

AN TIR FINANCIAL MEETING -- September Crown (9/1/14)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Styrkarr Jarlsskald
- Queen Dagrún Stjarna
- Crown Prince Savaric de Porte des Lions
- Crown Princess Dalla Hjalbaadsdóttir
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross
- Kingdom Exchequer, Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

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Report by Exchequer Mistress Etienne

Budget Update

- We are currently in good shape financially. As of the end of August, our bank account register showed \$49,755 in available funds, not counting what is in long term savings and dedicated accounts. We still need to be careful about costs, but there's no reason to take additional actions.
- Third quarter finances between 7/1/14 and 8/28/14:
 - As of the end of second quarter, the Kingdom had gained \$6487 for the year, for a total of \$130,926 in our accounts.
 - Deposits so far in third quarter have totaled \$25,756.
 - Expenses have been \$11,850. Plus another \$5960 in NMS which we owe to corporate.
 - The result is that we are up \$14,435 so far for third quarter which is always our largest period.
- Crown events from Twelfth Night through July Coronation have brought in just over \$22,000 in profit for the Kingdom coffers
- Officers are on target with their budgets, except for training. (See adjustments below.)
- Non-Member Surcharge arrives in one quarter and goes out in the next. Thus it looks like we "lost" more money early in the year than we actually did. Then once the tournament season starts the inward flow is higher and things balance out. We paid out \$7738 for second quarter, and will owe \$6625 as of the first of October.
- Raven Travel Fund currently has a balance of \$5232, including \$626 in donations so far in third quarter.

Financial adjustments: There will be an administrative training session in the Barony of Wastekeep for the Inlands on the last weekend in October; and another session will be needed in the Summits by the end of the year. There is currently \$890 remaining the training budget, and this is increased by \$700 by the decision of the financial committee this weekend.

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Regalia Projects Update

There is \$900 in the 2014 budget for upkeep of regalia and we have spent \$300 so far this year. This is entirely separate from the budget lines related to the refurbishment of the orb and the crowns. Fundraising is going very well resulting in over \$12,500 in donations in 2014. We need about another \$3000 to accomplish everything we want. An Tir's leadership is confident we will reach our goal without having to make a significant withdrawal from our savings accounts.

Second Set of Crowns:

- The final decision was announced this weekend awarding the bid to Master Torfin Torgulsson for his idea to make crowns that maintain the spirit of An Tir's much beloved current set. This pair will possess the same silhouette and general feel of the current crowns, but will showcase artisanship that reflects what An Tir is capable of today. Master Torfin was asked to work with Mistress Fjorlief in Haga, Master William Beornsson, and Master Ugo de Mori to incorporate some of their cast elements and enamel work which represent what An Tir stands for now. (And maybe something representing the Principalities as well.) Ultimately Master Torfin will be making fewer elements himself, and instead have the responsibility for coordinating everyone's efforts and creating the final product.

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- The revised plans for the final design is due by the end of the year, with the intent that the second set of crowns will be finished in mid to late 2015.
- Master Torfin's bid for both crowns was \$7500, and some of this will need to be allocated to the other 3 artists for the work they will do. Given that fund raising is going so well, it may be possible to authorize some additional money for more expensive gemstones.
- An artist has not yet been selected to make the boxes to hold the crowns, but there is a line in the budget for this.
- There is already \$4000 allocated for repair of our existing crowns by Master Torfin.
- Updates on this project will be posted at <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/Regalia/> .

Orb: Work began in July to refurbish this piece of regalia. Mistress Fjorliel in Haga and Master William Beornsson will create 3 vertical bands and one horizontal one wrapping our current orb in a silver setting inlaid with stones and enamel work. There will also be a base for the ball to sit on, and a wooden box to protect it when it is not being used. The initial payment of \$875 has been made for this work, and the total cost is expected to be \$1700.

Sword of State: The scabbard has degraded to a point where it's dangerous to handle. The metal decorative pieces can be re-used, but the main body must be replaced. It's suggested that Master Sigismund Helmschmead may be able to do this work. It would also be helpful to have a new carrying case for the sword, something that is smaller than the current modern rifle case. The Chamberlain will consult with the Kingdom Armored Champion more on this topic.

