

DRAFT Minutes for Southron Gaard Council Meeting for 3rd September

Location: Community Room, Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Riccarton, Christchurch

Online Location: Zoom

Present: Thorald, Amabilia, Joanna, Angus, Isabella, Thomas, Anne, Bear, Ealesaid, James

Apologies Received: Simon, Adelsea, Rosa Ellen

1) Acceptance of previous months ([month]) minutes as circulated (sgannounce)

Moved to accept the minutes: Bear
Abstentions:

Seconded: Isabella
Minutes passed.

2) Actions review from last meeting:

In progress Actions as at 7/5/2025	Date created	Allocated to	Progress
CF Container - sort and tidy - Post-CF 2025 the container was tidy, but still need to sort very old stuff that hasn't moved in a long time.	9/3/22	Bjorn / Thorald	In progress
Set up a small working group to start on the promotional video proposal Adrienne emailed Raffe 19/3/25 re. footage shot at Fiery Knights 2024?	7/8/24	Raffe	Being followed up
Replacements for Baronial Knives - Check which knives we have to confirm gaps so we can place an order - Potential connection for purchase through Kitchen Things (Raffe)	8/1/25	Financial Committee	In progress
Add the Tourney app subscription to event proposal budget template.	5/3/25	Thorbjorn	In progress
Investigate further printing options for Demo/Display Table Covers	5/3/25	Amabilia	In progress

Discussion regarding 'In Memoriam'	07/05/25	Lowrens/Eleanora	In progress
Eleanora and Lowrens to discuss options separately			

3) Reeves Report

<i>Accounts</i>	<i>Opening Balance 31/07</i>	<i>Closing Balance 31/08</i>	<i>Profit/Loss</i>
Main	\$25303.28	\$27889.65	\$2586.37
FAT	\$4269.91	\$4271.70	\$1.79

Apologies for this month's meeting.

I am having some technical issues with Xero, and am not able to provide a P&L report for this month.

Reeve activities have been quiet this month, with attending to the basic functions of the office only. I have commenced the second part of a professional development paper that has assessments continuing through to November. Some planned projects are on hold until I have more free time.

I have had a conversation with Lowrens about getting the old bank accounts closed. I will move on with this over the coming weeks.

Events are happening, people are paying their booking fees, and others are receiving (or will receive) reimbursements.

Questions/request:

Reimbursements for the storage hire would be much easier to manage with a direct debit option. It appears Adrienne has not been reimbursed for several invoices earlier in the year. Is a direct available? I assume this has been discussed in the past when it was set up. It feels unfair for people to pay these things out on their personal cards.

Please can all events be set up in Cognito with the correct booking code. A message to all - If you receive a booking receipt that does not have a code with the event name as part of it, please can you just add the event name to your bank transfer anyway. It's really hard trying to decipher what you have paid for otherwise, and takes quite a bit of time to sort out. We all want to go out and enjoy the sunny spring weather on our days off....

Steward comment on the Christmas event - things are planning themselves at the moment. Ad to be in the next FTT, and I'll get it added to the Kingdom stuff as well.

4) Officer reports

B&B Report - Joana and Angus

While it has been a generally quiet month due to the weather being less than preferred, we have had a number of wonderful moments regardless.

The Day of Dance was an outstandingly enjoyable celebration of, well, Dance!

Thank you to all who made this such a fantastic ball!

- Firstly the Steward, Lowens who made it all happen.
- Vigdis and all of those that contributed to fabulous food!
- Enith and all of the teachers for attempting to show even me I don't always have two left feet!
- Thank you again to everyone that assisted in making this happen.
- Thank you to His Majesty, Jochen, for journeying so far to join us for this fun event and entertaining everyone with your play!

Also our latest Cooks and Consumers was very well attended and seems to be continually going from strength to strength.

One very important note is to wish all those travelling to the mainland to compete in Crown our best wishes for all that they may dream of!

Luck to you all and we will be watching closely!

Show the honour of the Barony, fight well, but most of all, have fun!

After all that is why we play this game!

Comms this month with:

- Seneschal
- Crown (HM Jochen)
- Royal attendants
- Baronial household
- Silk shop
- Many others.

Seneschal's Report - Thorald

Discussions with:

- BnB
- TRM
- Day of Dance Steward
- Fiery Knights steward
- Financial committee

Working through the crown tourney bid to go to the Purse

Grumpy pants time. Officer reports need to be submitted the Sunday BEFORE council, not day.

Chatelaine's Report - Ellen

A quieter month this month. Issued and gave a small amount of advice about garb for Day of Dance. Received and answered a couple of enquiry emails. I now have documents how to dress medievalish by utilising modern clothes apart from the outside layer, and how to get basic feast gear together from stuff people already

have plus some targeted second-hand shopping. The first already came out via FTT, the second is in press. I will turn them into web articles too, along with the quick Roman garb guide.

