

# Barony of Myrgan Wood Monthly Business Meeting Agenda July 15, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00

Attendance: Æthelbert (Populace), Adam Arrowsplitter (Missile Deputy), Alexios (Baron), Amée Martin (Populace), Amya (Baroness), Antonia (Arts & Science Champion/Deputy Seneschal), Basil the Husband (Rapier Champion/Rapier Deputy), Conan (Populace), Cuan (Populace), Hamish MacCarraig (Chronicler), Hoshikawa Taka (Exchequer), Illcum (Chatelaine), Isabelle Buckells (Deputy Herald), Kaen Yukimura (Arts & Science), Maggie the Magpie (Populace), Raoul Delaroche (Populace), Roberta of Myrgan Wood (Populace), Roxanne Delaroche (Interim Senechal), Skald (Herald), Sylvie Tofadottir (Populace), Tófa Váladóttir (Social Media Officer), Tonegawa no Keiran (Missile Champion/Web Minister)

Land Acknowledgement (Illcum)

#### Words from Their Excellencies

Thank you Illcum for taking on the task of providing a land acknowledgement. It is something that is new for many people and sometimes feel uncomfortable. 10 Day was a wonderful event that required a large number of volunteers. It was evident that Myrgan Wood had a lot of dedicated volunteers and is doing very well.

Thank you for supporting the Pride Parade demo. It is important that we publicly show that we are a safe space. Thank you for making Myrgan Wood a safe space.

Minutes of June 2025

- 1. Business arising from Minutes
- Approval of the minutes
   Motion by: Tofa Seconded by: Taka

#### Officer Reports

3. Exchequer (Taka)

As of writing this email we have \$61,424.28 in the account and adjusted for cheques that have been issued but not cashed we are sitting at \$59,309.28 and that number will continue to drop in the next couple of days while I issue cheque to the respective people for Avacal 10 year celebration.

I have contacted the kingdom exchequer to inform them that I may be late getting the Q2 report in as I focus on the numbers for Avacal 10 year and am waiting on a response from them. Approved from Kingdom.

All in all things are going well.

I may have a deputy that I hope to have a chat with soon here.

- a. Chamberlain (Alexandra)
  - i. She will be stepping down so if someone would like to learn the position please say so.

I do not have anything new to report, I will be going to the storage locker this weekend to grab a few totes to finish going through.

if anyone knows someone who is planning on making a shield or sword that would be willing to let me take pictures I would like to make another how to for all homemade weapons so that there is an aid for new comers who are not yet comfortable reaching out to people but would like to have weapons then know will pass in Avacal.

I will be sending a pdf once I have it done to our web minister. the pdf version keeps changing my spacing when I convert it.

### 4. Chatelaine (Illcum)

Demos/ Recruiting Activities:

- -Prairie Paladin tentatively set for the 27th of September.
- -Saskatoon Pipe Band Collective Celtic Festival demo. Saturday, September 20th, 2025, 12-5pm.
- -Melfort demo Sunday July 20 1-5pm --- can someone bring erics??
- 140th anniversary of the Saskatoon EX declined

Newcomers/Returned Members: None that I know of.

Positive Public Relations and Media Interactions:

- -Museum of Antiquities Folklore and Fairytale kids court. Date changed to July 15, 2025 from 2:15 to 3:15.
- -went well (Illcum, Alexios, & Korsak participated went well).
  - a. Gold Key (Illcum)

Gold Key: -Humboldt donations have yet to be sorted. -Sylvie will be fixing some garb

Questions, Comments, Concerns: I'm creating new-comer baskets with feast gear. I've heard it's really hard walking into feasts as a new person and not having anything. This includes a basket, tablecloth, some wood bowls off of marketplace, and some mugs (mostly thrifted stuff). If anyone sees a newcomer who would be a good candidate for a basket, let me know.

#### Herald (Skald & Issabelle)

Avacal 10 year was a success! classes taught and Kiottr heralded for TE during Both Saturday courts. We are continuing to work on devices and have distributed more shield blanks for people to paint for Crown. Skald has more tourney tiles if people need. TRM have declared that they would like shield tiles for both fighters and inspirations for the upcoming crown as well as banners to be by the eric. So we can help get devices made for that, keeping in mind these don't have to be passed devices.

#### 6. Chronicler (Hamish)

Apologises for not submitting a report  $\bigcirc$ . Otherwise things are going well and all assistance is appreciated. There is no newsletter news yet. Planning will be happening soon (says Tonegawa).

### 7. Web Minister (Tonegawa)

Everything is going well on the website. Keeping up with future events, announcements and populace accomplishments (I hope. Don't hesitate to poke me if I'm missing out on anything).

