

Meeting summary for Mountain Edge Council

Meeting (07/14/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including administrative matters, event planning, and organizational updates. Discussions focused on financial status, upcoming demos, marshal activities, and plans for future events in 2025 and 2026. The group also addressed youth involvement, creating new positions, and improving communication materials, while emphasizing the importance of documentation and approving meeting minutes.

Next steps

- Layla: Follow up with Dragon's Mist Seneschal regarding the \$800 deposit from joint fight practice
- Oswin: Complete and submit quarterly exchequer report
- Asny: Fill out paperwork for Carnegie room A&S monthly meetings starting August 26th
- Layla: Contact principality seneschal to confirm reservation of second weekend in September 2026 for Acorn War
- Asny: Continue site investigation for Acorn War 2026
- Officers: Complete and submit quarterly reports, copying seneschal email
- Tyric: Follow up with Iago about Cedric's junior rapier marshal certification paperwork
- Tyric: Complete and upload previous meeting minutes as PDF with attendance and time information
- Layla: Reach out to Kingdom background check coordinator regarding pending applications for Tamar and Heidi
- Asny: Email Domingo about participating in the upcoming demo
- Esja: Email thank you card designs to Tyric for printing for the demo
- Esja: Reach out to Kathleen about scroll designs for outgoing shire defenders
- Layla: Email Tyric about how to get the shire's web address to show up in Google searches
- Layla: Sign paperwork for Carnegie room A&S meetings when ready
- Layla: Post a poll for clean-out day options at Oswyne's property
- Layla: Update the shire webpage to change "AI Minutes" to "Approved Minutes" after approval
- Asny/Tyric: Prepare site for tanning class on August 23rd-24th
- Layla: Follow up with the Principality Seneschal regarding requirements for creating shire tokens/recognition items
- Layla: Create event for next month's council meeting
- Layla: Reach out to Eduardo regarding the contract for joint fight practice
- Tyric: Work on creating informational handouts/trifold for newcomers
- Oswyne & Tyric: Review and inventory labeled storage tubs

- Sabine: Attend next council meeting as new Youth Representative
- Tamar: Email Tyric with additional details and ideas for the informational pamphlet content
- Rain: Contact Layla to get on the list for approvals and background checks if interested in youth officer position
- Tyric: Create Zoom link for the next council meeting on August 11th at 6 PM

Summary

Group Meeting: Introductions and Updates

The meeting began at 6:04, and Layla led a round of introductions for the purpose of AI tracking. The group also mentioned that Rowan would be joining around 7, though she was hesitant to share her ideas. Layla emphasized the importance of dialogue and conversation as the next step, and the conversation ended with a brief discussion about their roles and positions within the group.

Meeting Minutes Review and Updates

The meeting focused on reviewing and approving previous meeting minutes, with updates to include attendance lists and meeting times. Layla announced plans to recruit a chronicler to handle future minutes and discussed the need for officers to submit quarterly reports by the next day, emphasizing the importance of copying the Seneschall for records. Tyric inquired about the formatting of meeting minutes, and Layla clarified the quorum requirements and process for future minutes.

Demo Plans and Meeting Logistics

The group discussed plans for an upcoming demo at the Mac mini con on July 19th, where they will display heavy rapier, fiber arts, and scribal activities. They agreed to bring tables, with Tyric planning to pick up tents and other items from Michele/Oswyne's house. The group also discussed the need for marshals, with Rich Hastings confirmed as rapier marshal, though his role in fighting was unclear. They planned for future demos on October 4th and 5th at the McMinnville Scottish Festival, with Asny reaching out to various groups for participation. Additionally, they discussed securing an indoor site at the Carnegie room for regular art and science meetings, with Layla and Michele expressing interest in attending on Tuesdays.

