



MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Location: Zoom

Date: 28 NOV 2023

Time: 7PM

MEETING DETAILS

I. ATTENDEES:

Georgi Cavendish (Seneschal)

Mariangela Unitt (Reeve)

Jacqui McGarry (Chirurgion)

Jyoti Campbell (Captain of Archers)

Lauren Plant (A&S Officer)

Nicola Boyd (Rapier Marshal)

Luke Davidson-Black (Baron)

Victoria Davidson-Black (Baroness)

Meeting commenced: 7.02pm

II. BUSINESS

▪ Arts & Sciences

Lauren is proposing to change the way A&S is held in 2024, as a result of low attendance to in person sessions this year.

The first event is proposed for the weekend 24 & 25 February 2024. Classes would be run across both days, with a social dinner at a local restaurant on Sat evening.

Event pricing would be \$10 per day per member, Minors members 12-17 \$5 per day per member, minor kids members under 12 free. Usual \$10 additional cost for non-members for insurance.

Possibly additional costs for materials for classes, depending on class & teacher.

Costs will be:

\$160 for hall hire (total for both days)

\$250 for food (\$5 per day, allowing for 25 people each day)

\$60 for event tokens (25 people)

\$30 sundry expenses

It was discussed and agreed that the ST Florian travel policy includes the option to pay for flights to bring an interstate teacher, provided the class is something that a local member cannot teach. This will be explored as an option for the February collegia.

A second A&S weekend is pencilled in for late August or September.

While A&S events don't need formal approval, all who attended supported the collegia idea as a new way to boost A&S attendance and rebuild the community.

▪ **Rapier Marshal**

At the previous meeting Nicola was asked to look into if hockey bags or golf bags would be a suitable alternative.

The bag must meet the criteria of:

1. Can store all the rapier gear, including swords, daggers, masks, cloaks and spears, in one container or bag.
2. Has a small footprint, taking up minimal space in the storage shed
3. Is accessible for all – easy to transport around the grounds and to other venues, as needed.

Nicola has looked at hockey bags and golf bags, and none have met the criteria. This means the best option is the rapier bags from Leon Paul.

As there is no Australian distributor, purchasing a bag and shipping is a high price - \$677.98 (at current exchange rates). The bag has wheels, making it easy to move, holds all the equipment we have and stores vertically.

While it is an expensive cost, the bags are designed to last many years, and the two rapier swords it will storing alone cost over \$1000. The bag will also be storing the baronial daggers, spears, buckler, hoods, and will have room for cloak and jacket in the future.

The baronial fencing spears also require replacing, after being damaged at Fencing Fest this year. Cost for those are \$35 each, including shipping.

Nicola moved a motion to spend up to \$800 to purchase the bag and the spears (to allow for a small increase in the currency exchange rate for the bag purchas. This was seconded by Jacqui, and approved by all attending the meeting.

III. CONCLUSION

Meeting ended: 7:32pm

Next meeting will be January 2024