

# Shire of Blak Rose

## Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2019

Location:

Linglestown Road Giant

Submitted by the Chronicler:  
Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

### Upcoming Events

**Archery Opening Day**  
Carlisle Fish & Game Association  
Saturday, May 9, 2020

### Officers

#### **Appointed Seneschal**

**Magdalena Gdanska**

Deputy: Ragnall Cennétig

#### **Exchequer**

**Franz von Heilbronn**

Deputy: Tuathflaith Chleirigh

#### **Herald**

**Eleazar ha-Levi**

Deputy: Sol la Cantor

#### **Chronicler**

**Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh**

Deputies: Ragnall Cennétig,  
Eleazar ha-Levi

#### **Minister of A & S**

**Dara Bayley**

#### **Knight Marshal**

**Vacant**

Deputy: Seán Dubh

#### **Chatelaine**

**Orn Shieldbreaker**

Deputy: Freydis Illska

### Functionaries

#### **Web Minister**

**Vacant**

Deputy: Tuathflaith

#### **Chamberlain**

Kathleen Rhoten

#### **Librarian**

Joscelin le esquirel

### Current Committees

#### **Financial Committee**

Chair: Exchequer

Seneschal, Deputy Exchequer

**Call To Order**

The Seneschal called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

**Roll Call and Assignment of Proxies**

Roll call was taken via sign-in sheet and collected by the Chronicler. In attendance were:

**Officers:**

Daria Messino, Seneschal  
(Magdalena Gdanska)

Lewis Wolkoff, Herald  
(Eleazar ha-Levi)

Tracey Hanwell, Chronicler  
(Tuathflaith ingen hui Chleirigh)

Miranda Jewett, Deputy Chatelain  
(Freydis Illska)

Charlie Anderson

Melinda Kyle

Melissa Owens

Mary Braasch

Shawn Jones

Cooper Kennedy

Andrea Boyer

Marcia Anchors-Jones

Alexander MacAonghais

Bethea MacKahan

Irena Krakowska

Katrina Koshka

Maraha Kahanikar

Ragnall Cennétig

Sol la Cantor

Tirza bithe Reaboughes

**Populace:**

None

**Kingdom Officers:**

Kellie Donovan-Condron, Kingdom  
Seneschal  
(Medhbh inghean Ui Cheallaigh)

Elizabeth Dunhom, Southern Region  
Deputy Seneschal  
(Ellesbeth Donofrey)

According to the current By-Laws of the Shire, a quorum is defined as a minimum of three (3) officers or their deputies plus any other two (2) resident SCA members of voting age. As there were four (4) officers present and a total of twelve (12) resident SCA members of voting age in attendance, the Seneschal declared a quorum to be present.

As Daria Messino began to ask if there were any proxies, Elizabeth Dunhom stated that, because the Shire's bylaws have been suspended, no proxies would be allowed.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The November 2019 minutes were approved by those in attendance. Reading of the minutes was waived by consensus.

**Seneschal's Report**

Daria Messino reported that she is looking for meeting rooms for January 2020. The Linglestown Giant is tentatively booked for January 19, 2020.

## **Other Officers' Reports**

### **Exchequer**

No report.

### **Herald**

The Herald's report was sent in and is attached to these minutes by reference.

### **Chronicler**

I did the minutes and agenda and posted them to my household's public forum.

I have downloaded the entire contents of the Blak Rose Yahoo Group, less any messages that failed to download because of the heavy traffic in Yahoo's servers. I also retrieved the music files from the Skyn, Wynd & Wyre group.

I completed the Registrar's information for Yule and deposited the cash and checks collected for the event.

The term of office I agreed to two years ago was to end with today's meeting. I planned my December 2019 and January 2020 schedule accordingly. I will complete today's meeting minutes as soon as possible and then end my service as Chronicler to the Shire of Blak Rose.

### *Webminister*

Discussion took place on where to put files online now that Yahoo Groups has shut down. Tracey Hanwell stated that, while there were rumors about an official solution, no official announcement was made.

### **Minister of A&S**

No report.

### **Chatelaine**

No report.

## **Marshal Activities Reports**

### **Archery Company Captain (Tuathflaith)**

Winter practices continue on alternate Saturdays and Wednesdays.

### **Archery/Thrown Weapons Marshal (Alana)**

No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Blak Rose Yule (Andrea Boyer)**

Over fifty (50) people attended the event. Andrea received several compliments and had requests for more events to be held in our area.

### **Bylaws (Cooper Kennedy)**

Cooper Kennedy reported that a draft of the bylaws outline was submitted to Kingdom and approved by Kingdom. This outline was not posted publicly nor sent to the Shire officers who are not on the committee. Tracey Hanwell asked for the document to be made available to all Shire members. Cooper stated that Frank Heilman would send it out.

A Shire member expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of transparency, to which Cooper stated that the bylaws committee had discussed the issue of transparency and Lewis Wolkoff stated that they also discussed how to avoid it [transparency].

