

October 2023 Østgarðr Commons Minutes

The Province's monthly commons meeting was held October 18. Here are the minutes as recorded by Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin.

Attendance

Present

- Angelica di Nova Lipa, Vicereine
- Sofya Gianetta di Trieste, Vicereine
- Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi (Uji), Seneschal
- Alienor Salton (Piglet), Exchequer and Whyt Whey Seneschal
- Drasma Dragomira, Herald
- Friderich Grimme, Webminister
- Zahra de Andaluzia, Chronicler
- Brandr Aronsson, Minister of A&S
- Lada Monguligin, Social Media Officer
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine and Acting Armored Combat Marshal
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Alexander MacLachlan (Alec), Fencing Marshal
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Meadhbh mac Pharláin, Northpass Seneschal
- Arnora Ketilsdóttir
- Ragnarr Bliskegg
- Gibbs Moryss
- Eadwine the Younger
- Hanya Vladimirovna Polotskaya
- Oliver deBainbrig
- Jenna Childslayer
- Dominic

Absent Officers

- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists

- Iola Wulfsdóttir, Lions End Seneschal

Opening

- Called to order at 7:30 P.M.
- [SCA Harassment and Bullying Policy](#) was displayed and recited.

Vicereines

- *Sofya*: We have many events coming up. Please come out to support our fighters, artists, and craftspeople. Your participation makes everything we do possible.
- Please review our report for news about other recent and upcoming events.

Brokenbridge Status

- *Uji*: Brokenbridge is now officially in dormant status. I'd like to thank all of the canton officers for their service. We're going to keep the seneschal's office listed on the provincial website but marked as vacant.
- *Arnora*: I've updated the canton website to show us as dormant and all of the offices as vacant. If you want Brokenbridge favors, speak to me or Ragnarr at an upcoming event.
- *Friderich*: What are you doing about canton email addresses?
- *Arnora*: I'm the webminister and will set them up to forward to provincial officers.
- *Friderich*: I believe that the system we use will only allow you to forward those to specific individuals, not offices, so someone will need to handle updating those forwarding entries when provincial offices are handed off.
- *Arnora*: Yes, I plan on leaving myself listed as the webminister in the directory system so that I can keep those forwards updated.

Officer Nominations

- *Uji*: Provincial officer elections are coming up. An email has been sent around and I believe also posted to the website. We are now accepting letters of intent for all of these offices, including those with an incumbent. If you are interested in an officer position please send in a letter of intent.
- *Lada*: Can you please tell us which offices don't already have an incumbent willing to serve again, and thus particularly need candidates?
- *Friderich*: From the announcement Uji distributed: Terms are ending for seneschal, herald, historian, fencing marshal, and webminister. We have existing vacancies for archery marshal, youth combat marshal, and chamberlain. We also need a permanent replacement for armored combat marshal. The incumbents are willing to serve again for seneschal, historian, and fencing marshal, but the herald and webminister are both stepping back. Letters of intent are welcome, preferably before November!
- *Sofya*: Thank you to our officers, both those who are continuing and those who are stepping down. If you're curious but have questions or are hesitant about taking on the role, please reach out to us for more information. There's no pressure or obligation on anyone to serve, but we are looking for new people and the new ideas and new energy they bring. It's a great way to contribute. Thank you to everyone for your help.
- *Uji*: If you don't feel like you are ready to take on an office, please volunteer as a deputy, where you can help with some of the work and learn the role.
- *Mathghamhain*: Please forward the call for nominations to our various social media feeds and forums because some not everyone reads the web and email announcements.
- *Uji*: Thank you to the vicereines and to Mathghamhain for feedback on the announcement, and to Mathghamhain for writing up a very clear outline of the officer nomination process.

Officer Listing

- *Uji*: Officers, if you want your pronouns listed on the website, please tell me or notify the webminister. Thanks to Lada for the suggestion.

- *Lada*: There was a push for publishing this information a few years ago, as it makes us look more inclusive.

King's County Fiber Festival

- *Uji*: The Brooklyn Fiber Festival was canceled. Our exchequer has asked whether we'd get a refund or if it's rolled over to next year.
- *Ragnarr*: I think they've given us an option for refund or roll-over. I'll have to contact Catelin to see if she's already worked anything out.
- *Uji*: Okay, I'll be looking for an update.

Goats Inn, October 21 (Oliver)

- *Oliver*: There are currently 29 people pre-registered, 7 of whom are youth. And I know additional people will show up on the day of, perhaps 40 total. So make sure there's enough food!
- *Uji*: We made over 200 pierogies, as well as other food.
- *Alec*: What number of people were we hoping for?
- *Oliver*: Because of the events happening in An Dubh and in Dragonship, I was worried our turnout would be very low, but it looks like people are showing up.
- *Uji*: If you're free, please join us. It's \$45 for the weekend, dayboard, feast, breakfast on Sunday, warm drinks, and lots of activities.

Valhalla, January (Ragnarr)

- *Ragnarr*: I have secured a date of January 20, 2024 in our site at the Purgatory bar. I've gotten the site fee slightly less than last year.
- I'm capping the headcount at 55, because last year was 63 and it was too crowded.
- Because the canton is going dormant I'd like to make it a provincial event. I've sent the budget to the finance committee.

