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from Their Excellencies

Ravens....as I write this we are preparing for a busy few months. We will be travelling to the far reaches of our fair Kingdom as we attend the Coronation of Amos and Kara in the Shire of Bordervale Keep. Then our own Barony will be hosting Their Majesties as we hold the Queens Rapier Champion Tourney.

As if those two weren't enough, we will immediately turn around and march to War! We as a Barony have been contested in this most recent struggle, with the Kingdom meeting on the field of battle to determine where we shall fight. We are looking forward to spending time with the many of you that will make the march with us. Our camp shall be playing host to Their Majesties of Aethelmearc as well.

Then as if we hadn't done enough in just a short while, we will be travelling North the Barony of Storvik where Their Majesties will hold their Crown Tourney in order to determine the Kingdom Heirs. We hope that we will be seeing as many of you as possible at these events with us.

Baron Lochlainn



From your Seneschal

Greetings Ravens!!

I hope this missive finds everyone well. With our event season already in swing, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. On our upcoming events, the first thing that we have is Queen's Rapier. This is an opportunity for the Cove to step up and show the Kingdom a quality event. Not only are we hosting this, but Her Excellency is head retainer for Their Highnesses, who will have assumed the thrones by that time. Not only do we need to make this a good showing for the Barony, but we need to help Her Excellency shine. Directly after Queen's Rapier we have War of the Wings. And this year, as we are hosting Their Majesties of Aethelmearc, our camp is another chance for us to distinguish our Barony. While we now have the chore list filled, and all the meals accounted for, there are still plenty of opportunities for people to lend a hand and make the whole event a great experience for everyone. After WotW, we have Fall Crown Tourney, then we move into our holiday season, and I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the holidays. After that, we will have Kingdom Twelfth Night and then we as a Barony will be hosting Winter University. As Alexandria, one of our newest members, has stepped up to be autocrat, let's all help her to make her first event run as smooth as possible. While I hate to close sounding like a broken record, we are still in need of officers, but most of all we need deputies to help back up our officers. If there is an area you have interest in, you might wish to volunteer to be a deputy to learn more about it. It's an excellent way to get some experience and serve the Barony.

In Service,

Vlf



From the Ministry of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ravens!!

Autumn is here and winter is coming, despite the recent summer-like temperatures. Colder weather means staying inside more, allowing more time for A&S projects. It's a good time to start to learn a new skill or technique or to hone existing skills. War of the Wings is approaching fast and there are lots of exciting A&S classes on offer, as well as the various solars. I encourage everyone to take a look at the classes offered at WotW:

<http://www.warofthewings.com/classes.html>

Additionally, we will be hosting Winter University and the call for classes will go out in November. University is a great place to learn new skills or share your skills with others. I would encourage all to take at least one class. It may inspire you to share what you've learned in a Baronial A&S class.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

**Baroness Olwen
Deputy MOAS**



from our Chatelaine

Good members of the Barony

Please help me out as the new chatelaine. I would like to offer loaner garb that includes those little bits that make an outfit complete. If you have an extra veil, belt, pouch or other piece of garb that you are not using, please consider adding it to our loaner kit. Remember that it can take just a little piece to make an outfit complete. Thank you so much!

Mistress Katharine



from the Chronicler

Great Ravens of the Cove,

Here we sit, a Barony upon the brink of War within our Kingdom. We must not sway but, have the sand to stand together in the abyss and emerge victorious! Make sure we record this with stories, pictures, and songs for next month's issue of The Raven's Cry. WOW XII is upon us!

Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse

RAVENS' RECORD

(being the minutes of the Baronial business meeting of the Barony of Raven's Cove, SCA Inc.)

17 September 2017

Hlaford Vlfbeorn called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm, and there were 12 people in attendance.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Baron/Baroness: (Baron Lochlainn hua Rigbarddain/Baroness Edan Lowery) Their Excellencies opened a quick court to recognized Señor Juan, Lord Lothian, and Lord Liam who were previously honored by Their Majesties at Royal Court during Baronial Birthday. Here Excellency stated that we have once again been noticed by the Kingdom for our hospitality and ability to get things accomplished. Their Excellencies also reminded us that the auto-crats of events need to take charge of the event, and that event budgets (especially feast budgets) need to be determined and adhered to. Her Excellency also said that the fund raiser for hurricane victims in Ansteorra raised \$166 and the funds were sent to the appropriate people.

Seneschal: (Hlaford Vlfbeorn Ælfweardes sumu) Halford Vlfbeorn stated that Their Excellencies were willing to serve as our Baron and Baroness for another two years and that the necessary polling paperwork and process would start after Crown Tourney in November, once the Atlantian Heirs were determined. He also stated that while we have the requisite numbers on the books to be a barony, there are only a handful of people carrying the load and doing the work to ensure that things run smoothly. Hlaford Vlfbeorn stated that if people commit to a job or position, they should endeavor to do their best to ensure that job is completed well and appropriately. He stated that all in all, things are going well in the Barony, however we do need to create an updated financial policy.

Chancellor of the Exchequer: (Señor Juan de Rojo) Señor Juan stated that we have money in the bank account, and that he was busy getting things squared away, especially with the issues from Return to Camelot. He stated that while PayPal worked well for accepting payments, it was awful with refunding payments. He stated that he would get the invoice for the portajohns for Baronial Birthday paid.

