

**Lionsdale Council Meeting  
Townsend Greens Club House  
December 16, 2004**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mairi MacDougall (Deputy Senechal)</b>	<b>Lord Arnarr – Bogsveigir</b>
	<b>Lord John Shewan</b>	<b>Lord Symon Cottell</b>
	<b>Lady Elspeth Selwode</b>	<b>Lady Genevieve de Clairvaux</b>
	<b>Lord Richarde Touchet</b>	<b>Elena of Lionsdale</b>
	<b>Algennon</b>	<b>Lord Brandoch</b>
	<b>Her Ladyship Yrsa of Lionsdale</b>	<b>Haldorr Halfskegger</b>

**Arts & Sciences Report – Lady Elspeth Selwode**

Ongoing Projects – Nothing new to report

Role Playing Online – The role-playing has been quite entertaining.

Domesday Boke – The project is moving forward with both Luther and Bridghid doing mock-ups of the map and front page with achievement, respectively. The scheduled A&S night on December 14<sup>th</sup> did not occur due to a family emergency on my part. I apologize for the inconvenience and we will reschedule a time to work, most likely at the Armouries. There is always room to work on this project on Monday nights.

Formal A&S nights will no longer occur at the Lions Hall, though Argan and Rhyanna invite any A&S types to come out of Tuesdays during dance/bardic to work on your projects. There's room for both. A&S nights may commence at the Princess Armouries in the new year, but this depends largely on many factors.

Submissions for November:

Bess – working on new garb for Raphael, as his is not “fancy” or warm enough to go to events anymore; a new red silk fighting shirt for herself; she is doing the finishing touches on Rhyanna's new brown satin bodice and is in the planning stages on Soraya's red/black taffeta bodice. Plans to produce several songs for Tuesday nights. Still trying to decide how to decorate her boots as sewing patches on has failed. She also wants to make a sword sheath of some sort. Bess asks if Persona development counts as A&S as she is still working away at that.

Lady Elspeth Selwode – completed a dress for Ayngus and Telina's daughter, Catherine. She wore it at Baroness' Tourney and looked adorable. Geoffrey has two complete new outfits, with tunics and pants cut out for at least one more.

**Bard Report** – No report (Office Vacant)

**Chancellor of the Exchequer Report** – No report

**Chatelaine Report** – No report (Office vacant)

Sitt al-Beth Tappuwach (Deputy Chatelaine) will submit an application for this office.

**Gold Key** – No Report

**Pied Piper Report** – Elena of Lionsdale

There were wonderful activities organized for the children at the Christmas party. The activities were amazing mini gingerbread houses to decorate, and a choice of beading projects. Unfortunately, there was no need for the activities but the thought and time put into the planning was greatly appreciated.

Will be submitting receipts for costs incurred at Minter Gardens Demo to the Exchequer.

**Chirurgeon** – No Report (Office Vacant)

### **Waterbearer Report – Lady Amalthea Della Valle**

Some of our valiant Lionsdale ladies ran waterbearing stations at Baronesses' tourney for both heavy and rapier fighters. Thank you to Rhyanna and to Isabella who helped me at the stations so that I could fight in the tournament.

**Chronicler** – No Report

**Web Minister** – No Report

**Constable Report – Lord John Shewan** – No Report

**Herald** – No report (Office Vacant)

### **Marshal Report – Lord John Shewan, Master of Stables**

Champion Communications:

Lionsdale Archery Champion Haeletha ate Leigh – no concerns from this Champion. She hopes to make it out to a practice early in the new year.

Lionsdale Armoured Champion Ian Gower – still no contact from this Champion as there has not been since his winning the Championship.

Lionsdale Light Champion William Arwemakere – has been attending practice to encourage Liondalers and answer questions in regards to light fighting and archery.

Lionsdale Rapier Champion – QRC Don Pierce O'Briain – has been attending practice to teach, encourage and answer questions from fighters

Lionsdale Thrown Weapons Champion – QRC Don Pierce O'Briain – has had regular contact at Monday practice

Events and Demos – No activities this reporting period

Marshal – John Shewan assisted with the Marshalling at the Barony of Lionsgate's Baroness' Tournament

Practices – Practices are well attended with site donations exceeding the cost of the hall.

Archery – Steady attendance of 8 archers per night with a maximum attendance of 14 in one night this month. No reported injuries.

Light – no official practice

Rapier – well attended and going strong

Armoured – starting to grow with a steady attendance of over 10 fighters per practice with a maximum of 14 in one night. Haldorr has been doing a wonderful job teaching the armoured fighters. No reported injuries

Arts & Sciences – a small interest here

Communications from the Armouries – Nothing at this time.

### **Archery Marshal – Lord Arnarr**

Archery is going well. Requested rattan to make long bows and if successful, will hold a workshop. Bows will be usable at the Armouries, ideally, 30lb. Need more burlap bags and sheets for targets. Still need archery iron key. Congratulations to our new TAM, Haldorr.

### **Rapier Marshal – Lord Richarde, Master of Blades for Lionsdale**

Lionsdale rapier practise continues with good numbers of students and instructors. James Lockwood and I continue to teach the new non-authorized fighters while Don Pierce checks the authorized and advanced fighters. Pierce has been preparing the fighters for the up and coming 12<sup>th</sup> Night in the Shire of Shittimwoode. Don Pierce and I are co-MICing the Lionsdale Winter Tourney this February and preparations are well along. No weapons failures or other incidents to report. Also, no new authorizations to report.

