**Barony of Krae Glas – Meeting Minutes September 2025**

**Time:** opened by Rúnfríðr Keiliselgr at 7:39pm, closed at 8:50pm

**Date:** 16th September 2025

**Attendance:**

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| **Seneschal**  | Rúnfríðr Keiliselgr (Rachel Thorpe-Jones)  | **Present** |
| **Deputy Seneschal**  | Maria Giovanna Guarnieri (Alyssa Jefferyes)  | **Present** |
| **Reeve**  | Finn of St Monica (Finn Mac Eoin)  | **Present** |
| Deputy (outgoing) Reeve  | Elizabet Hunter (Janet Coath)  | Apologies  |
| Knight Marshal  | Muireach Mac Gréine (Andrew Wilson)  | Absent  |
| **Captain of Archers** | Maude atte Weylete (Michelle Kurrle)  | **Present** |
| A&S Officer   | Emelye Ryder (Natalie Szabo)  | Absent  |
| Deputy A&S Officer  | Tassilon Fetherstonhaughe (Patrick Corby)  | Absent  |
| **Herald**  | Ailbhe éccnaid (Ebony Biar)  | **Present**  |
| Chatelaine  | Hjortetakk Gorgonites (Asmodea Barton)  | Absent  |
| **Chronicler and Social Media Officer** | Julia of the Ravens  (Julia Jamieson)  | **Present**  |
| **Deputy Chronicler** | Joanna of Braidwood (Joanna Thorpe-Jones)  | **Present** |
| Deputy Social Media Officer  | Talie van Groeningen  (none)  | Absent  |
| **Webminister** | Robert de Mar (Robert Jamieson)  | **Present** |
| Baron  | Jon Dai of the Lane (Stephen Davis)  | Apologies  |
| **Baroness** | Margie of Glen More  (Margie Henley)  | **Present** |
| St Monica Seneschal  | Theodwin Vriunt (Zachary Bessemer)  | Excused  |

**Populace attending: Airdin Mac Dara (Warren McArdle).**

**Minutes:** taken by Giovanna. Motions are highlighted in blue. Action points are in yellow.

**Previous minutes:**

The August 12th minutes were approved. Moved by Julia, seconded by Airdin. No abstentions.

**Officer appointments and vacancies since last month:**

1. We have a new A&S Officer – Emelye Ryder (Natalie Szabo).
	* Handover went fine
2. We have a Chatelaine out for commentary – Bermund Wandelber (Craig Chan).
	* Commentary closes tonight, so please get it in if you have any.
3. We will be advertising for Rapier Marshal and seeing if we can uncombine these positions before Muireach steps down.
	* Kingdom has approved.
	* Question from Airdin: does the joint position need to be filled by someone who does rapier?
		+ Answer from Rúna: If we can't fill the position for Rapier Marshal, having the joint position held by a rapier combatant is ideal. However, it's also fine to have it filled by a non-rapier combatant as it's just reporting.
4. Tassilon wants to become Deputy Herald and Nym has agreed to it. Emelye as the incoming A&S Officer is aware.

**Event reports:** None.

**Upcoming events:**

* Regular events
	1. Regular Thursday night training
		+ Good attendance
		+ Airdin says that those who had been training for Spring Crown did an excellent job at the event and that we are very proud – Hanbal, Cormac, Christopher and Angus
	2. Archery
		+ Excited to have newbie interest, thank you to the social media and website work that has been done to advertise the event
	3. Crafthall in October
		+ Emelye has ideas for October but since she is absent, we won’t nail down the theme
		+ The Crafthall is tricky since it is within a week of Ironbeard
		+ Emelye is very excited about doing dance hall more regularly and would like to add a mini ball to the event (an idea that was very well received)
* Other events
	1. Ironbeard Challenge update from Maude
		+ To do still:
			- Event information is now current on the facebook page
			- Thank you Rúna for insurance details which will be dealt with soon
			- No longer doing booking forms and prepayment, payments will be done on the day, this has been approved by Reeves and Seneschal
			- Invite the B&B Stormhold
			- Margie to invite Bob
			- Need to find another target archery marshal
			- Submit Lochac event proposal form
			- Going to need help with setup
			- Rob has volunteered for target archery marshalling and to generally help with heavy lifting etc.
			- Julia: social media can help source volunteers
	2. Battle on the High C’s – Return of the Kraken (Airdin)
		+ No date set yet, Airdin suggested potentially end of January but there was some concerns that the timing would clash with Valentine’s Day, Pride and Hightide
		+ Airdin is intending to steward with Róisin
	3. Monash Council Festival Demo (Rúna)
		+ Sir Jon mentioned a while ago that we could consider Council Festivals and this is one – it’s in an area where we have a lot of members, but has a general non-nerd audience and lots of families
		+ Potentially a good place to test-run non-combat items for Renfaire
		+ Do we want to put in an application for early March in Clayton?
			- Noted this may clash with Crown
			- No financial penalty for applying, good geographic location
			- Consensus to do so if Rúna has the energy for it
	4. Hall hire update (Airdin – reported ahead of Council)
		+ Nothing to report besides that they fixed the fence and planted some plants along it.
		+ Negotiations are happening with the RSL to try and fix the ramp which has been an issue for a while