Chatelaine: (Lady Cara of Raven's Cove) Lady Cara was not present and Mistress Katherine gave the report. Hlaford Vlfbeorn stated that Lady Cara was not currently able to fulfill her duties as chatelaine and as Mistress Katherine is the deputy, she will be stepping in until such time as a new chatelaine can be found. Mistress Katherine stated that the state of our loaner garb is awful, with many items needing replacement or repair. She would like to get together as a Barony to sew several unisex tunics in black and yellow to use as loaner garb to replace the items that need to be replaced. She also stated that the loaner feast gear needs to be replaced and requested baronial funds to do so. The populace voted to allocate \$40 for replacement feast gear, and agreed that Monday, October 9 would be a good day to have an A&S day making tunics for Gold Key. Mistress Katherine requested that the Seneschal remind her about her report deadlines.

Chronicler: (Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse) Lord Lothian stated that the format of The Raven's Cry will be changing in the October issue, however, he still needs submissions from the populace and suggests that photos, stories, songs, etc. are appropriate for submission to the newsletter.

Herald: (Lady Rhiannon of Raven's Cove) Lady Rhiannon was not present and Lord Lothian gave the report. Most submissions are passing and people should be getting notifications from Kingdom about their submissions. Hlaford Vlfbeorn had a question about the status of submissions at the Laurel Sovereign and Baron Lochlainn and Lord Lothian stated that they would look into it. Baron Lochlainn stated that the Barony has a new Order in the works. It will be called the Order of the Zenith and given to those people who go above and beyond in their service to the Barony.

Knight Marshall: (Lord David of Raven's Cove) Lord David congratulated Var on his authorization at Baronial Birthday. Baron Lochlainn stated that Var has accepted a position on the Corsarium ship, the Skidbladnir. He also stated that he would appreciate firm commitments when he tries to schedule practices at the park on Facebook as he cannot tell by a "like" if you're planning on coming or not. He also stated that he is currently working on becoming a rapier marshal to allow us to have more flexibility with practices. Lord David also stated that all of our heavy fighters are taking the field at WotW, and that we as Raven's Cove will be joined by the forces of Aethelmearc.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: (Ian the Ranger) Ian was not present and the report was given by Baroness Olwen. A&S nights/classes are going well, with Halford Vlfbeorn giving a class today on alternate titles in the SCA. Our next A&S event will be on October 9 and we will be sewing tunics for Gold Key

Minister of the Lists: (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery) Baroness Olwen stated that the MOL report for Baronial Birthday was given directly to Master Nikulai at Baronial Birthday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baronial Birthday – The event went well, and we made a profit despite the weather.

Rip Rap War – The event was all fun and games until someone lost their pants. Evening court was rather long, but the populace was surprised by the gift of ice cream.

Queen's Rapier – October 14. Halford Vlfbeorn has agreed to be hall steward, Var will be field coordinator and Alexandria is the deputy autocrat.

War of the Wings – October 18-22. Halford Vlfbeorn is working on the chore list, which will be posted on Facebook as soon as possible. The baronial rapier champion tourney will take place at WotW, and all of the Baronial Champions for the upcoming year will be named then. Baronial Court will be on Saturday during or after dinner.

Demonstrations – Strawberry Festival (May 11-12), Lord Lothian will be the contact for this one. We need to start planning for this demo in November. National Night Out (August 1), with Señor Juan being the contact. Planning will start for this demo in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter University – Raven’s Cove will be hosting Winter University on February 3 with Alexandria as the autocrat, Mistress Katherine as the deputy autocrat and Three Guys and a Shieldmaiden doing the fundraiser lunch.

Baronial Financial Policy – The event refund policy, event site fee compensation policy, baronial camp equipment and officer compensation were discussed. We need a full rewrite of the financial policy. Most people present felt that an event refund needed to be requested within 48 hours of the event and that feast would be non-refundable. Compensation for attending Baronial events would be given to all sitting crowns of all kingdoms, all sitting royal heirs of all kingdoms, the Baron and Baroness of Raven’s Cove, the autocrat and feautocrat of the event. Any other cases would be taken under advisement by the financial policy. A suggestion was made to review both the Kingdom and Society financial policies to develop the Baronial policy. The baronial camping equipment needs to be replaced: a new fire pit, purchase of a griddle in lieu of the grill, and new camp lanterns. The populace voted to allow Their Excellencies to use up to \$500 of baronial money to make these purchases. Compensation for officers needing to mail things as a part of their office was discussed. It was determined that the Seneschal and Exchequer would be given \$25 per quarter as needed and all other officers would be compensated on a case by case, need basis.

Coastal Raids – sites for Coastal Raids were discussed. Hlaford Vlfbeorn will be autocrat-ing that event and stated that it needs to be Spiked soon. It was suggested that we reserve Cypress Creek for the desired weekend to ensure that we have a site because their cancellation policy is excellent and we don’t have to pay the site fee until 30 days prior to the event. Site visits to White Oak Campground and other local campgrounds were suggested.

Future Baronial Birthdays – Her Excellency stated that she would like to change our Baronial Birthday to some month outside of hurricane season. It was suggested that rather than changing our birthday, we just celebrate it at Coastal Raids in years when an investiture is not happening. If we are investing a new Baron and Baroness, then Baronial Birthday/ Investiture will be held in September to ensure continuity.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There will be no business meeting in October, due to a surfeit of events. The November meeting date will be determined at War of the Wings.

There being no further business, the populace meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.



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