

Abbreviated September 2023 Østgarðr Commons Minutes

The monthly commons meeting was recorded by Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin and rewritten by Nagashima Ichirō Ujimichi

Date: September 20, 2023 **Time:** 7:33 PM

Attendance:

Present:

- Angelica di Nova Lipa, Vicereine
- Sofya Gianetta di Trieste, Vicereine
- Nagashima Ichirō Ujimichi (Uji), Seneschal
- Alienor Salton (Piglet), Exchequer and Whyt Whey Seneschal
- Drasma Dragomira, Herald
- Friderich Grimme, Webminister
- Zahra de Andaluzia, Chronicler
- Lada Monguligin, Acting Social Media Officer
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine, Acting Armored Combat Marshal
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists
- Alexander MacLachlan (Alec), Fencing Marshal
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Arnora Ketilsdóttir, Brokenbridge Seneschal
- Iola Wulfsdóttir, Lions End Seneschal
- Meadhbh mac Pharláin, Northpass Seneschal
- Marcus mac Pharláin, Northpass Webminister
- Catelin Straquhin, Brokenbridge Herald
- Eadwine the Younger, Brokenbridge Exchequer
- Hanya Vladimirovna Polotskaya, Brokenbridge Arts and Sciences
- Ragnarr Bliskegg
- Oliver deBainbrig
- Jenna Childslayer
- Gibbs Moryss
- Richard the Poor of Ely
- Robert D'Whitmont
- Eva Eva

Absent Officers:

- Brandr Aronsson, Minister of A&S

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M.

Jenna recited the SCA Harassment and Bullying Policy.

Vicereines' Acknowledgements:

- Angelica thanked everyone for the successful Barleycorn event.
- New champions have been selected, and congratulations were extended to them.
- Mathghamhain's quest for the perfect lemon continues.
- Congratulations were extended to Friderich for his recent elevation to the Order of the Laurel at Ducal Challenge.

Office Transitions:

- Uji thanked Ervald for serving as Knight Marshal and welcomed Albrecht as the new Acting Knight Marshal.
- Albrecht requested deputies for his role as Chatelaine.
- Some officer positions will reach the end of their term in December: Seneschal, Herald, Webminister, Historian, and Fencing Marshal.
- Uji expressed intent to serve as Seneschal for another two years, with officer approval.
- Friderich will step down as Webminister, and interested individuals were encouraged to express their interest.
- Current holders of the Herald, Historian, and Fencing Marshal positions were asked to confirm their intent to continue, and nominations would be sought for any open positions.
- A discussion ensued about the tradition of allowing incumbents to serve again, It was pointed out that we should be seeking letters of intent even for offices where people are willing to continue, with Mathghamhain expressing the importance of encouraging volunteers for positions.
- The procedures for officer selections are outlined on pages 6 and 7 in the provincial charter.
- Uji will reread the pertinent sections of our charter.

Event Steward Communication:

- Uji emphasized the importance of event stewards making their contact numbers available to all staff during events.
- A proposal was made to update the charter regarding this practice.
- The need for written proposals and a review period for charter updates was discussed.

King's County Fiber Festival, October 7:

- Uji reported that budget approval for the event was uncertain due to lackluster responses from the financial committee.
- The possibility of negotiating a lower fee for the event was discussed.
- The need for a clear decision, given the event's proximity, was emphasized.
- The Financial committee approved the budget at the commons meeting.
- The suggestion of selling items at future events was raised and met with mixed reactions.
- It would be good to plan on a review process in a couple of years where we re-evaluate whether the results are worth the effort.
- The demo's potential to enhance public visibility and community outreach was highlighted.
- Negotiating for a better location rather than cutting costs was suggested.
- Concerns about competing with local businesses were raised, and it was agreed that such competition should be avoided.
- Catelin will be event steward, with Ragnarr handling the paperwork.

Kingdom Championships Bid, February/March:

- Alec discussed the potential bid to host the kingdom A&S championships.
- Concerns about burnout and the need for renewed enthusiasm were expressed.
- The idea of delaying the bid for 6-9 months to allow members to recharge was suggested.
- The site's (American Legion Hall in Mt Kisco) facilities were described, including limitations on accessibility.

Coney Island Mermaid Parade, June:

- Richard proposed participation in the Coney Island Mermaid Parade in June.
- The potential costs and logistics were discussed.
- It was agreed to revisit the idea in March.

Local Activities:

- Fighter/Fencing practice, A&S gatherings, and event stewarding workshops were announced.
- Plans for apple picking in late October were mentioned.

Regional Events: Upcoming regional events were listed and discussed.

Other Business:

- The cancellation of an event in An Dubh due to weather was noted.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M