

(action items are in **bold**)

Baron/ Baroness Comments (TE Maximilian and Gwenllyen)

- Please submit award recommendations. Copy TE when you submit recommendations to the online system. (<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/login.php?from=/op/recommend/>)
- TE request that the populace please help support North Woods events by attending them as they are able to.
- The baby project is continuing and much progress was made at Golden Seamstress. Tess made and donated 22 crib blankets for the project and should be commended. Let Her Excellency know if you are interested in helping in the project, even if it is to donate to a different hospital. **Her Excellency will post additional details and a pattern to the Facebook group.**
- Championships- All youth champions will be chosen at It Takes My Child. TE are specifically seeking candidates for youth A&S champion. The armored champion will be chosen at Battle of the inland seas. The rapier, thrown weapons and A&S champions will be chosen at Tyger Hunt. The archery champion will be chosen at Call of the Waterhorse.
- Pentamere A&S made a profit of around \$140
- TE are tentatively looking into stepping down at Coronation 2018, depending if a bid to run the event by North Woods is accepted.
- There are opportunities for two demos, one at the Holly Rennfaire and another at Canterbury village. The latter of which has a large field that may be a potential site for a Rose Tournament in the future.
- Pennsic- The fighter bags will be made again this year. The baronial party will be held Tuesday night of war week and will have a 'tea party' theme. Please submit classes and tournaments this week as the deadline is approaching.
 - TE proposed a \$150 budget for the Knowne World Baronial Rapier Champions tournament luncheon. The measure was passed. They are also looking for help to run this. Please contact TE if interested.
 - TE proposed a \$100 expense for rental of a 20x30 shade pavilion for the battlefield to be shared by Pentamere (other baronies have already chipped in). The measure was approved.

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Lucien Featherstone) – There is a new section in the group transitions document regarding the transition of a shire to a canton.

Exchequer (Brigida Alderotti) – If any event wishes to use PayPal or card payment then the local exchequer and event steward must attend training in how to handle the process. A list of available class locations is in the Pale. It is important to note that monthly reports must be current to use these options.

- Approximate balance is \$2197, not including Pentamere A&S.

Minister of Arts and Sciences (Fujinami no Kaede) – The new report form is being updated. Please include classes taught and the number of attendees of each class on reports. Perhaps the easiest way to capture this information is to have a sign in sheet for classes. Also include demos ran/ participated in as well as award recommendations.

- A good practice for assisting in the submittal of award recommendations is to maintain a listing of what events members are thinking of attending on a Facebook post, or something equivalent.

Chronicler (Sugawara no Tokihira) – The newsletter backlog is complete and has been sent to the Webminister for inclusion to the baronial website.

- Another newsletter is being composed. Please submit ideas or articles to Sugawara.

Herald (Verrix Verrtissignos) – Not present. Nothing reported.

Web Minister (Rocco Barbarossa) – The 2015-16 newsletters have been uploaded to the website.

- Rocco met with Paiva in order to assist in updating the Ealdnordwuda website.
- Kingdom has created new email accounts for all officers (local, baronial, etc.). **Rocco will update the appropriate information and send login credentials to users at the baronial level.** Let Rocco know if anything is wrong. He will be sending a test email to verify accounts and ensure forwarding is functional.

- If a group would like to update any information on the baronial website, please contact Rocco.

Knights Marshal (Bjarg Kormaksson) – Not present. Nothing reported.

Rapier Marshal (Sugawara no Tokihira) – Reports are due by 5-1.

- Please advertise local practice times and locations and Sugawara will cross post as needed.
- Contact Sugawara if you are interested in him hosting a local rapier practice and are in need of a marshal.
- Sugawara will also pass along notification of regional rapier practices.

Chatelaine (Rycheza Tkaczyc) – Not present. Nothing reported.

Minister of Youth (x) – Term has ended (as of 1-31-17) and since there is not currently an officer in this position, it will be listed as an interim position until a replacement can be found. This means that the position will be listed in each election year for the remainder of the term.

It is requested that all Canton officers copy their respective Baronial officer when they report. Baronial officers should copy the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal. If an officer is unable to make a meeting, a brief report should be sent to the Seneschal beforehand.

Group Reports

Ealdnordwuda

- Planning has begun on 12th Night in 2018. Performers are being sought for the performance room.
- Pentamere Archers College is being planned for the fall.
- Pentamere Academy of Defense was held and was very successful.
- Practices are Wednesdays at the MSU Pavilion from 6 until 9. Business meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the same site/time.

Weld Lake

- Herald's Point was successfully run and will be moving to a regional level in the future, with sites rotating to different groups.
- Planning It Takes My Child (this next weekend 4-29). Please volunteer to help if you are able.
- A note about the site of Heart of the Shepard- the cost is \$125 or \$2 per individual, whichever is greater. Please pay the fee the day of if possible.

Hawkland Moor

- Tournament of Defense was held and was very successful, with more than 120 attendees, but lost money overall.
- Tyger Hunt and Smurf Shoot are coming up.

Fearann Na Criche

- Planning is ongoing for the next Call of the Waterhorse, August 25-27. A listing of archery requirements was requested. **TE will follow up on this at a local meeting.** Lunch tavern help is also being sought. Please contact Morgan if interested.
- A small Christmas event is also being planned.
- Practices are Thursday nights in Midland at 6pm at Pateley's. Business meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at the Barnes and Noble in Saginaw at 1pm.

Altenberg

- Battle of the Inland Seas is planned for May 19-21. A group to run lunch tavern is being sought (profits may be kept by that group)
- Local members are working on many A&S projects.
- Business meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Mt. Clemens Library at 7pm.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- TE are looking to step down at the end of their term (May 2018). Thus far, three couples have expressed interest and have committed to run as baron and baroness of North Woods- Lady Aliyah bat Asriel and Lord Aindle O'Diarmada, Lady Lucia Greenstone and Lord Garth Brandon and Lady Kriemhilt von Ebersberg and Lord Roderick McKraken. If interested in joining these good gentles, please contact TE. They will meet with those interested and will discuss expectations and other information.
- TE will plan a meet and greet between the candidates and the populace (this is tentatively scheduled for 12th Night).
- The first steps in the process will not be due until November, when letters of intent will be collected by Lucien. Until then, information will be collected for building a webpage for the candidates, but it will not go live until the fall. The cost of polling will be approximately \$200 and will likely occur late winter/ early spring next year.

- **Please send all meeting times and locations for regularly occurring practices/ meetings to Lucien.** This information will be uploaded to the Baronial Website to better encourage participation and to serve as a point of contact for newer members.

The next meetings will be on 07-23-17 and 10-15-17 at Brewery Becker. All meetings will begin at 1:30 pm.