

**Lionsdale Council Meeting
Legal Grounds Coffee House - Abbotsford
January 20, 2005**

Present:	Lord Lou Tang (Seneschal)	Mairi MacDougall (Deputy Seneschal)
	Lord John Shewan	Haldorr Halfskegger
	Lady Elspeth Selwode	Elena of Lionsdale
	Lord Brandoch	Tomas de Courcy
	Algennon	Giberet Beth Tappuwach Zahab
	Lord Ayngus MacGregor	Her Ladyship Sofia Marika Trom von Trifels
	Angelique Gravel	Bridghid
	Lord Kieran Gunn	Dominiqua
	Angaila	Esther Amat Yahweh
	Jen Herbert	Donatello Sanudo
	Cordell DeCaen of Clan MacBeighn	Aine

Arts & Sciences Report – Lady Elspeth Selwode

Ongoing Projects – Nothing new to report

Role Playing Online – A new flurry of writing has made for very lively reading. Thanks to everyone who keeps us entertained on these cold winter days.

Domesday Boke – Technically, this falls under the purview of Heraldry, but since there are creative efforts being put into it, I felt it deserved to be included here as well. That said, having spoken with our butler, there is nothing new to report.

This month's A&S Meeting saw the end of our scheduled A&S Night and instead we gathered informally at the Princess Armouries during the martial practice. That said, I suggest a "Fabric Fling" for the January 17th practice which brought two people's stashes out of hiding (Thanks Amalthea). Several people left with fabric in hand, so I count it as a success, even though I know there are more people with fabric to get rid of. I am holding an Usborne Books showing at the January 31st practice, with any hostess proceeds being given to Elena of Lionsdale, our Pied Piper, to build a resource library for her office.

Submissions for November:

Jón Björnsson – has completed a period, carved wooden handle, had forged, Norse Seax, a set of Medieval stocks, a small leather dice cup, various rattan weapons, helped a few of the new heavy fighters make rattan swords. Also, in progress he is working on a kite shield, a helmet for heavy fighting, a gorget for James Lockwood, working with Haldorr on a mangonel, finished the research on the Norse warp weighted loom, painting a metal shield with his device for display, various items for merchant's booth (leather pouches, hand rubber band crossbows and catapults, wax tablets, and games boards, etc), throwing knife and axe for Lionsdale, thinking about making a Norse game board for the A&S part of winter's tourney (oak and antler hand carved etc), and the trebuchet is on the back burner for a while but is still going to be made. He has also snitched on the following people:

Bowdyn has completed a heater war shield and a rattan sword

Zid is now in full armour and is making a new hand and a half rattan sword

Haldorr has made a new shield and sword and is currently brewing pomegranate mead

Mairi has completed one, and is working on more, blackwork belt favours (friendship tokens). She also has several pieces of garb she plans to make.

Lady Elspeth Selwode – completed two more Norman tunics for my son and have some items I am making for wee Catherine (over and under tunic) and Zachary (under tunic and pants). I gave an under tunic and over tunic to Elena, thereby freeing up space in my garb bin for more clothes to be made. I forgot to mention in my November report that I surface embroidered a medallion that was sewn onto ban-Fhlaith Bernadette's court tunic. The medallion consisted of a black split stitched Lionsdale cross with herringbone stitched representations of mountains running behind in green and gold. This was all stitched in silk on wool. I was honoured to have been asked and I hope it is a fair representation of Lionsdale.

Bard Report – Danika Poecile du Lenora – No report

Chancellor of the Exchequer Report – Her Ladyship Sofia Marika Trom von Trifels

Expenses paid:

Lions Hall, Christmas Party Hall rental, Princess Armouries for January to March, Storage Locker

Income earned:

Rental donations-Lions Hall, Christmas Party site fee, Rental donations-Princess Armouries, Interest income.

The books are available for review by any member of the Shire by contacting the Exchequer.

Chamberlain – No Report

Chatelaine Report – Giberet Beth Tappuwach Zahab

There was a rush of newcomers in November. Approximately half have continued to attend practices. I have had contact with Cultus Lake Community School. They are looking for people who are able to teach classes in their school.

