

January RavensBridge Minutes

Officers' Reports

Seneschal

Kyp - Changed his mind and staying on for a while. Honig is happy he's staying on. He's concerned because a previous group he tried to put together fell apart when he stepped away. If he walks away and the group fell apart, then it wasn't a group. He doesn't think enough of us have a handle on how to be officers. There's a lot for all of us to learn, and we are doing so well, and wants to see us succeed.

Quarterly report has been sent. He's requested us going to permanent status. Talked with Otto Gottlieb about the map & list of who is where. He's been working on that.

Dave - Last time I checked we weren't on the list.

Kyp - There's a number of issues with the map and the list. As we are polling, we need to have that all correct before going forward.

Herald

Dave - No change, waiting for word on the device. It's a slow process, but there shouldn't be an issue.

A&S

Sara - Yule, brewing, Sara won!

Scribal day, there was like five of us there, and we want another, soon.

Chatellain

CeCe was not available.

Kyp - Got an email from Bill Burke for Machias, thinking of doing a festival up there with a lot going on up there. Saw Great Falls, he's interested in us doing the same.

Kim - New people at the Yule event. New to the area, but not the SCA.

(KB - I previously forgot to add in [as it wasn't mentioned in a meeting, but is very important] that Kim had reached out to every person who had expressed interest in the SCA while attending the Great Falls Demo. She emailed, called, and even wrote letters to every person she had any info for, and should be recognized for stepping out of her comfort zone and stepping up to make people feel welcome and invited.)

Exchequer

Paul - \$1552.50, budgeted \$1,300 for the year with a reserve of \$200 in the bank.

Chronicler

Kendra - I'm looking to getting The Corvus out by the end of March, beginning of April. I still need people to step up and help!!! I've been working with a medieval anthropologist and we have some fun ideas, but I still really need people to write, take pics, draw, etc. Tracie and Siri have both stepped up to help, and I will be using their individual skills.

Archery

Chris - A new person interested in archery. More through the Balloon Festival. If there's any needs, contact Christopher Roy through FB. RavensBridge Archers has their own FB group, so find them if you're interested.

Morty - What do you need to start?

Chris - I can talk to you about what you might want, and why.

Siri - Interested in archery as well.

Web Minister

Stacy - He's warranted, and the site is opening and emails are being assigned to officers. Any officers who didn't get email info from Stacy

at the January RB meeting please speak to him soon.

Old Business

By Laws

Kyp - I apologize that I couldn't make the last event.

Chris - We had the original by-laws by Anthony. We looked at and discussed them. Stacy edited small details and wording. We went through both copies by item and glossed over the grammatical errors and word placement. Each topic we discussed and at the end we created a committee of Stacy, Dave, Marcus & Morty.

Kyp - Time limit?

Dave - Posted within two weeks ago.

Honig - Seneschal at every vote. This is who things HAVE to work. When Kingdom asks what happened, and he wasn't there, the shit hits the fan.

Marcus - No voting has taken place.

Kyp - If we are going to vote on anything, a copy for everyone before we vote.

Dave - All things are finalized and have been posted for two week.

Kyp - Now we are looking at voting on things that we haven't really all looked at.

Honig - Our web minister can post in online for us!

Morty - Rather have it done right than rush it through.

Stacy - Don't want anyone to say we didn't do it right.

Honig - I understand it's frustrating. This kind of thing can be lessened through communication with Malagentian officers.

Kyp - Printing out copies now?

Yule Event

Dave - Fun, 26 people in seats. 20 adults, covered the cost of the hall. Tons of food, even Viking Latkes. Played Whack A Viking. Magnus has moves!

Kim - Lauren the Bard entertained and there was a brewing competition.

New Business

Demo in Machias

Hugging & Muggin

Kyp - June is coming up. 22-29

Chris - Some Complaining about pronunciation.

Kyp - Hugging and Mooning!

Dave - We had to swap weekends due to the NB event. Early to mid-June, but there's other events to work around.

Sara - 4th & 11th available.

Kyp - June 4th? Target-ting that weekend. Contact Kyp to autocrat or fest-o-crat!

Biz meeting location

Kyp - Members who cannot make it outside L/A that are bigger than where we are now.

Chris - My alma matta has place - Husson.

Kyp - Trying to find the best place for all. What about ride share?

? - What about rotating locations?

Kyp - One concern is recruitment it's harder if we move around. Still looking for fighter practice site.

Chris - If the first thing I went to was a biz meet, I would have bailed. I don't see it coming up too often that it's a big deal to not alternate. Most people would know our schedule and go when they can.

Marcus - Fighter practice and events get people, not biz meet. We

need an indoor solid location for year round. We need a permanent indoor location. That should be our biggest focus.

Jessa Cochran - Find the right person for L/A mills and talk to them.

Kyp - We need locations and things haven't worked out.

Jessa - In the spring we are looking to build a structure on our 15 acres, if nothing else.

Siri - I'm not a member yet, but in the past several years that I've been marginally involved and I can't get places, but people not responding to carpooling.

By Laws

Honig - Strictly a reading of, not up for discussion.

Dave - We voted to vote on it.

Kendra - But we can't vote without Kyp being here.

Kyp - Mostly reading, unless something really bad pops up.

Kyp - Let me say that when we get through this, if there's concern with anything - SAY IT!

Kyp reads by-laws.

Honig - About voting, only paid members? Any voting?

Dave - Yes, that is correct.

Kyp - Asking for a majority, asking for input, not asking for blue cards.

Kendra - How can votes be sent in? Emails are not legal for signatures.

Dave - That is a legal signature. It is the LAW! The VA does it.

Chris - I've done that as well.

Tracie - The state doesn't do that!

Kyp agrees with a laugh.

Kyp - Anything else?

Bonnie - Does deputy have to be a member?

Dave - YES! Drop dead deputy has to be. Primary officers should be member, but drop dead deputy has to be! They have to be to step up at a moment's notice. Other officers don't need a DDD, but it's good to have it. So when I'm over being Herald in three years, I will have someone, a DDD to take over.

Kyp - Anyone have anything at all about this? ANYTHING AT ALL?

Chris - Can we amend at any time?

Nicholas DeWinter - They are always evolving.

Kyp - Any other issues?

Morty - Does anyone think voting is too restrictive?

Jessa - Yes!

Chris - It's too easy to rally all your friends to get something passed, if you don't have to be a member, then you can get Thunder to take over. You don't have to pay to play, but you need to pay to vote.

Kendra - I agree.

Chris - If you can't get the money together, there's always someone around to help you out.

Dave - Not SCA money.

Chris - No, no.

Brooke - I've never been a member. 13 years of playing, I never paid. I became a member to vote at RB meetings, like tonight!

Chris - There's a difference between voting for opinion compared to voting for decision.

Nicholas - Polling vs vote. That's where the difference lies.

Kyp - RB, opinion vs decision.

Chris - I move that we vote for these bylaws.

Dave - Second.

PASSED

GNEW

Sara - Lastly Anne Washburn is GNEW Autocrat. Do we want info point or facilities? The group is split. Thunder wants facilities, the rest want info.

Chris - Most everything for facilities is before and after, Info you have to be involved all weekend.

Sara - Putting info point info up on RB FB page too.

Marcus - My lady said you work local events, enjoy events outside the area. If we don't work the events, they don't happen.

Sara - No one is opposed to working.

Chris - We have options to these two.

Sara - Can we decide at next meeting.

Molly Schofield - Malagentia's Exchequer, came up put a face with the name. Giggleswick is doing gate this year, bless them. Info does gold key, and they are the only thing open Sunday morning.