**New General Business**

**Incident Reporting (Giovanna):**

We need a more accessible/clear structure on how to handle incidents if they arise, especially gaps between informal incidents and formal incidents and making sure that new comers or people who do not necessarily have personal connections or a comprehensive understanding of the way things work have a way to raise concerns.

There is an existing blue ribbon system with a shell that we could potentially make use of to make people more identifiable at events.

Airdin notes that Lochac also has a side group to welcome newcomers. The Lochac Company of St Meinrad is a group of people who have are formally committed to welcome and provide hospitality for those who are new or struggling to connect within Lochac. The purpose of the Company is primarily to give the best possible start to newcomers in their new life as members of Lochac. The Lochac Chatelaine or Hospitaller is the patron of the Company. It is recognised by a single white pilgrim shell.

**Suggestion** that we have more than one person (potentially an official officer and then a deputy or member of the general populace) to wear the symbol of the Company of Saint Meinrad at events. They can help welcome folks but also serve as informal points of contact for issues. The significance of this system would need to be made clear at multiple events.

People who are designated for these positions would need to be apprised of current kingdom law. Below are some relevant links:

* [**https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2017/12/DisputeResolutionHandbook.pdf**](https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2017/12/DisputeResolutionHandbook.pdf)
* [**https://sca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Lochac-Issue-Resolution-Procedure-Flowchart-7-June-2024.pdf**](https://sca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Lochac-Issue-Resolution-Procedure-Flowchart-7-June-2024.pdf)

Website reporting  for incidents:

**Suggestion** for a form that the Seneschal gets a notification about on our website. It was highlighted that there is a contact form already on the website that goes to the Chatelaine. Suggested that either a separate form that is purpose specific be designed or that  significant edits to the existing form to make it fitter for purpose be undertaken.

**Website Redesign (Robert)**:

* Asking for feedback for the main landing page as it is the page that received that vast majority of our views and that’s what’s best to prioritise for now
	1. Rúna suggested that the Southren Gaard website would be a good place to look for inspiration
	2. Margie suggested that the Baroness of Rowany be contacted to get the database design for Rowany’s awards database.
	3. Noted that Innilgard also has an excellent one with little devices, though Rowany’s is interactive and has the person who gave the awards listed.

**Collegians and Summer Stewarding (Rúna)**

Rúna informed the council that she was approached by Master Cormac who suggested there are people who would like to mentor stewards but not steward themselves, so she has reached out to the College to see if there are Collegians who are interested.

**Acknowledgement of Country (Ailbhe):**

* Request for Acknowledgement of Country to be formally added to both the digital and the physical copy of book ceremonies and more generally become a staple at event courts
	+ Margie suggested that we adapt the one used at Rowany Festival, though notes it’s quite long. She'll reach out to the Baroness of Rowany to ask about it.
	+ Note not to discuss future or emerging elders in the acknowledgement, as that wording is not seen as appropriate anymore.
	+ Ailbhe will write an Acknowledgement of Country to show the B&B

**Officers present declared nothing to discuss from officer reports. Included for reference.**

**B&B report (Jon and Margie):**

We were unable to attend August crafthall and potluck due to major family events. We were privileged to attend SH Spring Ctown in two capacities. As your Baron and Baroness but also as contenders for Crown. I was very proud of Jon’s achievement finishing half way through the lists. We are looking forward to Ironbeard Challenge next month. I have continued to be active in fb groups but was not able to disseminate Blue Strand to our membership last month. As always we are awaiting recommendations from members of the populace so we can recognise those doing deeds great and small. I believe the Baron has more armouring plans afoot on as an open house on grand final weekend. Pm your baron for further details.