- I'm looking forward to getting the remaining details ironed out in the coming weeks.
- *Arnora*: For the record, when Brokenbridge comes back, we plan on sponsoring this event in future years.
- *Sofya*: Absolutely.

Fighter Practice, Tuesdays

- *Uji*: We continue to have fighter/fencer practice every week.
- *Albrecht*: We've generally got a good turnout every week, and we have a pell set up to practice with.
- We've had a bunch of newcomers showing up recently; it seems there's always a burst of interest after Pennsic.
- It's not just a combat practice, it's also a nice social gathering, so come out and join us! After practice we usually go out for tacos or drinks.
- *Alec*: We've also had a couple of new people on the fencing side. But we need to find an indoor spot because it is getting colder.
- *Albrecht*: I've just sent an email to a school near McCarren Park asking about using their space. Even after it gets cold, I'll also be looking for random warm days when we can return to the park. Unfortunately the Manhattanville site is awkward for many of our rattan fighters, because it's not close to most of us and the parking is difficult.

A&S Workshops, Monthly (Brandr)

- *Uji*: Brandr has suggested having monthly A&S activities.
- *Brandr*: I'm taking this over from Sofya. I think it's good for us to have in-person A&S activities. I'm looking for spaces; we can do them at my house, or elsewhere if other folks want to host.
- I've just been talking with Friderich and Uji, and the first one we're scheduling will be a workshop on cooking dayboards or feasts for SCA events. There will be cooking (and eating). It will be on November 5 from 11-4 at my house in Brooklyn. If you're interested in cooking, come join us!
- *Sofya*: I'll put this on the calendar and ask Lada to publish on social media.

- *Lada*: Are you okay with us publishing your home address?
- *Brandr*: Yes.

Knitting Workshop, October 22 (Catelin)

- *Catelin*: We'll adjust the content of the workshop depending on who shows up.
- For first-timers, I'm bringing some kits and we can do a basic intro to knitting.
- For more advanced knitters, I'm bringing a copy of "Knitting with the Modern Maker" and printouts of a sock pattern from the 1550s.
- I'll do a very basic intro to the history of knitting.
- It'll be a casual social environment. First-timers are very welcome.

Scribal Workshop, October 29 (Lada)

- *Lada*: I'll bring scribal supplies, and am leaving the exact plan up in the air and we'll figure out based on who shows up.
- This will be at the same location as the knitting event. The coffee shop lets us use the space in exchange for buying coffee.
- Please RSVP for both this and the knitting workshop by the Friday before the event so we can tell the shop how much space we need..

Armoring Workshop, October 29 (Ragnarr)

- *Ragnarr*: Sorry for having this the same day as the scribal; I had to reschedule due to a conflict.
- We'll be working in my home workshop. We've got at least one fighter showing up to work on their armor.
- When you publish this on the website, please give my email address and people who are interested can contact me to get the street address.

Fabric District Outing, November 11 (Sofya)

- *Sofya*: People have been asking about this for a while and I've finally carved out some time to lead an expedition.
- We're going to meet at noon. Details are listed in the calendar, social media, etc.
- The fabric district is smaller than it was decades ago but there's still lots to see.
- It can seem intimidating to go into these shops for the first time, so come learn the ropes with us and get comfortable.

Regional Activities

- *Uji*: There are a bunch of events coming up in and around our region.
- October 21, St. Andrew and the An Dubhaigeainn baronial investiture. Our good friends to the East, Fiona and Hugoline, will be the new baronesses of An Dubh. This is a big event with the royalty present. If you're not going to Goat's Tavern, please consider going out to this.
- October 28, Nos Calan Gaeaf, in Settmour, a schola.
- November 4, St Eligius, in Dragonship.
- November 10–11, Golden Sewist Challenge in Beyond the Mountain.
- November 11, Bjorn's Ceilidh, in Concordia.
- November 18, Hundred Minutes, in Rusted Woodlands.
- *Kunigunde*: Also, on December 9, there's a sewing event in Nordenhalle, the same group that does Dancing Fox, making gold key garb for Concordia to replace their stash that got burned in a fire last year.

Other Business

- *Friderich*: I am requesting permission to spend \$25 to renew our Ostgardr.org domain name. We don't use this much, but it might be useful in the future. The vicereines and exchequer have already approved it;. Uji, do you agree?
- *Uji*: Yes.

- *Friderich*: Okay, I'll renew and send the receipt to the exchequer for reimbursement.
- *Alienor*: The Kingdom A&S Ministry is setting up a recurring program of online A&S displays. The first one will be in December and the entry deadline is mid November. This is a good opportunity to show off work you've done, whether from the past or a current project.
- *Brandr*: Yes, everyone should check this out.
- *Zahra*: This is your periodic reminder to submit things for the e-Horse. Send me your art, photos, haiku, stories, or anything. The next issue will be published December 1.
- *Mathghamhain*: There had been a question as to whether the upcoming Bear's Tavern was going to be sponsored by Northpass or by the province; did that get resolved?
- *Meadhbh*: We've received those event bids and they look good, so Northpass will sponsor them.

Closing

- Meeting closed at 8:08 PM.