

AN TIR FINANCIAL MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/11/15)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Savaric de Porte des Lions
- Queen Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir
- Prince & Princess of the Summits William Geoffrey the Rogue & Diana de Winterton
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia
- Kingdom Exchequer Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

Announcement -- On 1/17/15 the Society Board of Directors approves Avacal's petition to become an independent Kingdom! Details are still being worked out, but this may happen as soon as their current planned investiture at the end of June.

Seeking New Exchequer -- Mistress Etienne's four year term will finish at July Coronation and she would really like her successor in place by April so they can be fully trained to take over. It's about 30 hours of work at the end of each quarter and another 30 hours at the end of the year doing all of the reports, plus answering questions and doing problem solving in between; so it's not a small task to take on, but it is an important and enjoyable one. If anyone is interested, please talk with her.

Report by Exchequer Mistress Etienne

STATUS REPORT FOR 2014

- It was a good year for An Tir. Our initial balance shows \$15,928 in profit, however once you take several other things out of that equation the final total is \$3743 in profit. (Depreciation was \$1681, \$5472 in NMS for fourth quarter was just sent to the SCA, and we have \$8403 set aside for the second set of Crowns.)
- Income from events was \$24,000. Plus there were donations for regalia and the Raven Travel fund. Early word is that not charging for youth at Kingdom events is resulting in an increase in adult attendance, but we'll know more by next summer. Gate staff state it makes their job much simpler. Many local branches are also not charging for minors anymore.
- The Kingdom spent about \$22,900 on budgeted items in 2014, of which \$15,000 was for travel. The other big expenses were for officer training and \$1000 in maintenance for the Kingdom trailer.
- While all of this sounds very positive, we must remember that it would only take one major disaster to push the Kingdom deep into its savings. E.g. the Kingdom trailer being stolen, or a major weather event that destroys the officer pavilions.
- The Raven Travel fund has \$3381 at this time, not counting some new checks this weekend. It would be helpful to do some fund raising for this purpose during the 2015 event season.

BUDGET FOR 2015

- Ratified by Their Majesties Savaric & Dalla in today's meeting.
- The total budget is \$39,000 in planned expenses. Officers are encouraged to spend this responsibly as just letting it sit doesn't help us do the work we need to in order to have the fun we want.
- This year's budget is primarily the same as the one from the past couple of years. Major changes include:
 - Removing line items for offices that no longer exist (e.g. Games Minister).

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- Adding \$4000 to the total for travel and \$2000 for officer training given that the Kingdom's leadership will need to make some additional trips to Avacal to finish preparing them for independence.
- \$3000 to store the Kingdom trailer since the current Teamster lost his free place to do so. This is \$89 a month which is prepaid through May, and the rest of the money is for maintenance.
- A little more for regalia upkeep separate from the crowns.
- Training of officers at all levels is essential if we want to have a vibrant organization and the necessary infrastructure to do fun things for many years to come. Previously the Seneschal and Exchequer have been the only ones hosting administrative retreats in various sections of the Kingdom, but any Kingdom officer can do so. There are funds available to help with these expenses so put together a plan!

REGALIA PROJECTS UPDATE

- A total of \$12,403 was raised for the second pair of crowns and \$4000 was paid out in December for Master Torfin Torgulsson and his team to start their work. There is another \$4000 set aside for repair of our current crowns. Provisions still need to be made for a box to store them in.
- The new orb is finished and paid for, and was on display this weekend during court.
- Dragon's Lair's mug fund raising project has raised another \$1500 bringing the total to about \$5000. An anonymous individual in Madrone donated \$3500.
- An Tir needs about another \$3000 to implement all of the plans it has, but the leadership is optimistic we can achieve this without having to dip significantly into savings.

EVENT BIDS

Summary of decisions to date:

- Twelfth Night (Jan 9-11, 2015) -- Barony of Adiantum at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR.
- Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic (March 6-8, 2015) Barony of Dragon's Lair at the Baymont Inn.
- May Crown (May 15-17, 2014) -- Shire of Hauksgardr and the Barony of Dragon's Mist at the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon.
- An Tir – West War (July 1-5, 2015) -- Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia will lead the team. The site will again be the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon.
- July Coronation (July 17-19, 2015) -- Shire of Midhaven at the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA.
- September Crown (September 4-7, 2015) -- Barony of Glymm Mere at Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA.
- Kingdom Feast (November 6-8, 2015) -- Barony of Dragon's Lair at the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA).
- Twelfth Night (Jan 8-10, 2016) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR.

Applications are being actively sought for everything beyond Twelfth Night 2016. If your branch has not hosted a Kingdom event in the past 5 years, Kingdom Events Deputy, Mistress Ysabella Greene will be reaching out to you to ask that you consider doing so now.