

# Shire of Blak Rose

## Business Meeting Minutes

### Officers

#### **Seneschal**

Maraha Kahanikar  
Deputy: vacant

#### **Exchequer**

Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh  
Deputy: Sol la Cantor

#### **Herald**

Samira al Mansur  
Deputy: Eleazar ha Levi

#### **Chronicler**

Ragnall Cennétig  
Deputies: Eleazar ha-Levi,  
Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh

#### **Minister of Arts & Sciences**

Tirza bithe Reaboughes  
Deputy: vacant

#### **Knight Marshal**

Seán Dubh  
Deputy: vacant

#### **Chatelaine**

Freydis Illska  
Deputy: Orn Shieldbreaker

### Functionaries

#### **Webminister**

Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh  
Deputy: vacant

#### **Chamberlain**

Kathleen Rhoten

#### **Librarian**

Joscelin le Esquirel

### Current Committees

#### **Financial Committee**

Chair: Exchequer  
Members: Seneschal,  
Deputy Exchequer

**April 14, 2021**

Location:

**Online Conference via Google Meet**

Submitted by:

Tirza bithe Reaboughes,  
Chronicler *locum tenens* and MOAS

Upcoming Events

Listed in the Blak Rose

(<https://blakrose.eastkingdom.org/calendar.html>)

and

East Kingdom (<https://www.eastkingdom.org/events>)

online calendars.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Prior to the official commencement of the meeting, the attendees conducted experiments to determine how to access the Google Meet meeting without being admitted by the person who created the meeting entry. It was determined that the officers must be invited via their East Kingdom email addresses and must then accept the Google meeting invitation by selecting the "Yes" option. If this is done, Google Meet will allow the officer into the meeting without further action by the originator. Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh explained that officers can invite others to attend if the invitee has an East Kingdom email address.

Seneschal Maraha Kahanikar called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND ASSIGNMENT OF PROXIES**

Roll was recorded by the Tirza bithe Reaboughes as Chronicler *locum tenens*. The Chronicler, Ragnall Cennétig, informed the Shire officers prior to the meeting that he would be absent.

In attendance were:

<u>Persona Name</u>	<u>Shire Office</u>	<u>Modern Name</u>
Maraha Kahanikar	Seneschal	Shawn Jones
Tuathflaith ingen huí Chleirigh	Exchequer, Webminister, Archery Captain	Tracey Hanwell
Freydis Illska	Chatelaine	Miranda Jewett
Eleazar ha-Levi	Deputy Herald	Lewis Wolkoff
Seán Dubh	Knight Marshal	Sean Marshall
Tirza bithe Reaboughes	Minister of Arts and Sciences	Marcia Anchors-Jones

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Maraha called for a motion approving the February and March, 2021 minutes; motion was made and seconded by officers; the motion carried.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Seneschal**

Maraha noted that the Seneschal email continues to be sent Sir Hashiji Morikatsu. He said he will endeavor to have this corrected.

**Exchequer**

Tuathflaith reported that the check received from another shire toward Shire Wars that appeared on the March report has been deposited. The paperwork necessary to finalize the Exchequer's position is still pending with the East Kingdom. This is of concern since these forms were submitted in November of 2020 and certain amendments need to be made as soon as these forms

are approved as submitted. The Regional Exchequer has been contacted and he also has been unable to have the Kingdom Exchequer complete the necessary actions. April report is appended to these minutes.

### **Chronicler**

The Chronicler (Ragnall Cennétig) was absent.

### **Chatelaine**

Freydis Illska reported the 1st Monday Happy Hour attended by a newcomer.

She also stated ComiCon is opening up for vendors to reserve space and representatives have asked if Blak Rose will again participate with a demo. She is seeking to persuade ComiCon organizers to allot space for the demo without a fee based on what we add to their event; also, Blak Rose is not a vendor. A local Jedi group is also interested in performing and has been provided with the relevant contact information.

