

AN TIR FINANCIAL MEETING -- Fall Crown Council (11/7/15)

Present:

- King Havordh Aettarbani
- Queen Mary Grace of Gatland
- Crown Prince Eirik Daegarsson
- Crown Princess Driffina Ulfgarsdottir
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia
- Kingdom Exchequer Master Arontius of Bygelswade
- Other participants: Viscountess Leonora Truble, Dame Brighid Ross, Mistress Genevieve Marie Etiennette de Montagne, and HL Elonda Blue Haven

NOTE: There was only a Financial Meeting at this event and no Curia session.

Report by Exchequer Master Arontius of Bygelswade

Turn in your travel receipts to Arontius.

Budget:

- There should be some reduction due to not having to travel to Avacal, and champions will get reimbursed for their travel to the event they are replaced at from the budget for their discipline. There is the symposium for seneschals and exchequers (in Tampa FL). It will be approx.. \$800 for air fare. The kingdoms will be billed so there is no up- front payment. The exchequer, seneschal, and deputy seneschal will be reimbursed.
- The marshal travels a lot, so an increase from \$500 to \$750 was authorized
- The Kingdom Scribe will be attending the Scribal Symposium, as will the Black Lion Herald, the exchequer and the seneschal.
- September Crown made a profit of \$3500.
- Officer training \$2000 at present. Brighid is looking into Ft. Flagler as a possible site.
- There will be extra travel due to 50 year. Duchess Angharad is taking all of the kingdom stuff in her trailer, and they will be reimbursed a portion of their actual expenses based on what proportion of the trailer is taken up with kingdom stuff. It will be bid at a meeting and then approved.
- Approved funding the Heirs \$1000 raise for travel if needed.
- The An Tir Principality Scroll needs to be framed for 50 year (\$641.64) was approved.

Past Champions:

The issue of providing token to all past champions who did not receive one. Society has stipulated that the token we are currently giving are too expensive (cannot be over \$20). Additionally we are using a single supplier without having solicited bids from other potential suppliers. Brighid proposed talking with Toby to sell to past champions at the reduced price that Kingdom pays for each medallion. Eric said that Toby is pretty tired of making them so the kingdom should be looking around for someone else to make them. Toby owns the champion design so we would need his permission to have someone else make them using that design. Arontius will discuss this with Anita. Also the IRS wants gifts over \$20 reported by the giver and the person who receives it must report receiving it, which is why the Society has limited the worth of tokens given and avoid the paperwork.

Regalia

- We still owe 50% on the new thrones (\$4000). Be aware that those funds are earmarked. There is no bid yet on refurbishment.
- \$6000 for crowns and \$4000 for refurbishment. There is plenty of money for this.
- The box thrones need to be fixed, or we need to replace them. Put out a call for bids for fancy thrones and add \$1000 for repairs.

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Pavilion repairs and distribution:

- The KAS pavilion was damaged and needs to be repaired before the damage becomes worse. Authorized \$500 to accomplish this.
- The family activities tent will be given to the marshals. If it goes unused then they will lose it.
- The seneschal needs new pavilion walls.
- Placement on the erics is for those pavilions that are being used all day. If only a meeting is planned then can be off the erics so there is room for those who want to watch the fighting.

Non-Member Surcharge:

Nothing much has changed. There was nothing definitive from the last Board meeting. Elonda has done a great job on tracking back events. The total we owe to Society is \$3800 if the current proposed rules stand. Brigid voiced the view that we have followed the rules in good faith and therefore we owe nothing. Let them bill us and then we can negotiate. Mary grace said there would be no payment until the Board clarifies the policy and change corpora and make all documents consistent as every current document says something different. We have a plan and we need to wait until the Board is clear about what they are investigating and the rules. The ombudsman is worried about having tier 2 events and keeping NMS for themselves. Also, we can't use kingdom funds to pay NMS because it is part of the site fee. Currently "an event" is defined as giving awards and covered by SCA insurance, and NMS is collected if there is a site fee. Business meetings, fight practices, guild meetings do not fall under this definition, yet. Brigid asked since said there is no sign in or waivers for guilds, etc. as they are not marshalate but if advertised insurance kicks in and then what? Policy must be clear, and we will follow it from that point on. Since the board has declared that the new policy is retro-active how do we pay it as we cannot use kingdom funds?

The committee commended Elonda for all of her outstanding work on this issue to date. Cheers all around. She will provide Arontius with all the information necessary to write a letter to the board. He was directed to include the objection to having required sign-ins at business meetings and the like as NMS would be required and would discourage newcomers, at the very least. It was noted that the BOD will not allow us to call NMS a member discount, that insurance is to protect the site not individuals (will replace the broken window but not pay for the stitches the person who fell through). It was suggested that we could hold a fund raiser for \$5 bills to then pay for newcomers as a solution if the new rules hold. Additional discussion was tabled until such time as the Board clarifies the rules.

Discussion by the Committee

Circlets:

There was much discussion of circlets: how to pay for the ones used by the current Crown, and whether the incoming crown wished to continue the gifting of circlets with the award of an AoA rather than use the tradition gift of a necklace. It was estimated that necklaces cost approximately \$4.50 each (\$300 per reign) compared to \$10.00 each for circlets (\$750 for this reign). The kingdom will pay \$300 for the circlets already purchased and the Queen will pay the balance personally. Eirik and Drifinna want to continue giving circlets. It was proposed that the budget be increased by \$400 to cover the cost of circlets. Arontius recused himself for this discussion and vote as he was the artisan who made the circlets. The proposal was accepted. The incoming crown will have to solicit bids for producing the circlets from kingdom artisans.

The Great Seal:

The King would like to have another Great Seal made. He cited difficulty in getting seals made and suggested that having two seals would make that easier. He offered to explore the cost of getting another seal made and that offer was accepted. He also explored the idea of getting seal rings made for all the past kings. This discussion was tabled.