

Ravensbridge Minutes - June

Officers Reports

Seneschal

Morty - Busy month for everyone, must be summer. Reached out to dozens of people this month to move this ball forward. A lot of fathers in our caps, another successful event and a good bank account. Demos help as well, especially GFBB and H&M.

Exchequer

Paul - H&M had a profit of \$446.98!

H& brought in \$1,072.00

According to our receipts, we spent \$550.02 of our \$600 budget.

Non-member surcharges of \$75 were paid to Malagentia

Archery receipts of \$118 from their budget.

Nothing of the \$250 thrown weapons budget has been spent yet.

Our total in the bank as of this point is \$1881.23!

Herald

Dave - No change. Waiting for email response about passing. We don't need it to get out of incipency. A matter of time, when she has the time to get us something that will pass. Resubmission of paperwork and get it approved.

Morty - Dealing with officers this time of the year is really hard to get things done.

Dave - She had something to do at 50 year also. The name is safe, the arms are passed.

Chronicler

Ken - I'm also waiting for emails about warranting, because I'm officially not supposed to put anything out until I'm warranted. Stacy is working on getting the Wordpress part of the site up so that I can post articles about events, pics and whatever else will work there.

Morty - Anything we can do to help you?

Ken - I need articles, pics, ideas, things that are going on, recipes.

CeCe - We are known for our food.

Ken - I'd love to post recipes, especially for food we have served on dayboards and feasts. Kim, can I get some?

Kim - Deserts or everything?

Ken - Whatever you think worked the best.

Chris - How about our own Magic deck for RB officers.

All - Chris volunteered!

Ken - I also need release forms for everything.

Stacy - I can put the release forms on our site so that they can be found.
Dave - Email all the signed ones to the web min so they are always there for whoever might be running the site.

A&S

Sara - Not much going on. Not planning anything right now.
Morty - I was thinking, something we might want to do later on, practice and S&B at same time. Or practice and A&S at the same time.
Mary - Craft and bash!
Chuck - My house. Battle for Turner!
Stacy - It's the indoor space we are having troubles to find.
Chuck - Sounds like Chris knows what he's doing. We all vote that Chris will make calls.
Morty - Who else can call around? They hear what we do and freak out that we will ruin their floors.

Chatelaine

CeCe - I got a friend request on FB, didn't recognize the name or face. He crashed our party at H&M! He will be at the Whatever Festival. He's interested in a lot of stuff. Alan R. Hovey II Otto brought him to CeCe and she talked to him there and on FB.
Morty - There's been a lot of requests on the RB group, have you reached out to them?
Chuck - If they're new, make sure they're welcomed.
Ken - Anyone who accepts someone who isn't Malagentia or Endewearde, they need to be welcomed to the group and asked if they need anything, if we can help them, etc.
Chuck - Natalie said we can have stuff at my house, but has to be posted on the Endewearde page.
CeCe - I got a political knock on the door, turned out to be Paul's friend, and he's interested in GNEW.

Marshals

Heavy

Dave - We can hold practices in Turner now!

Fencing

Morty - Yes, there was some.

Archery

Chris - Yes, there was archery. Last weekend and the big one at Stacy and Kendra's on the second.

Thrown

Paul - Thanks to Pearley we have cookies! Three pine and ½ dozen oak.
Morty - Isn't oak too hard?
Paul - If the axes are sharp enough they could stick in the wood.
Morty - How big do they need to be?
Paul - Greater than 14". Poplar is the best. Pitch is bad.
Pearley - These were sitting out for a long time, so they are dry.
Dave - We should have this at the combined practices. Fencing at the combined as well, Morty?
Morty - As long as nothing comes up, then yes!

Web Minister

Stacy - We have a site with pics. We need more, pics and stuff and need to get the wordpress thing going.
CeCe - We need to get officers pictures up too.
Ken - Yes, we didn't get pics taken specifically at H&M, but we can this weekend, or people can send in pics of themselves in garb.
Chris - There's more pics of me in garb than not.
Morty - Me too!

Youth

Morty - Anything?
Dave - We have two yutes!

Old Business

CeCe - The feast was fantastic.
Kim - Maybe we should cut the price down as we lost people due to price.
CeCe - We not only broke even, but made a profit.
Morty - Anyone know what was donated?
Dave - We can't expect people to donate in the future.
Morty - Like Joe's fencing cloak.
CeCe - We are moving from Harvest Moon where everyone 'lost' their receipts, to over ½ the receipts being put in for this one.
Dave - We don't need a porta-potty.
CeCe - That's \$85 we don't have to pay out.
Chris - They are easy to move
Morty - Just a pain in the arse.
Chuck - The gravel was so hard that the signs shattered. We need to angle bar.
Dave - Transfer the force. Talk to Speedbump. Green fence posts? I have some.
CeCe - Are we agreed that a dayboard is required?

Dayboard Discussion -

Chris - The headache of knowing how many for the feast, so a pay dayboard makes more sense. Until it's a bigger event, I think it's too small for a feast. Seems like it was more work than what you got out of it.
Dave - We didn't promote early enough. Set a deadline two weeks ahead,

advertise it big time. The seats will fill.

Chuck - Deadline is bad. Tourney of Love had a cut off and turned people away.

Chris - We have to close down to prepare for feast. I don't know if it will work.

Morty - The event is the important part. If they want to do the feast, I'm fine with that, but I think we need to focus on the actual event.

Chris - I think the event is small enough to do what they want and head home.

The price point is too high.

Dave - Dropping gate fee to \$5 from \$10.

Morty - You have a good dayboard, it's worth the \$10. If you're not going to have a feast, then the \$10 is fine. One price, keep it simple.

Stacy - We have a feast quality dayboard, then we keep up our food rep up.

Morty - We can table until later on. We usually have everyone doing their thing, a giant tent in the middle. Seats for viewing, then rotate the events in. That way each thing has their own time, people won't compete for the same audience.

Chris - I've done a casual novelty shoot, but I can do a specific shoot at a set time.

Dave - We could do archery, at the pond there's a stretch that could be an archery lane.

Morty - But you can't keep everyone out there.

Chris - Not splitting the range.

Morty - We can move the audience there.

Stacy - If there's food out there, you can really make the big thing.

Sara - Lower costs we will get more people.

Whatever Festival

Stacy - CeCe and I requested help from marshals, most are busy. Vey is coming, Likes scotch, flask collection. People from Endeweard.

CeCe - I asked Ced about the meg, but he said it needs repairs.

Stacy - I spoke to Ced already and knew he wouldn't be able to make it. CeCe, you are doing the water this year?

CeCe - Yes, I have the coolers and everything.

Stacy - Do we need to buy and bring water to fill them? Or what did we do last year?

CeCe - We used the Y to fill them. We need to get Gatoraid!!!!

Dave - Save your receipts!

Ken - Will do.

CeCe - Sally made shortbread last year, going to ask her for more.

Ken - I already talked to her about it.

Stacy - Be there for setup at 9! I have two Malagentian tents, the smaller ones, and will need help putting them up.

Brooke - I printed out kits for kids that I couldn't use at H&M, and I don't have a ride to Whatever, so if someone wants to get them.

Morty - Maybe wait for GFBB?

Brooke - The shields can, but I can drop the coloring pages with either Heather or Sara.

Combined Practice

11-1 for socializing, 1-5 is archery and other practices, A&S, or whatever other people want to do.

Morty - Do we do this if there's no interest?

Stacy - We will still have our event.

Chris - We can still BBQ, have hot dogs and hamburgers and stuff.

Stacy - That works.

Great Falls Balloon Festival

Sara - Looking for more tents. I need to ask Ced about the meg. (CeCe and Stacy will message him.)

Morty - Have we talked about police yet?

Sara - Johnny is in charge of security. Also talking to Auburn PD. They didn't really know what was going on last year.

Dave - Snow fence.

Chuck - Malagentia offered us 400 feet of snow fence.

Dave - Balloon festival people have a lot, they can do it.

Sara - Will ask about it. We can find room for people who want to stay and don't have period tents.

CeCe - Can we talk about the parade? We had like 6 of us, and it was fun. The kids loved it. It was a very small group. Something about a banner and more of us?

Chuck - We could easily get canvas and paint it. Walk with posts.

Dave - Is it move, stop, move, stop? (Yes) Then have fighters fighting?

Sara - It's really long! A couple good fighters...

Dave - 6 or so would be needed. As long as one is a marshal.

Morty - We could drive an 18 wheeler with a flatbed and she'd love it.

Sara - They will hang our banners.

Morty - Mel is all about helping, not saying no.

Sara - Everyone thought the parade was a lot of fun! Otto thought it was only a table and was in shock.

Dave - This isn't the Fort!

Sara - I want to get all the other groups, especially.

CeCe - Need to get Max & Mickel too.

Sara - Rampart Wolf force will be there.

GNEW

John (sent to and read by Stacy) - Hello all, I apologize for not making this meeting. In respects to the upcoming GNEW I have been in touch with Anastasia and others in preparation of having as smooth a setup and tear down as possible. With that said the plan is to meet at the Malagentia storage unit at the junction of Routes 302 and 202. It is called Around the rotary storage. 401 Roosevelt trail Windham. on July 5th at 9 AM for loading the truck. No volunteers will be turned away although I'm thinking that 8 people would about do the trick. As of now I believe I have about 5 volunteers. Setup will begin on Wednesday morning. I plan on having the truck on-site by 9 AM. we will be starting at gate and depending on the number of volunteers I will set up crews to work on specific portions of setup

around the camp. During setup and tear down I ask that any and all people that are able to volunteer please do. Many hands makes for lite work. Tear down will start at gate between 10:30 and 11 on Sunday with unloading back at the storage unit on Monday morning probably around 10:00. I hope this answers as many questions as possible. Any questions can be sent via text or voice at (207) 890-7727, here on FB or to my e-mail at erik_oxneck@yahoo.com Thank you all for any and all help offered. Let's make Ravensbridge shine!

Morty - Last year we had a RB campsite, will be doing it again this year.

Chris - We have a larger area in merchant's this year. Anyone want to help/camp there/we can use it.

