

O Day Planning Meeting

2/2/12

The Sitting Room, Nancy's House

Meeting Opened: 7:30

Present: Nancy White, Alana Bennett, Adamo Valentino, Dylan Kerr, Michael Steven.

We have achieved drinks, have achieved meatloaf, have achieved diagram. It was decided that there should be some form of minute-ing. Alana claims nice laptop. Niiiiice laptop. Dylan is STILL talking about the internet.

Attendance slightly down on last year and no Greenall house invasion. But still, we have people, we have meeting, we have ideas....ONWARDS!! :) :)

O Day Planning

Equipment:

Adamo can bring banner poles.

We have our pavillion and cover. Tables from guild. Need to source another table from somewhere. Also, more chairs.

Baronial gear: need Eric, banner poles.

Display stuff?

Mannequins? One early, one late period.

Tent for the fighters to change in. But not the other tent. Check with Nathan/other tent people.

Photoboard should be achieved

Action: need to work out how many banner poles and portable holes we need so we can let Adamo know.

Action: find mannequins. Box for moneys, arrange for float. Alana to bring violin.

Action: everyone to bring spiffy STUFF to put on display!

Action: everyone to bring chairs and maybe someone to get another table.

Dylan might be able to bring a trestle table.

Action: get Baronial gear. Adamo to do stuff, Nancy to organise and enforce.

Banner poles, holes, water container, table cloths.

Action: Adamo to see if he can get paper/sign holder perspex thingies.

Action: Nancy will do photos. Board will be more problematic - Ellen might have one? Aimee might help.

Parking:

Nancy will get yellow spot. Everyone else can sort out their own parking. Shouldn't be too difficult to carry stuff though - much of the stuff is in our storage room. Idea - dump stuff in storage room

Pre-O-Day: sleepover at the house should be all good. Morgaine will check with other house-creatures.

Set-up: Keep it simple. Three tables - 2 on the sides with stuff on display

Strategy: focus on shopfront, marketing mentality. Focus on neat, simple, approachable.

Need to not overload senses - have lots of stuff but only some on display.

Opportunity for newbies to discover more if they stay around the pav - we need to encourage them to do this by being friendly etc. Focus on labelling. Arrange things categorically - armour table and A&S table. Nancy suggests sticking post-it notes on EVERYTHING - including what we are wearing. Label ALL the things.

Motion: create post of early period representative and late period representative.

Mid-period is slightly more problematic. Motion ignored as we are now talking about skirt etiquette.

Signs: 'sign up here, 5 gold', 'Newcomers' Feast'

Sign-up desk: have one dedicated desk and at least one dedicated person (do it in shifts).

Introducing yourself, approaching people, digression about boobs (*tangent*), Alana is tempted to do heavy on O-Day (Will need to borrow legs and a better helm though...)

Action: Nancy to do brochure and Newcomers' Flyers. Alana to do signs (and re-do 'Best Club' maybe?)

Action: email the list to give people information and incentive to join us in corrupting...err...recruiting Freshers. Open invite? Risks trollocracy (TM). Send to populace but not WASCAL. Also, personal requests (fighters, rapier, A&S people)

Action: talk to Guild people about making big microphone announcements.

Action: everyone to think of sales pitch (e.g. 1 sentence that you could use to introduce the SCA).

Action: Make new sticker! This will be difficult. :(

Fresher Maintaining

Training:

Visual signs of our presence:

Thursday night armoured training. Alana is willing to put on armour. Adamo, Marcus(?), James, start training Michael properly.

Action: Alana (if she gets time) should compile basic training notes and training manuals. Have one person in charge of each area - e.g. Alana for rapier, James for heavy, Nancy for A&S, Dylan for archery.

Ongoing recruiting ideas: posters. Alana happy to organise. Targeted for area. Need to get posters passed by the guild.

Events: lots of advertising. Subsidise the non-member prices of events for the first, say, three months. (Should include Autumn Gathering and maybe Pencampwr?) Depending on funds.

Garb/sewing:

No bad stories. NO WASCAL. No politics. Lists to be on - St Basil (definitely) and Populace (a little later).

Emphasise that we are part of a wider community and that the life of the SCA is in going to events. We really need to push newbie attendance at events. Offer lifts, lots of help with garb/loaner garb,

We are going to keep a record of everyone who turns up to training. Also, everyone needs to pay the membership fee.

Other activities at training for those not so keen on sewing. Sword making. College owns rattan until person buys basket hilt. Then they can have the rattan.

Action: maybe invest in a collapsable banner pole? Keep in the room. Dylan can make metal sleeve, we just need to go to Bunnings. Organise a Bunnings and Spotlight trip. Possible Spotlight trip on first Thursday training. Also, Officeworks (dangerous).

Action: Nancy to organise room-booking.

AGM

Meeting to be held while we have Freshers. However, so as not to bore them we should have this outside of regular training times.

Murdoch O-Day

We should do stuff.

16 February (Thursday).

We should all help Adamo.

Murdoch Guild seems to be a bit disorganised - are St Lazarus still a club? Adamo will pester.

1 table with display and people to talk. Can build stall back though if we are on Bush Court. Hopefully we can sort out an Eric - we should be able to set up something (sneakily if necessary).

Technically there is a second O-Day on the 23rd Feb. But not booked as people are in class and we have St Basil O-Day.

If you get a parking fine, pay it within a week (or on the day) to get a 50% discount. So \$15 Starts at 10am.

Free doughnuts, fairy floss and Red Bull. Extra incentive - yay! :)

Other

*We should enter the Guild Arts and Culture award thingy. We have lots of arts and more culture than Gorgonzola. Our culture is older than Gorgonzola too. Edit: we checked and we beat Gorgonzola by about 200 years.

*Possible glass bead making workshop - talk to Rhianwen and Ally. To happen later in the year. **Follow up.**

*Decide what to do with our leather. **Follow up.**

Meeting closed: 10:20pm.