

UWASCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

27/3/25

Meeting Scheduled: 27/3/25 5:30pm

Meeting Opened: 27/3/25 5:30pm

Attendance:

- Zeb
- Taylah
- Phoenix
- Tech
- Rilyn
- Patrick
- Zosia
- Chrome
- Isabelle
- David
- Mark
- Phylcia
- Ash
- Rhett
- Zhen

All of committee is in attendance

Apologies:

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Absentees:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

REPORTS

- President - Zeb
 - We ran weekly events throughout the year, as well as the SCA event golden thimble
 - Western raids college fundraiser, see 2025 handover for further notes
 - Cam Hall quiz night was successful
 - Uncharity Vigil
 - One complaint raised, addressed and resolved
 - Committee ran very well this year! :)

- Vice President - Patrick

So, my report. When I first became VP I set myself a bunch of goals for myself on committee in addition to carrying out my duties as VP by helping Zeb, nothing too dramatic or too dangerous. These included organising things for the committee which I carried out by helping set up a google drive and resurrecting the old email so we have a solid foundation for organising things. Another additional goal was the creation of a Complaints form which

ended up being formed over discussions with Zeb and which I honestly hope won't see much activity over the next year. In addition I've helped with a number of collaborative events with other clubs; I helped out with the Quiz Night which was very fun and might have won us a few jealous looks, as well as at Club Carnivals and at O-Days. I've been a constant presence at rapier training, and I promise I will join in on armoured combat sometime over the next year. I've also been fulfilling my constitutional duties by helping Zeb in the background, even if it's taking up space in the back of his car.

Some things I was not able to accomplish. I had engaged with a personal project of making some minor changes to the constitution, changing some of the wording so it's less clunky, etc, and possibly merging the role of Secretary and Webminister. This I did not realise by the time of this AGM, and besides I don't want to lengthen a hopefully breezy AGM with constitutional amendments.

Additionally I had hoped to attend at least one barony level event as Vice-Seneschal, but due to a whole string of unfortunate events and my own unmedicated ADHD I was unable to do this, which I consider to be the biggest regret of my time in office. Additionally, the process of getting a wallbox for the room lost steam halfway through last year, but there are encouraging signs with the new Tenancy Chair.

In my role as Webminister I've been a bit less ambitious. I kept the minutes up to date on the website, and I helped update it with some pictures of some of our more recent events. In addition I've helped delegate the expansion of the club's presence on social media through the creation of an Instagram account. I had hoped to do some more things to the website over the last week but I've been having problems logging in; something I am in the process of communicating with the Barony Webminister about.

- Treasurer - Nyx

Numberrrrssss as of today

Costs were lower than last year!

Boffer tourney – 84.93

Oday – 561

Uncharity – 145.6

Total – 791.53

Income

Oday signups – 169

Oday grant – 293

Uncharity – 604.50

Various purchases – 407

Total – 1473.5

Profit/loss

Profit of 681.97

Total money

Bank account started at \$1948.88

Don't know what it is currently due to guild

Money box at last count was 1046.9

Deposit needs to be made

Shoutout to Rilyn for helping out

- Secretary - Taylah

I posted weekly announcements as well as announcements for any upcoming events and feedback forms. I took detailed minutes for every meeting and uploaded these to UWASCA social media servers. I also took part in planning uncharity which was a success in raising money and awareness of our club.

- Marshal - Zosia

Training attendance

Training attendance has fluctuated through the year, most notably spiking after boffer, and beginning of semester 2, and taking a hit during holidays and exams. Keeping this in mind, there were typically anywhere from 3 to 9 participants at heavy and from 5 to 15 participants at rapier.

Training format

Training has fairly consistently had the same format with the 1st portion of training always dedicated to theory, drills, and/or slow work. Rapier always has some form of footwork and usually stretches as a warm up, occasionally also doing this at heavy but considerably less consistently. During the second portion of training fighters are given the opportunity to kit up and spar at a speed they are comfortable with.

