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# 2017-09-10@MEMEC

## Next meeting: 2017-10-08@Berlin

# Officers:

## Archery:

* Archery is happening at Brokk and Rozi’s.
* Archery may need new butts.

## Chamberlain:

* Five Armies happened. They dropped stuff off and picked stuff up.
* The Shire has recently acquired a harassment policy sign, a map of Camp Resolute, and some shards of glass that used to be candleholders.

## Chatelaine:

* StArt on the Street is 9/17. Setup is at 10:00. We will be in the same area we normally are. Garb is not required but is encouraged. If you would like to show off things that people might touch, please bring them. We have gotten people into the SCA through StArt on the Street. Park on the far side of Elm Park near the Greek Orthodox Church.
* $100 approved for our spot.
* Fitchburg has an event on 9/30 looking for medieval stuff.

## \*Chronicler:

## Dance:

* Dance will continue on the first Tuesday of the month. Usually at Camelot, but in October we will be at WPI.

## Exchequer:

* We are still looking for a deputy. If you might want to become an Exchequer in the next 2.5 years, contact me. If we do not have a new Exchequer in 2.5 years, the Shire will be in a bad position.
* We will probably be changing banks pretty soon.

## Herald:

* Got stuff in the pipeline.
* If you need Heraldry help, I can assist you with that.
* The Shire Field Divison is our populace badge. Wear it!
* The Shire OP Project is still in process.
* I may have an interested party for Deputy Herald.

## Knight Marshal:

* Practices continue on Thursdays and Sundays. 8-12 adults and 2-8 youths per event.

## Marshal Fence:

* Five Armies Fencing was reportedly incredibly enjoyable.
* Stabbing continues to happen.
* Interested in Cut and Thrust? Speak to Will Deth.
* We have no loaner gear for fencing and we should probably talk about that at some point.

## MoAS:

* Scribal Moot on 9/26 and Fiona will be teaching Celtic Knotwork.
* Scribal Moot on 10/24 with Gundormr with Scribal Abbreviations.
* Backlog Day is 9/23 from 10:00-15:00. Potluck lunch. Come illuminate, calligraph, wordsmith, etc.
* Garbmaking at WPI at 9/12@7:00 (or maybe 9/19) in Salisbury. They will be making basic T-Tunics.

## \*MoL:

## Seneschal:

* Defenders got posted.
* November will have elections for Seneschal, Webminister, Archery, and Thrown Weapons.
* The group that actually rents MEMEC looks like they are not renewing it.

## \*Webminister:

## \*Yoots:

## \*Yoot Combat:

# Households:

## \*Darostur:

* We have a tent. It’s special.

## \*Lochleven:

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##  \*Strangewayes:

## \*Weisraben:

# Old Business:

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# Events:

## Battle of Five Armies:

### Site:

* Site gave us an A+ for cleanliness.
* They were a little concerned by the number of vehicles we brought onsite. In inclement weather, it’s possible their roads and fields might have been unable to handle the load.
* Definitely encouraging people to camp in the boy scout tents if we go there again. Did anyone get pics of their stuff setup in a boy scout tent?
* In the future, will need to be explicit with site about making sure the water is turned on. We should also make sure we know who from Resolute will be onsite while we are there and have met with them beforehand.
* The rental for the Dining Hall and Kitchen were per day, not per weekend, so they cost us an extra $580. The good news is that we had $500 in the budget for rentals, so we spent that on those (rather than renting the two pavilions onsite that we ended up using but not paying for).
* The rental cost for the fields was not mentioned in the initial conversations with site so we had to cover those for $290 as well.
* One of the families who had reserved cabins did not end up using them, so that cost us a bit as well ($115 spent, $85 collected).

### Attendance:

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|  | Expected | Actual |
| Adult Day | 100 | 194 |
| Adult Weekend | 200 | 94 |
| Adult Non-Prereg | 0 | 192 |
| Adult Meal Plan | 100 | 55 |
| Adult Feast | 80 | 31 |
| Youth Meal Plan | 50 | 7 |
| Youth Feast | 0 | 3 |

* The good news here is that we anticipated the reduced participation in meal plan and feast and cut the food budgets accordingly. Camping, Meal Plan, and Feast were all profit sources (to cover the cost of renting their facilities), so there’s still a bit of loss there. However, the 192 adults who did not prereg paid the extra $5 at the door, so that’s an extra $960 of income there.
* Prereg really picked up after Pennsic even with the extra $5 charge so if we run an event this same weekend, we can set the prereg deadline closer to the event.
* There was some confusion about the site fees that was exacerbated by the fact that everything was in multiples of $5. The error only involved 60 people, mostly fencers, and was fixed. In the future we should embrace the power of prime numbers (though leaving the at-gate costs in multiples of $5 is still nice).
* There was a lot of interest in having a dayboard as well as a non-Friday meal plan. We could try making the meal plan more a la carte in the future.

### Execution:

* I should not have approved adding pork to the beef dish en media res *without informing people of the change*. Once the meu is set, we have an obligation to announce any changes because people will use that menu as a guideline for whether we have met their dietary restrictions and won’t necessarily ask for accomodations they don’t think they need.
* We should have made more of an effort to finalize the schedule before Pennsic. Trying to move the Shire of Quintavia Party so close to the event prevented us from spreading word about what the final schedule was. Sunday practices were poorly attended for the same reason.

# New Business: