

Mountain Edge Council Meeting - March 10, 2025

Quick recap

The team discussed the process of becoming a U.S. citizen, the transition of the Mountain Edge seneschal, and the progress of the Exchequer. They also discussed the heavy fighter and rapier practices, issues with the scribal office, and the possibility of reducing the number of defender positions in their shire. Lastly, they focused on the upcoming events, Coronet and Defenders, and the retirement of four defender positions due to the lack of an archery marshal and the absence of the Acorn War event.

Next steps

- Morgan to post about seeking a replacement for the Chatelaine position.
- Asny to discuss with Morgan about potentially taking over the Chatelaine role.
- Layla to follow up on conversations regarding the Seneschal position and provide an update to Eduardo.
- Tyric to recruit rapier marshals for the Defender tournament at the next fight practice.
- Tyric to talk to Fergus about potentially head marshaling the heavy part of the Defender tournament.
- Tyric to find volunteers to run lists and gate for the Defender tournament.
- Myvanwy to act as royal liaison for the Defender tournament and coordinate with Ivan and the Tanists.
- Myvanwy to ensure the investiture portions are added to Ivan's Court docket for the Defender tournament.
- Tyric to make a Costco run to procure treats and water for the Defender tournament.
- All members to bring banners to the Defender tournament if they have them.
- Michele/Oswyne to contact Godwin about the review of books.
- Michele/Oswyne to get information from the current Seneschal to fill out the change of office form.
- Layla to bring remaining bank statements to Coronet for Eduardo to sign and hand off to Michele/Oswyne.
- All officers to watch for quarterly report emails due around April 15th.
- Asny to organize gate training for Coronet volunteers in the coming week.

Summary

Citizenship Process and Document Importance

Eduardo discusses the process of becoming a U.S. citizen, highlighting the five initial questions on the application form, including inquiries about Communist Party affiliation and personal conduct. Michele shares her experience with her daughter's citizenship process, noting ongoing requests for documentation. Eduardo mentions his own uncertainty about the location of his citizenship certificate, while Michele emphasizes the importance of keeping such documents readily available for various applications.

Eduardo Announces Seneschal Transition

Eduardo announces that he will no longer be the Mountain Edge seneschal after the April meeting, as he is moving to Canada on April 28. Layla, the current deputy, will either take over in an interim capacity or help transition to a new seneschal. Eduardo encourages anyone interested in the position to contact him or Layla. He also reminds officers that quarterly reports are due in April and highlights the strong showing from the Summits at the recent Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Rapier events.

Exchequer Progress and Bank Signer Updates

The Exchequer, Michele/Oswyne, provides an update on their progress, including organizing paperwork, attending Paypal training, and identifying necessary tasks such as updating bank signers and completing a bank request form. Layla offers to share the most recent bank balance and plans to hand over signed bank statements at Coronet. The group discusses the process of updating bank signers, which is initiated by the Society and requires coordination among members. Michele/Oswyne expresses gratitude for patience as they become familiar with their role.

Heavy Fighter Practices and Tournament

Tyric reports that heavy fighter practices have been regular with about four fighters attending, while rapier practices have had a strong showing of 6-10 fighters, many from other branches. The group discusses potentially moving heavy fight practice back to Beulah Park and changing the day from Tuesday to Thursday. They also consider using the parking lot for outdoor practices at their current location. Morgan mentions that she will be entering the Defenders tournament, and the group discusses finding marshals for the event. Tyric notes that His Majesty recently attended a fight practice with his child, who showed interest in youth armored combat.

Scribal Office Issues and Website Content

The group discusses issues with the scribal office, noting that the scribe has not been receiving items to paint. Eduardo agrees to reach out and investigate. Morgan suggests making a post in the Coronet group to request charters be brought to court. Morgan, as Chatelaine, announces she is seeking a replacement for her office and recommends attending the Known World Newcomers Symposium. Tyric, as Web Minister, requests more content for the website and suggests officers contribute posts. Eduardo proposes creating a schedule for officers to write content for the website.

Defender Positions Reduction Discussion

The group discusses reducing the number of defender positions in their shire. They currently have eight defenders, including heavy, rapier, youth combat, arts and sciences, equestrian, archery, thrown weapons, and bardic. Morgan suggests conducting an official poll to decide on eliminating or reducing defender positions. Myvanwy provides historical context for each position's creation and suggests potentially retiring equestrian, archery, thrown weapons, and youth combat due to lack of current participation. The group agrees to consider temporarily retiring these positions, with the possibility of reinstating them if interest resurfaces in the future.

Retiring Defender Positions and Archery Practices

The team discussed the possibility of retiring four defender positions: archery, thrown weapons, youth, and equestrian. They agreed to keep the regalia and other shire property, with the option to store it at Oswyne's. Duncan expressed interest in hosting unofficial archery practices, but noted the need for an archery marshal. The team also discussed the potential for future archery practices, with the caveat that they would need to find a new location if Duncan were to leave the property.

Retirement of Defender Positions Discussed

The meeting focused on the retirement of four defender positions due to the lack of an archery marshal and the absence of the Acorn War event. The attendees discussed the need for an official regular practice and an officer position for each defender to be reinstated. They also considered the possibility of hosting non-defender tournaments at events. The group agreed to vote on the retirement of the four defender positions and the criteria for bringing them back.

Coronet and Defenders Event Preparations

The meeting covers two main events: Coronet and Defenders. For Coronet, Tyric provides details on setup times, pre-registration for lunch, and various activities planned. Eduardo commends Asny for her work on organizing the event. Tyric is still seeking a volunteer coordinator. For the Defenders tournament, Tyric reports that preparations are on schedule and he's working on recruiting marshals and procuring snacks. Myvanwy offers to act as royal liaison and discusses heraldry needs for the event.

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