

**Lionsdale Council Meeting
Maximus and Alexa's Home - Chilliwack
May 18, 2006**

Present:	Lady Mairi MacDougall (Seneschal)	Lord Michael Zidel (Deputy Seneschal)
	Lord Íón biarnylr Biarnar son	HL Symon Cottell
	Alexandria Octavia	Elena the Innocent
	HL Sofia Marika Trom von Trifels	Lucia Belle
	Lord Richarde Touchet	Amalthea Della Valle
	Azzah Katanice	Daeman Fitzwilliam
	Brion Glefelagh	Emma
	Argan	HL Genevieve de Clairvaux

OFFICER REPORTS:

A&S Report – HL Genevieve de Clairvaux

Classes:

On April 24 Lady Leah of Surrey came from Lions Gate to teach Repousse but the hall was unexpectedly closed because the rent and insurance had not been received. She came back on May 15 and taught a very interesting class to Sofia, Yrsa, Ayame, Honor and myself. I would suggest that the Shire reimburse Leah for her gasoline expenses for the wasted trip. On May 1 and 8 Lady Mor Rioghaina taught middle eastern dance. The Students were Basseva, Lucia Bella, Fina, Loewyn, Teagan, Alysonne and myself with Honor and Sofia dancing in spirit. Also on May 8, Lady Aeleen de Seez, the Principality Archery Champion taught a Form class to Alysonne, Missallel, Richarde and myself with Zid joining in later on. On May 23, Master John MacAndrew and Lady Aeleen taught an outdoor archery class at Max and Alexa's. The students were Andrea, Astrid, Alejandro, Richarde and myself.

A&S Projects:

The Four Tudor Ladies panel is nearing completion with help from Sofia, Honor and Andrea. Many new garments were displayed at Investiture such as Ayame's Japanese garments, Symon's doublet Elspeth and Constance's children's outfits, Algennon's great coat made by Madelaine, and Alysonne's overgown made by Honor. I made a linen shirt for Tremayne, an Italian overgown, and Richarde modified one of Gerhard's tunics into an archery outfit. Elspeth made a tomato pin cushion for Princess Amanda. Lou Tang, Yrsa, and Ion are working on their gurs. Sofia is making hand crafted silver rings, Honor is stick weaving a belt for Alysonne. Demos: Honor and Alysonne did a demo of dance, weaving and garb at an elementary school in Abbotsford.

Dance:

As of May 1st, we no longer have the Lions Hall since the rent was not paid. We have been dancing at Gwynn Vaughn park where there is a covered picnic area and electricity. As I am a member of the Friends of Gwynn Vaughn Park Society there is no charge but the dancers would like to take up a collection and make a donation for the use of electricity. About 16-20 dancers attend regularly. A new hall is being investigated by Brion and Kira. They will submit their findings tonight. Argan was not an official Dance Deputy or Officer since his paperwork was never sent in but he will be submitting it again tonight.

Request for reimbursement of \$10.00 for Leah of Lionsgate for her gas to come out to teach a class when the hall ended up closed to us has been forwarded to the Financial Committee.

Bard – Argan

As reported by Brion Glefelagh – It was determined through conversations with Mr. Jones of the Lions Hall that someone from the Shire informed him in December 2004 that we would no longer be using the Hall. He was not aware that we were still using the Hall all of this time since a key was turned in and only one was issued. The dancers are actively looking for another hall and will liaison with Council through Genevieve once a hall has been found. It was determined that the Shire owed the Lions Hall \$1,300.00 for the use of the hall from January 2005 through April 2006. Mairi will speak with Mr. Jones and send a cheque to cover this debt.

Exchequer Report – Lord Brandoch le pas d'Acier – No Report

Chamberlain – Alexandra Octavia

Property is still not being reported or turned in.

Chatelaine Report – HL Sofia Marika Trom von Trifels

Summer brings out the inquiries for our dream. I have laked to 2 new, actually one is not so new, people. As we are moving into our new house I got reacquainted with some people I talked to at last years May crown. Low and behold, they are our neighbours. I will have to make more info sheets for handouts. I need your ok for that. Last month report reached my upline but not my Seneschal. Sorry, will copy to her as soon as we are settled in the house.

Gold Key – Lady Elora – No Report

Pied Piper Report – No Report (Office Vacant)

Chirurgion – No Report (Office Vacant)

Waterbearer Report – Lady Aine (unofficial Waterbearer) – No Report

Chronicler Report – HL Bridghid Ni Liam – No Report

Web Minister – His Lordship Kieran Gunn – No Report

Constable Report – Lord Symon Cottell

Nothing to report.

Herald – Lord Richarde Touchet

Six months have passed since I submitted a change of officer form to become the shire's Herald. At this time I've yet to receive confirmation of my warranting. Therefore at this time the and the last six months the Shire has not had an official Herald. I can give a 'brief', however of Heraldry activities. When asked I have done town crying Monday nights, field Heraldry for the Shires first Heavy Phoenix Tourney, and have consulted on a number of 'devices' people would like to submit for registration. I am still prepared for any Heraldry duties for the Shires 'Champions' event in an unofficial capacity or official capacity should the warranting be confirmed.

Marshal Report – Lord John Shewan, Master of Stables

No reports received by deputies except Lord lón biarnylr Biarnar son. No injuries reported. No armour failures reported.