Application for the office of Chatelaine was received by council from Giberet Beth Tappuwach Zahab. The application was accepted. **For: 16 Against: 0 Abstained: 3**

Gold Key – No Report

Pied Piper Report – Elena of Lionsdale

There will be pied piper activities at Winter's Tourney including crafts, games, and a castle building contest. I met Shittimwoode's Pied Piper at 12th Night and she spoke about a meeting of pied pipers to get to know each other. No definite plans were made.

Chirurgion – No Report (Office Vacant)

Waterbearer Report – No Report

Chronicler – Lord Brandoch

Quarterly report has been submitted to upline but not yet copied to Lou Tang. Requires information about the Doomsday Boke.

Web Minister – His Lordship Kieran Gunn

There has been no time to work on the website.

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.

Lionsdale Armoured Champion Ian Gower – received a brief email advertising his armouring sales.

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 – No activities this reporting period.

Practices – Practices continue to be well attended with site donations exceeding the cost of the hall.

Archery – There has been 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. Please refer to the Master of Blades Report for details.

Armoured – starting to grow with a steady attendance of over 10 fighters per practice with a maximum of 14 in one night. No reported injuries

Arts & Sciences – a small interest here. Please refer to the Arts & Sciences report for details.

Communications from the Armouries – An email forward to Lord Lou Tang in regards to rent owed to the Armouries for December and asking for the next payment..

Archery Marshal – Lord John Shewan (for Lord Arnarr)

The Shire received a donation of arrows from Lord Symon Cottell. Lord Arnarr has made a rattan bow and it seems it will work well. It looks period and is combat legal as well as good for target archers. There will be a workshop for those who wish to make a rattan bow, at a cost of approximately \$20.00 per bow. The bow is 30lb.

Equestrian Marshal – No Report (Office vacant)

Rapier Marshal – Lord Richarde – Report Received After Council Meeting

I regret not being able to attend this last Council meeting. There have been no incidents, injuries or new authorizations this month. Attendance is strong and lessons are being taught by Don Pierce, myself, and James Lockwood. I have ordered 6 masks on behalf of students.

Congrats to Marie Therese for winning the most chivalric fighter at the Lionsgate Phoenix tourney and placing in the final with Lady Elora, both losing to Lord Randolph Dana.

Ursalmas was attended by myself, Don Kieran Gunn, Cailean Mcquarie, Kateryn Drake, and Sleet which was his first foreign phoenix tourney event.

Thrown Weapons Marshal – Algennon

Waiting on weapons. Unofficial practice will be held in Abbotsford on Wednesday evenings at Jón Björnsson and Mairi MacDougall's house.

Youth Combat Marshal – No Report (Office vacant)

Mistress of List Report – Mairi MacDougall – Nothing to Report

Seneschal Report – Lord Lou Tang

Will begin working on policies for the Shire. Planning a financial policy, event policy, and term of office policy. The committees will be made up of Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Exchequer, Deputy Exchequer, plus one other member from the Shire. The commitment from officers will be two years' service. Quarterly reports are now overdue. Some received extensions but all late reports must be submitted immediately.

Old Business:

Decals – Waiting for artwork.

Bard and a Banquet – Lord Brandoch – All but one person is on board for the play. Meetings will be set up by February.

Winter's Tourney – Angelique Gravel – Event budget report form and cash advance request form have been submitted. The requested amount is \$1,100.00 for the remainder of the rental of the hall and associated expenses to the event.

It was moved that the Shire forward the monies for Winter's Tourney.

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Ithra – Lord John Shewan – Nothing has changed from last month. Lou Tang will contact Eisenmarche regarding an October ithra.

Cavalier's Crusade – Lord Ayngus MacGregor – No further report

Pied Piper – Monies received for supplies.

Punch tool for testing rapier masks – Lou Tang – There is a procedure to provide three quotes for this. Lord Richarde will supply council with the additional two quotes.

