

Mountain Edge Council (September Minutes)

Quick recap

The meeting began with technical issues and discussions about reporting procedures, followed by updates on archery events and equipment arrangements. The group reviewed previous meeting minutes, discussed upcoming events including the Shire demo and Arts and Sciences Night, and addressed financial and storage matters. The conversation ended with plans for establishing an SCA club at McMinnville High School, including discussions about requirements and safety protocols, with the next meeting scheduled for October 13th.

Next steps

- Shire officers: Prepare quarterly reports due October 15th
- Asny: Finalize details for the October 4th Shire demo during the 7:00 planning meeting
- Tyric: Continue recruiting marshals and combatants for heavy and rapier for the upcoming demo
- Elovel: Coordinate with Oswyne about setting up an archery range for the weekend
- Elovel: Organize an informal archery session at Oswyne's place on Saturday at 11 AM
- Elovel: Set up thrown weapons at Oswyne's place during the same visit
- Elovel: Advertise the archery event if Oswyne confirms it can be held at her location
- Layla: Add review of July meeting minutes to the next meeting agenda
- Layla: Send Sabine the link for submitting agenda items and reports
- Layla: Share the Arts and Sciences Night event to the discussion page
- Layla: Send Tyric a link via chat and personal contact
- Tyric: Change the meeting minutes file names from "AI minutes" to "approved minutes" for those that have been approved
- Asny: Contact Mergret and Esja about reporting on Arts and Sciences Nights

Summary

Mountain Edge Council Reporting Process

The meeting began with technical difficulties as participants tried to access the Mountain Edge Council platform. Layla clarified that Sabine could submit reports through a single monthly link, which she would share via chat. Asny mentioned submitting a report about the recent art science event, and Layla requested that Mergret join the meeting to discuss reporting expectations. The conversation ended with Layla sharing that Elovel had won the Blatha An Oir archery championship.

Archery Session Planning Discussion

Elovel shared her experience at a recent archery event, where she helped new participants and discussed setting up an informal archery session at Oswyne's location. Oswyne confirmed that the archery equipment is ready and available for use, though she won't be actively participating in organizing the sessions. They agreed that Elovel can visit during the week or on Saturday to set up, with a tentative time of 11 o'clock.

Shire Demo Planning Meeting

The meeting focused on reviewing and approving previous meeting minutes, discussing upcoming events, and planning for the Shire demo. Layla confirmed the approval of August meeting minutes and noted the need to review July minutes at the next meeting. She also shared updates on the Arts and Sciences Night and reminded officers about quarterly reporting requirements. Asny provided details on the Shire demo, highlighting the need for more marshals and combatants, and asked for feedback on whether attendees preferred a one-day or two-day event. The group agreed to discuss this further at the demo planning meeting.

Arts and Sciences Event Planning

The group discussed the success of their recent Arts and Sciences Night, which attracted 18-20 people and included new participants. Asny announced the next event on September 23rd, inviting attendees to bring art or science pieces and potentially enjoy some music. Oswyne provided an update on financial matters, noting that she is still waiting for a refund from Dragon's Mist and discussing the need for bank signers. The group also touched on storage arrangements, with Tyric mentioning additional storage space at their home, and Oswyne receiving the Herald's belongings to be stored with the Exchequer items. The Heavy Marshall reported on regular practices, noting a decrease in attendance due to upcoming events like Coronet. Elovel proposed setting up an informal archery session, but Asny suggested postponing it due to scheduling conflicts.

Archery Event Planning Logistics

The group discussed logistics for an upcoming archery event, deciding that Elovel would handle communications through Facebook Messenger rather than sharing the address publicly. They agreed that Layla would post an official announcement through the Shire's channels, tagging Elovel for interested participants to contact her directly. The group also discussed budget planning for next year, with Layla suggesting to start discussions in November for a December vote, and Oswyne expressing interest in learning how to handle people's budgets.

Organizational Updates and Event Planning

The meeting covered updates on various organizational activities, including Arts and Sciences, Web Ministry, and upcoming events. Tyric announced his transition to the Summit's web minister role, and Oswyne confirmed she would need help updating her WordPress skills. Layla discussed ongoing efforts to confirm event dates and locations, as well as the potential revival of certain Defender positions, pending the establishment of necessary requirements. Elovel inquired about archery tournaments, and Layla clarified the council's plans to reintroduce certain Defender roles, with Acorn War being a potential venue for these events.

SCA Club Formation Discussion

The group discussed creating an SCA club at McMinnville High School, with Wyvern proposing to bring medieval culture to high school students. Tyric mentioned Morgan Woodson as a potential sponsor, though Layla clarified that a faculty member from the school district would be required. The group agreed to explore the requirements for starting the club, including the need for a faculty sponsor and student membership, and to investigate whether Morgan would be eligible for this role.

Arts and Sciences Club Planning

The meeting focused on establishing a new club at a high school that would combine arts and sciences, with Reverend Shanta expressing interest in bringing history and armor-making aspects to the program. Layla agreed to coordinate further details via email and suggested connecting with art teachers rather than manufacturing teachers for support. The group discussed safety requirements, including the need for parental supervision or waivers for students under 18 participating in martial activities, and agreed to have club members attend arts and sciences gatherings hosted by the council. The next meeting was scheduled for October 13th from 6 to 7:30 PM, with Tyric agreeing to email the meeting details to those who needed it.