Repair to the Heir's thrones: Crown Prince Savaric is a woodworker and is willing to take these chairs home and do some repair work on them to increase their stability and longevity. There are instructions in the bags for the thrones on how to set these up and take them apart. Members of retinue should be encouraged to review these.

Cushions for TRM and TRH thrones: Mistress Spike Zoetaert agreed to make 4 new ones by the Emprise of the Black Lion as a donation to the Kingdom.

Kneeling Pillow: Fourteen years ago Dame Ellen Fraser made the one we are now using, and it's time that pillow is retired. For \$50 she is willing to sew a new one and have it ready by Twelfth Night. Approved.

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Event Bids

Summary of decisions to date:

- September Crown (Aug 29 – Sept 1, 2014) -- Barony of Lion's Gate at Green Wode Farm in Langley, BC.
- 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) at the Baymont Inn in the Barony of Dragon's Laire.
- May Crown (May 15-17, 2014) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist and the Shire of Hauksgardr at the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon.
- 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:

- 2016 = Everything beyond Twelfth Night.
- 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 personnel and put in a bid to produce one of these events.

An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5) -- Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia have offered to be the team leaders.

- This proposal was initially made at July Coronation, but a decision was delayed as a second bid was being developed. That team withdrew but may be willing to help with event organizing.
- Both Kingdoms have a contract for the next 3 years with the site owner for the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon. An Tir has \$20,000 in a dedicated bank account to pay for expenses.

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- This is Mistress Attia's fourth time as Event Steward for this event so she knows the requirements and has a team of people to draw on. She revised her bid paperwork based on the final attendance numbers from the West, and An Tir's decision not to charge for minors at Crown level events.
- Changes from the 2014 event:
 - An Tir will not rent a shower truck as this is extremely expensive. The SCA does not allow paying for permanent structures to be built on land it doesn't own.
 - The West charged \$40 per adult this year, but An Tir will charge \$30. They will also have a day trip or demo fee to encourage more local residents to come and check out the event as it gets a lot of publicity in the area.
 - The site copy handout will be shorter which will be easier to read and cost less.
- DECISION -- Awarded.

July Coronation 2015 (July 17-19) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Stewards are HL Bryson MacLachlan and HL Mericke de Ross. Bid presented by Duchess Angharad Banadaspus Drakenhefd.

- The event site will be the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. This is the same site as was used for Coronation in 2011 and 2013, and will involve mostly the same staff. They will be asking some other branches to help out.
- Anticipated income is \$16,300 based on an attendance of 800 adults, plus 15 merchants. Costs are \$6765 between the site itself \$1500, toilets \$3500, and other items. The projected profit is \$9535.
- The site is 2 miles from town with stores and motels. Participants must bring their own water.
- The event team will work on a layout that brings activities closer together than in 2013. HL Bryson is also going to talk to the county about the possibility of having the site rolled or graded to eliminate the huge ruts, but this may not happen.
- Martial activities: There is space for 8 armored erics, 4 rapier, and 2 youth; all 30x30. MIC will be Sir Thorkel fitz Hrothgar.
- DECISION -- There have been no other bids mentioned and planning need to start. This is awarded.

September Crown 2015 (September 4-7) -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Stewards are Sir Godric ap Rhys and Baroness Francisca de Montoya.

- The event site will be Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before, including in 2013. The site is about 10 miles from the city with stores and motels, although there are a couple of small convenience stores closer. Participants must bring their own water, although it should be possible to use site water for the horses.
- Anticipated income is \$19,575 based on an attendance of 900 adults, plus merchants. They plan to do pre-registration through ACCEPS. Costs are \$10,865, between the site itself \$4000, toilets \$5000, and other items. The projected profit is \$8586.
- The Shire of Fire Mountain Keep is going to help with the event for a portion of the proceeds.
- Martial activities: There is lots of space on open grassland for erics. Equestrian activities will initially be coordinated through the Kingdom Equestrian Officer. Other MIC's are not yet determined.
- There has not yet been any discussion of combining this event with Autumn War as was done in 2013. It's up to the Baronies, but the Kingdom would prefer this did not happen as it greatly complicates event planning and finances.
- DECISION -- Awarded.