

July 2023 Østgarðr Commons Minutes

The monthly commons meeting was held July 19th, 2023. Here are the minutes as recorded by Alienor Salton and edited by Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin.

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
- Friderich Grimme, Webminister
- Zahra de Andaluzia, Chronicler
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine
- Alexander MacLachlan (Alec), Fencing Marshal
- Lada Monguligan, Acting Social Media Officer
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Richard the Poor, Northpass Exchequer
- Jenna Childslayer
- Oliver deBainbrig
- Ragnarr Bliskegg
- Phil (newcomer)

Absent Officers

- Ervald LaCoudre, Armored Combat Marshal
- Brandr Aronsson, Minister of Arts & Sciences
- Iola Wulfsdóttir, Lions End Seneschal
- Arnora Ketilsdóttir, Brokenbridge Seneschal
- Meadhbh mac Pharláin, Northpass Seneschal

Meeting Start

Uji:

- Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.
- [Harassment & Bullying Policy](#) displayed and read.
 - Vicereines mentioned as an alternate point of contact.
- Volunteer solicited for recording of minutes.

Vicereines

Sofya:

- My comments will be brief — please see our written report for more details.
- We can't wait to represent Østgarðr at Pennsic.
 - Thanks to everyone who is making Pennsic possible — for those teaching, and those participating in so many myriad ways.
 - Please volunteer — like all our events, Pennsic runs on volunteers.
 - If you're going, stop by our camp; if not, we'll share lots of pictures.
 - Thank you to Mathghamhain for spearheading projects like a really nice shower.
- We'd like to hold a class about stewarding events.
 - We have been approached by people who would like to learn how to run an event.
 - Teachers are also stepping up.
 - Look for more details to come after Pennsic

Angelica:

- Perez will represent Østgarðr as an unbelted champion at Pennsic.

Seneschal

Uji:

- Welcome to Lada officially as our social media officer.

- There was some confusion as far as the process for naming a replacement officer; we may need to refine the language in the charter to make it clearer.
- Friderich will step down as our webminister at the end of his term, which is the end of December.
 - Putting out the call now for volunteers — send in a letter of intent.
 - We will push this more in October and look to get nominations in November, and confirmation in December.

Event Planning

Sep 2: Barleycorn, Carmel (Alec)

- *Uji*: Alec isn't on the call but may join us later.
- *Alienor*: The online registration and Paypal link is ready to go up.

Sep 9–10: Queens Farm Demo (Catelin)

- *Uji*: Catelin is not on the call.

Oct 7: King's County Fiber Festival (Steward Needed)

- *Uji*: We need a steward to step up if we are going to be representing as a group. I will be pushing for a steward for that after Pennsic.
- It was an expense for the province last year; hopefully we can renegotiate terms, because Brokenbridge really came through in demoing stuff at the request of the organizers — maybe we can get free space, or a stipend for our participation?
- *Ragnarr*: I am looking for someone else to run the Fiber Festival demo, as I am unavailable because it is my wife's birthday. It does cost money for the space, but they would give us a discount down to \$250.

Oct 21: Goat's Inn, Peekskill (Oliver)

- *Oliver*: Half the slots are filled for classes. Need a few more instructors. I may teach an elementary mead brewing / tasting class. Bettillou is head cook.
- *Uji*: Need any volunteers, other than teachers? Kitchen is taken care of?

- *Oliver*: Kitchen is taken care of. The event mostly runs itself.
 - *Uji*: Are you open to having vendors?
 - *Oliver*: Yes, I think we've had them in the past. Only 1-2, not 4-5, as there is not enough room in the hall.
 - *Uji*: I will pass that info back to the person who asked me.
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- *Phil*: I have a question, as a newcomer living in Queens: how do most people from the city get to Goat's Inn, or other events outside the city area?
 - *Friderich*: Goat's Inn is near the Peekskill train station on the Hudson line. People arrange for pickup at that station. For other events, consider carpooling. A lot of people go from Queens or Brooklyn to events together; ask for a ride on the Discord server.
 - *Kunigunde*: For Goat's & Bear's, because I live in Peekskill, we often shuttle people from the MetroNorth train station.
 - *Mathghamhain*: The local taxi services are not terribly expensive. I took a shared shuttle van service from the train station to the park for about \$5.
 - *Jenna*: That event site is about a mile from the train station, I know a couple of people who have walked it.
 - *Kunigunde*: Don't forget about the hills — walking from the station up that main road to the park is steep. It gets flatter once you get part way there, but I would definitely look for a ride instead.
 - *Uji*: It's very possible to get a ride from Long Island people who cut through Queens to get there.

