

Mountain Edge Minutes - January 2026

In Attendance: Layla, Tyric, Asny, Elovel, Mergret

Meeting summary

The meeting covered various administrative and event-related matters for the Shire, check request forms, and the approval of previous meeting minutes. The group reviewed ongoing projects and activities, such as archery sessions, arts and sciences events, and the search for a new practice site. They also discussed future events, scheduling changes, and the creation of recognition items for outgoing defenders, while addressing the potential for youth participation in tournaments.

Next steps

- Layla: Follow up via email with Seneschal (and copy Asny) regarding the shared fight practice deposit issue.
- Layla: Put proposed revision to governance document on agenda for next month's meeting and consider scheduling a separate discussion meeting; send out poll to gauge interest in participating in the discussion.
- Tyric: Reach out to Morgan this week to collect the loaner rapier equipment.
- Tyric: Follow up with Sheridan High School regarding application for winter practice site and investigate alternative locations, including checking with Cedric about Carlton Elementary School key/contact.
- Elovel: Fill out and submit the check request form for archery materials purchased, including receipts.
- Elovel: Bring acquired archery equipment to the Shire and provide an itemized list (name, description, quantity) to Oswyne for inventory.
- Oswyne (Exchequer) and Asny: Complete data entry and final checks for Shire inventory; coordinate offline as needed.
- Tyric: Update Mountain Edge Council meeting calendar and Zoom settings for March meeting (moved to third Monday).
- All officers/populace: Discuss and provide input (via chat or poll) on potentially changing the regular meeting date, with decision to be finalized after broader consultation.
- Layla: Follow up with Esja and Kathleen regarding scrolls for outgoing defenders and coordinate recognition at an appropriate event.
- Tyric: Continue searching for missing Defender baldricks and check with previous defenders as needed.
- Asny: Add Elovel's contact information to Acorn War event materials as deputy event steward.

- Tyric: Send final quarterly Webminister report to Summit's Web Minister and complete documentation handoff to Oswyne.
- Asny: Continue pursuing site options for Acorn War and follow up with contacted locations; aim to finalize by February.
- Layla: Make decision within the next month about stewarding the 2027 Summit's ANS and Bardic Championship event; consider co-steward or deputy as needed.
- Tyric: Reach out to Barak (and possibly others) regarding Mountain Edge Defender event coordination and communication.
- Layla: Touch base with Oswyne and Asny on inventory progress this week.

Summary

Archery Range Resources Meeting

The meeting began with Layla guiding Elovel on how to complete and submit a check request form for archery range resources, including instructions for electronic submission. The group then discussed the approval of previous meeting minutes, which was moved by Asny and seconded by Tyric. Layla noted the presence of several attendees, including Asny, Tyric, Elovel, and Mergret, and mentioned that Exchequer Oswyne had a prior commitment.

Kingdom A&S Champion Announcement

The meeting approved the November meeting minutes and confirmed a quorum with all required officers present. Layla announced that Morgan Woodson of Houghton was named the Kingdom Bardic Champion after a successful puppet show presentation at 12th Night, and Paul of Beckingham agreed to serve as Layla's contingency deputy. The group discussed outstanding reports, with Layla reminding members that Q4 2025 reports were due and that any submissions should be copied to the Shire Seneschal email. Asny reported that she had spoken with Dragons Mist Seneschal about an unresolved deposit issue regarding shared fight practice funds from the winter, and Layla agreed to follow up with an email to clarify the situation.

Governance and Social Event Planning

The group discussed the need to finalize a proposed revision to the Shire's governance document, with Layla planning to organize a discussion either during the next meeting or as a separate session. They also reviewed the success of a recent winter social event at Mac Market, which attracted about 15 people including a newcomer. Asny mentioned an upcoming Art Science Social event on January 27th at the Mac Library, and Layla confirmed that the Facebook event invite was already set up. The conversation ended with a report from the Exchequer, who is not present, noting a bank balance of \$10,032.06 and the completion of the Q4 report, pending signatures from Oswyne and Layla.

Chase Bank Transition and Site Search

The team discussed transitioning to Chase Bank this spring, with Layla noting that the process is slow due to SCA Corporate's involvement as the account's ultimate owner. Tyric mentioned exploring the possibility of investing funds in a CD, which would require further discussion with XChecker. Tyric also provided an update on the search for a new practice site, submitting an application to Sheridan High School and considering alternatives, including Carleton Elementary School. Layla inquired about the status of loaner rapier equipment from Morgan, which Tyric agreed to follow up on.

Archery Budget and Temperature Guidelines

The group discussed archery activities, with Elovel explaining that archery sessions won't proceed if temperatures drop below 40 degrees. They confirmed that Elovel's budget of \$26 for a stand and \$100 for targets has been approved, and Layla instructed that future check requests should be consolidated to streamline reimbursement. Elovel mentioned she would submit another request for additional archery materials closer to the start of shooting sessions, and Layla emphasized that the budget is flexible and any important opportunities should be brought to the council.

Mountain Edge Council Planning Updates

The group discussed various activities and updates, including arts and sciences events, unofficial hikes, and a sheep butchering party. Tyric reported on setting up Mountain Edge Council meetings for the next eight months and preparing documentation for Oswyne to manage future changes. They also discussed the Mountain Edge Defender Tournament, noting a scheduling conflict with the Kingdom Arts and Science and Queen's Rapier Tournament, which led to a decision to reschedule the defender tournament.

April Event Planning and Logistics

The group discussed an upcoming event scheduled for April 11th, with Tyric confirming he might not be able to attend the entire day due to previous commitments. They considered moving the event to Sunday, April 12th, but decided to keep it on Saturday due to higher expected attendance. Asny submitted the event request and site, noting that while Stoller was excited about hosting a day-use event, they couldn't accommodate camping due to ongoing crops. The group also discussed the possibility of royalty attending, which would affect the timing of court ceremonies, and agreed to classify the event as a Level 1 to maintain flexibility for potential awards.

ANS Event Planning and Coordination

The group discussed plans for future events, including the A&S Defender ship event and the A&S Summits event in 2027. Layla expressed interest in potentially being the event steward for the 2027 A&S and BARDIC Championship, with Asny offering to help as a co-person. Elovel offered to be a deputy for the Acorn event, providing her email address and expressing her willingness to help due to her previous experience as an event steward.

Shire Administrative and Event Planning

The meeting focused on several administrative and event-related matters for the Shire. Layla confirmed that inventory coordination between Asny and Oswyne was nearly complete, with only data entry remaining. Elovel inquired about submitting forms for Shire property gains, and Layla clarified that items should be recorded in the Shire inventory when acquired. The group discussed the creation of recognition items for outgoing defenders, with Elovel confirming she would organize tournaments for archery and thrown weapons. They also addressed the potential for youth participation in tournaments, agreeing to create a "Champion for the Day" format to encourage youth involvement without overcommitting resources. Tyric reported ongoing efforts to locate missing balderics awarded to defenders, and the group agreed to shift the March meeting to the third Monday to accommodate scheduling conflicts, with a more permanent schedule change to be discussed in February.