

Barony of Endless Hills

Official Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2009

I. Call to order

Lord Tigernach called to order the regular meeting of the Barony of Endless Hills at 2:00 pm on 4/5/09 at Gander Mnt, Scranton.

II. Roll call

Tigernach conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Euriol, Tigernach, Gunnarr, Barbary Rose, Baron Rob, Amy, Kateryna, Maria P., Gregory Hillson, Cael, Faileind, Faline, Ulrich, Po, Dei

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the meeting conducted on March 8, 2009 were approved. Motion by Baron Rob and seconded by Gunnarr.

IV. Important Dates

- May 3rd, 2009 – Forty Fort 12pm – 5pm (Meeting at noon, Business Meeting and Fight Practice) Demo for Scouts to start at 5pm.
- May 31st, 2009 – Business Meeting after Melee (12pm @ Melee Site)

V. Old Business

- Melee Madness
Copy of insurance needed for the Fair Board. It will probably not be a Royal Progress. The archery baronial championship will be held after feast. Need to get in touch with Dbgail for Bardic Championship. The date is May 29-31 at the Wyoming Country Fairgrounds.
- Faiiend is still looking for donations for the Piñatas at Melee.

VI. Officer Reports

- Baron's Report
Ulrich will be attending Coronation and Spring Crown. Ulrich thanked everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Will be starting up some outdoor practices at his house. Was in contact with Sir Tristan concerning marshals, Lancelot is currently being trained as an MIT. The Baronial encampment for Pennsic has been registered. The Fencing and Heavy Championships will be held at the May Meeting.
- Chatelaine
Website Stats for the last month:
Page Loads 22
Unique Visitors 15
First Time 13
Visitors Returning Visitors 2

March 14th 2009 our Barony marched in the St. Patty's Day parade. I watched it on TV and thought our group did very nicely. Fencing and heavy fighting was had. Walkers and our banner was out there showing us off. Unfortunately our float broke as it was getting into the parade line up so it didn't make it to the actual parade. There was a very nice presences yet ! Thank you to all who participated and came from out of town to march with us!!!!

March 28th 2009 one of our fencers Marty asked me to come speak to the lady's at the

Masonic Temple in Wilkes-Barre. Thanks to Baron Rob and Amy and Euriol for the display items to help me with the demo. Marty says I was a hit! I brought my fighting gear and demonstrated a bit. I had books, garb, pottery, illuminations, games, feast gear, etc on hand. Questions were asked. History was discussed! It was a great time. For my first solo demo I am very happy with the out come.

May 3 we have a business meeting/practice at the Forty-fort Borough Building. At 5PM the Boy Scouts will be having their meeting in the basement. I have arranged a demo to be had for the Boy Scouts that night. We will need to call on our friends in Sterlynge Vayle and Delftwood to help out!

Scouting Council-wide camping event in May of 2010 as part of Scouting's 100th Anniversary - in the Plains Township area and would love to have us do a demo there. It will generate about 1,000 campers from the northeastern PA area. We can have our own little SCAdian Village and name the village what we'd like. April 2009 is their first meeting so we will know more then. Scout Executive Thomas D. Slavicek will be at our May business meeting to talk to us about the big demo next year.

Thanks to Baron Rob for asking me to look into doing a Boy Scout Demo :)

My New Comers Guide for Youth should be completed in plenty of time for this demo!

New Comers Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every month in Dickson City at Borders in the Cafe at 7PM and 4th Wednesday of every month in Wilkes-Barre at Barnes and Noble in the Arena Hub Plaza at 7PM in the Cafe.

- Chronicler

The April 2009 issue of the Across the Hills was distributed on April 5. We currently have 54 subscribers to the newsletter.

Next month's issue is a themed issue on all things "Spanish". I'm in desparate need of your articles and artwork. Please let us continue to shine as we have in the past through my predecessors of this office

- Web Minister.

Not present, No report received.

- Knight Marshall

Not present, no report received.

- Armor's Guild

Not present, no report received.

- Fencing

MIT's: Baron Robert (sponsored by Lord Po) & Ichabod (sponsored by Lady Dei)

Authed: 16 Expired: 2

New Auths: None

Injuries: None reported

Equipment issues: None

Equipment request: The marshals are requesting – from the Rapier Office budget reimbursement for the supplies purchased to build a “punch tester” which is a necessary item when testing safety standards of rapier garments. The marshals would like to thank Lady Meg the Mad for the donation of the “crucial gage pin” which is a key item needed for the punch tester. Receipts are submitted at this meeting.

