

## The Barony of the South Downs

### Baronial Business Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2011, Version 1.0

*Taken by Beatrice di Castellani, Baronial Chronicler, who does not know shorthand. The minutes are as accurate as she can make them, but things may be paraphrased. You have been warned.*

[Call to order by Randwulf]

Seneschal (Margavati): Before we do the usual stuff, Their Excellencies have a thing they want to show off.

[Display of the painted Baronial Pavillion backdrop.]

Baroness Jadi: Notice the banner at the top. It's blank. This is where our motto goes. So start thinking about that.

[Discussion of possible mottos, previous Baronial mottos, and the language for the motto. Preference is currently Latin.]

Chatelaine (Muriel): Hi, I'm Lady Muriel, I'm the Chatelaine. I'm the helper for newcomers. We have some newcomers tonight. One is from Agnes Scott. And Lady Guinevere, who just relocated from Trimaris.

Reeve/Exchequer (Arnora): I am Lady Arnora, I'm the Baronial Exchequer, which is the Treasurer of the group.

Fighter Marshal (Sebastian): Hello, my name is Sebastian; I'm the Heavy Marshal for fighting in South Downs. If you're interested in the martial arts aspect of the SCA, you can see me. Castle Wars is this weekend. If you're interested in volunteering for anything, let me know. There will be a Torchlight Tourney Friday night, so if you show up with your armor that night, we'll have fun.

Rapier Marshal (Ximon): Hi, I'm Ximon, I'm your Rapier Marshal for the day. If you're interested in rapier, let me know. If your friend is interested in rapier, let me know. There will be rapier at Castle Wars.

Fighter Marshal (Sebastian): There will also be equestrian and hound coursing at Castle Wars.

Yves: And a reminder that there will be no fighter or rapier practice in Blackburn Park this weekend.

Art/Sci Officer (Serafina): I'm Serafina; I'm the Arts and Sciences Officer. There are no Arts and Sciences classes in November and December due to the holidays, but on the third project night in December, we may have a T-tunic creating class. Mikal may take over our music night; I hear he has Christmas carols. Midwinter is January 28.

Chronicler (Beatrice): I'm looking for a Deputy Chronicler. An interest in desktop publishing and a willingness to take notes when I'm not able to make business meetings is all that's needed. Some experience in copy editing would be helpful.

Herald (Randwulf): I am the Honorable Lord Randwulf. I'm the Baronial Herald. I have not been present at business meetings lately due to my job, so I have an email backlog. If you need me, please give me a call. I won't be at Castle Wars thanks to the U.S. Army. I'm looking for a Deputy; an in-depth knowledge of heraldry is not required. You mainly need to be able to keep track of paperwork.

Seneschal (Margavati): First order of old business is Castle Wars.

Adela: There are still volunteers needed for daytime refreshments/water bearing and for Chancellor of the Privy (making sure we don't run out of toilet paper).

Arnora: We're going to need a lot of help with Troll. We'll close down from midnight-7am. An active Baronial member aged 18+ is required to run the cash register. The Troll booth is heated and we have chocolate. If you can help out, please email Arnora.

Adela: We also would like as much help as possible Sunday for clean-up. Also, there is a trailer-loading party tomorrow (Thursday) night, 7pm at the [Baronial] storage unit.

Lucia: Children's Activities is going to be a bit different this time. We're going to go around to see equestrian, do some dancing, etc., but I still have a few 15-minute slots available if you have something you'd like to teach.

Adela: Don't forget to bring toys for the Toys for Tots drive. [Voting for the Better Homes and Castles pavilions is done via toys.]

Seneschal (Margavati): We have events coming up in 2012, so start thinking about putting in bids. New business: We have some exciting new business. As announced last business meeting, we're required as a Barony to submit one bid for a Kingdom-level event per year. We have here the financials for the Spring Crown List bid, which we're putting in with the incipient Shire of Deepedale. The financial committee has approved it, so we're showing it here to the Barony before we present it.

[Review of Spring Crown List bid.]

Seneschal (Margavati): I'd like to vote on it this evening so we can submit it.

[Voting on the bid; bid approved by the populace.]

Seneschal (Margavati): So we'll put in the bid for Spring Crown List. Next bid is for Midwinter 2012. Sebastian...?

[Sebastian reviews plans for the Midwinter 2012 bid.]

[Voting on Midwinter 2012 bid. Bid approved by populace.]

Seneschal (Margavati): I'm going to turn this over to Their Excellencies.

Baron Hajji: Hi! We need some money for a couple of things. First, we need to bring the rapier gear up to specs. We encourage all aspects of the Society and we want it to be safe. The financial committee has approved the expense for doing this.

[Vote by the populace, expenses for bringing rapier gear to spec approved.]

Rapier Marshal (Ximon): If anyone wants details on the equipment we're getting, let me know.

Baron Hajji: The other item for this evening. Their Majesties approached the Barony re. new throne bags. We've got an estimate for the expenses. The Barony hasn't done anything for the Kingdom in a while and I was very pleased we were approached about this.

[Vote on approving expenses for throne bags for Their Majesties; expenses approved.]

Randwulf: Non-SCA business. My company is hiring in a variety of positions, mostly IT and satellite, but also apprentice positions. The main requirement for apprentice positions is enthusiasm, not experience. Apprentice positions are only approximately 32 hours a week but often leads to a full-time position. Contact me for more information.

[Meeting closed. Dinner announced to be at Manny's.]