Margie, Baroness
Jon, Baron

**September 2025 Chronicler/Social Media Officer/Recorder of Memories report (Julia):**

Chronicler: Deputy has once again made a fantastic newsletter! It's on the website & has been emailed to the list & shared on the socials, but we decided to try going old school & printing out some copies for the Crafthall/training as well. A few people took a copy home from Crafthall, so we'll keep doing that & hope it helps more folks discover it! RM: I have finally been able to (slowly) start processing photos again! Hopefully soon I'll have more to share! 

SMO: Stats: Facebook is at 369 followers (+3 from last month). Insta is at 102 followers (+5 from last month). Views are down a little again on Facebook, but interactions are still rising rapidly, which is good! Instagram views have had a big spike, but interactions are about the same as recent months. We also had our first non-follower views in AGES on Instagram, which may have contributed to the follower increase.

General: Instagram has passed 100 followers! Very exciting, since I started it from 0! Took us 2 years to do it, but we did it! Given how little I've been able to post this past few months, I think the stats are fairly encouraging. I'm planning to restart promo for the Ironbeard Challenge again this week, now that the event details are all finalised.

**September 2025 Webwright report (Robert):**

Since last time:

* The backend has been maintained with updates, our main webpages have had some incorrect information corrected.
* The Blue Strand has now been given keywords relating to topics within each issue (Thanks to Joanna for supplying) to help improve search functions within the website and to help improve google SEO.
* Added some more SEO keywords and phrases from feedback of new members to help increase our presence in google search.

General: The improvement remain's steady and the following stats is the past month are as follows:

* Sessions: 186 (+150 since last report)
* Pageviews: 391 (+314 since last report)
* Average session duration: 36 seconds (+7 seconds since last report)
* Total users: 183
* New users: 168
* Bounce rate: 44.1% (-5.9% since last report) The bounce rate is improving as we can see compared to last time.

As with the rest of the site performance this will also improve over time with our constant updates. The next stage will be looking at our main page and the possibility of a redesign.

**Reeve (Finn reporting):**

Account balances as at the end of August 2025:
Community Solutions One account $14,356.01
Cash Reserve B account $0.01
For a total of $14,356.02

No cash reserve or floats are outstanding. Xero fully reconciled to end of August. Dropbox is up to date with bank statements and sign in sheets. No event reports outstanding.

**Herald Report (Ailbhe)**

Greetings,

This month has been busy, with several people receiving awards at Spring Crown. I also consulted for a submitter in Krae Glas (Maude atte Weylete) on a name and a device in the past month.

These gentles received honours this past month:

Everard Sefar - Order of Chivalry

Hanbal al Barbari - Order of Chivalry

Airdin Mac Dara - Court Barony

Muireach Mac Greine - Star and Lily

Joanna of Braidwood - Golden Tear

Roisin Cinnsealach - Golden Tear

YiS,

Drottin Ailbhe éccnaid.

**Next reporting dates: College downlines on the 1st of October.**

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm.

**Next meeting date:** 14th of October at 7:30pm

**Action List:**

1. Rúna
	1. Advertise for the position of Rapier Marshal.
	2. Appoint and run handover for Chatelaine.
2. Maude
	1. Invite the B&B of Stormhold for Ironbeard Challenge.
3. Margie
	1. Invite Bob to Ironbeard Challenge.
4. Julia
	1. Use social media to help source volunteers for setup for Ironbeard Challenge.
5. Rob
	1. Help with target archery marshalling for Ironbeard Challenge.
	2. Update the main landing page of the website when there’s time.
	3. Work out what to do with displaying awards on our website.
6. Miscellaneous good ideas floating in aether or delayed ideas
	1. Scheme to increase attendance for Thursdays – delayed to summer.
	2. Gallery of photos for website.
	3. Historical gallery of photos for website.
	4. Company of St Meinrad.
	5. Website form for incident reporting or feedback.
7. All Baronial officers
	1. Submit commentary for Chatelaine if you wish.
	2. Submit any award recommendations to the B&B or the Crown directly.