The Rapiermaniacs welcome the following new fencers: Amber, Feline, Will & Taranach

Additional Notes:

- Ichabod continues to MIT at Tuesday night practices and assists at events. He will be

running the rapier tournaments at Melee Madness under the marshals supervision

- Several Marshals & fencers continue to go up to Sterlynge Vayle to assist with their fencing practice.
- A rapier contingent participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. (Lady Deianeira, Lord Po, Lord Stefan, Lord Gunnar) Amber, Rianith, and Feline (currently unauthorized fighters), supported the fencing contingent by providing crowd control.
- A rapier contingent invaded the rapier practice of the East Kingdom's Shire of Hartshorn-Dale. (Lady Deianeira, Lord Po, Lord Stefan & Lord Gunnar). Much fun was had by all and it is expected that Hartshorn-Dale will return the favor in the near future.
- Open practices continue on Tuesday evenings (8ish to 11ish) at the Forty Fort Borough Building. These have been well visited during this month which have included heavy fighter and rapierist; Will Deth
- The monthly all day practices at the Forty Fort Borough Building on Sunday's also continue.
- Several fencers attended the Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon in Buffalo, NY. (Lady Deianeira, Lord Po, Lord Gunnar, and Feline). Lord Po won 14 of the 27 bouts he fought in the bear pit tournament and Lord's Po and Gunnar and Lady Deianeira all participated in the "Fence a Don/Dona" and came away with valuable lessons and insights.
- Lord Po, Lord Gunnar and Ichabod attended the St. Michael's Demo on March 23rd. They held two separate demos and were received very well by both teachers and students. The demo was academic in nature and focused primarily on the history of the blade, due to time limitations. Additional demos are being requested.
- Lady Deianeira has begun a research project involving the bio-mechanics of novice fencers. Inquiries have been posed to several email lists including; Endless Hills, Lady Rapier, IronRose, & Amazons of Ansteorra. This will be an ongoing project and will include information gathered at Pennsic during the AE Rapier Novice Tournament.
- The marshals along with Lady Meg the Mad – at the request of the Kingdom Chatelaine have composed and submitted a "Novice Fencers Survival Kit" to be included in her "Pennsic Book for Newcomers"

New Demo Policy: In light of the new demo policy, the marshals respectfully request authorization and permission from the Seneschal of Endless Hills to continue to hold steel-therapy/fight practices at the Forty-Fort Borough Building, Kingston, PA. on Tuesdays, from 7:30pm till 11:30 pm. The marshals also request permission to set-up and perform the requested St. Michael's demos (dates to be announced).

Waiver Signing Policy: Information received from the KMOL regarding signing the waiver at practices is as follows: Any participant not able to present a "blue" membership card at a practice *must* sign the waiver. Any children present must also be signed in on the waiver by his/her parent(s). Any participant unwilling to sign under the above stated circumstances will be asked to leave. All participants are asked to voluntarily sign the waiver (with or without having a blue card) as this paperwork is needed by the Kingdom Archivist.

Upcoming Rapier Events

- May: Melee Madness: Swashbuckling Matadors wanted! Grab the Matador's cloak and prepare for our morning Bullfight tourney! Bring your daggers and case of blades - to better portray longhorn, shorthorn and broken horn bulls! Afternoon itinerary includes the arrival of a Spanish treasure galleon and a ship to shore melee.
- June: Barony Wars & Bazaar: Join us in the Barony of Delftwood as a new challenge looms on our doorstep, an opportunity to display our prowess before Their Majesties against competition from our neighbors. It doesn't matter if you wield a spoon or a rapier, a rattan stave or the reigns of a horse, a quill, a throwing axe or a bow – the sound of the battle drums beckons – let us march to the call of the cambreadth.
- August: Pennsic War – AE Novice Tournament: Organized and hosted by The Rapiermaniacs and Lady Meg the Mad. The Aethelmearc Novice Tournament is open to any authorized rapier combatant, with less than three years from their first rapier authorization,

who has never received an award at the Kingdom level for rapier prowess and who has never won a rapier tournament at a published SCA event. (day & time TBA)

Seneschal approved the demos for April 20th and May 13th.