Shire Financial Management Update

The meeting focused on the financial status of the shire, with Layla and Michele discussing the current bank balance of \$7,481.57, which has been increased by recent PayPal deposits. They agreed to update the account signers and obtain a new endorsement stamp for the bank account. Layla expressed gratitude for the financial resources provided by the late Dave Maka and praised the current council for being good stewards of the funds. Michele/Oswyne provided

an update on the storage of shire items, which are currently being kept in her garage while she organizes their new storage location.

Layla and Asny discussed the status of a deposit related to a joint fight practice with Dragons Mist, which Asny confirmed was \$800, site fee plus ½ deposit, forgot exact numbers. Layla agreed to continue following up with the DM Senashal, and Asny suggested checking with Eduardo about a signed contract.

Marshal Activities and Arts Planning

The group discussed marshal activities, with Tyric reporting on regular practices at Beula Park and a new night in attendance. Layla mentioned Morgan seeking a replacement for her deputy rapier marshal position, potentially involving Iago's certification. The arts and sciences report included plans for a tanning class on August 23-24, with Mergret and Osyne planning to bring hides. The scribal report confirmed the availability of thank you cards for an upcoming event. The group agreed to meet on the fourth Tuesday of August at 5 PM for a scribal meeting, and Tyric mentioned updating the royalty pages on the website.

Future Events Planning and Logistics

Layla discussed potential events for 2025 and 2026, including a winter AS event and a Griffin University summit. She noted that both events may be pushed to 2026 due to logistical challenges and the need to avoid event burnout. Asny expressed interest in helping organize social events, and the group discussed potential sites for the 2026 Acorn War event. Layla also mentioned that monthly AS nights will start at the McMinnville Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and she will follow up on updating the kingdom website.

Scroll Project and Clean-Out Planning

The group discussed creating scrolls for outgoing shire defenders, with Esja and Asny planning to reach out to Kathleen for design and calligraphy work, while Myvanwy will be consulted for appropriate wording. They agreed to set up a group email chat to coordinate the scroll project. Layla announced plans to post a poll on the shire page for a clean-out day at Oswyne's storage area, with Oswyne requesting help with tearing down old buildings and moving scrap metal, while avoiding exposure to mouse droppings. The group reviewed available dates for the clean-out, settling on July 20th, 27th, and August 16th and 17th, with a 10 AM start time.

Meeting Minutes Review Process

The team discussed the process for reviewing and approving meeting minutes, with Layla explaining that a chronicler will be responsible for reviewing minutes and ensuring they are properly documented. They agreed to update the shire page to reflect approved minutes and maintain documentation of meeting approvals. Tyric and Asny raised concerns about the accuracy of AI-generated minutes, particularly in identifying speakers and voters, and Layla shared her notes from recent meetings to help reconcile any discrepancies. The team also

clarified the timeline for approving minutes, with Layla explaining they would vote to approve the first Q3 meeting minutes in their next meeting.

Youth Defender Role Discussion

Sabine presented on the youth defender position, proposing monthly youth get-togethers and emphasizing the need for more youth involvement in the SCA. Layla expressed support for Sabine's efforts but suggested creating a youth representative position on the Council.

Youth Activities and Safety Planning

The group discussed organizing A&S Nights and youth activities, with Layla proposing regular recurring family-friendly events where parents must accompany children. They addressed background check requirements, noting a current backlog at the SCA level, and agreed that events with children can proceed as long as parents are present, though specific children's activities require a background-checked adult coordinator. The council voted unanimously to create a youth representative position on the Council, with Sabine as the first holder, and discussed developing youth service tokens that could be designed by youth members.

Youth Council and Event Planning

The meeting covered several topics, including the approval of a new youth representative on the council, volunteer tokens, and the creation of informational materials for demos. Layla mentioned following up with the principality about the Ladybug token process. The group discussed the need for a trifold pamphlet or similar material to hand out at events, with Tamar-Kath suggesting this would be helpful for newcomers. Tyric agreed to work on creating or obtaining such materials. The meeting also touched on the possibility of a 60-year SCA anniversary event, though no concrete details were available.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 6 PM on Zoom.