

AN TIR FINANCIAL MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/12/14)

Significant Figures Present:

- His Majesty, Eirik Daegersson
- Her Majesty, Driffina of Stromgard
- Princess of the Summits, Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross
- Kingdom Exchequer, Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

Report by Exchequer Mistress Etienne

Financial adjustments -- These were made at the Emprise of the Black Lion

- Officer training was increased by \$600 to cover the Tir Righ Administrative retreat.
- The Teamster's budget was increased by \$350 to cover September Crown expenses.

Budget Update

- The Comparative Balance Statement shows a loss of \$11,361 for the calendar year. However this does not indicate the full story:
 - There is money in 2 dedicated accounts: \$20,000 from this year's An Tir – West War, and \$2300 from the Kingdom Feast. We want to keep both amounts set aside to make it simpler to manage costs for those events in the future.
 - An Tir owes the Society \$6844 in NMS fees which will be paid out later in the month.
 - Ultimately An Tir has about \$2500 in profit for the year. This is a big improvement over the last 3-4 years where we were losing money between the recession and the sexual abuse lawsuit. It is also clear that the decision to raise Crown event site fee to \$20 per adult starting last May Crown made the difference or we would still be in the red.
- Travel continues to consume about 75% of our expenses at a rate of \$16,598 this past year. (The next two biggest items are general supplies at \$2654 and depreciation at \$2249.) We have a huge and busy Kingdom, and spreading Royal attention and officer business throughout it takes money.
- Raven Travel Fund has \$5896 as of the end of the year.
- We have been fortunate and not had to cash out any of our cd's early and take the resulting penalties. As of the end of the year we have \$19,113 unspent in the budget, but several expenses still to come in.

2014 Budget presented for approval

- Several areas were increased over last year:
 - YAC and Family Activities to purchase new pavilions -- The idea was approved in July, and those officers have been gathering more information about how to most effectively do this. There was some question about whether the trailer can handle the weight, but Dame Brigid Ross thinks these are not the issue, but rather some other plans.
 - An Tir's Seneschal and Exchequer and 2 deputies will be going to the Known World Symposium in Texas at a cost of \$2000.
 - Officer training was increased by \$1000 for an administrative retreat at the end of March in Avacal. Plus \$500 for one in Summits at a date to be determined.
 - The Herald's office was given another \$750 primarily so they can work with Avacal as they continue to move to Kingdom status.
- 40 Year Doomsday Project was \$1800 raised to digitize that document, but this has never been implemented. There either needs to be a definite plan soon to do so, or we should request permission to move the money for another project.
- BUDGET APPROVED.

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Bids for new crowns

- Again we love our current crowns, but they are very old and in need of repair. We must have another set before they break entirely and our Monarchs have nothing.
- At September Crown the Financial Committee approved the commission of a new set of Crowns for An Tir. On 11/14/13, the Chamberlain HL Sigivald Garansson published a call through various email lists requesting that individual artisans, or teams of artisans, present a bid. This information was also published in the January Crier. As of this weekend no bids have yet been received. An Tir's Leadership asks that word about the bidding option be spread far and wide.
- A variety of fund raisers can be organized in part to avoid using our savings, but even more importantly those events will be a way of acquainting the populace with the idea, engaging their participation in the process, and helping them come to accept and own the end result. Exchequer, HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne, can explain to local exchequers how to report fund raising income. Fund raising has already started:
 - Pelicans raised about \$200 at Twelfth Night.
 - Master Arontius of Bygelswade and Dragon's Laire is selling cups and has already raised \$500 and expects \$1500.
 - Barony of Glymm Mere has a t-shirt planned.
 - The Barony of Madrone submitted a check for \$3500 that was raised by an individual who wants to remain anonymous.
 - Perhaps we could create a Facebook page like was done for the Orb. As odd as it sounds, that generated a large amount of excitement over that object, and it could do the same thing for the new crowns. Excitement turns into money.

