Al Meeting summary for Mountain Edge Council Meeting (05/12/2025)

Quick recap

The team discussed various topics, such as a shire inventory move work party. They also explored the possibility of coordinating with other Scottish Highland games groups, hosting a prize tournament, and establishing a forestry guild. Additionally, they discussed the process of sharing posts on personal and guild pages, the retirement of existing defenders, and the issue of a rapier defender's card being pulled.

Next steps

- Asny: Contact Linfield College history department about potential collaboration for indoor practice space and student engagement
- Oswyne & Layla: Coordinate on reviewing and updating financial policies
- Oswyne, Myvanwy & Layla: Coordinate to change bank signatories when ready
- Layla: Prepare concrete proposal for prize tournament and super practice structure for next meeting
- Tyric & Morgan: Gather feedback from fighting community about potential new fight practice locations
- Oswyne & Mergret: Coordinate timing and logistics for the tanning demonstration after June
- Mergret: Share Forestry Guild activities to Shire Discussion Group and Summits Discussion Group for wider reach
- Asny: Follow up with Maral to confirm if May 31st works for moving shire property from her location
- Tyric: Update the officers page on the website to reflect recent changes and remove Marl as Herald
- Tyric: Look into the Google search result issue for the shire website
- Layla: Follow up on Griffin University event planning introductions
- Asny & Oswyne: Coordinate the logistics for the May 31st shire property move
- Tyric: Deposit the defenders tournament check at the bank
- Tyric: Get a photo of the new heavy defender with their cloak for the website
- Layla: Reach out to Kingdom level website administrators about updating seneschal information and CC Tyric
- Layla: Contact Esja about designing thank you scrolls for retiring defenders
- Layla: Prepare dates for a separate governance document revision meeting to present at the next meeting
- Layla: Work on language for defender tournament format announcement requirements
- Tyric: Email meeting minutes in text format to Mergret and CC seneschal for editing
- Tyric: Update Summits website with current seneschal information

- Layla & Tyric: Coordinate to set up alternate host access for the next meeting's Zoom session
- Morgan: Raise the issue of top-down communication gaps in the rapier marshal system to direct supervisors
- Event Stewards: Implement practice of explicitly inviting defenders to events and coordinating with marshals for defender tournaments

Summary

Shire Inventory Movement Work Party

Asny mentioned an upcoming work party to pick up items from one place, Maral's to Oswyne's May 31st, 11 am.

Meeting Minutes and Future Plans

Layla led the meeting, discussing the approval of the April meeting minutes and the emergency meeting minutes. She also outlined her plan for future meetings, including collecting officer reports and agenda items by the end of Friday before the meeting, compiling reports and the agenda on Sunday, and posting the agenda on Facebook. She emphasized the importance of using official channels for any official business. Tyric raised a question about setting up an automatic response for the official email, which Layla agreed to. Layla also mentioned her intention to have one-on-one meetings with officers in the coming months and to revive the Quarterly shire socials and a super practice.

Exploring New Venues for Exposure

Asny discussed the possibility of coordinating with other Scottish Highland games groups and suggested having several days for different groups. She also mentioned the idea of coordinating with Linfield College for a student space for practices and crafting. Asny proposed the idea of having a Marshall practice in town to invite more people into their groups. The group discussed the possibility of moving their fight practice to Wortman Park or Jaquith Park, considering the amenities and foot traffic. They also discussed the need to check with the park on their insurance requirements. The group agreed to explore new options and venues to get more people exposed to the group.

Prize Tournaments and Hot Dog Cookouts

Layla discussed the possibility of hosting a prize tournament and a hot dog cookout on the first Thursday of each month. She also suggested having a super practice where they try to drive participation from other branches. The team agreed to consider these ideas. Tyric and Morgan discussed the upcoming fighter practice and the possibility of having a practice in a new location. Mergret shared updates about the Forestry Guild and mentioned the possibility of hosting a tanning event at Oswyne's house.

Guilds and Personal Pages Discussion

Layla and Mergret discussed the process of sharing posts on personal and guild pages, with Layla suggesting that posts on the Shire Discussion Group could reach a wider audience. Myvanwy clarified that guilds are official groups within the SCA, with the Moneyers Guild and Costumers Guild being examples. Layla offered support for Mergret's efforts to establish a forestry guild. Oswyne asked about the existence of guilds, and Myvanwy suggested looking on Facebook and the Kingdom website for more information.

Website Updates and Upcoming Events

Layla expressed her appreciation for the artisans who contribute to the painting of scrolls and charters. Tyric updated the officers page, added new defenders, and updated the website to the latest version of WordPress. He also requested feedback on any changes needed on the website. Tyric reported on the Mountain Edge Defenders Tournament, which had 40 attendees and raised \$312. He also mentioned a new topic for discussion regarding a rapier defender's card being pulled. Layla discussed the planning for Acorn War next year and the potential for an Arts and Sciences event. Tyric agreed to look into the issue of a broken link on the Kingdom website. Layla also mentioned the need to get the Shire of Mountain Edge's website to appear in search results.

Defender Retirement and Governance Updates

In the meeting, the team discussed the possibility of scheduling a date for a gathering, with June 14th being suggested. However, it was decided that this date might not be suitable due to the Oregon State Convention rabbit show and the Tournament of Chivalry and Defense. The team then considered the last weekend of May as a potential date. They also discussed the retirement of existing defenders, particularly in archery and equestrian, and the possibility of incorporating them in a future event. The team agreed to recognize outgoing defenders with a thank you scroll.

Lastly, they discussed the need to update the governance document, including a method for removing defenders in certain scenarios. Layla proposed a separate meeting to revise the governance document, and Asny expressed his preference for in-person meetings. The group agreed to focus on the governance document in a future meeting.

Rapier Defender's Card Disciplinary Actions

Layla, Tyric, and Morgan discussed the issue of a rapier defender's card being pulled due to disciplinary actions. They considered rescinding the defender's position and explored options for handling similar situations in the future. They also discussed the need for better communication and information flow within the organization.

Al-Generated Meeting Minutes Editing Method

Layla proposed a new method for editing meeting minutes, which would involve using AI to generate the minutes and then having Mergret and Tyric review and edit them. Tyric agreed to test this method for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM Pacific time.

Next meeting is June 16th, 2025 at 6pm