

Significant Figures Present:

- His Majesty, Ieuan Gower
- Her Majesty, Gwyneth Gower
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross
- Kingdom Exchequer, HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

Budget Update -- Presented by Kingdom Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne:

- Income this year so far is \$130,000. However this includes approximately \$35,000 that was paid to the branches for the lawsuit settlement, as well as \$9100 in NMS fees that An Tir owes the Society, so our actual income is much less.
- The Kingdom was operating at a loss of \$3900 after July Coronation, but hopefully we will be in positive numbers once the income is received from September Crown.
- An Tir has two cd's coming due in December, and those will be transferred into the savings account to provide more cash on hand.
- All of the offices are operating within the limits of their budget, and the Raven Travel fund is particularly healthy. Travel remains the biggest challenge.
- An Tir – West War brought in about \$20,000 and this is remaining in a separate bank account to grow interest for when we host again in 2015. It's not yet known if the Kingdom of the West will partner with us in supporting this separate account.
- The experiment using Paypal to pay gate fees in Caid was a success, and so the Society is going to look at slowly expanding this, but for now ACCEPS remains the only option.
<http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/paypal.html>

Planning for 2014 -- Officers need to look at their current budgets and plans for next year and see what adjustments they would like to request. Please contact Exchequer Genevieve with any questions you have. She will look at the estimates for the 2014 Kingdom Events to see what we can expect in income.

- Fall Crown Council will be held online the weekend of November 8-10, using the same system as this past spring. Exchequer Genevieve will ask Duke Ulfr Blodfotur Fallgrson to arrange a financial session during which everyone can look at the relevant spreadsheets.
- The allotment for Known World symposiums needs to be increased: Exchequers are meeting in Houston in February, and the Seneschals are also meeting.
- Avacal: Polling for the Principality to become their own Kingdom will run from September 1st through October 29th. Details are on the Principality of Avacal's website. The attitude within An Tir about the impending separation of the Kingdom is a mixture of joy and sadness, which some have described as analogous to when a family watches their teen go off to college. There has been surprise expressed by some members of other Kingdoms, including at Pensic, as historically these separations have included some level of acrimony.
 - There's going to be a lot of extra travel to Avacal in the next year to prepare them for independence, and that needs to be factored into the budget. In Spring 2014 it would be advisable to hold a full weekend retreat for all of the officers to go over a lot of details, and that means paying for hotel rooms, in addition to gas or airfare.
 - Once Avacal is independent, the Kingdom's travel costs will go down as there will be less ground for the Royalty, officers, and champions to cover.

Regalia Bids

- This work is being overseen by Chamberlain HL Sigivald Garansson, with assistance from Master Eduardo Francesco Maria Lucrezia. Input should be sent to [chamberlain (at) antir.sca.org]
- Royal Crowns: An Tir is the only Kingdom that does not have a second set. While ours are beautiful and attract a lot of positive attention at inter-Kingdom events, they are requiring more

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and more repair and will not remain usable forever. We need to start planning for replacements so that we have them before it becomes a costly emergency.

- An Tir has many talented artisans who are very capable of creating new crowns that will be amazing just as the originals constructed by Duke Torgul Steingrímsson are.
- A variety of fund raisers can be organized in part to avoid using our savings, but 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. One of the first fund raisers will be at Twelfth Night with a collection of 3YC shot glasses that Master Jean Louis de Chambertin found; maybe combined with some of HL Karrel der Ermutigender's liquors. Once the new design for the crowns is determined perhaps this can be printed on shirts or similar items as another fund raiser.
- Bids will be due by Twelfth Night. The actual timeline for the finished crowns will be part of the bid, and will play a role in the cost, but likely it will be 18-24 months in the future.
- There is some discussion today about specifying conditions for style, time period, or materials, but the decision is to leave this completely open in order to obtain the most designs possible. There will be a financial limit set based on the costs for recent crowns in other Kingdoms. Collaborative applications will be encouraged from artistic teams with varied skills.
- Heirs Circlets: The laurel wreath style ones were originally constructed by Master Eric the Kendtmand (aka Stormcrowe) many years ago. They now have been given to Sir Torfin Torgulsson for repair. The Princess' is a fairly simple matter to fix, but the Prince's is going to require more work. There are 3 options: Put a backing on the current rim for \$200 but then it will look different from the Princess', take the risk of trying to repair the current damage which may not work, or make a new one. The decision is to do the backing on both circlets so they look the same, and further damage is avoided on the one for the Princess. [The other circlets that look more like the An Tir Royal Crowns were made by Master Mischka Ravensfuri and Duke Skeggi Nyewcombe.]
- Medallions for outgoing Kingdom champions: Bids are requested for designs for these objects.
- Orb: Bids will be requested for an new one as part of the systematic replacement of this portion of the Kingdom's regalia.