Lions Gate Defenders Tourney December 4<sup>th</sup> – I am very proud of the Lionsdale participants in this years Defenders Tourney and Gerhard's Reposte. The 7 Lionsdale fighters of 20 entered on the List were

Ayngus, James, Amalthea, Richarde, Kateryn, Tomas, and Cailean, fighting non-destructive bye fights. The Tourney format was a London Masters Challenge. This guaranteed 5 fights using single sword, baton, buckler, dagger, and cloak. I managed enough wins to advance to a double elimination semi-final. I won my first fight and lost the next two to Lassoriana and the eventual winner, Draven from Ramsguard. Don Pierce O'Briain and Symon generously offered to marshal. Elora and my Lady wife Genevieve accurately tallied wins and losses for the List. Rhyanna and Isabella ensured all fighters were well hydrated.

Gerhard's Riposte – 4 of the 6 entrants were from Lionsdale. Entering were Cordell, Tomas, Julienne, and Sorayia. The white Scarves and Lady Lassoriana fought all the fighters and after a very difficult decision decided Sorayia should hold Gerhard's sword for the coming year. Their decision was based on spirit, chivalry, potential and fighting ability. Hazzah to Sorayia.

#### **Thrown Weapons Marshal – Algennon**

Jon Bjornsson will make a knife and axe for the Shire. No thrown weapons at Princess Armouries. Would prefer to have a marshal at any unofficial practice. Possible unofficial practice in Abbotsford on Wednesdays at Jon Bjornsson and Mairi MacDougall's house. Need a place for a Chilliwack practice.

#### **Youth Combat Marshal – Richarde Touchet**

Waiting for posting in the Crier to make it official. Check into whether under 14's can be at the Monday night practice if we have a Youth Rapier program.

#### **Mistress of List Report – Mairi MacDougall – Nothing to Report**

#### **Seneschal Report – Lord Lou Tang – No Report**

#### **Old Business:**

Arrows – Lord Lou Tang will check Ebay for cost and availability of arrows. Yrsa will purchase 12 arrows for Shire use and six arrows to replace her own arrows that have been broken by Shire use. It was moved by John Shewan and seconded by Haldorr that the Shire replace these arrows.

**For: 9 Abstained: 2**

The question was raised as to whether the Shire should purchase a jig for arrowmaking. Lord Arnarr has generously offered his own jig for those who wish to make their own arrows. As there are so many variations to consider, it was decided that the Shire did not need to make this purchase at this time.

Decals – Arnarr and John Shewan to get quotes for decals. Decals still need artwork so prices can be obtained from suppliers. Need clean electronic copy for the printer.

Christmas Party – Lady Yrsa – Raised \$160. Organizers will waive \$50 request as their donation toward the \$175 site fee. Sign in sheets provided. Left over tokens will be put away for a future event.

Bard and a Banquet – Lord Brandoch – The play has been decided and the cast is onboard. This event will possibly be catered and held on October 22, 2005 at the Harrison Theatre.

#### **Concerns raised:**

Paperwork is still outstanding regarding the last Bard and a Banquet and the NMS charge has not been sent in. To date, no official paperwork (ie gatesheets) has been submitted. Exchequer reports have not been published for Bard and a banquet, Minter Gardens, May Crown, or Lionsdale Champions.

Winter's Tourney – No further report

Ithra – Lord John Shewan – spoke to Baroness Amanda and we can have an ithra in the spring. Difficult time finding a site for 2 days. If we choose to have a joint ithra with Eisenmarche in October we should control the ithra and allow them to assist. Cannot get an ithra organized until October but will have a workshop weekend between now and October. Workshop is planned for late Jan/early Feb for armour construction.

Cavalier's Crusade – No further report

**New Business:**

Pied Piper supplies – pied piper kit – Elena of Lionsdale – priced at \$115.00 will put together a basic arts & crafts and beads kit. Also, suggest events that use pied piper, user fee to cover the expenses for materials used. Budget into the event a \$10-15 item line for the cost to replace materials used.

It was moved by Lord Richarde, seconded by Lady Elspeth that the Shire purchase the basic kit.

**For: 7 Abstained: 3**

It was moved by Lady Elspeth and seconded by Lady Yrsa that an item line be included in event budgets to replace materials used from the kit. **For: 7 Abstained: 3**

Ladies evening in January – Elena and Lady Elspeth – ladies and girls rent the room at Decades and meet. Community of women as good role models for the younger girls in the shire. Will be put on the forum as an announcement.

Punch test tool to test masks – Lord Richarde – As the rapier community has grown it is a good time to purchase a tool to check masks for safety. Masks should be tested at least once a year and when mask takes a blow. Punch test tool can be purchased for \$75USD online.

It was moved by Lord Richarde and seconded by Lord John Shewan that the Shire purchase a punch test tool. **For: 7 Abstained: 3**

Championship duties – Lord John Shewan – retracted for this meeting. Championship duties and what we will do about non-compliance will be addressed when Pierce is present at council. Have been in contact with two squires who will come out to practice. Lord Siegert will come out once in a while and Lord Miles Fitzhubert will come out every other Monday. Shire support is not there and our practice conflicts with Monday night in Cloverdale.

Marshaling Staffs – Two marshaling staffs were repainted and decaled for Baroness' Tourney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

3 attendees from Abbotsford.

Next meeting Thursday, January 20, 2005, scheduled to be held in Abbotsford.

Mairi MacDougall will confirm with Tomas de Courcy as to whether the location in Abbotsford has been booked for the January meeting.