

June 2023 Østgarðr Commons Minutes

The monthly commons meeting was held June 21, 2023. Here are the minutes as recorded by Mathghamhain.

Attendance

Present

- Angelica di Nova Lipa, Vicereine
- Sofya Gianetta di Trieste, Vicereine
- Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi (Uji), Seneschal
- Alienor Salton (Piglet), Exchequer and Whyt Whey Seneschal
- Drasma Dragomira, Herald
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine and Social Media Coordinator
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Ervald LaCoudre, Armored Combat Marshal
- Alexander MacLachlan (Alec), Fencing Marshal
- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists
- Zahra de Andaluzia, Chronicler
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Meadhbh mac Pharláin, Northpass Seneschal
- Francisco de Braga, Deputy Exchequer
- Lada Monguligan, Deputy Social Media
- Hanya Vladimirovna Polotskaya, A&S Champion and Brokenbridge MoA&S
- Eadwine the Younger, Brokenbridge Exchequer
- Jenna Childslayer
- Gibbs Moryss
- Reuben the Curious
- Robert D'Whitmont (Harry the Squid)

Absent Officers

- Brandr Aronsson, Minister of A&S
- Friderich Grimme, Webminister
- Iola Wulfsdóttir, Lions End Seneschal

- Arnora Ketilsdóttir, Brokenbridge Seneschal

Opening

Uji:

- Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.
- Read from [SCA Policy on Harassment and Bullying](#)

Vicereines

Angelica:

- We recently received the good news of the reinstatement of Northpass.
- Our populace has been recognized with awards, including Arms for Yumi, Silver Crescent for Ragnarr, Tyger's Cub for Rhys (all at SRWC), and Silver Rapiers for Indrakshi and Ozurr (at Roses).
- Thanks Lada and Alienor for creating award scrolls.
- We had a great time at the Lions End Schola, where Hanya was selected as our new Champion of A&S, and a Seahorse was awarded to Ronan of An Dubh for his many contributions to the Province.
- The Vicereines also represented the Province at the Farmingdale demo, the Iron Bog investiture, Potted Arms, and Beltane.
- We are looking forward to tomorrow's Pennsic camp meeting; over fifty people have signed up to join us, and we're working on plans for the potluck party and other activities.
- And a personal thanks to Alec for event transportation service while my car is in the shop.

June 22 (Thursday): Pennsic Camp Call

Mathghamhain:

- Everyone camping with the province this summer is invited to join us for tomorrow's call; we'll be planning activities and projects to make the most of the experience.

June 23 (Friday): Crafting Party @ Sofya's

Sofya:

- We'll be making children's largesse for presentation to the Royals at Pennsic.
- Send me an email if you'd like to join us for the evening and help.

June 24: Regional Events

- June 24 Novice Day in NJ
- June 24 Bergenthal
- June 23-25: Smoking Rocks "Champions" event.

June 25 (Sunday): Mead Making @ Uji's

Uji:

- Aqualina and I are hosting a mead-brewing workshop at my house.
- We'll be making batches, you can help and learn the process and try samples.
- Starting around noon Sunday, running until 4 PM or later.

Weekly Fighter Practice (Tuesdays)

- *Alec:* Our park practice continues, but will be canceled on July 4.
- *Ervald:* A bunch of people from New Jersey came out to this week's session.
- Escape the summer city heat with a nice cool evening in McCarren Park!
- Loaner armor is available from myself and other fighters, so new fighters are getting a chance to fight much earlier than they did in years past.
- *Uji:* And after practice there's a great taco stand nearby.

July 1: NRWC

- June 30–July 2 Northern Regional War Camp

July 9 (Sun): Melee Practice

Ervald:

- The Parks Department has said they will issue a permit, but still hasn't not formally done so; I am proceeding as if it will arrive in time.
- Site is near the Triboro bridge. There is a parking lot about two blocks away.
- We can have one 10x10 popup, but no barbecue.
- The permit application is for 9 am setup, 10am start, 6pm stop, 7pm offsite.
- There is a Bavarian beer hall a half-mile away for post-event relaxation.
- Have asked Perez and Albrecht to help recruit fighters.
- We have a lot of new fighters, some of whom haven't been able to travel to regional events.
- Now's the chance to get authorized, and get melee practice before Pennsic.
- *Alec:* Can fighters who get authed at this event still fight at Pennsic?
- *Vitasha:* I can come and provide MoL support with authorizations.