Chronicler's Report – Eleanore

No report, FTT came out

Librarian's Report – Emma

Continued discussion with the Baroness about Compleat Anachronist subscription.

Corresponded with various donors of books/materials to the library to arrange collection/delivery of items.

Sent September FTT article to Chronicler.

Attended Day of Dance and conspired with Daid about Library Things.

Emailed sgannounce requesting donations of issues of Compleat Anachronist to complete the library's collection and about the library survey. Duplicated this information to Facebook. Started a rumour about a reading event.

Library survey number of responses to date stands at 12.

Knight Marshal - Anne

August's monthly tourney went well, no major incidents, and one fighter withdrew from the field due to Asthma issues and having forgotten their inhaler.

Sunday training continues to progress well, and numbers are starting to climb back up as the weather improves and people shake off the flu that has been going around.

I noticed while doing my quarterly report that our barony currently lacks active authorised marshals for heavy combat, and while we have a number of active senior and assistant marshals we appear to have no active marshals. As such I have begun discourse amongst the populace and our pool on authorised fighters around more people becoming authorised marshals for heavy combat and the process surrounding authorisation in the hopes of gaining interest and increasing the number of marshals. I am also currently looking into the possibilities around a marshalling class at CF 2026 with the aim of potentially being able to authorise people by the end of the event.

I have begun inventory and repair of the broken loaner equipment, starting with the loaner rattan due to the lack of loaner weapons in the cupboard in the scout hall. I have repaired three basket hilts, and incorporated them into three functional basket hilted swords.

I will continue to repair and inventory the broken kit over the next month, with the

focus being on the assorted gauntlets and two smaller helms as those seem to be pieces of equipment we are currently lacking in the cupboard.

Captain of Rapier's Report - Thomas

It has been mostly quiet much the same it has been for the last few months, only a handful of us fighting. No incidents to report, no authorisations, nothing has been broken.

Captain of Archer's Report - Simon

In this last month, I have run no practices, one week I was away, thank you to Alexander for stepping in. The two other practices were rained out. Here's hoping monthly tournament this weekend has nicer weather. The practice grounds are very damp and muddy as expected.

We have 35 working loaner arrows for target archery, 11 working loaner combat blunts, 7 working loaner bows.

Targets for Golden Flight and fiery nights are in the building stage.

Webscribe's Report - Lowrens

Updated event booking page for DoD, Royal Revel and Fiery Knights.

Updated marshal@sg forwarding addresses for James and Anne.

Routine mail list moderation.

A&S Officer Report - Amabilia

Status quo with A&S, will touch base with Milicent to see whether or not there was enough interest to continue with the scribes' lesson. No pressure on her, if there is not enough, we will keep it sporadic.

No one has approached me for A7S for kingdom level, but I will be talking to kingdom A&S onsite to see if we can come up with more plans.

Plans for something A&S-y wise for November leading into CF.

No injuries, no deaths.

Chirurgion - Adelsea

No report

Herald - Isabella

Reports from Day of dance happened, awards were given I was not there but Magdalena was there and it's reported they did a wonderful job.

Everything seems to be normal, no issues reported.

People have put in some devices.

Tournament went well, people did good

Quartermaster - Bjorn

No report

Vacant Offices:

- **Constable**
- **Youth Officer**

One candidate for commentary on lists.

5) Hamlet activities

1. Gildenwick - Baldwin
2. Wildmoor - Thalia
3. Frostheath - Ysemay
4. Hinterland Downs – Daudid
 - a. Had their usually monthly get-together.
 - b. They have a reading event idea that needs to be fleshed out more.

6) Funding Requests

- Bear: Discuss interest in getting an easy erecting/folding marquee for the Barony for use at events, demos, and monthly tournaments. I have attached an initial quote. (*Hercules Instant Shelter*)
 - o Some photos coming out of Mordenvale demo and when they took the field at Rowany, they have an easy erect gazebo all done up in heraldic colours and it looks extremely cool. Perhaps we can do the same?
 - o Hercules have a variety of options in the \$2000 - \$4000. We would be able to put our devices on, it can come with walls as well. These guys are willing to work with us, they would do the designing and are even willing to do a full 3D mock up.
 - o I feel it would be really useful and cool to have as we can put it up for monthly tourneys, it has no pegs so we can take it to events where our usual tents don't work.
 - o Pretty heavy, but they have wheels and weights to hold them in place, they fold up into a square and you just have two or more people grab a corner and walk it out. Much easier to put up than our current ones.
 - o This is not a replacement for our current ones, simply a quicker solution to events like demos and monthly tourneys as a sunshade.
 - o They have a wide range of sizes, the one scouted for this is 3m by 6m. We can go ahead and get the main roof and structure, then look at getting walls at a later stage.
 - o Are we happy for Bear to go and get quotes for this and other options?
Yes