Deputy Herald Isabelle Buckells has been working hard on updating/improving image files for baronial awards, champions and website buttons. I've begun adding these to the site, and that's spiralled into making updates to the baronial awards page (including drop-down lists for each award). This is a data entry adventure and will take a week or so to complete in my spare time. Pop by the website and see if you notice the changes!

Invites deputies to join her.

### 8. Knight Marshall (Alexios – interim)

no injuries or equipment failures have been reported.

Our marshals all performed excellently at the 10 year event and were the backbone of the martial activities through the event.

We are not actively recruiting for a replacement for me because the priority is on finding a deputy exchequer.

### a. Fencing Deputy (Basil)

Avacal 10-day celebration went very well on the rapier front, in spite of inclement weather. There were no significant injuries to my knowledge, and our fighters behaved with honour on and off the field. Many thanks to Skeld the Str- Peacemaker for hosting a fine championship tournament.

A reminder to our fencers to check the condition of your weapons, as the rapier war field was hit by substantial rainfall. Rusty blades are potentially hazardous, particularly if the tang of the blade it weakened inside the hilt.

Kingdom of An Tir has identified a rubber tip with an "M" or "W" identifier that has been failing at an alarming rate. Please be aware of this and check your equipment.

I have also included an updated and detailed costing sheet for the procurement of group gear. This has been arranged in a spreadsheet for easy reference and editing. <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UINQniRSg19Fwo-VKdPnTZ7bbmDeDFWR/edit?usp=s/haring&ouid=117634039618897149982&rtpof=true&sd=true">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UINQniRSg19Fwo-VKdPnTZ7bbmDeDFWR/edit?usp=s/haring&ouid=117634039618897149982&rtpof=true&sd=true</a>

PART DESCRIP	Supplier	CDN, EA	USD, EA	QTY	CDN TOTAL	USD TOTAL
Complete Economy Rapier and Dagger Set	Castille Armory		\$590.00	1	0	\$590.00
Maintenance kit*	Castille Armory		\$59.00	1	0	\$59.00
Safety tip			\$3.75	1	0	\$3.75
Economy Dagger - Castille Armory	Sword shop .ca	\$280.00		1	\$280.00	0
Economy Rapier - Castille Armory	Sword shop .ca	\$420.00		1	\$420.00	0
Swordshop Light Jacket	Sword shop .ca	\$80		1	\$80	0
Basic HEMA Mask	Sword shop .ca	\$85.00		1	\$85.00	0
7 foot rattan staff	Sword shop .ca	\$50.00		1	\$50.00	0
Spearhead	Sword shop .ca	\$75.00		1	\$75.00	0
Rubber safety tip	Sword shop .ca	\$5		1	\$5	0
					0	0
Starter Kit Rapier	Zen Warrior Armory		\$289.32	1	0	\$289.32
					0	0
					0	0
Hanes Men's Tall Short-Sleeve Beefy T-Shirt (Pack o	Amazon	\$34.03		1	\$34.03	0
					0	0
Mastercraft Knit Elastic Cuff Gloves, White/Blue, 12-p	Canadian Tire	\$9.99		1	\$9.99	0
Hockey tape		\$8.99		1	\$8.99	0
File	Rona	\$10.39		1	\$10.39	0
scouring pads		\$5.99		1	\$5.99	0
sanding pad		\$4.99		1	\$4.99	0
Washers		\$2.50		1	\$2.50	0
					0	0
Shipping			\$75.00	1	0	\$75.00
Tariffs on US items estimated at 25%						
GST and PST total 11%		Totals			CDN Total	USD Total
					1071.88	\$1,017.07
	Exch Rate					
	CAD to USD	0.73			Tot ALL CDN	Tot ALL USD
	USD to CAD	1.37			\$2,465,27	\$1,799.54

Note that all of this could be subject to 25% tarrifs from the US, plus GST, and shipping has been estimated.

Suggestion that we skew masks to large as we have small and medium.

Do we need all this stuff – we want to start people off, and then encourage them to get their own stuff. Consider just getting t-shirts and not get the fencing jackets. Source ratan from Faelan might be cheaper. While we do want to encourage people, we have had a fairly large influx of rapier fighters recently. We have not purchased new equipment for approximately 7 years. A motion less a year ago was made to spend \$1000 already. Reminder that newest fighter has dibs on the loaner gear. We are more likely to retain newcomers if we have enough equipment that they are not sitting around for much of the practice. This has proved to be successful in the archery community.

Do we want to consider getting one full set, the maintenance sundry bits, a spear to be approximately \$1000. 1 sword; dagger; 2 masks; spear; & sundry maintenance equipment totalling approximately \$1400 (\$1800 including taxes and tarrifs). MOTION PASSES

If possible Her Excellency would like to buy Canadian, and to see if there is anything for sale second hand. Kingdom Rapier Marshal Raoul says don't cheap out on safety – masks or swords.

We have 3 swords (one belongs to the baroness), a dagger & buckler. 4 small / medium masks.

