

Significant figures present:

- Their Royal Majesties Ieuan and Gwyneth
- Their Royal Highnesses Vik and Astrid
- Kingdom Seneschal Dame Brigid Ross
- Kingdom Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

FINANCIAL REPORT

The review of the Kingdom's financial books at the Society level on February 25, 2012 went well. Only a couple of matters were identified as needing attention.

- Old computer financial records need to be converted into the current Excel format.
- Any dedicated funds need to be fully explained in the financial policies. Per federal non-profit agency requirements, there should be language saying that if the money is not used within a specified period, then it will revert to the general fund. (An example of a dedicated fund is the Raven Travel fund.)
- Also per federal non-profit agency requirements, any gift that is made for a specified purpose can only be used for that purpose, nothing else. In order to adapt to changing needs, the SCA would prefer gifts were made without these restrictions.

The new financial policies should be finalized and ready for release in July. This will include several items already identified by the Kingdom, as well as a couple from the Society financial review:

- Per the discussion at 12th Night, the Kingdom can sponsor events such as An Tir / West War or the upcoming Kingdom Culinary event. However, in order to maintain a separation of duties, the Kingdom Exchequer cannot be the responsible financial manager for those events, someone else must be appointed.
- Explanations of An Tir dedicated funds.
- Policies may be read on the Kingdom Reference Shelf at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>

Settlement process from the sexual abuse lawsuit:

- The Kingdom Exchequer and Seneschal would like to thank all of the branches for their cooperation with this difficult situation. It went far smoother than it could have. Their Majesties reinforce this gratitude.
- The total amount the Society had to pay was \$1.5 million. The Kingdoms and Principalities were asked to pay 20% of the amount in their account as of their 2010 Doomsday Book (year-end financial report).
 - An Tir's total responsibility was \$125,000, of which about \$38,000 was paid from the Kingdom accounts. Fortunately it was possible to pay all of this from the Kingdom's savings account, rather than cashing in any of the CD's. However, that reduced the savings amount to \$2000 (and another \$8000 in checking). Given that CD return rates are poor right now, when four of these mature in a couple of months, they will be put into the savings account to re-build that fund. An Tir can look at new CD's when the situation improves.
 - Baronies and Shires were asked to pay the remaining \$87,000. The exact amount for each was determined based on 19% of the funds available per their 2010 Doomsday report. Branches with less than \$3000 in their accounts were exempted. Cantons and other sub-chapters were also exempted as their Barony was already paying, but several contributed voluntarily.
 - While Drachenwald and Lochac were not required to pay as part of the lawsuit, they quickly volunteered to do so, easing the burden on the North American Kingdoms.
- The Kingdom Exchequer recommended that if the insurance companies do reimburse the SCA for only a portion of the lawsuit costs, that this money first be re-paid to the branches, and only be applied to An Tir's Kingdom accounts if there are still funds available. Recommendation was approved.

Budget Review for 2012

- The allocation for storage of waivers is raised \$700 due to an increase in the storage unit fees.
- Arts and Sciences is receiving a \$100 budget increase for the costs associated with running the championship competition.
- Travel expenses are expected to be a challenge this year due to increased gas prices. The reimbursement process will be explained to all officers in Curia, but the Exchequer needs assistance in spreading this information to those affected.

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Check Requests

- Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship -- They lost \$437 due to lower than expected attendance. The Financial Committee agrees to cover this cost.
- Former Queen Taisiia found a receipt for travel expenses related to Honor War which was more than one year ago. The Financial Committee agrees to reimburse her for this item.
- Their Majesties would like to host a lunch for the other nobility at An Tir – West War. The Kingdom Exchequer will check with her Society counter-part to see if this is a permitted expenditure.

ACCEPS -- There are continuing issues with events receiving pre-registration lists and payments in a timely fashion. Please report these immediately to the Seneschal and Exchequer so that they can work out a solution with the company.

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EVENT BIDS

New Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene. Please contact her for assistance with making bids.

