

Minutes of the Tear-Sea's Shore Canton Meeting of 20 September, 2020

The September 2020 canton meeting was held via Zoom from 6 p.m. on 20 September, 2020.

Those attending included Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, Jorunn nic Lochlainn, Yvonne Montclair, William Costello, Roibeard Mac Oscair, Seiffrid Wolfhart, Ysabeau de Horres, Heinrich Wilhelm and Constantia in der Lachun.

Approval of Minutes: As the first order of business the draft minutes for August were considered. Jorunn noted that the new members name was actually Dar and requested that name be corrected. With that change made, the minutes were approved by voice vote of the members present.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal: Alisoun began by a quick review of the "opening up" protocols and where the canton stood. No new phase status had been posted for about ten days possibly because there were no changes. She had posted to the canton web page a graph showing the recent daily infection rates for the four counties which were being counted against the Shore with Colleton included because of Walterboro and environs. The way it is working is that all counties in the canton would have to be at an infection rate of .5 or lower for at least 14 continuous days before we could move to phase 1. Alisoun then asked all officers to get her anything that they particularly wanted to go in her quarterly seneschal's report by 30 September since the report needed to be filed by 5 October. She then asked if anyone had a sense of whether we were losing members from the canton (paid or unpaid) because of the current shutdown. Jorunn said she knew of a few who had not renewed. Alisoun then reviewed options for sponsoring a membership. When William asked who people should ask if they needed help, Alisoun suggested that they contact her and any assistance would be kept tightly confidential. Alisoun concluded by announcing that she was not planning to renew her warrant when it expired in February, 2021. She noted that Seiffrid had been her deputy and drop dead successor since March, 2019. He had had to step back for a bit because of the mundane but he had come back from that and had indicated to her that he was willing to become seneschal upon the expiration of her warrant. The positive response was immediate and a formal motion to poll for Seiffrid as canton seneschal was made. The vote by all paid members present for Seiffrid Wolfhart as Tear-Sea's Shore seneschal was unanimous.

Exchequer: Adendra was still en route so Geoffrey offered the exchequer report. The canton checking account had \$4, 059.50 as of 20 September.

Herald: Thylacine reported that there was nothing new in the previous weeks except for his knee surgery.

Marshal: Heinrich noted that official fighter practices continued on hold until we moved farther up in the kingdom phase chart. Alisoun asked where we stood on loaner armor and whether this was something we could work on while practices were in abeyance.

Heinrich liked that and Seiffrid remarked that there was some “unofficial” loaner armor and that it would be a good idea if he and Heinrich and perhaps some others looked at that and assessed it and gave a report at the October meeting. At that point Geoffrey noted that he still had two sticks of rattan that he had intended for use at Silver Chalice and they were available if someone would pick them up. Seiffrid and one of his companions immediately claimed them with some vigor.

Minister of the Lists: William indicated there was still nothing new. Alisoun asked if he had heard anything about them possibly waiving all or part of the apprenticeship requirement. William answered that he had heard nothing about that and he was on the MoL’s email list.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Yvonne said that for the most part people were working on individual projects. A number of people had attended the recent virtual University of Atlantia and some folks from the barony had received “degrees”. Geoffrey announced that he wanted Roibeard to know that he had finished Roibeard’s “dress”. After some cross chat between them, Alisoun suggested that it might be a good idea to explain what was going on for those not in on the joke. Geoffrey explained that he made garb for Roibeard to wear while playing the male version of “Helgaball” at Pennsic which he had interpreted as making Viking women’s garb that would stand up to Australian Rules Football. Much hilarity ensued.

Webminister: Seiffrid reported that most of the officers’ aliases were now working and he would be working with the few that had not gotten the confirmation emails to make sure they were up before the next meeting. He had most of the web page updated with minutes and updated canton regnum. He had already talked to Melchior about porting the web page back to the kingdom web server by the end of the year and he was starting to work on the design and coding of that page. Seiffrid solicited input on ideas for new features for the web page and asked folks to share their suggestions via email no later than the end of October. Alisoun noted that, since Ingvar was still trying to get access to the baronial web page since the baronial webminister had quit, would it be possible if necessary to get the Mayhems up temporarily in a directory on our web page. Seiffrid said that at the moment it would be easy. Alisoun asked Seiffrid if he needed anything for the web page project. He said that he thought he had everything necessary and Alisoun asked him, if he found he did not, to check with her as she had licenses for a fair number of useful web utilities.

Chatelaine: Jorunn reported that the weekly Hospitality Hall sessions were continuing each Wednesday with good interactions. She noted that Dar is still attending regularly as is Detlev, the latter recently having gotten a paid membership. She pointed out that people were still finding us which was a good thing.

Old Business:

Presentation to the Barony: Yvonne indicated that it still existed and she was going to start work again since she had picked up some supplies necessary for finishing the job. Once completed, she would deliver it to Geoffrey's house.

Warriors' Games 2021: Alisoun reported that the event had been Spiked and was on the calendar for 10 July, 2021.

Manannan mac Lir 2022: Jorunn reported that she had not yet started the process of getting back our advance payment for the cancelled 2021 event. She was going to start that in the following week. Once that check had been deposited in our coffers, she would start on the detailed planning for Manannan 2022..

Baronial Trim: Geoffrey gave a brief report on the status of the baronial trim. Calontir Trim had deposited our check which was an indication that the trim was to arrive in a few weeks. Once he got our trim in, Andrixos would forward all of it to Geoffrey who would start distribution. If people wanted trim, they should send him a check made out to the barony.

Baroness' Request for Canton Wall Hangings: Jorunn explained that she wanted to use the idea of the unicorn tapestry with the central pavilion that has the field and border with symbolic items. She proposed substituting motifs that would represent the Shore with things like marine creatures, palm trees, Shore armory, etc. as well as individuals from the Shore like John Emeris. Alisoun asked Jorunn and Yvonne if they had made any decisions on media since that tapestry was very colorful and, if we did similarly bright colors, we could use color symbolism as well. She stressed that she wanted everyone's input and ideas. Alisoun noted that one thing she wanted to see was elements from the Shore's history going back to its founding in the 1970s and then called on Megara who wanted to speak. Megara indicated she would like to be involved in the creation of the hanging and would be happy to offer ideas for the early period. Constantia then asked about the size and raised media again: paint, embroidery, etc. Alisoun noted that she did not think that embroidery would be feasible since the hanging was meant to be large. Jorunn explained that we were going to try to co-ordinate with the other cantons so things were not set in stone. Alisoun suggested 6' X 8' would be good as the design was complex enough that anything smaller would be less feasible. Jorunn said she had already gotten canvas that could be cut down. Several people bounced off ideas for things to include as elements. Yvonne suggested putting together a planning group. Jorunn added that she would solicit ideas to be sent to her by a certain date and ask people interested in helping to contact her. Alisoun suggested putting a notice in Mayhem and on the Facebook page to let people know to do that. Alisoun also said that, if Jorunn was planning on meeting by Zoom, there were other features like whiteboard and chat that could be useful and she would share how to do them with Jorunn since it had taken Alisoun some time to figure them out herself.

New Business:

Setting Future Meetings: Alisoun noted that the canton had previously voted to meet via Zoom through October. Given the current status of the phases in Atlantia's "opening

up” plan, she was proposing that we continue meeting by Zoom through the end of January. She also asked if people felt comfortable with keeping meetings on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone agreed that Zoom meetings at that day and time were fine.

Following all those decisions, the meeting finally adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.