Pavilions for Family Activities and Youth Armored Combat -- *Information presented by Family Activities Officer HL Mericke de Ross.*

- There was no space available to transport anything back from Pensic as was proposed at the Coronation meeting, and so An Tir will be purchasing a new tent.
- Dimensions are still under discussion: Either 12x18 or 14x18. A roof only and no walls for maximum visibility. We want solely side poles, not a center one, and they need to be interchangeable with the rest of the Kingdom pavilions. There should be a minimum number of ropes in the front to keep the kids from tripping on them.
- Panther provided an estimate of \$3461 for two tents and set up kits, plus \$581 in shipping if both are sent at once. (It would be higher if they were shipped at different times.)
- Lord Edward the Smith from Glymm Mere is a local Panther dealer. He will sell the pavilion tops for 10% off of the normal price since he's local, and makes the set-up kits himself, so that also reduces the cost. His shipping fee is \$200. A more detailed bid is pending.
- The Committee approves a maximum expenditure of \$3461 based on the Panther bid, but hopes that Edward can do it cheaper. The plan is to purchase the tents in January or February, as they are not going to be needed until May Crown.

EVENT BIDS

Summary of decisions to date:

- Twelfth Night (January 10-12, 2014) -- Barony of Wyewood. Doubletree hotel in SeaTac, WA.
- Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 7-9, 2014) -- Barony of Stromgard. Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.
- July Coronation (July 18-20, 2014) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Trojan Park in Rainier, OR.
- Twelfth Night (January 9-11, 2015) -- Barony of Adiantum. Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR.

Applications for the following events are being actively sought:

- 2014 = May Crown and September Crown
- 2015 = Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships, May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown

Bid presented for May Crown 2014

- Spokespersons HL Sarra the Brave and Lady Lady Rowena d'Ath-Fhirdia.
- In the absence of any other bids at this late date, the Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt are willing to reprise the event they held this past spring at the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association site (WA). They will be using essentially the same event steward team, and expect roughly the same costs and profit margin.
- Two conditions: If there is a reasonably viable bid from another branch by Fall Crown Council in November, the Crown should accept that instead. Madrone will not host another Crown event until at least 2016.
- Decision: Bid accepted assuming no others are submitted.

Bids in process for September Crown 2014

- There have been discussions about the Shires of Lionsdale and Shittimwoode teaming up to host this at Hovander Field in Ferndale, WA. Also the Barony of Dragon's Laire is considering using a new site at the Port Orchard Airport. Formal bids will be presented soon.
- Information for future September Crown bids:
 - The Riderless Horse ceremony will occur at this event each year, which means there needs to be adequate space around where court is taking place for this to happen. This activity must also be published in the site copy.
 - The equestrian community would prefer a site that has permanent structures for horses such as an equestrian center or fairgrounds, but that may not be realistic to find.

Bid presented for Twelfth Night 2016

- Spokesperson HL Ana de la Sara for the Barony of Dragon's Mist.
- Site would be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR.
- This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night 2013, but this time the Barony of Dragon's Mist would host as their first Crown level event, rather than the Barony of Three Mountains.
- The hotel was very pleased with us in January 2013 and is willing to give us a larger discount in the future. Assuming no rooms are rented, then the estimated profit margin would be \$7600. If the room quota is met, which was the case last time, then the profit could be as high as \$12,000.
- Room rates would be \$114 a night, plus possibly a fee for parking. Dame Brigid Ross suggests the Event Steward negotiate with the hotel for an even lower rate, pointing out how little business there is at that time of year, and the discounts other sites are giving the SCA.
- Decision: This bid is accepted, but the hope is that the room rate can still be reduced.