Stacy - Parking on Thunder Road needs to be addressed this year.

Sara - As the deputy, I need to know these things.

CeCe - Mary is deputy for Info Point under Terri.

Voting

Morty - The planning for voting is, in September we will have nominations. October we will confirm those nominations. November the list will be posted online. December we will vote.

Dave - I think before that, they can be posted in September. Only position that can't be appointed is Seneschal.

Pearley - Secretary has to post one vote to make it real under Robert's Rules.

Dave - If no other procedure, then we don't follow Robert's. So we don't have to. We can paperwork it that way, but we don't have to. (Tosses Robert's Rules to Chuck.) Covers processes of having a meeting.

Pearley - Seneschal is the tie breaker.

Morty - That's the current plan.

Chuck - The voting populous, you're looking at it right here in this room.

Morty - I want to take this time to push people to get blue cards to vote. This is important and I want as many people as possible to be interested in becoming officers and deputies. There will be HUGE burnout. I want to focus on reaching out to people who are not here. I want to pique their interest and get more people involved.

CeCe - It's the job of the officer to have a deputy.

Morty - It's more learning the inside working and learn about it all now.

Chris - We are having huge demos with public access and push recruiting. Kyp has videos about recruiting. They did Kyp's videos as a class when he wasn't there. Look up the tips and techniques. Think about what brought you into the Sca. You can tell who acts interested and will follow through. People who might have that interest and really get in. DINKS (double income, no kids) and people who have enough money and kids. It's expensive. If you're not manning a booth, talk to people who are looking at all interested. If it's just us sitting around this table, we will burn out.

Callie - Does everyone know that they're in RB who are in the zip codes?

Morty - Goes back to acknowledging new people.

Chris - We do get a lot done and we're active. But we are a smaller group than Malagentia and Endewearde and have less people, we need to focus on recruiting.

Morty - There might be people within the SCA who need to get more involved.

Chuck - This area, the income isn't high, so they don't do much.

Morty - There's much we can do that are free.

Brooke - I can only come to things when I have rides.

Chuck - We should make more gear.

Dave - We can't make thing that end up in personal possession. Misuse of nonprofit funds. They use loaner gear until they can get what they need. We only used two Gold Key outfits for H&M.

Morty - We can always help people out.

Chuck - People just can't afford things.

Dave - We can have a family cap, and will from here.

Morty - We have guidelines to follow, but we can help.

Dave - Before we move on, we should have a motion, because elections shouldn't be arbitrarily decide. I make a motion that nominations be next month with one month waiting period to confirm with elections in August. That way there's a seneschal on the King's table for September.

Chuck - Kyp appointed Morty and he should get a chance to prove himself.

Mary - My issue is the timing. GNEW is next, then Pennsic. I don't know if I'll be here for the next meeting.

Morty - Which is why to postpone it.

Chris - We are still beholden to our parents (Malagentia), and they requested we do it for those reasons.

Dave - We need a motion, a second, and a vote. So I've proposed a motion, it's needs a second.

Chris - I make a motion that we have nominations in September, confirm them in October, final list in November, and vote in December.

Stacy - Second.

Dave - We can shorten that to two months and have voting in August.

Morty - Three months is shorter, we can put confirming and putting the list out in the same month.

Dave - I agree to do it in three months, no need to do all that in one meeting.

Morty - I don't want someone to be nominated and not have time to think about it.

Chris - October through December

Dave - Sept through November.

Chris - I make a motion that we have nominations in September. Confirm and present in October. We will have elections in November.

Dave - Seconds

Morty - All in favor? 15 Opposed? 0

Morty - We don't see things in the back office, comments come back and follow the chain. If you have a problem or need something addressed, please use local before going over our heads.

Chuck - We are adults, if we can't act that way, there's an issue.

Morty - Reports due before next meeting, myself and Chatelaine.

Paul - I will be doing it for her.

Chuck - Terri said at the GFBF that if the Seneschal drops, the Chatelaine is the boss.

Dave - Drop deads don't work, so it doesn't automatically revert. It can be empty for up to two months.

Morty - I want to remind you we went over a lot today. The biggest thing we need to do is grow, internally and externally. We need to work on that.

Paul - Who do we declare war on to get the zip codes we want?

Many - Vey!

Morty - Second thing is we need pics and info for the site.

Chris - Can we get the site fixed for phones? Can we get drop downs? It looks a mess on my phone.

Chuck - It's your phone that's the issue, it's fine on my phone.

Dave - Speedbump said that Malagentia is willing to donate stuff to us here. There's a dozen plastic pitchers that they no longer want and they are ours if we want them.

Ken - Yes.

Chuck - I saw a place in Lewiston that has storage spaces for \$39 a month.

Tracie - Many of those places will give a discount if you pay a year in advance.

Chris - How big?

Dave - I'm sure it's small, but we don't have a lot of stuff yet. As Malagentia and Endewearde buy new things, they will filter things down to us, and it would be good to have a place to keep it. A 10X10 or 10X20 would be more than enough at this point.

Chuck will be checking a storage facility in L/A for RB.