

Kingdom Moot
Feast of the Hare 2015

Begin the meeting with the traditional reading of a law article

Article 11 (Section 600)
Scroll of Honour

Topic 1 (Volunteerism)

Planning of Events in the Kingdom
Lagging enthusiasm
Events are slow to make it to the kingdom calendar
Why is it happening?

Adrielle

In the past there were so many events, had to juggle and schedule events. They are now sparse. Why? Do we need to provide mentorship for autocrats?

Giovanni

Counter - December and January are slow months. In the spring, summer, fall there are many consecutive weekends of travel.

Mahault

Lot of cantons cannot afford community hall rentals. Try to look outside the box for alternative sites. Outside events. Picnics, Parks, etc.

Erny(?)

People have a hard time to commit to autocrating very far in advance. When they can commit to a time, site availability is much thinner. Something their group has tried is to book a site and date first, find an autocrat later.

Archibald Weatherford

In Toronto, finding cheaper event sites is difficult. Not for Profit status can help find better prices. Do we need to advertise better on how to use not for profit status information?

Isabelle

Groups seem to think they need to have the full flyer ready before they publish to the Kingdom Calendar/Tidings.

Dubhease ingen Laoidheach

Sometimes people volunteer to be autocrats and are then turned down due to little experience. Don't discourage volunteers.

Berend van der Eych

Can we publish the not for profit information on the kingdom website? Also ran a training event on how to run events. Maybe revive?

Catherine

How do we get events onto the Calendar earlier? For the people who have to book their vacation very far advance, how can we help them?

Conal MacEarnan

Had issue with township of Essa and Barrie with not for profit numbers. They didn't accept the status. Got charged 200 for baseball pitch.

Nigel

One thing they have done locally, create a pool of event locations ahead of time with space and cost information before an event.

Brennait of Tor Brant

They seem the same autocrats all the time. Try doubling up on autocrats, one more experienced than the other, to shadow the job. Also has problems in booking cheap sites.

Quilliam

Sometimes a particular group is responsible for running an event, but need to find a site outside of their territory to host an event. Should we create a kingdom listing of vetted sites?

Catherine

Put it on the wiki?

Mahault

Volunteered to start that list

Daffyd

Seconding the idea of kingdom site list. Society asked us to remove the not for profit number off the website. Society has also changed rules for no-charge events, or by donation events. NMS will still have to be collected. Contact kingdom exchequer before holding one of these events.

Adrielle

Society has created a pamphlet on who we are as the SCA to present to mundane groups. We can provide that to them and our not for profit number. Can provide context to better foster a relationship in the community. Explains that we are educational org and that we have our own insurance. More likely to let us book. Talk to other sports clubs like rugby and soccer groups. Halls available for weddings. Google for your area. Better for smaller event options. Talk to your neighbours - collaborate between sites to go halves on site costs

Nigel

We don't promote events the same way anymore. We rely on Facebook too much instead of the Ealdormere list. Also not much information on the event to entice attendance. Get too comfortable on events that happen every year. Count too much on people showing up because they have in the past. Promote, promote, promote. Danger of finding too small a site, if attendance is bigger than expected. People get turned off if its too crowded. Wont come back. Example of promotion: Building up to a Pennsic fight, printed

up cheap postcards - handed out to people they thought would be interested. Worked very well.

Berend van der Eych

Question to Daffyd - post a number to contact exchequer in place of the not for profit number?

Tiberius

Fostering co-autocrats is hard because we have fewer new people to draw from.

Topic 2 (How to handle the Order of Defence)

New peerage. How would Ealdormere like to handle it? Three members can be inducted right away. Would we like to spread it out?

Quilliam

Critical that we handle it properly.

Adrielle

Agree with Quilliam. Forethought and planning. Select members to induct carefully. Start with one instead of three at once.

Nigel

Lived in Ealdormere for many years. Seen many changes to rapier community over this time. The very first people who are inducted will set the tone for the Order going forward. Cannot be taken lightly. If we choose poorly, the polling order of peers is set. Peers give witness to the Crown. They ask peers for advice on upcoming candidates. The crown must be able to respect the opinion of the order - must have good candidates for that. Not a Kingdom order, but a society order. Must be able to present ourselves to society with heads held high.

Duncan

Would propose that the existing orders select a candidate to the crown for the first three members.

Daffyd

On several committees before the order was created. Society has since wished that they had limited the crown to one candidate inducted per reign. Look at people like Jenga pieces - if you remove them, what is the impact? That's where you'll find good candidates.

Brand

Peerage meetings with the crown. Sometimes discuss candidates informally and come to easy/quick decisions. Sometimes deliberate for years on a person. Must take careful consideration before you put someone into the job. Because it is a job and is not to be taken lightly.

Gina

Utilize past royalty with the existing peerages to put forward names.

Wilhelm

Part of the rapier community. Ealdormere has a history of fostering historical technique knowledge. Not a quality required for the peerage, but something to be considered. Ranking system currently available in the rapier community. Take a look at the rankings.

Domhnail

Choose slowly. Proceed slowly. Induct one to start.

Helen

Agree that we should hear more from the fencers. Believe that the history portion (that Wilhelm mentioned) should be taken into consideration. Separate ceremonies should be used if we do induct more than one at once.

Erine?

Strive for: pride in Kingdom and joy in the art

Archibauld Weatherford

Doesn't envy the choice. Doesn't believe there is anyone in kingdom that is qualified to be a member at this time. Is against the idea of the order.

Requirements: Knowledge, training, service to the crown.

Rapier community is in disorder currently. Get the house sorted before you induct anyone.

Rattanicus

Disagree. Appoint a peer and you'll have someone to lead the community.

Award prowess, or historical knowledge?

Baldric

Used to do fencing before it was outlawed - then it came back. Changed from Olympic style to more historical focus. When made a peer, you become a lasting example of the community, kingdom and society for perpetuity. Choose wisely.

Jocelyn

Crown in another Kingdom polled the populace for names.

Kersteken

We all have an obligation in choosing the next member of the peerage. Write a letter to crown to tell them how you feel. Large weight on the peers shoulders when you become a peer. Talk to the crown.

Giovanni

Known World order, not just a Kingdom order. While it is important to discover what we want it to look like in Ealdormere, we have to participate within the larger community. Ealdormere and Calontir are the only kingdoms that haven't appointed any members so far.

Nigel

Quotas - if there is no one ready for the peerage, shouldn't push to make one.

Qualities to look for: Prowess first before other qualities in the order of Chivalry. Take it seriously as a martial art. Believe that the order of defence should as well. Once we have the first three members they will be able to direct the goals of the order.

Mahild

Observation: Three current peerages have evolved over time - caution that we don't set the bar so high that it doesn't become unachievable. Give room for the order to grow. Achievable level for someone to become a peer but to leave room for growth

Mahault

What is prowess in the fencing community? Work together with the fencing community to get on the same page. Most of use are so uneducated on what is required to fence, that we cannot effectively comment on what the peerage should look like. Rapier community - teach us! Then we can help you choose someone worthy.

John Moran

Sad to hear when he heard there was going to be a fencing peerage. So many flavours of fencers. When someone is appointed to the order he fears they will become the style standard and we lose flexibility in styles of fighting.

Adrielle

Dissapointed that there is a moot going on and there are fencers outside, fencing. Why aren't they here talking about this?

Ceolwyn

Wants to see someone to go to within their own community to bridge towards the royalty.

Quilliam

Talk to the royalty. No such thing as a stupid email to the royalty.

Eluned

Can forward comments anonymously to the crown if you are uncomfortable contacting the crown directly.

