

# Glen Rathlin General Meeting

## 25 January 2003- Ballyeaston Halls.

Members Present:

Neale Pollard	Pauline Houston	Angela Brunt
Al Darragh	Trevor Houston	Sean Moore
Paul O'Brien	Cat Byrne	Helen McLarnon
Doherty Lusk	Michael Perkins	Peggy Carlisle
Katherine Todd		

### **1. Officer Reports:**

#### **Seneschal:**

The Shire of Flintheath has agreed to sponsor us. All paper work is currently with the Acting Kingdom Chatelaine.

Name needs to be submitted as a priority, as we cannot become a full shire until the name has been registered. Would be nice to have the heraldry done as well.

We must be an incipient shire for at least a year from my understanding.

#### **Exchequer:**

The current bank balance stands at: £43.01

All of the money has been raised through the regular practices.

Bank statements are available on request.

#### **Minster Of Arts and Science:**

Numerous arts and science at practices and events. While part of LD.

It is hoped to have class for arabesque braid, tablet weaving, silversmithing calligraphy and period cooking.

#### **Herald:**

Name and documentation currently with Seneschal. Consulting Herald was THL Janos.

SCA Heraldry 101 class run once in Dublin and at Yule University 2.

Herald available to help with name and heraldry registry. Please contact for any help or submission.

### **Chatelaine:**

These past few months have been quiet with everyone working hard to get the new Shire started.

However, we have had a few new people at events and practices and I'll summarise what's been happening.

- October 2002 we ran OktoberFence in which a few new people managed to get their first fencing authorisations, congratulations to them all.
- *November 2002, was Yule Tide University II which was attended by quite a few newbies, who participated in all the classes*
- Also in November a few members of the group travelled to Kingdom University as their first event outside of Glen Rathlin and a good time was had by all.

At several practices, there was a hive of activity as people took part in several garb workshops with expert assistance from Lady Beatrice, Dorothea of Clare and Angela.

### **Captain of Archers:**

Seán the Archer stated that the shire has done extremely well over the past year, a clean sweep in the archery at Champion of the Isles with Sean the Archer winning Champion and Roy of Clare taking the Robin Hood Award. Two members became warranted archery marshals, namely Robert d'Audrieu and Angela Brunt, we now lead the Isles having three such marshals and continuing the tradition of good archery tournaments at all our events. Angela's event had a great archery tournament at Boucher Road Playing Fields, courtesy of City of Belfast Archers and won by Robin of Dalriada, Champion of Lough Devnaree, held at Omagh History Park, was won by Angela Brunt and hailed a success by all those that took part in the tournament and subsequent classes.

Archery classes and workshops have taken place at most practices and this will go further with the introduction of an Archery Handbook which will contain a multitude of articles and advice on archery as well as the rules for the new shire, which will bring us into line with UK mundane law as well as tailor our shooting to encompass British

Long~Bow Society (BLBS) Rules, Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) Rules and fully implement all traditions and rules of the SCA. It is also noted that the Glen Rathlin Shire starts with eight longbow archers, an excellent achievement, well done.

### **Web Minster:**

2 designs for website have been developed. Decision on which design the populace prefer required.

Information required primarily from Officers to assist in site set-up. Articles and suggestion from populace should be routed through the appropriate officer.

### **Archivist:**

Requests all minutes and shire documents be submitted to her for storage and reference.

## **2. Rights of Non-members to vote:**

*Motion 1. We the paid members of Glen Rathlin agree to up hold the voting rights of non-paid SCA members as decided at the last general Meeting.*

Motion **passed** unanimously

## **3. Heraldry:**

Voting carried out on Submissions for Shire device. Results after proxy votes:

Submission 1-3:	4 votes (all three submissions taken as 1).
Submission 4:	5 votes
Submission 5:	1 votes
Submission 6:	0 votes
Submission 7:	2 votes
Submission 8:	12 votes
Submission 9:	2 votes
Submission 10:	8 votes
Submission 11:	5 votes
Submission 12:	2 votes
Submission 13:	0 votes
Submission 14:	2 votes
Submission 15:	10 votes
Submission 16:	4 votes
Submission 17:	1 votes

#### **4. Child and Adults with learning difficulties policy**

Seán the Archer, as chair of the working group on the Child and adults with learning difficulties policy, CAALDP, outlined the work so far on the policy, namely that the documentation as received by the governmental and guidance bodies was still being studied. However, the general policy as laid out in the Grand National Archery Society Leaders Manual has been typed in and would form an excellent basis for our policy. This had been viewed and accepted at the Officers' Meeting at the Yuletide University Event. It was thus suggested that this be accepted as a working document, so that we at least have something in place and which members of the shire can comment upon and submit constructive ideas, comments and links to relative internet sites for consultation.

***Motion 3. Does the group accept and desire to integrate the “Child and Adults with Learning Difficulties Policy” (as Defined in document ref: GR-CAALDP-01) into shire conventions, as working draft. Any changes to be approved at a later date by the populace***

Motion **passed** unanimously

#### **5. Events:**

Neale Pollard: Minimum requirements for shire is that we hold two events per year listed in Dragons tale. All events must be authorised by both the Shire of Flintheath and myself.

Marshal in Charge must be listed in Dragons Tale for all events with combat.

For official events Kingdom calendar should be consulted to avoid clashes with kingdom or isle events.

Al Darragh: We should check with the re-enactors that usually attend our events in case of event clashes.

General Comment: We should move to make events pre-paid for Shire members, to remove any financial risk.

Dorothy: Feasts place should all be paid for a week before event to allow for shopping.

#### **Shire Events:**

**Spring event:** April/May  
**Name:** Spring Fling 3  
**Autocrat:** Michael Perkins

**Feastocrat:** Angela Brunt

Notes: Not enough lead-time for Dragons Tale.

Summer event: July/August

Autocrat: Neale Pollard

Feastocrat: Sean Moore

Winter event: Late November/Early December

Name: Yule University

Autocrat: Angela Brunt

Feastocrat: TBA

Others:

Chivalry Ball

Crown Tourney

10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations.

## **6. Practices:**

**Seneschal:** Make the shire practice monthly, on a set Saturday of the month (Halls permitting) this allows us to plan ahead.

**Chatelaine:** Kingdom events are usually a set weekend of the month. Second Weekend in a Month.

**Doherty:** In September the church maybe be able to tell us if they halls are available for the next year on the Saturdays we request.

**Motion:** *Were possible arrange for the shire practices to be held on the first Saturday of the month.*

Motion **passed** unanimously

**Action:** Caradoc to speak to James about arranging the first Saturday of every month starting in March.

## **7. Meeting and Vote Conventions**

**Seneschal:** Outlines proposal for shire meetings and voting conventions.

**Al Darragh:** No one has seen these before, therefore no input into the documents.

**Seneschal:** By adopting these current conventions we therefore have a basis from which to build. These essentially restrict the Seneschal to holding votes in a certain manner. A working group will be developed for people interested these matters. If you are interested please contact Seneschal at [neale@ravenshield.com](mailto:neale@ravenshield.com).

NOTE: First working group meeting is planned for March. Please contact me before the last week of February if you are interested.

## **8. AOB:**

Seneschal: There are two designs of the website format. Members of the shire are activity encouraged to view the designs on the laptop present at meeting and express to the Seneschal which format they preferred. This will become the basis of the website.