New curriculum

This year there was a more structured curriculum (thank you, Sam). I cannot compare this to prior years as I have only been with the college for just over a year now but from what most people have said it has been an improvement and the curriculum is continuing to evolve as we work out what works best.

The ultimate goal of this curriculum is to get freshers and new fighters to the point where they can be authorised. This translated to having more structured lessons at the beginning of the year, which then evolved into more individual learning where fighters could choose to work on whatever they thought they needed to. This happened more so for heavy than rapier because of the lower attendance and higher proportion of trainers to students.

Problems at Training

Trainers

The only problem I could identify with training itself is the lack of trainers for heavies. We ran into difficulties in semester 2 after an influx of heavies. Given many started 1 or 2 weeks apart they were all at different skill levels with varying knowledge in fundamentals it was challenging to know how to run training. Particularly as we had a limited number of experienced fighters and the semester 1 freshers were not confident in teaching. The obvious solution to this is to have more experienced fighters, particularly those who are confident with teaching. This should happen with time as people hopefully stay with the college, and inevitably learn fighting mechanics and fundamentals to a point where they are experienced enough at combat to be able to teach. Sam has also been planning various 'teach the teachers' workshops which will hopefully get these more experienced fighters

more confident in their abilities to run a class or drill and teach newcomers. Ideally we would also get more regular attendees from the baroney, however, this is largely subject to those outside of the college.

After-hours access

On multiple occasions we have been locked out of the guild hall and by extension our clubroom after training. Because of the new location of our clubroom we now need after-hours access to get reliable access to the guild hall after 7pm. Since these problems arose myself and Rilyn have gotten after hours access, however, I encourage new members of the committee, particularly those who stay till the end of training to get after-hours access. Also it's worth noting if you do get locked out you can call security to let you in although they may be still reluctant to let you in if you don't have after-hours access.

Gear

We did also run into a couple of problems with gear availability which affected training. After an influx of rapier attendees we got to the point where we ran out of usable swords but this was fixed shortly after, when we tipped all of the swords we got from Kit last year. This happened later than it should have but we got it done eventually, so success.

On the subject of gear thanks to Zaven we ran a gorget making workshop and a shield making workshop. I still would like to encourage more people who have been in college longer and are in the position, to purchase or make their own gear to free up the college gear for freshers.

Authorisations

We had 4 authorisations in the past year: myself, Patrick, and Crow got rapier authorised (kind off I still haven't received my card so who knows what is going on there) and Rilyn got heavy authorised.

Stuff I did as marshal -

Lights

After many emails being sent to both guild and maintenance, I managed to convince the university to turn on the flood lights during training, allowing us to train on oak lawn rather than James oval with other sports clubs.

Testing rapier kit

A lot of the college gear was long overdue for testing and I also was not sure what had and hadn't passed testing so earlier this year I organised for Cam to bring over to college both, the flex testing and puncture testing kits, as well as the mask tester allowing committee and Cam to test a good part of the college gear as well as offer to test collegians' personal equipment.

I got all the college coifs, tunics, masks and a few gambersomes puncture tested, as well as all the swords flex tested. Most things passed the testing, only 1 mask and 2 ciofs failed. This should have definitely been flagged and tested earlier as they were a part of the

college fencing learner kit and in the case of the ciofs had clearly not been designed for rapier. I will take full responsibility for this safety hazard and am just thankful that nobody got injured despite them being in use. To avoid future confusion I have embroidered the one failed coif which remains apart of the college heavy loaner kit

This process took longer than expected, partially coming down to Cam arriving late, but I still left uni around 10:30pm and was not able to test everything I hoped to. In future I would recommend the college borrow the baronial testing supplies for a week or a couple of days so that there is sufficient time to test everything, this would also give collegians more opportunities to puncture test fabric before making ciofs and fencing tunics.

Events:

Quiz night:

Patrick and I were on subcom for quiz night, I didn't help on the question side of things as I was on 'light-mitee' who were focused on more of the admin and logistical side of quiz night. Overall the event did NOT run smoothly.