UCFV Demo – Tomas de Courcy – The demo will be held the last weekend in May. Need someone to coordinate the heavy fighters as well as someone to coordinate A&S, Dance, and Bardic. Esther Amat Yahweh has volunteered to coordinate the A&S portion of the demo. Would like to borrow the Shire pavilion for more shade area. Tables will be provided by UCFV.

New Business:

November Investiture – Her Ladyship Sofia Marika Tram von Trifels – The Shire will place a bid for the Investiture to be held in November. The site will be the Rombus hotel in Chilliwack. The hotel will give room rates of \$60.00 per night as well as two breakfasts and one dinner for \$37.00 per person.

It was moved that this bid be submitted. **For: 16 Against: 0 Abstained: 6**

Her Ladyship Sofia Marika Tram von Trifels will be stepping down as Exchequer within the next two months. She will speak to her deputy about taking over the office.

Lady Elspeth Selwode is stepping down as A&S officer, effective at the February council. She notes that it has been an honour to serve Lionsdale in this capacity and looks forward to passing the torch to the new officer. Thank you for this opportunity.

Her Ladyship Sofia Marika Tram von Trifels reported on the amounts earned for May Crown and Minter Gardens Demo. Please contact the Exchequer for the amounts.

Practice forms and IOU's – Lord John Shewan – The new policy for practices is that a maximum of five (5) IOU's will be accepted. Participation at practice will be suspended until the IOU's are paid.

A drafted minor contact information form has been presented to council for approval. Concerns were raised about the second page regarding medications that can be administered. Lord Kieran Gunn spoke to this issue that according to kingdom law, the SCA minor event and medical waivers must be used with a guardian indicated on the form who is also in attendance at the practice if the parents cannot be present. It was decided by council that since the waiver forms are required the contact information form was not necessary.

After the rules for practices was made clear, Lord John Shewan assured council that he would make sure the rules were followed. Marshals will be on site before practices will commence and any minors without the proper paperwork will not be allowed to participate.

Clean up after Archery and at the end of practice – Lord John Shewan – there needs to be more participation from all areas of practice in setting up and taking down for archery as well as at the end of the night. Currently it is the same few people every week who do all of the setting up and cleaning up.

The Lionsdale Forum and Website – Currently Lord Kieran Gunn is providing the website at his own cost. The Shire should assume this cost as it is for the Shire's benefit. Kieran will transfer ownership of the website to the Shire and send the invoice to the Exchequer.

It was moved that the Shire assume the financial responsibility of the website:

For: 14 Against: 0 Abstained: 5

Doomsday Boke – Bridghid – As the new butler for the Doomsday Boke, Bridghid is waiting for the contact information for the volunteers. The history of the Shire is needed very soon in order to fill the pages of the book. Luther Magnus is completing the map page, Bridghid is completing the title page, and Yrsa is the illuminator. There will be a meeting arranged within the next two weeks for input on the final draft of the Doomsday Boke. Anyone who wishes to have input will need to attend this meeting. Out of 8 pages there is one still unassigned. There will be two pages dedicated to history, one page on the annual events that the Shire holds, and one page will be for the skills of people in the Shire.

Bridghid asked that the cost of the inks needed to complete the Doomsday Boke be reimbursed by the Shire as they are quite expensive. Bridghid will contact Dame Tamelyn to verify that the kingdom is not paying these costs before the supplies are purchased.

It was moved by Tomas de Courcy, seconded by Kieran Gunn, that if the inks are not supplied, the Shire will reimburse those who have to purchase the paints to a maximum of \$75.00.

For: 12 Against: 0 Abstained: 7

Council meetings held in Abbotsford – One of the requirements of holding every third council meeting in Abbotsford was that people from Abbotsford attend the meetings in Chilliwack. The November 2004 council meeting had two attendees from Abbotsford and the December 2004 council meeting had three attendees from Abbotsford.

The October 2004 council meeting in Abbotsford was attended by 11 out of 25 from Abbotsford and this meeting is attended by 10 from Abbotsford, 1 from Aldergrove, and 11 from Chilliwack. It was decided that one more meeting would be held in Abbotsford in April 2005 to see how the attendance comes out.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00pm at the clubhouse at Townsend Greens in Chilliwack.