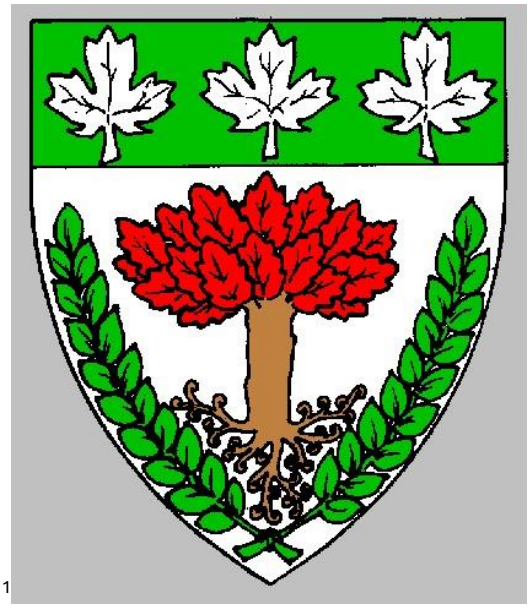 [1]

Barony of Myrgan Wood
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
August, 18th, 2026

Attendance:

Baronial Officers	**Populace**
Antonia (Seneschal)	Fjall
Conan (chronicler)	Kottr
Tofa (Soc Med)	Emeline
Taka (Exchequer)	Drew
Adam (archery)	Dezzrianne
Maggie (Deputy Web)	Morgan
Tonegawa (Web)	Trosten
Basil (Rapier)	Raoul
Kaen (A&S)	Aethelstan
Isabelle (deputy herald)	Sylvie
	Amee
	Hamish
	Jacinda

Meeting Called to Order at 19:18

Land acknowledgement: Antonia

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to ground us in the history of the land beneath our feet. We are gathered on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional Homeland of the Métis.

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Long before Myrgan Wood was established, before most of our ancestors knew of these plains and their bountiful resources, this land was a home to many nationalities such as the Cree, Saulteaux, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota peoples. As a group dedicated to exploring history and craft, it is important we recognize the deep, enduring, and often overlooked histories of the Indigenous peoples who have stewarded the land for generations. We honour their past, present, and future presence here.

Words from Their Excellencies – Amya, Alexios: We have finished an A&S project we have been a little busy with, their new baby! Congratulations. Good job with everything folks, and special thanks to folks travelling to out of barony things like the regional practice and events. Thanks for supporting the kingdom while we are stuck at home. As well, thank you very much to everyone who went to the polling, hopefully our king and queen will let us know the results of that soon. Continue to have fun, and don't burn out in the process. If you need us, we are available, but not physically for some time.

Old Business

1) Approve Last Months Minutes
    a) Seneschal isn't spelled right – Antonia. Conan will fix this.
    b) Tonegawa motions to approve, Tofa will second.
2) Æthelstan had a Tavern policy that we pushed off last meeting for review for this meeting. It is on the website under Policies and Minutes. https://myrganwood.avacal.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Draft-Tavern-Keeper-Agreement-1-1.pdf
    a) Tonegawa asks, is this a binding policy for any tavern keeper that we are running? Aethelstan clarifies that this is a framework to use and base other things on.
    b) Tofa notes, this should not be called a policy, this should be called an agreement.
    c) Raoul asks what problem it is solving? Aethelstan says it is to clarify what is supposed to happen when someone asks for cash to run a bar at an event. They asked around and got 7 different answers before, and it is very unclear. By establishing a framework, there is a precedent that can be followed. Is this not already covered by the Alcohol policy? Nobody mentioned this document covered the questions being asked at the time.
    d) This conversation will move to after the meeting for the interested parties

Officer Reports

A. Chamberlain (Empty)
    a) Still empty, will be advertised again.
B. Chatelaine (Illcum)

a) Looking for replacement, a job description will be sent to Social Media for posting.

C. Exchequer (Taka)
   a) As of the meeting we have $28,283.03 with $345.49 in outstanding cheques for a working balance of $27,937.54.
   b) The Quarter 2 kingdom report has been sent in and accepted.
   c) All in all we are still doing good financially.
   d) I am looking for my replacement as I will be stepping down from this position in April of 2028 so there is plenty of time for teaching and learning how the position works.
   e) If anyone has any questions about the exchequer position feel free to ask me.
   f) Will be taking over the duties of Chamberlain for now while it is empty.
   g) Kottr asks, if there is a time when things need to be added to the budget for next year? Pride parade budget in this case. Taka says by November meeting as there is no December meeting.

