

AN TIR FINANCIAL MEETING -- July Coronation (7/22/12)

Royalty present:

- Their Royal Majesties Vik & Astrid
- Princess of the Summits Telisia Brutusdottir

FINANCIAL REPORT

Made by Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etiennette de Montagne

The new Kingdom Financial Policies have been approved by Society and will be posted on the Exchequer's website shortly for all of the local officers to use. <http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Exchequers/index.php>

Budget Update by Lady Genevieve

- Everyone is doing well on their allocations at this time. Arts & Sciences is the only division near their limit, and that is normal as their large expenses are early in the year for championships.
- There has been lots of fund raising done for the Raven Travel account, adding more than \$1600 so far this year.

Check Request -- Dame Brighid Ross requests about \$90 to reimburse HL Talentus de Albero for food he bought to feed fighters on the war field at An Tir – West War. The snacks were very well received by participants on both sides. The Committee agrees to pay this amount once the receipts with the exact amount are submitted.

Teamster & Kingdom pavilions -- At Summits Investiture, the Financial Committee met briefly and agreed to raise the budget for the Teamster by \$1500, primarily due to the higher cost of gas this year. Don Talentus de Albero has agreed to continue in the Teamster position. He located a facility able to dry the Kingdom pavilions, paying only if it is used. \$400 was added to the Chamberlain's budget to pay for this should the need arise. Without this authorization, Don Talentus would not have been able to take the job and no one else was stepping up either.

Update on the sexual abuse lawsuit settlement:

- The total amount the Society had to pay was \$1.5 million. An Tir's total responsibility was \$125,000, of which about \$38,000 was paid from the Kingdom accounts. Baronies and Shires were asked to pay the remaining \$87,000. Branches with less than \$3000 in their accounts were exempted. Cantons and other sub-chapters were also exempted as their Barony was already paying, but several contributed voluntarily.
- While Drachenwald and Lochac were not required to pay as part of the lawsuit, they quickly volunteered to do so, easing the burden on the North American Kingdoms.
- The trial about whether the insurance companies would be required to reimburse the SCA for the payments it made has taken place, but the results have not yet been announced. As decided at May Crown, if money is repaid to An Tir, it will go first to the branches proportionate to what they paid out; and then if anything remains, into the Kingdom accounts.
- TRM express their gratitude to Lady Genevieve for the work she has done handling this difficult situation, and all of the Kingdom's financial matters.

EVENT BIDS

Previously approved:

- September Crown 2012 -- Barony of Dragon's Lair
- Twelfth Night 2013 -- Barony of Three Mountains
- July Coronation 2013 -- Shire of Midhaven
- Twelfth Night 2014 -- Shire of Wyewood

Bids needed:

- May Crown 2013 -- This is becoming urgent!
- September Crown 2013 -- Don Robert of Clan Gunn is finalizing a bid for the Barony of Borealis to host this at a fairgrounds in Edmonton, Alberta. Details will be discussed at September Crown 2012. Other bids will still be considered.

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- Arts & Sciences 2014 -- Sir Edward Ian Anderson is finalizing a bid for the Barony of Stromgard using a hotel in Vancouver, WA. Details will be discussed at an upcoming Crown event. Other bids will still be considered.

Reminders:

- Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene [eventinfo \[at\] antir.sca.org](mailto:eventinfo[at]antir.sca.org) She can assist branches with proposals. Information is also on the Kingdom Reference Shelf at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>
- Hotel room rates should be \$95-100 a night in order to be acceptable for most SCA members. Event Stewards are encouraged to keep this in mind when looking for venues.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships 2013 -- Barony of Blatha An Oir.

- Presentation by Dame Ellen Fraser. Event Steward will be HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle [fittzwm (at) hotmail (dot) com]
- Site will be the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma. This in the city's main convention and arts district, a mile off of I-5 exit 135. The hotel has ample space for presentations, display tables, and social areas.
 - The hotel has a suite with a boardroom attached that can be reserved for Their Majesties to use for private meetings, scribal work, etc. They are also willing to allow a second suite to be rented for the same cost as a regular room if someone is holding a vigil. (This must be arranged through the Event Steward.)
 - No private food is allowed in public spaces. There are no limits in hotel rooms, including the suites. Cooking displays can be accommodated by pre-arrangement with the Event Steward.
 - Room rates are \$91 regardless of the number of occupants.
 - Breakfast is free for hotel occupants. The event team is working on quick meal options including the possibility of pre-ordering lunch or box lunches.
- La Quinta Manager Nathan Uffens had previously worked at the Silverdale Beach Hotel where the Barony of Dragon's Laire hosted Kingdom Arts & Sciences, and so he is very familiar with our needs and our reputation which resulted in substantially discounted rates. There is no performance clause, but rather an incentive in decreased public space costs based on the room nights reserved.
- No fight practice will be possible indoors, but they are looking at the option of using the parking lot or nearby parks.
- Gate will be \$15 for adults (plus NMS), \$10 for youth ages 12-17, and \$5 for children ages 5-11.
- Budget was done both for 175 people which was the attendance at the distant Canadian site used this past spring, and also for 375 people which may be optimistic. Dame Brigid has reviewed the numbers in detail with the event team and is satisfied with their calculations.
- BID IS ACCEPTED

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships 2014

- Sir Edward Ian Anderson will be submitting a formal bid soon, but wanted to give everyone a preview.
- The Barony of Stromgard is planning to host the event at the Heathman Hotel in Vancouver WA. This is a scenic lodge with good sized ballrooms and balcony areas which can be used for displays.
- Sir Edward asked the Heathman manager to contact the hotels that the Barony of Dragon's Laire had used for this event in the past, and that resulted in a very positive report which substantially helped with negotiations.
- The cost for the public space will be determined based on the room nights reserved: 25% off the contracted price if 100, even more if 150 nights are used.