As there are four seasons to the cycle of a year ...

Like the spring I took the office over two years past and planned for the future.

Like the summer there was work a plenty as well as fun to be had.

Like the fall my time in office was waning.

Finally, like the winter and the end of the year so must my time in this office.

It is with a saddened heart that I must resign from the post, Master of Stable for the Shire of Lionsdale. In my stead I would most assuredly recommend the Deputy Master of Stables, lón biarnylr Biarnar son.

Thank you for the honour to serve,

Lord John Shewan

Applications for Master of Stable are to be submitted to the Seneschal before June 30, 2006.

Archery Marshal – No Report (Office vacant)

Well it is good to say that all is well with archery, we are getting new people and are having a good time. It is nice to see people from Lionsgate coming out to help teach and pass on their knowledge. We are still having a fairly good turn out each Monday, with the archers bringing their own gear. The butts and targets are holding up pretty well. I am glad to hear that we are now having a shoot on Wednesday nights at least for the summer with a chance to shoot at a longer range, this will give people a chance to get use to shooting at 30 and 40 yards. The prospect of learning to shoot and score for royal rounds will help all the archers to improve more then just always shooting at 20 yards. I hope that we can continue to grow as a Shire and let the world know that archery is becoming a growing martial activity for us.

Equestrian Marshal – Maximus – No Report

Rapier Marshal – Connal MacLaomuinn, Master of Blades - No Report

As reported by Richarde – I had submitted a resignation letter to the Shire's council meeting last November but the Principality Rapier Marshal (Luther) has yet to receive the resignation. He therefore assumed I was still Master of Blades. He has also not seen any warranting application from Connal MacLaomuinn. Our Seneschal at the time (Mary) emailed me and asked if I could submit a late MOB quarterly Report. For the good of the Shire I did so. Rapier activities for May and the end of April have been steady with a couple of new students, Rhyannon, Alysonne, and Vexler participating being taught by Connal when he's able to be there and myself. Monday April 24 Rapier practice and other activities were cancelled again for lack of insurance. The Armouries building management informed me, and others that we had been using the Armouries for the last three weeks without insurance! We all understand the Society requirement for the necessity of insurance. Without it we are all at RISK. That's NOT ACCEPTABLE. Though we did not have the Hall for that Monday we all went to the nearby park and conducted a 'non SCA' practice. Fortunately it was not pouring rain and the practice was not totally lost. A good lawyer may very well have perceived the 'non practice' as an official practice because we were all gathered together and did the same thing we normally do excepting Archery. Fortunately there were no injuries. The Hall management also informed me, and others that no rent had been paid for the last three weeks. We were in breach of our contract and could have asked not to come back. That would jeopardize Rapier practice attendance, Archery, Heavy, and A&S activities. That's not acceptable. May 13 there was an accolade cadet style Tournament organized by LG MOB Lord Augustine. Lionsdale Lord Luther was recognized by Her Highness Amanda as the Accolade winner. I placed 2nd in the number of wins and fights. Lionsdale people in attendance were Viscount Oak, Alejandro, Kateryn Drake, Cordell, Luther, and myself. Don Pierce while not in the Tournament fought a number of pickups afterwards. Huzzah to all Lionsdale Rapier Fights!

Note: It was explained that the insurance lapsed due to lack of NSCA members since all memberships expired on March 31st and none were renewed. Mairi is working to rebuild the relationship with the Armouries and tensions have eased considerably. Connal's application for Master of Blades has not been submitted as he has not yet provided a copy of his SCA membership card to the Seneschal.

Thrown Weapons Marshal – Algennon Lochloinn

This is the monthly report of Thrown Weapons. We have started up practices again at Lord Ion and Lady Mairi's home in Abbotsford, Donatello graciously donated several rounds with the possibility of more rounds to come, talks with Max and Alexa about opening up their home on Wednesdays to thrown pending a marshal. Thus concludes the Thrown Weapons report of May.

Youth Combat Marshal – No Report (Office vacant)

Minister of Lists Report – Ashida no Ayame (Deputy MoS for Lists) – No Report

Seneschal Report – Lady Mairi MacDougall

Reporting within the branch is still a problem. Only two officers regularly report.

OLD BUSINESS

Champions 2006
Nothing to report.

Minter Demo 2006
Nothing new to report

Odin's Playground 2007
Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Lord Richarde – Sad to say but the Shire has been struggling for the last year or so. By struggling I mean, last year the practice Hall was closed for a couple of weeks for lack of insurance and again this year. Also, last year the Shire's status was on hold for a couple of weeks while financial reports were being compiled to Kingdom standards, again shutting down the Hall for a couple of weeks. Four weeks ago Council had a populace meeting to explain concerns about financial stability and the apparent downward while suggesting various solutions. One solution was to increase the Gate fee for the Hall. Two weeks ago one of the Shires continuous money maker, the Tuesday night dance group had the Lions Hall taken

away because of the lack of monthly rental payments for about the last year. It was the generosity of the Lions people that the Hall was kept open this long. I urge Council to pay any back rent ASAP and to give some kind of apology to the dancers. They are without a hall now. For the good of the Shire I myself will for future council meetings ask all relevant questions and seek answers so that these types of problems happen less.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the home of Maximus and Alexandria at 7:00pm.