D. Herald (Aethelburt)
   a) Nothing to report

E. Chronicler (Conan)
   a) Minutes were sent July 28 for review. Haven't heard any complaints. Otherwise business as usual.
   b) Tonegawa - Robert and I would like to have the next issue out around September 1st. If populace members would like to contribute, we would love that. Do they have photos, memes, rabbit holes, art, stories, accomplishments, gossip? We'll print anything! We would like to do it quarterly if possible. If you do not send anything in, there will be a strong archery bias. Please send in content!

F. Web Minister (Tonegawa)
   a) The website should be up to date regarding events, practice changes, and announcements. Should anyone notice incorrect information, they are encouraged to reach out and help us keep the site accurate and up to date! With my deputy's help, we've been able to keep up with the barony. Please note that the speed of changes will depend on our availability. We will strive to be as prompt as is reasonable.

G. Knight Marshall (Korsak)
   a) Heavy is going well, averaging approximately 8 individuals per practice. One injury was reported, non-severe. Armouring is happening slowly, about once a month.
   b) Rapier Deputy (Basil)
      i) Practice continues unabated. Nothing significant to report. No major injuries. Around 5-10 fighters average. Group gear is so far so good, no movement yet on the gorgets.

ii) Antonia asks about getting a order filled by September so they can be ordered by October.

c) Archery Deputy (Adam)

i) We have hosted 4 practices this month! Thanks marshals! Practice attendance has dropped a bit lately. 1 to 2 archers per practice and 3 to 4 thrown. The typical core group continues to attend. 2 Guests showed up this month!

ii) We will be taking group gear to Fall crown. We have had a request for a Myrgan Wood individual (outside of saskatoon) to borrow a set of group gear after fall crown. The request was approved.

iii) The Measuring wheel has been purchased and used. Receipt will be sent in soon.

iv) I would like to purchase 24 arrows for the group gear. I would like to approve a budget of $275. Total should be around $267.06, but there seems to be a shortage of arrow tips at the moment and I need to track some down.

v) Also, I want to mention, all of our typical practice people have their own equipment. Our group gear gets used up at Kingdom events. Unsure what to do about this, other than to be proud Myrgan Wood is supporting the Kingdom.

vi) Tofa says maybe we ought to say no, if it is a bigger barony they should be able to provide group gear too. Adam says its difficult because other groups do not ask to bring theirs, so archery doesn't happen otherwise. Tofa says it isn't so much about hard stopping and causing some distress, but if we give the other baronies a lot of notice, we can encourage them to help out too.

vii) Adam is going to talk with Robert, kingdom archery marshal, to see if a discussion can be started for this with the other baronies.

H. Arts and Science (Kaen)

a) Kieran is gauging interest for the Festival of Trees, so contact Kieran if you're interested in helping out there.

b) The tournament format is up for the MW A&S champion: One entry per participant of any craft types that are food related or eating related but are not. Entries will be judged as usual using the rubric to determine the top two contenders. The top two entrants will process in, and in the final they will present their entries to each other in the presence of the judging panel. The two contestants will discuss their entries, methods, and research. Contact Robert Boniface for more info there.

c) Tonegawa notes there is a group chat that has been made for the festival of trees, and interest will be gauged by September.

I. Social Media (Tofa)
   a) Little out of the ordinary to report. Social media is social media-ing. As always, I am open to deputies – both replacement/backup, as well as individuals who want to do only part of the job but not the whole thing. I am expecting to be low energy for the next several weeks at minimum due to real life – if you have been thinking about helping out, now would be ideal.
   b) Myrgan Wood's zoom will be being used to host September Curia following Crown. Please join their majesties on September 8th at 7pm local time for Curia.
   c) From Kingdom: Society has a new AI policy which impacts all of you. Please be aware of this as you create content and advertisements related to the SCA – even if you're not acting as an officer when you do so.
   d) Please stop sending messages on Facebook about things you want on social media, please send me an email.
   e) Conan says he might still have some access to help out. Antonia will start the process for a post for a soc med deputy.

J. Seneschal (Antonia)
   a) Baronial polling is closed, we had a good turn out.
   b) We need a Chamberlain and a Chatelaine
      i) If you have anything in mind that would make these roles less of a burden or intimidating to new folks, please share with the Seneshal or other officers!
   c) Communication Policy
      i) Everything that is Business related should be kept separate from our personal stuff.
      ii) I'd like to move us away from using Messenger as much as possible. We all have access to Teams/Microsoft accounts, and it will also make it easier to handover to a new officer when the time comes. We also need a better paper trail for our officers. Communication between officers should be done strictly on teams. Microsoft accounts are not tied to our personal lives at all as well.
      iii) Kaen points out that a lot of people will not always have access to Microsoft teams, and or will not want to download yet another app. It will cause a reduction in access to our officers.
      iv) Kottr notes that sending reminders on other platforms may be helpful such as "hey i sent you an email" so the communication is more prompt can help.
      v) If you have any concerns about this, please notify Antonia. She will be teaching a class on how to use Teams soon.

