

Ramshaven Baronial Meeting Minutes - January 30th, 2022

Attendance:

- Their Excellencies of Ramshaven, Penn and Lucia
- Brigit Larkin
- Yoshikuri Nagayori
- Sibylla of Glyndmere
- Penda of Gyndmere
- Anne Cook
- Guoillauc filius Brancu
- Wulfric of the Blackwoods
- Aslief of Ramshaven

Agenda

1. Social Media Officer

Background

- The Social media office is a deputy of the Seneschal's office and as per the Seneschal's policies is responsible for:
 - Overseeing various approved social media outlets and accounts used by and within the Barony
 - Maintaining compliance with the Society social media policy
 - Providing support to local groups
 - Reporting to Seneschal as required.

Discussion.

- Various groups handle the Social Media officer position in different ways (Seneschal, Webminister, Herald, Dedicated Social Media Officer)
- The Barony of Ramshaven's only official web presence is the Baronial Website
 - Is it a good fit with the Webminister position?
- If one of the purposes of the Social Media officer is to use social media to promote the SCA, is it a good fit with the Chatelaine position?
- Our Facebook page and group are both unofficial, we have no other official social media presence at this time
- Should we find someone with broader social media presence/experience to take on this position?

Resolution

- Naga will take over the position and look for someone with a wider social media presence/experience to help him
- Please contact Naga at ticat1@hotmail.com if you would like to help with this position

2. COVID Updates

Background

- Currently the Kingdom is not hosting in-person events

Discussion

- Brigit (and Canton) seneschals have a meeting with Kingdom Seneschal this week for updates

Resolution

- Updates to come and will be shared by Kingdom Seneschal through various means

3. Website Policy Agreement

Background

- Ramshaven's website is currently hosted on Penda's server, who has also graciously paid for the domain name
- At one point, our domain name lapsed and we lost it (ramshaven.com) because no one paid the fee
- Both the Baronial Webminister and the Baron and Baroness have password access to the website

Discussion

- Kingdom Clerk Register has confirmed we are allowed to continue to host it on Penda's server, so long as we pay for the domain name
- Kingdom Clerk Register confirmed that at least two different people need to have password access to the website
- Hosting our website on the Kingdom page may affect our access to the page and the content that we can include on it

Resolution

- Thank you to Penda who will continue to host the Baronial website and maintain the Barony's domain name
- Penda will bill the Barony for the cost of domain name registration

4. Baronial Financial Policy - Complementary Fees for Royalty

Background

- We can only provide Complementary entrance fees if it is written into our Baronial Policy

Discussion

- Private sponsorship of event fees can still happen as a private arrangement between individuals
- Traditionally the King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and Baron and Baroness of the hosting Barony are given complementary entrance in Ealdormere

Resolution

- The Barony will offer complementary fees to the King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and landed Baron and Baroness at Baronial events

5. Baronial Financial Policy - Complementary Fees for Out of Kingdom Teachers

Background

- Traditionally in Ealdormere, out of Kingdom teachers receive complementary event fees

Discussion

- At Baronial level, we don't have a lot of teaching events
- The Barony currently does not have a lot of funds, so this might be a financial hardship at this time
- Teachers from out of Kingdom have travelled a long way and paid more money than a local person to attend the event, as well as giving their time and expertise to make the event better
- We want to encourage teachers from out of Kingdom to come to our events
- Private sponsorship of event fees can still happen as a private arrangement between individuals

Resolution

- Out of Kingdom Teachers will not be given complimentary entrance to Baronial events at this time

6. Baronial Financial Policy - Complementary Fees for Individuals Experiencing Financial Difficulty

Background

- Making a "donation" at gate towards another person's event fees has happened unofficially at past events
- This is often a "pay it forward" action

Discussion

- Should the Barony set up a fund that people could access to help cover the cost of entrance to an event to support individuals experiencing financial difficulty?
- We can't have money "left over" or "extra" at gate at the end of an event
- How would individuals access the funds?
- Could people donate into the fund so that it's not an added financial burden to the Barony?
- Could we have a jar at the gate that people could donate to?
- Could we create a voucher system?
- How would we protect the privacy and dignity of individuals who would like to access the funds or vouchers?
- Would this mean that individuals receiving the funds would be considered as directly benefiting financially from a not-for-profit group?
- Should we put a cap on the number of "vouchers" available for each event so the fund isn't exhausted quickly?

- Could we be accused of 'favouritism' or prioritising one person over another if we can't provide coverage for everyone who requests it?
- Most "honour system" programs have very low incidents (~3%) of people taking advantage of them
- People should be able to afford their own event fees
- Relying on someone making a donation the morning of the event at the gate doesn't guarantee the person experiencing financial difficulty that they will have their event fees covered - it should be arranged ahead of time
- How would we financially track this?

Resolution

- Anne to enquire about logistics from the Kingdom Seneschal
- This would be more appropriately handled at a Kingdom or Society level
- Group is interested for the Kingdom, in conjunction with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion officer explore this idea

7. Baronial Financial Policy - Complementary Fees for Individuals Experiencing Financial Difficulty

Background

- Guoillauc filius Brancu service as Baronial Herald is coming to an end soon

Discussion

- Time for a replacement

Resolution

- Guoillauc will announce through various channels that they tend to step down and are looking for a replacement
- If you are interested, or knows someone you might be, please have them contact Guoillauc at ramshavenherald@gmail.com or other electronic or in-person means