Bids are currently needed for:

- Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 2013)
- May Crown 2013
- September Crown 2013

Twelfth Night January 2014 -- Bid by HL Alinora Greymoor, Wyewood

- Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA. This is the same site as was used for 12th Night 2002 and a prior Kingdom Arts & Sciences championship. It also hosts Norwescon, a large science fiction convention, every year. They are well accustomed to the needs of our community.
- Function space -- There is a huge ballroom on the main level of which 2/3 can be used for court, and 1/3 for armored and rapier combat. Across the atrium are a smaller set of ballrooms that can be used for merchants. Gate and arts & sciences displays can be in the main lobby between these rooms. There are multiple rooms of varying sizes on two hallways upstairs that can be used for meetings, scribal work, retinue, etc.
- Cost -- The proposed contract is only guaranteed to the end of May 2012.
 - Site fee would be \$15 for adults and lower for children.
 - Other than the hotel itself, costs for the event are budgeted at \$1500.
 - Rooms will be \$109 a night at the group rate with 400 rooms set aside.
 - There is a sliding scale depending on how many room nights are reserved: If the full block of 280 room nights is filled, then the function space will be free. If no rooms are reserved, then it will be \$8800. [In 2002 this hotel had 500 room nights used. Twelfth Night 2013 already has 550 nights booked.]
 - If no room nights are reserved, the event will need 687 attendees to break even. Only 100 attendees if all of the rooms are full. Anticipated attendance is 850-1200 people. [Twelfth Night 2012 had attendance of 607 despite a location much further from the population centers of the Kingdom.]
 - The hotel will provide two suites for free for the use of the incoming and outgoing monarchs.
- Transportation -- The site is within blocks of the airport and the light rail station, on a major arterial bus line, and within 3 miles of I-5 and two free park and rides. The hotel runs a free shuttle to the airport, and sometimes to the park and ride and neighboring hotels. The hotel will discount its normal parking rates for guests staying overnight, and maybe for day trippers as well. Several other pay lots are within walking distance.
- Food -- There are two restaurants on site, a snack bar, and multiple options of all kinds within walking distance.
- Concern -- Her Majesty asks that we wait until the end of May to see if any other bids are submitted as this is so far in the future. However, hotels are requiring this kind of notice for the best rates. A bid from Lion's Gate was withdrawn, and a subsequent one was received near the deadline from Glymm Mere.
- Decision: Wyewood's bid was accepted by Their Majesties and the Financial Committee at June Faire.

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July Coronation 2013 -- Bid by Countess Octavia Laodice, Seneschal of Aquaterra.

- This would be the same site as Coronation 2011 in Sedro-Woolley, WA. The parks department is very eager to have the SCA and other organizations use their property and thus is providing an excellent rate.
- The Shire of Midhaven will be the core of the event team. The Barony of Aquaterra will support them with advice and labor.
- Site issues -- Summer 2011 was unusual in the amount of rain leading up to the event, and that created many problems. While it is unlikely the same conditions will recur, the team is working with the Parks Department on contingency plans related to parking arrangements, removing cars, from the mud, servicing of the toilets, etc, should the rain again descend. The site will be mowed further in advance of the event in an effort to drive away the wildlife that nested in many people's belongings. They will also make some adjustments to the location and layout of the archery range for general use and the Kingdom Protector tournament.
- Costs -- The budget is being designed around the 2011 budget, with a larger margin in case of low attendance again. If the event meets its target attendance, then they will have \$800 in profit.
- Concern -- The site fee needs to be changed to set the adult rate at 18yo, not 16yo as the bid proposes. This should be the rule for all events.
- Decision -- Bid is accepted.

An Tir -- West War 2013 -- Bid by HL Jenae La Joyeaux and Lady Magdalena of Dragon's Laire

- An Tir will be sponsoring this event.
- Jenae and Magdalena will be co-team leaders splitting various departments between them. Baron Arontius Bygelswade will be the exchequer.
- An Tir will continue using the same site in Gold Beach, Oregon, and the same general layout and schedule, as has been the custom the past few years. Jenae and Magdalena are going to An Tir -- West War this year and will speak to that organizing team to learn more about what works, and what may need to be adjusted.
- Costs -- Site fees will tentatively be the same, with a cap for modern families. There will be a larger push for pre-registration through ACCEPS and the deadline will be closer to the event. If the target number at gate is reached, then the profit will be \$2200.
- Water -- This is a challenge each year, and the team is looking at several options: Renting a water truck from a local company which is what the West is doing this year. Renting a water truck from a barony that already owns one and towing it to site. Buying a tanker and storing it on site. (Estimates are about \$1500.) The West rents a shower truck for \$5000 each time it's their turn to host, but An Tir does not believe this is a worthwhile expense.
- Decision -- Bid is accepted.