## **Old Business**

### **Calligraphy Demo Kit**

Tracey Hanwell stated that she is still waiting on the last printed cards for the kits. Tracey asked permission to remove this item from Old Business and promised to pursue it privately. Permission was granted by the membership.

### **Sound System Proposals**

Andrea Boyer will work on these proposals in the month of January.

### **Shire Election Status**

Ballots began to arrive at members' homes on Friday, November 27, 2019.

No new timeline was received from Adam Brennan, but the ballots stated that they had to be postmarked by December 31, 2019. Eight current members reported to me that they did not receive ballots. Those members were instructed to contact Adam Brennan at his Kingdom email address.

Mary Braasch reported that she received a ballot by emailed PDF document. Mary also asked how she was supposed to know who the candidates were as she did not know the candidates by SCA name. She said a picture of people's faces would help.

Elizabeth Dunhom stated that a list of people who did not receive ballots that was sent to Brennan was not considered a valid request for ballots. Rather, it was up to each individual member who did not receive a ballot to contact Adam Brennan to request one.

## **New Business**

### **2020 Business Meeting Dates**

Daria Messino reported that she is working on scheduling the January and February 2020 meeting dates and locations. The remaining meetings will be the responsibility of the new Seneschal. Tentative dates are January 19 and February 16, 2020.

### **Western Region and/or Principality Discussion**

A movement to create a new East Kingdom Region or Principality is taking place at some events and on Facebook groups. Some discussion took place about the merits and reasons for this movement. Kellie Donovan-Condron gave an explanation of the history of this idea, the current status of conversations, and a list of requirements and progress points that need to occur or be observed before such a goal could be achieved. Proof of interest and the availability of a core of officers were the main concerns at this time.

### **Shire Wars**

Some discussion took place about the changes and potential changes in group status of the various Shires who have been involved in Shire Wars. One is now a barony and another is discussing becoming one. Shire Wars did not take place in 2019 and its future is uncertain. Because of the lapse, the potential to rebrand the event was brought up.

Lewis Wolkoff made a motion, seconded by Mary Braasch, that Blak Rose investigate doing Shire Wars in 2020 with the possibility of changing the name. The motion passed unanimously.

Cooper will contact the other Shires and the Barony of Buckland Cross.

### **Announcements**

Owlsherst is hosting 12<sup>th</sup> Night on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Hartshorndale is having a Ball in December.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36. The next meeting will be held (tentatively) on Sunday, January 19, 2020, at a location and time to be announced.

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**Herald's Report - Eleazar**

**East Kingdom External Letter of Intent (XLoI) dated 08-30-2019**

*Freydis in illa - New Name*

Now being decided; the decision should be known in February or March 2020.

**Laurel Activities**

The Wreath Sovereign at Arms announced how flames are to be depicted on SCA devices and badges.

**My Other Activities**

- I continued to comment on names and armory at the Kingdom and Laurel levels.
- I continue to be available for consultation on names or armory and may be contacted by e-mail at *eleazer\_halevi@yahoo.com* or at *herald@blakrose.eastkingdom.org*.
- I finished the five more Boars Hunt tokens bearing the populace badge of the Shire-Marche of Blak Rose for use at the Shire's Yule event.

**Annual Report**

During calendar year 2019, I did the following as the Rose Noire Pursuivant of the Shire-Marche of Blak Rise:

- Commented on OSCAR at Kingdom and Laurel levels
- Consulted and tracked the following names and devices through review
  - Dara Bailey (name and device)
  - Acha Osbeorn (name and device)
  - Zipporah bat Yosef (name)
  - Freydis in illa (name).
- Consulted on other names and devices which have not yet been submitted or not yet appeared for Kingdom level review
- Consulted on several occasions during year with Owlsherst shire herald
- Updated Shire Order of Precedence during year, including addition of names of residents from former Shire of Silver Rylle
- Commented on proposed changes to rules regarding Jewish names
- Submitted paper "111 Italian Towns" to Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium
- Submitted required quarterly reports to Kingdom College of Heraldry
- Reported on announcements by the Laurel, Pelican, and Wreath Sovereigns at Arms
- Produced emblazon of the arms of Alexander MacAonghais
- Served as event herald and ran consulting table at Fall Coronation
- Produced (with help of other Shire members) ten Boars Hunt tokens bearing the populace badge of the Shire-Marche of Blak Rose for use in children's activities at Fall Coronation and the Shire's Yule event
- Produced charts of arms of the principals of the Knights Hospitaler, Knights Templar, and Teutonic Knights for use at Fall Coronation

- I generated a table of German geographic arms for Mistress Sol for use in planning for her proposed Yule event
- Taught a class "Designing Your Device" at Pennsic
- When Lady Irena Krakowska was unable to do the work of my deputy due to health issues, I have moved her to inactive status and asked Mistress Sol la Cantor to be my active deputy