June 2024: Mermaid Parade, Coney Island

- *Richard*: I've been judging the Coney Island Mermaid Parade for over 10 years and think this is a good opportunity for us — if we get out there in our seahorse tabards, we will fit right in. Let's mark the provincial calendar with a reminder to start talking about this in March when parade planning gets underway. It's a heck of a lot of fun. We wouldn't have to do anything other than be there and walk for about one mile.
- *Lada*: Having gone this year, there is an opportunity to hand stuff out, like our seahorse business cards.
- *Richard*: Other groups have been doing this for years, and are already planning. We're not going to win any prizes, but we could do noticeable outreach & make a good impression.

Local Activities

Weekly Tuesday Fighting & Fencing Practice, McCarren Park

- *Friderich*: Marshals, please email me about any dates that this is being canceled for Pennsic, so I know not to post it on the calendar.
- *Uji*: Neither Alec nor Ervald is on the call.

July 23: Arts & Crafts at Sofya's

- *Sofya*: Come by my place on Sunday between noon and 5 PM to work on Pennsic projects! Let me know by email if you want to come and I will share the address.
- *Uji*: Do you have space for me to set up a sewing machine?
- *Sofya*: Yes, and I have several machines as well.
- *Mathghamhain*: The new flag fabric will be here and will be ready for hemming.
- Also, FYI, there will be a sewing machine in camp at Pennsic for any last-minute garb sewing.

August Arts and Crafts Night

- *Uji*: This evening is going to be canceled as many of us will be out of state.

Regional Events

July 28–August 13: Pennsic War 50, Slippery Rock, PA

- *Uji*: I'm excited, leaving in 9 days. doing the overnight drive with ruben arriving earlier than they will let us in. napping in the car.
- *Zahra*: A couple of us are arriving in Pittsburgh on Amtrak on the middle Saturday. The 12:42 out of Philly arrives at 7:59 PM in Pittsburgh Union Station. If you're on that train, join us; we would love to hang out.
- *Uji*: I am planning a run to Restaurant Depot around then, and can pick up at least 2 people.
- *Zahra*: I will message you offline.

Aug 26: Arrows, Axes and Ales, An Dubh, Middle Island, NY

- *Uji:* This should be a fun event.

Aug 31: East Kingdom Curia (Ethereal)

- *Uji:* Will be online.

Sep 16–Sep 17: Lakewood Ren–Faire, Lakewood, NJ

Sep 22–Sep 24: River Wars, Iron Bog – Mullicia Hill, NJ

- *Uji:* This is royal progress event.

Sep 29–Oct 1: Bloodfeud In The Danelaw, Coldwood, Peru, NY

- *Uji:* This is royal progress event.

Oct 14: East Kingdom Coronation, Malagentia, Portland, ME

- *Uji:* This is royal progress event.

Northpass

Future Events

- *Oliver:* I have a question about next year's events, like Goat's and Bear's, which I need to prepare bids for. Will they be Northpass events, or Østgarðr's?
- *Uji:* I have had contact from Meadhbh, the Northpass seneschal. They are still getting organized, working on their charter.
- Ideally, those two local events should be returning to Northpass, as they were originally Northpass events.
- As far as Barleycorn goes, even though it's been run by Northpass in the past, it can't happen without the rest of the province, because of the sheer number of people needed to make that event happen. We as a group can take a vote on whether it should be a canton or provincial event.
- If people have suggestions about this, feel free to email me.