Tech fail

There were tech issues which occurred despite our earlier tech test, in future I would recommend having a plan in place in case this was to happen again.

Food

The Tav missed a couple of orders, which we only released when the kitchen closed and not everyone had received their food. I went to Dominos to get substitute pizza for those affected. The Tav latter gave us a reimbursement for the mix-up. This was also complicated by Nyx being the one who communicated with The Tav and being a presenter during the night. For future I would highly recommend drawing a clearer division between those presenting and those doing admin and behind the scenes work.

I would also recommend having food orders more organised beforehand as reading orders off of a spreadsheet while attempting to figure out who sat where was more difficult than it had to be, and a better plan could have easily been put in place. Food deliveries could also be made significantly easier by knowing what seating layout you would have on the night and assigning seating before the day.

Comments

Most people said that they enjoyed quiz night however it is worth noting that multiple people mentioned that the event was 'cheap.' Myself and the committee remain unsure if this is a complaint or not as we decided to prioritise lower ticket prices over profit, and kept costs as low as possible resulting in the cheapest ticket prices for a cam hall quiz night in years.

Club carnival

We ran a stall at club carnival in an attempt to increase overall awareness of our club, the majority of people's interest circulated around fighting and as such 2 new members joined, and we got 3 new attendees at the training following club carnival

Pridefest

UWASCA was invited by pride to do a stall at pridefest, and after a quick discussion with a member of their committee it was decided that we would run a boffer tournament and display. A number of factors lead to our stall being a failure. My lack of organisation and pre-planning definitely played a major part in this. I thought we needed a rapier or heavy

marshal to run the event which although it would be ideal I learnt isn't true. This led to the Boffer portion of the event to be pushed back to a less desirable time, and ultimately canceled due to lack of interest. I will also say that a boffer tournament and display were probably not the best choice for this event. The event was a lot smaller and had more shop type stalls than activities, meaning people who attended pridefest didn't stay long at the event. There was also a small turnout which made getting enough interest to run an open tournament hard. I do believe that a considerable factor for this was weather, as I was later told a number of ventures were canceled due to bad weather, however I still encourage future committees to find out what else is going on at larger events we are a part of to ensure our portion fits the setting.

Despite all these problems, a number of collegians were given the chance to fight one another with boffers and I think we made the most of a bad situation and at the very least had fun. **Notable injury-free event**

As mentioned previously the weather was not good on the day of pridefest. At one point our pav was picked up by strong winds, tripped, and traveled a few meters towards pedestrians. We did attempt to hold down the pav with heavy objects however this wasn't enough to make up for our lack of pegs. Moral of the story: only put the Pav up once you know where the pegs are

Bees wax wraps

After requests were made at western raids I decided to run a beeswax wrap making workshop. At arts and sciences a number of us made beeswax wraps rather unconventional in a sandwich press. I think the event was fairly successful as everyone who wanted to make beeswax wraps

although they probably could have been more waxed. In future I would recommend ensuring you have access to a room with everything you need as getting into the engineering clubroom afterhours proved challenging. Also depending on your preferred method of making the wraps it might be worth grating all wax prior to the workshop to allow for easier application and distribution of wax. If you decide on using a sandwich press in future, I found working well leaving the wax as a block and using it as a sort of glue stick.

Zaven's workshops

Mentioned earlier

College challenge

Hasn't happened yet but I am currently in the process of organising a college challenge which will include an arts and sciences display themed 'new beginnings' in honour of our new baron, baroness, and new collegians. There will also be heavy and rapier tournaments which will be run as a fighters auction allowing the general populous to take part. In addition I am hoping to

have a boffer tournament and an assortment of games providing more opportunity for the general populous to get involved with activities. I will likely continue to organise this event regardless of if I am on new-mittee.