### **Arts and Sciences**

Tirza bithe Reaboughes has prepared three (3) period cooking documents regarding the Epulario that are ready for the A&S portion of the Shire website. Tuathflaith will be able to upload as soon as Tirza sends her the material.

### **Knight Marshal**

Seán Dubh reported that he is attempting to arrange an armor workshop night. Although Kingdom has authorized the holding of fighter practices, the Shire does not have a weatherproof site yet. Seán is willing to hold a practice at his home if anyone is interested. Freydis volunteered to run a poll to determine if there is interest.

### **Herald**

Eleazar reported the College of Herald's received 800 or so submissions online; approval of arms submissions will be slow.

He was contacted by our newcomer as she is working with her on two name options. He requested that the archers badge information be moved to the Herald's page on the website.

Tuathflaith noted the Blak Rose website currently lacks a Herald's page. Eleazar agreed to send her material for such a page by the end of the week. It was determined through group discussion the page would contain the Herald's contact information, the coloring book previously developed for children, and the Order of Precedence (as a PDF document).

### **Archery**

Tuathflaith reported practices continue to be held on Thursday evenings and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. These will continue through the end of May, except May 1 due to the May demo. She intends to discontinue the Saturday 10 a.m. practice when group size is no longer restricted.

### **Thrown Weapons**

The Thrown Weapons Marshal (Ragnall Cennétig) was absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Maypole Dance at Fort Hunter**

Maraha reported that the SCA has granted our variance and thanked Tuathflaith for her efforts in providing the required safety guidelines. Eleazar led attendees in a round of "Vivat!" for Tuathflaith. The variance having been granted, Blak Rose may now advertise and otherwise promote this event to the surrounding shires.

Yurt-raising practice will be held in the evening of Thursday, April 15, in preparation for the Fort Hunter demonstration; it will get attention and provide shelter. Maypole Dance practices are on the Shire calendar for Saturdays, April 17 and 24 at 2:30 p.m., beside the Archery practice field. A final practice will be held at Fort Hunter on Saturday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m..

### **Calligraphy Kits**

Tuaflaith reported three (3) kits are now done. These kits are designed to be used at a demo. Each kit contains everything needed for a group activity. Freydis, Tuathflaith, and Avitoria Vidua all contributed time and effort to this project. Tuaflaith noted to Tirza (MOAS) Avitoria is willing to teach classes.

### **Shire Wars**

Eleazar ha-Levy is continuing to refresh the plans which were pre-empted due to COVID19 responses. He will be sending out letters to see where volunteers are in their preparations.

Tirza stated she has reminded her daughter, Bethea MacKahan, of her commitment to make the "human head" for the Mongol Ball game. Tirza reported her feast planning is continuing. One of her goals is to have a Mongol dish cooked in traditional fashion with heated rocks and then served near the field. This will allow fighters to obtain food when they are busy inconveniently far from the feast hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Union Canal Day, May 15-16, 2021**

Seán, the traditional coordinator for this demonstration, stated he had not heard from the event organizers. It appears from their website that they are doing a low key event, with a single entertainer listed instead of the usual list. After some discussion, consensus was to not ask to participate this year, requiring a second SCA variance.

**Toys for Tots**

Seán is willing to oversee this event as in past years. Gatherings of the size previously experienced for this annual event are expected to be permitted by the July 4 weekend; the customary date. Park usage issues and the feeder tournaments about to be scheduled prevent assigning a firm date at this time. The Park is expected to need very little lead time once a usable date is identified. Cost for the space will be \$50 (same as last year). The customary potluck will not be permitted this year due to COVID19 restrictions.

It was moved and seconded to hold a Toys for Tots event with Seán Dubh as Event Steward with a date to be announced; the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Seneschal suggested the officers reach out to shire folk not heard from recently as we look forward to be able to once again gather in person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Seneschal adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held online at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, 2021 via Google Meet (see Blak Rose online calendar for relevant URL/link).