- *Ervald:* It would be nice if the province would put in some effort to play host to the new fighters and the folks coming to help train them.
- Need people for support roles — fetchers and carriers, unofficial water bearers, unofficial first aid, etc, setup and cleanup.
- *Uji:* It would be useful to have a spreadsheet on the shared drive with slots for volunteers. I would be happy to coordinate food. I can also help with transport to the site.
- *Ervald:* Okay, I will have the planning documents ready by Monday.
- *Gibbs:* I can probably come and help

- *Mathghamhain:* How many people are you expecting?
- *Ervald:* Estimating at least twenty? Plan for as many as fifty. We should have a way for people to indicate that they're coming.
- *Uji:* EventBrite.com could be used to record RSVPs
- *Mathghamhain:* Or a Google Form would also work.

- *Lada*: Should we add this to the EK calendar? Add to Facebook?
 - *Ervald*: Yes, I've been convinced that this should be done.
 - *Mathghamhain*: Alienor is still willing to handle post-event reporting.
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- *Ervald*: If you feel like volunteering to bring food for the dayboard, that would be appreciated. Cold food is fine. Hearty food for fighters.
 - *Ervald*: Instead of charging a site fee, we can put out a tip jar to cover costs of food, etc.
 - *Alec*: Do we need to officially propose and approve an event budget?
 - *Ervald*: Seems smart to have a budget. However the money is spent, it can be recouped out of the tip jar.
 - *Alec*: That sounds like a question for the finance committee.
 - *Ervald*: I'm a big picture guy, so can the people on the finance committee work out those details directly with the people providing food?
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- *Lada*: Most fighters won't eat until after fighting. We are better off going to a diner afterwards.
 - *Albrecht*: Probably don't need a full dayboard for a practice. Southern Army Sunday does well without one. Given that we're doing this in a public park, I would suggest not putting out a tip jar. And a dayboard might attract unneeded attention. Just having drinking water seems sufficient. We only have two weeks, let's focus on making sure the fighting is set up properly. When I'm going to an all-day fighter practice I expect to bring my own snacks.
 - *Francisco*: I agree with Albrecht. There are a lot of food choices for people to venture out to, when fighting is done.
 - *Vitasha*: Does someone have a 1-2 gallon water jug? If so, I can make some sekanjabin syrup for the dayboard.
 - *Ervald*: I want to have at least some pickles. If people are going to be there all day they deserve to at least have lunch.
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- *Harry*: Just checking — no combat archery?
 - *Ervald*: No, it's not possible at this site.
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- *Mathghamhain*: You should make a list of any gear you need — like list poles/ropes, water dispensers, etc — and arrange with someone to go get it from storage.

July: Armoring Workshop @ Ragnarr's

- *Harry:* There was talk about an armoring workshop; I have rivets that would be useful, is there a new date?
- *Lada:* We had one in June; the next one will likely be in July.

July 28-August 13: Pennsic

- *Ervald:* For Pennsic, can I and perhaps my friends be considered part of the camp even if we failed to pre-register and wind up camping in nearby singles space?
- *Mathghamhain:* Yes, folks who are eligible to be part of the camp but missed the pre-registration deadline and wind up in Singles space instead are allowed to pay the camp fee and participate in our camp activities and amenities.
- *Sofya:* Send the Vicereines an email about any last-minute additions you would like to make to the camp roster so that we have a chance to review them before approval.

- *Eadwine:* I have an idea in mind for the Pennsic camp chandelier, and should be able to work on it next week

- *Harry:* For folks who need stuff for Pennsic, there's a clearance sale at the local Bed Bath and Beyond.
- *Alec:* By this point they're probably down to the dregs.