#### b. Missile Deputy (Adam)

We had very few practices due to the 10 day event, but we made up in ranged activities at the quad war site.

Practices continue Sundays with Thrown and Archery and Thursdays for Archery.

10 Day Update -

- We took much equipment to quad site. 2 large archery butts, 6 Group gear bows as well as over 40 arrows. One bow was inspected and deemed to have defective limbs, so it was not used. We will inspect again and will probably need to get a new set of limbs for it. A few arrows met their end as well.
  - --note that other branches did not bring loaner equipment
  - -- 10% of the loaner arrows were lost but we are still in good shape
- 2. Thank you to all the Myrg archery crew who hosted, marshaled and competed in all the missile events. There were so many!
- 3. Congratulations to the new Myrg Champion Tonegawa no Keiran! May your arrows fly straight! Thank you to the outgoing Champ, Ranger Hojo Ayame for taking us on a tour of history while challenging our Archers who competed for the Championship.
- 4. Hojo Ayame was made a premier member of the Order of the Mark  $\bigcirc$  and is now titled Ranger.
  - c. Thrown Weapons (Alexandra)

Alexandra was not present but has submitted a tutorial on how to build legal thrown weapons for armoured war that has been approved for dissemination. She would like to get consistent practices going and submitting scores to the Thrown Weapons Royal Rounds. She is currently the high scorer of 3 throwers. Sunday afternoons includes this practice. (but not this Sunday because Melfort demo)

- 9. Arts and Science (Kaen) many a&s classes happened at 10 year. Baronial projects will now resume. Would like to see mor dance classes at practices
- 10. Seneschal (Roxanne interim)

Quarterly report is due in August. Following that the office will begin transitioning to Antonia completing with the November report. Thank you Antonia for volunteering – you have many resources and a great team to work with!!

All of the waivers in my possession are prepped in a package to go to permanent storage with the waiver deputy.

a. Social Media (Tofa)

Little to report this month - things are going smoothly on the social media end. We may want to create an official Discord presence as our newer members are not on Facebook.

Please continue to feel free to reach out if there's anything to post about.

b. SCA Canada (Alexios)

Nothing to report. Please remove as standing item.

- c. Officer recruitment: Exchequer deputy & then Knight Marshal deputies for all offices in case of contingency & to help with small projects (possibly to take over)
- d. No access to church hall on July 16<sup>th</sup> or August 13<sup>th</sup> as the church is using it. What do we want to do for alternatives?
- e. Tavern / Movie nights? (Alexios) -- tabled for online discussion and next meeting

## f. Event Reports & Planning

i. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Kvigr, Svava, Amya) report

486 (not including day passes) people (70 kids) 122 non-members

\$13,000 for rental but we still made approximately \$26 per person. 173 people for quad war alone (so Bordergate will get the majority of the profits).

Amya says thank you to everyone

Myrg is underbudget \$430; most other Baronies were over budget.

- Question about whether or not Myrg Champs will be comped site fee for the second weekend as per our financial policy. Note that if you were present for the 10 days the site fee was cheaper than if you had broken up the sections of the event (\$100 for quad; \$90 for the middle) to be comped \$30 then you needed to have spent \$120.
- ii. MW Anniversary (Skald & Alexios)

We have the opportunity to have a BBQ for lunch as a merchant or a fundraiser, the university has approved. An email is being prepared for the museum to outline the approach for their 10 participants. Deadline is end of the month for the Avantgarde.

iii. Avacal November Coronation (Tofa)

If there is something you would like to see happen please contact. Avantgarde info going in soon. Remember that the event is in Warman not in Saskatoon.

Alexios & Dolce are considering putting a bid in for Spring Coronation 2026 – Myrg supporting food and gate with Sandsend folks involved in most of the rest of things. The event would be a Myrg event. Looking at Pike Lake community event.

- iv. Skald the Hall 2026 bids requested 8 months out
- v. Summer Champs 2026 bids requested 11 months out
- vi. Kingdom bids needed for: 2026 Feb Crown is 7 months out

### g. Calendar

- i. Museum Camp demo July 15 (campus)
- ii. Dragonslayer July 18-20 Montengarde
- iii. Melfort Demo July 20
- iv. Valley War August 15-17 Valley Wold
- v. Fall Crown August 29-September 1 Bordergate (Quad Site)
- vi. Vinfest September 12 Vinjar
- vii. Celtic Festival Demo September 20
- viii. Culture Days Demo September 27
- ix. MW Anniversary October 10-12 Myrgan Wood

## Other Business

What would make a successful Myrgan Wood event in North Battleford – this question will come up again.

Suggestions include submitting a bid for an event such as Skald the Hall or arranging for a demo. A tavern was also suggested although some question if a demo or a tavern would pull enough people for success.

Adjourn 8:47