

February 2022 Black Diamond Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:15 PM

Attendees (* indicates Baronial officer)

Laura
Aldemere
Julie
Phoebe
Rinn
Alys*
Alonzo*
Torbjorn
Jennifer Barringer*
Zane
Fluffy
David Huss*
Kat
Kale
Helena*
Agatha*
Yuri
Kale*
Julleran
Renard*
Drynnith
Stefan
Evelynne

Reports:

Seneschal (Kale)

- In person activities can resume - must still follow Covid-Safe policies
- Covid policy has been updated on kingdom website. Please take a look and familiarize yourself as we get back to events

Baronage (Alys & Alonzo)

- Ymir (Feb 11-13)
 - Planning to attend with day-shade for the populace, please bring your own chair
 - Retainer doc on Black Diamond retainer group for those interested in retaining
- Meridian challenge of Arms (Feb 22-23)
- Ravens Cover Baronial Birthday (Mar 18-20)
- Defending the gate (Baron Alonzo only) (Mar 26)
- Coronation (Apr 1-3)
- Crown (May 7)
 - may need peer proxy, please contact the Baronage if you are a peer planning to attend
- Anyone interested in retaining, please sign up for Black Diamond retainer page on FB
- Demo in Isenfir April 9 @ stable craft brewing in Isenfir (Waynesboro)
 - Seeking fighters (rapier and armored)
- Rose and Crown bardic, hosted with Black Diamond (virtual)
 - Done by royal bards in collaboration with Master Johann
- Need award recommendations, especially with Assessment coming up
- Yuri to represent the Barony at KASF

A&S (Jennifer)

- Bi-monthly A&S virtual continues
- Newcomer who attended last month has returned
- Looking forward to in person solars coming up, dates TBD
- Yuri to showcase her Japanese dyeing at KASF and represent the Barony

Chatelaine (Agatha)

- Pair of newcomers attended university
- Several newcomers who went to holiday faire are interested in future events
- DaVinci - Con has not gotten back to us. No answer to emails or phone calls.
 - Website is still not updated, still has December 2021 dates.
 - Assuming that the event is not happening
- Plan to attend April 9th Demo in Isenfir
- Possibly helping with April 30th Demo in Isenfir also
- No in person activities
- One email contact through kingdom chatelain, but they have not responded back to our return email

Exchequer (David Huss)

- \$10989.71 balance (no activity)
- Domesday has been submitted
- Working to retrieve baronial grill from Cattail hollow farm
 - Alys to reach out to Zarra to get contact info
- Proposed Baronial travel fund to help cover Baronage's gas for hauling
- Proposed acquiring Baronial storage trailer
 - Alys: want to see some events happening in the Barony to ensure we can afford to replace the expense of the trailer

Knight's Marshal (Renard)

- Official in person fighter practice will return to Thursdays soon
 - Location: Ridgewood Park, Roanoke
- Looking at bi-monthly weekend garbed practices at parks around the area
- Assessment is coming up

Webminister (Helena & Phoebe)

- Meeting minutes uploaded
- Canton meeting minutes also uploaded
- Proposed financial policy uploaded also
- Old E&E issues uploaded
- E&E for this month and last to be uploaded
- If you need something uploaded, contact Phoebe via FB messenger
- Website for Assessment will be started soon

Chronicler

- We still need a chronicler. Please contact Seneschal (Kale) if you are interested.

Seven Hills (Aldemere)

- No in person business
- Holding zoom meetings
- Looking for replacement for Knight's Marshal
- All reports submitted on time

Wolf Hills (Helena)

- No business

New Business:

Old Business:

