



Barony of Myrgan Wood
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
August 19, 2025

Attendance: Alexios – Baron, Amya – Baroness, Antonia – Deputy Seneschal, Roxanne – Acting Seneschal, Tofa – Social Media Officer, Tonegawa – Web Minister, Basil – Fencing Deputy, Kaen – A&S Officer, Skald, Isabella – Heralds, Alexandra – Chamberlain, Hamish – Chronicler, Taka – Exchequer, Adam – Archery Deputy, Robert, Amee, Kottr, Æthelbert, Maggie, Roberta, Raoul, Sylvie

Call to Order: 7:04

Land Acknowledgement: Tonegawa volunteered

Words from Their Excellencies

Her Excellency being sick inspired His Excellency to remind everyone to be aware of their energy and the busy fall times. Please only give what you are able to and ask for help if needed. Be kind to ourselves (this has been paraphrased by Roxanne – notetaker).

- 1) Minutes of July 2025 – tabled for next month as they have not been posted.
- 2) Business arising from Minutes
 - a) What would make a successful Myrgan Wood event in North Battleford?
Æthelbert is currently planning a bid for Skald the Hall in NB collaborating with Hamish as feast steward. The hall is generally a little cheaper for the same or larger space but there is travel required. They are planning for 80% of regular attendance and break even for site costs at 60 attendees at \$25 entry.

Noted that the last Anniversary in Kenaston was successful.

We may be able to attract more attendance from the east.

Hotels are approximately \$130/night.

Note too that the bar tends to do well at that event but with driving out of town this might not be so. With car-pooling this might be more mitigated.

This is not just about one event bid but a general question about supporting the larger MW geographic area.

- Ensuring that events have a little bit of everything so that a group of people with different interests will be able to play
- If not a full event but a targeted activity such as a fight practice or an arts night, that it be at least a little longer
- Invite a special instructor to come and have a tavern or other social activity after
- Advertise in the local area when we do have something to support local growth – look at what Sandsend has been doing to get rolling there

- b) Taverns (Alexios) - tabled for next month

3) Approval of the minutes – tabled for next month

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Officer Reports

A. Exchequer (Taka)

Currently we have \$41378.63 sitting in the account, and adjusting for cheques written but not yet cashed our working balance will be 40,004.40.

Q2 kingdom report has been sent in.

I will be writing the last of the cheques related to Avacal 10 Year this week to close that event out. Roughly \$8 to go out for this event & payment for Fencing equipment to go.

The barony is in good financial standing!

B. Chamberlain (Alexandra)

She will be stepping down so if someone would like to learn the position please say so. 4 year term is up at the end of this year.

I'm still making slow progress through the kitchen gold key! I finally have all the totes in my house and am chipping away as I have spare energy – removing damaged things, surplus duplicates, & noting if anything needs repair.

There are 5 totes of kitchen supplies. Too much to find what you need when you are feast stewarding so it's good to make it reasonable. This process should be completed before turning the office over with an inventory & sign out process.

a) Gold Key (Illcum)

Not present, no report submitted.

C. Chatelaine (Illcum)

a) Demos/ Recruiting Activities:

Saskatoon Pipe Band Collective Celtic Festival demo. Saturday, September 20th, 2025, 12-5pm.

Public practice – fighters, fencers, & those willing to be present in garb and possibly doing a project

Prairie Paladin set for the 27th of September.

Will be late morning

Sept 6 – educational market for teachers at Unitarian Centre Lower Hall (2nd Street East); 10-5, no fighting; show teachers as recruitment and promote classroom demos; put on by Re-Teach Saskatoon; Vendors invited and will pay but a table to display for non-profits is free

- Skald volunteered to organize and is looking for a couple of participants; Antonia volunteers;

- Others that wish to volunteer should contact Skald and if he has enough support then he will go ahead with it.

D. Herald (Skald & Isabelle)

Not much this month no new submissions, several still working through the system
3 pieces of armoury the excellencies asked to be submitted are in the process

E. Chronicler (Hamish)

Nothing to report

F. Web Minister (Tonegawa)

~ Everything appears to be running well on the website.

~ I am behind on my goal of getting the baronial award recipients listed, but that will be concluded soon. It's just a matter of dedicating the time.

~ I have hit a snag on getting Isabelle's SVG image files uploaded, as Wordpress does not support them. There are plugins that will bypass this, but I would like to do some research first as SVG files and plugins can create security risks. When they're ready, we should have the ability for the populace to download large scalable images of official baronial images, like the populace badge.

Is it possible to upload a zip file? Tonegawa will look into that

~ I have created a page on the website (under the Myrgan Wood drop-down menu) called Populace Showcase. If members of the populace would like to showcase their A&S, I'll upload it. We have a digital file of a filk by Lord Hamish MacCarraig, performed by Lord Vicente de España up already. You can find it here.

<https://myrganwood.avacal.org/showcase/>

Promotion for this could go out to the various social media possibilities.

G. Knight Marshall (Alexios – interim)

Nothing to report

a) Fencing Deputy (Basil)

Not much to report this month. Practice continues unabated. No injuries or incidents to address that I'm aware of.

Update on equipment purchase? They have not been ordered pending the planned advance from the barony.

b) Missile Deputy (Adam)

Not much to report. Practices continue on Thurs & Sunday. Thursday will move indoors due to the earlier sunset – at Bowbusters in Vanscoy

c) Thrown Weapons (Alexandra)

Thrown practice had 7 people at it this past weekend!!!! I am in the process of making two more spear targets. One to replace mine so I can have it back and one to help stop the bottle necking of spear throws during royal rounds.

