

AGREED MINUTES

Darton Shire Council Meeting 06 November 2023

Meeting Start: 1930

Meeting Finish: ??????

Attending

Virtual: Fiora, Caitriona, Miles, Lucia, Helewys, Peter, Kazimira, Diego, Iarnulf, Linette, Madeleine, Bernard, Llewellyn, Azelais

Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting of October were **approved**. Bernard and Madeleine read them. Catriona: put link in invite? Fiora: I did.

Officer Reports

Seneschal

- Kingdom Seneschal has advised I have 6 months from step-up to find a deputy.
 - Please apply!
- Crux has officially accepted my resignation as Herald.
- Crux advised that Corpora requires the Shire to have a Herald. I queried this. Kingdom Seneschal provided clarification.
 - I am satisfied that Darton has the officers required by Corpora.
- Advertised Webwright position.
- Checked Quartermaster warrant – this has lapsed.
 - I will re-advertise this position shortly.
- Attended Hamlet Day – great to see everyone.
- Ongoing discussion with Ildhafn re: container at Canterbury Faire site – see General Business.
 - Thanks to Bernard for his assistance.

Arts & Sciences

Competitions have been posted so there are things people can plan. Lessons at Day o fun? To get newbies to come along & get sucked in. Azelais would like to run a clay thing at Day o Fun 2nd weekend of December; Catriona will follow up and get more stuff lined up, possibly including at some point shire tabards. Linette: where does this happen? Kazimira: at the farm in Tawa; Linette: any chance of online ones? Esp. the craft lessons. Catriona will check with teachers.

Reeve

Current Darton account balance is: \$7467.87 – not much changed since last month

Scribal

Iarnulf wants to step down (Fiara: warrant not current anyway), checked with Cat to take over. Fiara to advertise position.

Quartermaster

Had a big donation to gold key from Robyn and Luan – we have too much. Should we sell some for koha? Beyond a certain amount & it's not worth storing. Kazimira: sell at CF? Diego: offer to newbies before taking to CF. General agreement.

Marshall

Rapier

- Weekly training continues as usual on Wednesday nights.
- No injuries or incidents to report.

Target Archery

- No report (?)

Combat Archery, Rattan, Youth Combat, Siege

- no activity

Officer Vacancies

Please talk to Fiara if you are interested in either:

- Herald
- Deputy Seneschal
- Webwright

Future Events and Activities

Summer Feast event bid

From Lucia. Tudor summer feasting event. (Food is Tudor, garb does not need to be Tudor)

- Date: 2 December 2023. Midday – 5pm.
- Location: Old Courthouse, Carterton
- Estimated cost: \$30 per adult. (under 12 ½ price)
 - Hall: \$100
 - Food: \$25 per adult
 - Incidentals (candles, bin bags etc.): \$50
 - Kingdom levy: \$1 per adult (members) / \$2 per adult (non-members)

Train friendly times (may be bus replaced).

30 people to break even.

Miles to put up basic info on website, while we sort out a new webwright.

Regular Activities

Next Hamlet day is: potentially 28th January

Shire Fun Days

See General Business below.

Upcoming Events

Event

Sherwater Summer Feast

Miles waiting to see work schedule.

Lucia – potential for Easter Camp

Past Events

Event

Draft report from Miles [on the way? Submitted?] – NOTE: we don't currently have a pencil booking for '24. If we're going to look at other sites, we need to do that soon.

Correspondence

- Seneschal replied to message from NAAMA about borrowing gear for the event
 - No response received
- Correspondence with Ildhafn re: container at Canterbury Faire site – see General Business

General Business

Container at the Canterbury Fair site

- Ildhafn would like to revisit the container arrangement.
- Current split of both the container and its associated fee is 1/3 Darton, 1/3 Ildhafn, 1/3 somewhat contentious (but not Darton's problem to solve).

Options:

- We split the container 50/50 with Ildhafn, providing SCANZ approves this option in the event their approval is required.
 - Ildhafn has pre-approved this option.
- We leave the current 1/3 arrangement in place. If SCANZ indicates that it no longer wants to be involved with the container, we will revisit the option.

Either way, we create some documentation to avoid confusion in the future.

Llewellyn: original intent was 1/3 to general public, administered by SCANZ, but SCANZ lost track of that plan. It is being used, (by Iarnulf, for instance) but no one is tracking and accounting.

Rental is \$365/year all up, and we would be paying half that. Note that Rafe has a key, for maintenance and upgrades.

After discussion: Trent will talk to SCANZ. If SCANZ wants out, Darton happy to go halves with Ildhafn and then discuss options:

- Darton and Ildhafn each pay ½ and then sublet at will to populace.
- Darton and Ildhafn each pay ½ but the front 1/3 of the container is reserved (as it is now) for use by the general populace. Llewellyn volunteers to administer that, and split funds paid between Ildhafn and Darton.

Shire Fun Days

From Kjartan, via the mailing list:

I'd like to get the "SCA Day-o-Fun" tradition restarted. The idea being a low-key, non garbed craft and social day at the farm. Hot work in the garage, not-hot craft work going on in the barn.

Schedule: First Saturday every other month. Probably running 12:00 to 17:00 or thereabouts. The first-weekend timing prevents conflict with Sherwater Hamlet days.

I would suggest the first session is December 9th. Yes, this is the second Saturday, but I believe there is a Shearwater feast scheduled for the 2nd of December. Starting first (or second in this case) weekend in December means we skip the madness around the holidays, and the first session of the new year is after CF.

Azelais to buy some clay and do earthenware firing. With just a materials cost on the clay.

Linette: organisers please take photos to pass on to the website, and use for advertising. Pricay issues were noted. Lucia: almost impossible for the steward/organiser to take photos on the day, so would need someone else to do it Caitriona: Lochac social media policy? Fiora: table until we have a webwright and review policy.

Bernard: fight practice this Sunday and next because Roland will be in town, location TBD – contact Bernard if you are keen

Fiora: 1) there has been talk on list re: NZ name & device, 2) suggest having Darton roll of arms on Darton website, if people in favour