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### Event Bids

#### Summary of decisions to date:

- Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 7-9, 2014) -- Barony of Stromgard. Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.
- May Crown (May 16-18, 2014) -- Barony of Madrone at the fairgrounds in Toppenish, WA.
- July Coronation (July 18-20, 2014) -- Barony of Three Mountains at the Trojan Park site in Rainier, OR.
- Twelfth Night (Jan 9-11, 2015) -- Barony of Adiantum at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR.
- Twelfth Night (Jan 8-10, 2016) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR.

#### Applications for the following events are being actively sought:

- 2015 = Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships, May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown
- From Seneschal Dame Brigid Ross: If your branch has not hosted a Crown event in the past 5 years, you are doing everyone a disservice. Please team up with other branches to share land and populace.

#### Bids for September Crown 2014 (Aug 29 – Sept 1)

- BARONY OF LION'S GATE. Event Steward is Cassandra Wineday.
  - The site is an equestrian center very close to the Blaine, WA and White Rock, BC border crossing.
  - The team was estimating an attendance of 600 people, but 800 is more likely given the location.
  - There are already horses at the site which are used in SCA equestrian games so this would be an alternative to Americans transporting their own mounts. Perhaps a collection

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can be taken to offset the rental fees. HL Violante von Oesterreich may be able to help with more information about this, and health procedures for border crossing.

- SHIRE OF FIRE MOUNTAIN KEEP.
  - This would be at the Nix Ranch site in Chehalis, WA, the same location as was used this year.
  - Estimated attendance would be 800-1000 people.
- DECISION -- Bid is awarded to Lion's Gate as it was a good proposal and they have not hosted an event in a few years.

### Bids presented for A&S Championship 2015 -- March 6-8

- BARONY OF DRAGON'S LAIRE. Event Steward Adelheide Leeuwin. The site would be the Baymont Inn and Suites in Bremerton, WA.
  - Expected income is \$7000 assuming attendance by 350 adults. (The last couple of years have been 300-350 people.) Costs are projected at \$4431, and a profit of \$2569.
  - The SCA would have full use of the hotel. It would be one rate for the ballroom, conference rooms, foyer area for displays, etc. Parking is free.
  - Room rates are unknown.
- CANTON OF SILVERHART. Event Steward Filia Maddalena Sofia del Fortuna. Best Western Pus in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
  - The hotel is right off of I-90. There is a golf course and lake tours for those who want to do things other than the event.
  - The leadership of Wealdsmere is very supportive of this plan and the Inlands population is excited about the opportunity to share their hospitality. There are several veteran event runners from the area who are willing to help.
  - The hotel may allow us to use their kitchen for culinary presentations. There is a \$10 fee per table and we estimate needing 50 of these. All of the event activities would be on the same floor.
  - The regular room rate is \$99 per night, but the rate for suites is unknown. We need more information about how the number of reservations would affect the cost of the event space. There is a free breakfast for hotel guests and the restaurant will stay open late for our group.
- DECISION -- We need a little more information before a decision can be made. The Executive Council will then review both bids and make a choice no later than Kingdom Arts & Sciences & Bardic Championships 2014.

### Bid presented for Kingdom Feast 2015 -- November 6-8, 2015

- Ocean Shores Convention Center. Event Steward Renart le fox de Berwyk.
- Projected income is \$6000. Expenses are estimated at \$4711, and thus a profit of \$1289.
- The first Kingdom Feast was held this past November and was very popular in addition to earning \$2300 in profit. Several people have already said they would like to see this event again.
- Several branches sponsored courses this past fall and they plan to repeat that idea. Not only does it help with the costs; but it increases excitement about the event, participation levels, and team building. However in 2015 the cooks will be given more latitude to create their own menus now that there is some basis to estimate costs and attendance.
- The one problem with the 2013 event was that it occurred 2 weeks before Tir Righ Coronet and it was perceived that affected attendance at their event. The Nov 6-8 weekend is the only one the convention center has available in the desired 2015 window. We need to talk to Tir Righ and find out for sure what date their coronet event will be and that the feast will not conflict with that. Events Deputy HL Ysabella Greene will talk with Their Highnesses of Tir Righ for that information.
- DECISION -- There is a desire to do the event, and the bid is solid, however we need to resolve the question with Tir Righ. The subject will be reviewed at Kingdom Arts & Sciences & Bardic Championships 2014.