Recommend a couple posts to the general social media spaces to let people know there are more opportunities to play.

H. Arts and Science (Kaen)

Not much to report.

Having a class once per month is still desired once life settles down a bit.

I. Seneschal (Roxanne – interim)

a) Social Media (Tofa)

-Social Media officer is currently away from computer and has extremely limited internet access. Please note that auto-responses are set up while she is away, indicating that time sensitive matters should be redirected to bandb@myrganwood.org or seneschal@myrganwood.org until my return to civilization.

-thank you to Lordship Conan for assistance with fixing permissions on Myrgan Wood Facebook official. Both the branch seneschal and the kingdom webminister should now have access to make and edit posts, as they should have all along.

-Scheduled posts are queued for all activities and cancelled activities while I am away. Her Excellency Roxanne has access to the social media accounts and is able to make any necessary changes should they arise.

-Thank you to Duchess Svava for ensuring that the Zoom room will be able to be launched in my absence.

-I will be looking more seriously at what is needed to set up an official baronial discord server in the near future. Please expect that this process will not be instant, and that there will be discussions to be had with the branch and kingdom seneschal and web teams before it can move forwards. If you have any comments or concerns, my inbox is always open.

b) Other Seneschal

- As of early August we have 80 memberships in MW (81 Mont & 102 Bor, for reference – both of those dropped since Jan whereas we are growing). I invite commentary and discussion as to what we are succeeding in or how we can continue to grow.
 - We generally put on good demos with lots of visibility.
 - We are good at welcoming people (from newer person). Sometimes not having enough gear for people to try is a barrier. Fencing is building that capacity. Can the armoured community do that as well?
 - Note observation that beginner fighters get frustrated if they are only fighting the best fighters or the lack of decent starter kit. We need some mid-level fighters for them to fight. Are there fighters we could approach to ask to come back. New fighter affirms that having good starter kit and support to create that makes a big difference. We note

that there is a venue to get help making armour. Helmets can be a barrier for new fighters. Fencing seems to have a lower entry financially. A helmet and sword are about the same level of commitment but the armour does require more and the gear does need to be more fitted.

- Note too that our rules are worded vaguely – purposefully to allow lots of ways to play – you do need to talk with people to get information which can be intimidating. A library of information and possible patterns might be helpful. Raoul recommends the Knowne World Handbook (you can order pdfs from the SCA but they don't ship physical books)
 - We might consider using foam swords as a way to practice without as much injury risk, and to get some newcomers started. Get them hooked on that first.
 - Robert has created a recommended list of resources for archery and suggests that someone do the same for other communities.
 - We are welcoming to the LGBTQ community – like the pride parade. We have created a safer space.
 - Accessibility to events being part of the general culture, such as car-pooling to events is part of new folks wanting to be members.
 - Valley War was at a public campground which drew quite a lot of attention. TMs were interacting and handing out a lot of cards and newcomer tokens.
 - Try a buddy system for newcomers' first event.
- Please note that Justin Leader / Magnus Meatsheild has been expelled from participating in any part of the SCA (official activities) pending review of the Board. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact a seneschal.
 - You may note that Antonia is running this meeting (to allow Roxanne to take minutes since Hamish is at work and unable to do so) - she will be taking over the Seneschal's office officially in November but will be increasingly picking up activity before then. Thank you for volunteering! Dezzrienne remains contingency deputy.
 - Officer recruitment:
deputies needed for all offices in case of contingency & to help with small projects (possibly to take over)
- c) Event Reports & Planning - the exchequer has information on past events if anyone is considering a bid.
- i) 10th Anniversary Celebration (Kvigr, Svava, Amya) report – final report should be coming – Roxanne will remind that this is desired.
 - ii) MW Anniversary (Skald & Alexios)
Nothing new this month. A meeting with Tracene is pending.
Alexios is checking into why the event copy did not appear in the Avantgarde
 - iii) Avacal November Coronation (Tofa)
Event info going into Calendar. Volunteer with Tofa.
 - iv) Avacal May Coronation (Alexios)

Working slowly – will need a contingency deputy. Idea is bid with Dolce from Sandesend to give them a chance to learn event stewarding in a safe space. Feast and gate from Myrg and them doing the rest. Suggesting Pike Lake Community Hall (camping is quite a distance away).

v) Skald the Hall 2026 – bids requested – 7 months out

Æthelbert and Hamish working on bid in NB

vi) Summer Champs 2026 – bids requested – 10 months out

Taka & Adam is looking at putting in a bid using Pike Lake.

vii) Kingdom bids needed for: 2026 – Feb Crown is 6 months out

d) Calendar

- i) Fall Crown – August 29-September 1 – Bordergate (Quad Site)
- ii) Re-Teach Saskatoon Demo – September 6
- iii) Vinfest – September 12 - Vinjar
- iv) Celtic Festival Demo – September 20
- v) Culture Days Demo – September 27
- vi) MW Anniversary – October 10-12 – Myrgan Wood
- vii) Samhain – October 31-Nov 2 – Montengarde
- viii) Winter Coronation – November 8 – Myrgan Wood (Warman)
- ix) Krampus – December 6 - Sigelhundas

J. Other Business

None mentioned. Next month include taverns & classes every month or two.

There was interest in having recurring movie nights at the Wed gatherings. Æthelbert & HE Alexios & Antonia will chat and present a possible plan. It is recommended that we include movies, but not critiquing fighting practice video.

K. Adjourn 8:35