

November 2023 Østgarðr Commons Minutes

The Province's monthly commons meeting was held November 15. Here are the minutes as summarized by Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi.

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
- Lada Monguligin, Social Media Officer
- Alexander MacLachlan (Alec), Fencing Marshal
- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Iola Wulfsdóttir, Lions End Seneschal
- Marion of York
- Arnora Ketilsdóttir
- Ragnarr Bliskegg
- Perez ben Meir Gershon
- Catelin Straquhin
- Gibbs Moryss
- Eadwine the Younger
- Simon the Tanner
- Hanya Vladimirovna Polotskaya
- Richard the Poor of Ely
- Antonius Gracchus (Twyg)
- Eshtar of Appleholm
- Pádraig Ó Brádaig (Samson)
- Robert D'Whitmont

Absent Officers

- Brandr Aronsson, Minister of A&S
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine and Acting Armored Combat Marshal
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Meadhbh mac Pharláin, Northpass Seneschal

Opening

- Called to order at 7:31 P.M.
- The [SCA Harassment and Bullying Policy](#) was displayed and recited.

Vicereine's Remarks

- Sofya acknowledges the numerous recent activities. Full details can be found in the comprehensive report. Gratitude expressed to contributors and participants.
- Invitation extended for attendance at Hundred Minutes on the upcoming Saturday.

Elections

- Uji reported on officer elections. Voting to commence upon availability of the ballot form, facilitated by Mathghamhain. Once ready, the form will be submitted to Their Excellencies.
- Sofya proposed a discussion on the election process for the benefit of newcomers. Uji elaborates on the process, highlighting the Borda count method for multiple candidates. Elections open until 11:59 PM on December 19. Eligibility: Paid members aged 14 or older within the Province.

"Meet the Candidates" Night

- Sofya suggested arranging a night for candidates to introduce themselves. Uji supports the idea.
- Lada inquired about the candidate list; Uji to provide information for publication.
- Alienor proposed sharing all letters of intent for informed consideration by officers.

Web Minister Position

- Uji reported no candidate for Web Minister.
- Twyg expressed interest and submitted a letter of intent.

Deck the Halls of Valhalla, January 20 (Ragnarr)

- Ragnarr provides updates. No conflicts with Birka date.
- Discussion on the uncertainty of the current bardic champion's availability. Planning meeting proposed for December 7.
- Vitasha offers to teach kumihimo at Valhalla.

Other Event Updates

- Bear's Tavern in March; Oliver seeks a cook and class volunteers with a nautical focus.

Local Activities

- Fighter practice moving indoors.
- Appleholm Gallery Sunday (November 26) announced.
- Cooking class (December 3) plans discussed.
- Northpass A&S Workshop on December 10 detailed.

Regional Events

- 11/18 100 Minutes War, *Shire of Rusted Woodlands* - Sparta Township, NJ
- 11/30 Africa & Byzantium Virtual Premiere, <https://tinyurl.com/yc27v7t6>
- 12/2 Bergental/BBM Yule, *Barony of Bergental* - Dalton, MA
- 12/9 Bhakail Yule, *Barony of Bhakail* - Philadelphia, PA
- 1/6 Beast of the East Tourney, *Barony of Iron Bog* - Marlton, NJ
- 1/13 East Kingdom Twelfth Night, *Barony of Buckland Cross* - Jamison, PA
- 1/26-1/28 A Market Day at Birka, *Barony of Stonemarche* - Manchester, NH

Other Business

- Discussion on pre-paying for a year of storage; general support expressed.
- Branch mergers discussed, particularly Midland Vale's interest in becoming a canton under Ostgardr.
- Sofya emphasizes the need for clarity and formalization with Kingdom, and proposed further discussion in a future meeting.

Closing Remarks

- Chronicler Zahra requests submissions for the next e-Horse by December 1.
- Meeting concludes at 8:33 PM.