- Financial Policy
 - Option 1: financial committee comprised of members present at business meeting
 - Option 2: financial committee comprised of seneschal, exchequer, and 3 populace members
 - Alys:
 - Option 2 Section 7b: Don't need to list all legers, statements, etc. All other Baronies simply list that reports must be "per kingdom financial policy"
 - Option 2 Section b14: Adding coronets to homowners or renter's insurance - not present in other barony's policies
 - ◆ As it's just a suggestion in the policy, we cannot enforce it. Additionally, the baronial coronets are not valued high enough to be insured.
 - Option 2 Section 11g: physical inventory posted in baronial newsletter
 - ◆ Don't think we need to bog down newsletter with inventory
 - ◆ Copy provided upon request and on website?
 - ◆ Printing special edition newsletter once a year?
 - ◆ Not required to be published
 - ◆ Fresh inventory each November is a good idea, so it's current for the Domesday
 - David:
 - Is the financial committee the members at a populace, or the selected individuals?
 - Stefan:
 - What do other baronies do for their financial policy composition?
 - Alys: most frequently: populace present at the business meeting + seneschal & exchequer
 - Kale: 3 options are: entire populace, populace at the meeting, or select individuals.
 - Kale:
 - One issue with populace or populace at a meeting is verifying current membership.
 - Jennifer:
 - We have verified membership and age previously at meetings, it's always been required, but hasn't been a big issue.
 - Dave:
 - Will it be more efficient to have the populace at the meeting, or a select committee?
 - Fluffy:
 - Financial items should be announced before the meeting.
 - It should never be in the hands of the select few because the rest of us would have no say.
 - Allen:
 - Pros & Cons of both ways:
 - If it's not working, we can change it.
 - Pros: Option 1 (populace at meeting): we already have a small attendance, with some already saying they don't know what the barony's spending. This allows people to feel some control & buy-in.
 - Cons: Option 1: mob rule, 2 competing bids can cause hurt feelings.
 - ◆ Addressed by Bid committee prior to presentation at meetign
 - Con: Option 2 (select few): 3/5 is a majority, so they can overrule the will of the populace.
 - Pro: Option 2 (select few): simple and easy and convenient to go through. Occurs

outside the meeting, keeping meetings from dragging on.

- Stefan:
 - \$500 and over must be presented prior to the meeting it's to be voted on
- Kale:
 - Committee can be changed annually
 - Committee members cannot be related or living together
- Julie:
 - Difference between 5 person and populace at a meeting
 - The important difference is Events
 - ◆ 5 people can discuss events faster
 - ◆ Laura: Option 1 Section 16 i : bids are reviewed by Seneschal, Exchequer, and Baronage before being passed to financial committee for approval of budget. The though being that the Seneschal can review contracts for legal issues, the Exchequer can ensure the financial information is in-line with Kingdom policy, and the Baronage, as hosts, should be ok with an event they are hosting.
 - We have been in baronial meetings where there was intense debate as the populace tried to change the bid during the vote.
- Allen:
 - Option 2 Section 2b: no mention of 3 members of committee not being related or in relationship or living together
 - Kale: This has been added
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 - Info has been added
 - Also added: preference should be given to having individuals from different regions of the barony.
- Allen:
 - Motion to vote: which of the 2 policies, as proposed, do we prefer?
 - Vote recorded in chat. "Laura's verison or Kale's version?"
- Vote result:
- Either:
 - Drynnith,
 - Allen
 - Renard,
 - Evelynne
 - Stefan
- Kale's Version (5 person committee):
 - Tak
 - Kat
- Laura's Version:
 - Torbjorn
 - Fluffy
 - Jennifer
 - Zane
 - Julleran
 - Phoebe
 - Rinn
 - Yuri
 - Agatha
 - Alys
 - Alonzo
 - Julie

- Majority for Laura's version
- Kale: if this is rejected at Kingdom, then it will be returned to the Exchequer and Seneschal for correction
 - Need to add line regarding voting members must be 18 or older.
- Fluff: massive changes will come back to the populace, right?
 - Kale: yes
- Kale: need to add "18 and older" line to Laura's version
 - Laura: agreed. I'll be sending a clean copy to Seneschal and Webminister.

Kale:

- Do we want to continue to have virtual meeting?
 - Helena: it's very convenient not to have to drive so far on weeknights
- Can we do a hybrid version at fighter practice site?
 - Dave says he can make it happen.

Next business meeting: March 9th 7:30 pm, Zoom