- *Zahra:* I'm looking for a ride to Pennsic, from south Jersey.

September 2: Barleycorn

- *Sofya:* I'm pleased to report that Ducal Challenge will not be held on the same date as Barleycorn.

- *Alec:* Preparations for the event are on track.

- I sent a proposed event budget to the finance committee a week ago. It seems to have been approved on a preliminary basis.
- I have reviewed the park rules. I called the parks department today. They're okay with the fees.
- We are on the calendar for September 1-3. I don't plan to actually have anyone be there Sunday. We'll finish the cleanup Saturday night. No camping.
- Arnora requested an insurance certificate, but the park hasn't received it yet. I've asked her to follow up with the Corporate office. The park needs that soon.
- *Lada*: I know that she did send the follow-up email.
- *Alec*: Hopefully that will be completed soon.
- *Alec*: I have marshals lined up for everything except thrown weapons
- Perez has volunteered to help with the food, and has people supporting him.
- *Alec*: I plan to post an event announcement to the EK website. Please help spread the word.
- Decades ago Barleycorn had dozens of fighters and fencers, but recently it has been smaller — would like to see it grow again.
- *Vitasha*: What goes on at Barleycorn? Championships?
- *Alec*: Championships for archery, thrown weapons, youth, fencing.
- Maybe also armored given that Cloisters has been canceled.
- *Ervald*: Maybe we should move armored championships to Queens Fair? Would be reminiscent of having them at Huntington fair in previous years.
- *Sofya*: I'd like to discuss this with our current champion. We'll review offline.
- *Kunigunde*: If we have four championships at Barleycorn, would five be too many?
- *Sofya*: Three championships in one event is already a lot.
- *Albrecht*: We need to give this some thought because we have so few suitable events. Would love to have the fighting at an event that was more accessible to fighters from the region who might be reluctant to go to Queens.

September 9-10: Queens Farm

- *Uji*: Unfortunately Catelin is not here.

- *Sofya*: I know she has been talking with the organizers via email.
- She has proposed relocating us away from the fairway rides and doing more hands-on history, but they haven't responded, and based on prior experience, I am doubtful that they will actually come through.

October 1: Cloisters — Canceled

- *Angelica*: We discovered this afternoon that the Cloisters demo was canceled.
- *Mathghamhain*: Yes, sadly the Fort Tryon Medieval Festival has been canceled by the sponsoring organization, the WHIDC, as a result of internal issues.

October 7: King's County Fiber Festival

- *Uji*: Unfortunately, Ragnarr is not here
- *Mathghamhain*: Ragnarr has previously said that he's not available to run this event, and that if we wanted to participate we needed to recruit someone else as event steward, but I haven't seen any effort to do so yet.

October 22: Goat's Inn

- *Uji*: Unfortunately Oliver is not here.

Social Media Office

- *Lada*: Albrecht has said he would like to step down as Social Media Officer.
- I'm willing to serve, but not sure what the procedure is for an office handoff.
- *Uji*: When officers step down, their deputies can be appointed on an acting basis. I will look up the procedures for elections.

Delayed Publication of Agenda, Minutes

- *Kunigunde*: Was an agenda sent out prior to the meeting? I can't find one in any of my inboxes.
- *Mathghamhain*: No. Nor were the minutes for the last meeting.
- *Uji*: Apologies for not distributing the agenda and last month's minutes.
- *Angelica*: The delay in posting the May Commons Meeting Minutes was mine. Apologies to all.

Officer Access

- *Angelica*: Uji, is it the case that all of the officers have permission for the shared drive and for sending email to the populace and officers mailing lists? In particular, are we sure that Meadhbh has permission?
- *Uji*: I'll have to check.

- *Mathghamhain*: Did Vitasha's difficulty sending email to the populace mailing list get diagnosed and corrected?
- *Uji*: I'm not sure.

Closing

- Meeting wrapped up at 8:45pm.