

****** Unofficial until approved at the next Business Meeting ******
Shire of Caer Adamant – Business Meeting notes
17 February 2010 – Corbit-Calloway Library, Odessa

In attendance (in no particular order): Amari, Pdraig, Magdalena, Tori, Alexandre, Mark IV, Kael, Ottar, Hedewigis

Approve previous meeting minutes. (January 2010) done.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal (Hedewigis): We were saddened by the passing of Lord Brendan O'Moran, a long-time member of the Society and one of the original members and officers of our Shire. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, brother, and extended family. A memorial shooting of the trebuchet built from his plans will be held in his honor at Swamp Thyng.

A new award was announced at EK Curia: the King's Esteem of Merit. From the Curia report, the award "may be awarded by the King, for any reason He deems worthy, to acknowledge special merit in an act, a series of acts, or general behavior that is not already properly recognized by other East Kingdom awards. The token of the King's Esteem of Merit is not defined, but will be specified in each Reign by the King. Recommendations for this honor will not be requested or entertained. A gentle may receive the King's Esteem of Merit more than once, and no upper or lower limit on the number to be awarded per Reign will be imposed. A scroll is optional."

Other Curia results are available at <http://seneschal.eastkingdom.org/curia.html>

A 17 February SCA Financial Announcement detailed initiatives by the BoD to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. The most immediate impact of the announcement includes an increase of \$2 in the annual membership fee, and an increase of \$2 in the non-member surcharge (NMS), both effective 1 July 2010. Other initiatives include on-line waivers and the replacement of one quarterly in-person BoD meeting with a teleconference. Additional cost-saving opportunities under consideration are detailed. Members are encouraged to read the announcement, including the linked 2010 budget, and provide suggestions via the e-mail link.

<http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/finance.html>

Exchequer (Kael reporting): Kael provided copies and explained the End of Year report he submitted to Kingdom. Additional copies are available upon request. The transition from PNC to TD Bank continues. TD balance is \$1999.93; PNC is \$3892.85.

Herald (Alexandre reporting): One badge submission to Kingdom.

Knight Marshal (Alexandre reporting): Building a database of authorized fighters. Inter-Kingdom Practice is scheduled for Sunday 28 February at the Smyrna location. Alexandre is also pursuing other indoor options such as a warehouse. (Update: Smyrna site has our current insurance certificate so we can continue to use the site).

Captain of Archers (Padraig reporting): Archery practice will resume in April. Weeknight practice will change to Thursday.

Chatelaine (Magdalena reporting): One newcomer is keeping in touch with Magdalena and other Shire members.

Magdalena will pass on information about the Society membership drive as it becomes available. She will look into Kingdom and Shire responsibilities.

We also discussed the EK Wiki page. Check it out at

http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page

Chronicler (Amari): EK reports have been submitted. Stories are still requested for inclusion in the Fort Knights.

Please contact Amari if you are interested in being a Deputy Chronicler.

Old Business:

Events:

Spring Thyng – 24 April 2010. All is well with event plans. Marshals for Thrown Weapons are in place. We have two reservations. An A&S tent will be available.

Demos: none planned

New Business:

Event Submission Committee: Looking for volunteers to review our event submission packet, considering packets from other groups as well as our own use. Posts to the lists will ask for interested parties.

Curia Report: The Curia held at Birka includes one new award: the King's Esteem of Merit. Detailed in the Seneschal's report.

Meeting Nights: A brief discussion was held regarding selection of a meeting night. Although Wednesday is currently scheduled, Monday is also a consideration, with meetings still alternating between Dover and Odessa.

Posts will be made to both Shire lists to solicit input. Please e-mail the Seneschal (seneschal@caer-adamant.org) with your choice.

Elections: Pursuant to our By-Laws, elections for the offices of Seneschal, Chatelaine, Minister of Arts & Sciences and Captain of Archers were held. There are no changes to the officer list as a result of the balloting.

Other:

Fighter Practice: Sundays 1 – 4 p.m. American Leigon (Smyrna)

Games: Sunday 7 March 5 – 9 p.m. Hedewigis's

A&S Night: Monday 8 March 7 – 9 p.m. Hedewigis's

Scriptorium (C&I): on hold pending date selection

Dance: Tuesday 9 & 23 March 7 – 9 p.m. Kennett Square Friends Meeting

Business Meeting: **Wed. 24 March** 7 – 8:30 p.m. Dover Public Library