meetings through the first half of the year were confirmed:

March 15 at Ingvar and Yrsa's.

April 19 at Jorunn's new house.

May 17 at the home of Heinrich and Constantia.

June 21 at Geoffrey's once again.

Following this discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 (considerably later than usual thanks to the excited discussion of an autumn event and the North Charleston demo).