vi) As well, do not save documents/otherwise on personal google drives/etc, even if it is more convenient, it can cause problems.
vii) This initiative is also aimed at helping our officers disconnect from the volunteer position. A bombardment of messages on messenger is a common occurrence, and being able to turn that off is very important sometimes.
viii) It may be worth considering a mailing list? Lots of folks do not have facebook now, and it would be possible to get news out to them. Conan asks Raoul if 365 can do this? Raoul says not well, might be tricky. Roxanne says a contact list in Outlook can handle 70+ but then it gets funky. And if you add people to BCC, it will get filtered by spam. Maybe use the Mail Merge in Word/Excel? Yahoo Groups used to do this, it is long dead. Antonia says there may be some newer options, and Raoul says it might be easier to do a mail blast/notification to all than a conversation replacement. Conan says we should investigate and implement, a group will be assembled for this.

K. Other Business
a) Festival of Trees (Tonegawa)
i) I'm pushing the decision to participate back to next meeting (September) as I didn't get on the A&S community until now. We've made a group where interested parties can brainstorm and if we think we can pull it off, we'll know by next month. Deadline to register is October 15th.
ii) A chat exists for brainstorming ideas and interest. All are welcome. Please reach out to me (Stacy Simpkins) or bring up interest in the Myrgan Wood A&S messenger chat.
b) Saskatoon Field House Art Exhibit (Tonegawa)
i) We have display space at the Saskatoon Field House from September 18th to October 4th to display art. Here are the rules we've gotten from the organizers -
ii) For your show, please note the following regarding the use of space: Use the metal grid wall to exhibit artwork; artwork must not protrude more than 12 inches from the grid wall. The grid wall panels must remain in place, next to the wall. Artwork may be available for sale; artists are responsible for facilitating any sales. The City of Saskatoon is not responsible for any loss or damage to artwork exhibited in the Pop-up Gallery Supplies (s hooks, zip ties, etc.) are available for you to use – please ask at the front desk for the container of Pop-Up Gallery supplies and return after each use. Please leave the notice about the Pop-Up Gallery program up on the display wall. Please remove

your artwork and information on the last day of your exhibition and clean up after yourself (i.e., pick up any cut zip ties).

iii) I propose we have a deadline of September 16th Gaderian for art pieces, unless folks are willing to come to the set up on Friday with their art. I can take them into my keeping on Wednesday and be on site for the opening of the Field House on Friday, September 18th for set up. Anyone is welcome to come for set-up.

iv) If we can get a variety of artists participating, it would be an excellent opportunity to show off how diverse the arts are in the SCA.

v) Antonia asks if these items are behind glass? Tonegawa will double check.

c) Moving Officers chat from Messenger to Teams - (Tonegawa)
   i) We talked about moving the Officer Chat from Messenger to Microsoft Teams. Is that something we plan to commit to?
   ii) Addressed in Seneshal report

d) Edmonton Expo Demo – Kottr
   i) We have a fantastic opportunity to do Edmonton Expo because it is not the same week as Vinfest this time. They are looking for anything from fighters, to dance, to class teaching. Cool chairs, tables. If we could send a van full of folks, that would be super cool.
   ii) This is the same weekend as Celtic festival, may be limited in what we can send. Robert notes that Borealis has a lot more members than us, and our numbers may be better served working at home. Kottr asks if it is still possible for us to send stuff, they would like it a lot.
   iii) Tonegawa is asking for information from folks running the Celtic festival so it can be posted. Illcum was lead on this, Robert is deputy and will be moving on this soon.

e) DEIB – Kottr
   i) Avacal is making a DEIB strategy, and needs input from the community! Please email me regarding Diversity, Equality and Inclusion issues that are on your mind in Myrgan Wood.
   ii) Antonia brings up, that folks who have families feel they need to step away from the SCA until their kids get older, is something that she has noticed.
   iii) Robert is bringing up the idea of some more unstructured family picnic type activities. The opinion he has received is that programming at events for families is not as effective.

f) Prairie Paladin – Conan
    i) Amya says if Prairie Paladin is indeed cancelled, if we could redirect efforts towards the Celtic Festival that would be really good. It was a much smaller demo and very well received last time.
    ii) Conan reports that in conversation with Tracene, the bowl will be under construction and the museum will be cancelling this year's paladin in favor of running next year.
g) Please stick around if you want to continue the talk about the liquor license/tavern keeper policy.

Meeting closed at 20:25