- Herald
Report given by Kat, Lady Amy's heraldry has been submitted, Gregory is available for consultation. Kat can also assist. The cost of submission is \$7.00 per item.
- Scribe's Guild
We need illustrators, illuminators, calligraphers, and wordsmiths! Contact me if you have even the slightest interest in participating in creating awards for the Barony--my term as Baronial Signet expires in November as Fasching/Investiture, and though I have enjoyed my official duties, it is time to step down and allow others to be the "boss"! It is not a difficult job, and is a great resumé for work as a Kingdom scribe!
- Cook's Guild
Doing test cooking for the Spanish feast for Melee Madness. The next workshop will be announced on the list.
- Exchequer
1st quarter report is still being worked on. Current Balance: \$4821.11.
- Arts & Sciences
Past events of March--
March 8, date of last business meeting in Forty-Fort--
Quill-pen making workshop conducted for the Ice Dragon Baronial tokens--I'm not sure how many we gave to the "illumination" category entrants, but I'm thinking around a dozen--it was a large category!

March 14, Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade--a small but enthusiastic group showed off our stuff to the city and TV viewing audience

March 15, Redaction workshop held at the home of Euriol of Lothian.

March 26, T-tunic making workshop held at the home of Amy Davenport

March 28, Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon

Many Barony members attended; Euriol served as a judge in the categories of Cooking, Beverages, and a research paper; she also entered a wool dress-in-progress as part of the Festival's exhibit of "Best & Worst" works.

Barbary Rose entered a pair of linen gloves in Needlework Accesories and Embroidery and won a blue ribbon in each category.

Future classes/activity--

Date to be determined: Demo on Arrow-making by Mariana Pietrosanti from Sterlynge Vayle
Anyone with an A&S class idea, or something you would like to see as a demo or instructional session, please contact me!

Euriol talked to Master Gille. He is willing to teach a few more brewing workshops.

- Minister of the Lists
Attending Tuesday Night Practices Regularly.
Lady Amy Davenport is coming along with getting familiar with the MOL Position.
I, along with Lady Amy, have been asked by Mistress Karana, to assist her at Melee Madness by MOL'g the Heavy List Field, and we have both accepted.
New Policies will be forthcoming as I get the information from Kingdom.
- Minister of Youth/Youth Marshall
I recieved and have returned to kingdom my background check forms along with a second copy of my ID and SCA membership card as per THL Countess Caryl. My thanks to Tigernach for his assistance in this matter.

In March, a group of us (Lord Lancelot, Cael and myself) met at and with Barbary Rose and Gunnar to make the preliminary base pinatas for the upcoming Melee Madness youth and families activity in May. I now have the dried paper mached 'bodies' of the pinatas. The youngest category will be decorating theirs at Melee and the remaining pinatas will be decorated by anyone with an interest at an upcoming fighter practice. There are three categories altogether.

Lady Giovana has expressed an interest in becoming a Youth Marshal. I have begun pursuing the paperwork for her background check via the Kingdom's Youth Combat office.

- Thrown Weapons
No practices are currently being held. May hold some practices in conjunction with archery. Will put something out on the list for available practice dates.
- Canton of Riverouge
(No report submitted.)
- Equestrian Marshall
A brief meeting was held at Ice Dragon. The transfer of KEO was not announced. On April 4th, Gunnarr, Barbary Rose, and Banshee traveled down to Sylvan Glen to marshal a practice and authorize new riders. Ladies Confed will be having equestrian activities. The date is May 2nd.
- Captain of Archery – Marianna will be having a practice at Gunnarr's house on April 20th. Baron Robert is looking to start practices the end of April, weather permitting; probably on a Wednesday or Thursday.
- Chirurgeon – Nothing new to report.
- Seneschal - Attended Ice Dragon. I spoke with their Majesties and Countess Caryl in regard to Failend's background check. Letters of Intent due before May 3rd meeting. I have received Baron Rob and Lady Amy's Letter of Intent. Lord Gunnarr and Lady Barbary Rose submitted their letter at the meeting. Investiture/Fasching Bids are requested for the May 31st meeting. The tentative date is Nov 7th or 14th.

VII. New business

- Banner project – we need to update the banners to add new banners for recent reigns.
- Garb Making workshops – They will be held the last or 3rd Thursday of every month at Lady Amy's.

VIII. Adjournment

Gunnar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Euriol. Tigernach adjourned the meeting at 3:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Euriol

Minutes approved by: Quorum on May 3, 2009