7) Event Proposals

Event planning calendar available here: [SG Events planning calendar](#)

8) Event/Demo Reports and Updates

- Hinterland Downs Yule 2025 post-event report update - David
 - Raincliff wishes to know (soon!) if we would like to hold over the deposit to hold Yule 2027 there (Matariki weekend would be 24-27/6/2027). I don't believe I've had confirmation from Council on this yet, so could we please have a yay or nay?
 - Are we happy to commit to Yule 2027 being hosted in Hinterland Downs and the Raincliff team hold onto the deposit?
 - Do we have an answer back regarding the cleaning staff at Yule 2025? Richard and Katrina are looking into this to see what the deal is with the intention of getting something resembling an invoice. Questions raised regarding the necessity of receiving a cleaning bill, in advance of the cleaning services, despite the good condition we have left the site in.
 - Thorald to make contact with Richard.
 - The benefit of having the deposit two years early is to book the site for Matariki weekend to ensure the site is ours. We will tentatively say yes, with the intention to look into the cancellation policy
- Golden Flight 2024 post event/financial report - Thorbjorn (Rosa to update re: double-checking before closing)
- Day of Dance post-event report – Lowrens
 - T went well. Twice the numbers budgeted, making \$66 surplus. Ran over food budget slightly and some complementaries but still in the plus.
 - No one died, no one cut themselves badly.
 - The kitchen is small and had to be stretched to its capability. Great hall, kitchen below par, note for anyone using the site again.

Motion: Post-event report for Day of Dance 2025 be accepted.

Moved: Lowrens

Abs/Nays: N/A

Seconded: Anne

Motion Passed

- Golden Flight 2025 update – James
 - Bookings are open. You should book.
- Canterbury Faire 2026 – Bear
 - Lots of things have come in, budget ready to go. There will be a special council to tick everything off.
 - Site got back with the finalised cost for their version of the meal plan. Working with Vigdis to put a menu together.
 - \$25 for dinner, \$15 for lunch. That's a \$3 increase from 2024, but it will be period.
 - Making the final decision, two bids and no quick way of choosing between the two. One is cheaper than the other, but one comes with 60-80 chores than need to be covered. Trying to reduce the number of chores at CF and keep the fun chores like lists.
 - Good quote from Two Guys with a Van to do the moving for us. (That's the name of the company, has double-checked they will be coming with a truck). If it takes about 2 hours to load the truck, get to the site, and unload the truck, we don't have to pay return journey, which makes it cheaper than hiring the truck solo with no gas or mileage at \$120 per hour.
 - One person will be with them to direct them and unload the usual place. Everything else should be private/personal.
- Silk Banner workshop update - Bear
 - Adjustment to the Silk banner painting workshop budget, as I missed a material cost in my calculations.
 - Original \$200 for silks and painting supplies line is actually \$440.

- o Making that addition with the 19 people booked, we still make \$120 with no price change.
- o Leftover paint and lining can be sold to those interested and the money can go back to the Barony.
- Canterbury Faire 2025 – Amabilia
 - o Down to \$3300 to allocate off properly. Once its found and secured, it will not change it a lot. We are still looking at a profit, around \$5k-\$6k.
 - o Following up on some information to be passed on to Rosa, so she will be able allocate them to Xero.

9) General Business

- CF Subcommittee report - James
 - o Meetings have been sporadic with winter and such. Bjorn has stepped down and the process of finding a replacement has begun.
- Baronial Shields - Bear
 - o I have the ones that were approved prior now cut out and rolled. Edging, painting, and hardware still need to be approved.
 - o 2 Buckler shields, one round viking style center grip, smaller than the current one, and a freshly rolled heater shield, ready to adorn.
 - o Should be done under \$200, depending on the edging cost, they will be painted, possible fabric wrapped. We also need bosses, 2 for the bucklers, one for the round, possible plastic one as well.
 - o Any short lengths of ratan for handles, or maybe timber.

Motion: Bear is funded \$200 for edging and painting of baronial shields.

Moved: Bear

Abs/Nays: N/A

Seconded: Anne

Motion Passed.

- Fantasizers: Bear
 - o Carl has contacted again to attend Fantasizers. They loved having us, to the point where they are willing to pay a donation for us to attend. We would get in for free, and the Barony would get an agreed-upon sum of money.
 - o In their words, we were more entertaining than some their entertainers, so he's shown them the door and now has some money to spend.
 - o It was a good advertisement last time, with some interest expressed in the following weeks
 - o It is the week after CF
 - o Bear will liase with their excellencies to hand over contact information.

Meeting ended: 8.16pm

Decision details	Date created	Moved/ Seconded	Notes
Accepting the post-event report for the Day of Dance 2025	3/8/25	Moved: Lowrens Seconded: Anne	Passed

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