- Quartermaster - Rilyn

New clubroom last year - small but we're making it work, took inventory

Fighting kit (use and sales), garb (redistribution), loaning gear (use, systems), craft supplies (use, acquisitions), and sales

Also involved with Golden Thimble and Dice Bag Workshop

See google drive for full Quartermaster 2024-2025 Report

- Fresher Representative - Rilyn

Quartermaster's Report 2024-25

Clubroom Status

Last year we moved into the current clubroom which doesn't quite fit all our stuff, but we are making do, thanks in part to additional storage provided generously by our committee. Its contents have been organized since the move, as to better access them as needed. We have also had some acquisitions of material and equipment over the past year, including garb, fabric, and feasting kit, as well as the purchase of leather and rattan. Given the major shift in space and a general sense of disorganization among Collegians, I, with the help of numerous others, undertook an inventory of the clubroom. This enabled us to sort through and catalogue all of our equipment. This was completed by August last year, however the inventory as a whole is somewhat incomplete due to only partially accounting for equipment stored elsewhere as well as new acquisitions that were not added to the inventory.

Equipment Status

Fighting gear

The College loaner gear has seen a lot of use this year, and has seen both some acquisitions and sales, but I feel we are at a good level overall. We finally received the new College rapiers last year, and we sold several pairs of elbow cops for armored combat. Additionally, techniques for maintaining and constructing gear have been passed on to Collegians, with workshops for making gorgets and rapier tips, as well as re-taping swords for heavy. We are continuing to encourage more experienced fighters to build their own kits to free up loaner kit for new fighters, and this is going well, albeit understandably slowly.

Garb

Our loaner garb has been overhauled and organized in collaboration with the Barony and Dragon's Bay, decreasing the overall quantity of garb that we have, but maintaining a good variety of quality outfits suited to a range of people. This has resulted in the successful consolidation of all College garb to the clubroom.

Loaning Gear

College loaner gear has seen lots of use this year, including fighting gear, feasting kit, and garb. As Quartermaster I have tried to maintain a system to keep track of loans, the success of which has varied throughout this year. A library-style system was arranged for loaning fighting kit in an effort to streamline the process, although this has fallen out of use due to it being clunkier and less useful than hoped. Revisions to the system are in the works with the potential to return to the initial spreadsheet system I devised last year.

Craft supplies

Our largest quantity of acquisitions this year was fabric, some of which has already seen use. The sewing machine has seen good use this past year on a number of organized and loaned occasions, although we are still yet to get our overlocker working. The College did purchase quality veg tan leather and rattan for resale this

year, largely coordinated by Sam, although the contacts for that have been passed on to me for if and when we need to purchase more. Our electric tools were also tested and tagged this year.

Sales

With regards to sales, although I don't know any specific numbers, the College has sold a significant quantity of our available supplies this year, with at least 50sqft of leather being sold. The good veg tan leather has been about 60% used, and we have sold at least half of the rattan. We have also sold a significant quantity of fabric and, as mentioned earlier, some armor.

Novice' Report 2024-25

Representing the Freshers

As Fresher Rep, I feel I adequately represented the freshers on committee and helped us integrate into the club. It was my aim to ensure I was knowledgeable and always prepared to ask questions and try new things, and to engage with the club as much as I could in an effort to help make the full extent of the club's activities accessible to other freshers. I think I struggled at times to relate with and represent new members of the club beyond the initial cohort, as in, those who joined later in the year, but I hope that nonetheless I was able to be a friendly face and answer any questions they had. I look forward to continuing to participate with and support the College in the future.

Fresher Welcome Boffer Tourney '25

The primary duty as Fresher rep in this club, other than representing the freshers, is to organize the Fresher Welcome for the following year. The 2025 Fresher Welcome Boffer Tournament went very smoothly and attracted a number of new members to the club. We had 12 competitors in the boffer tourney and a number of additional fresher spectators. The event ran on schedule, with only a slight delay needed to accommodate the BBQ due to the tournament concluding earlier than expected. This however caused no major issues for the event as we were able to fill the time with more bouts. There was a minor incident wherein patrons of the tavern were harassing our safety officer, however this was handled without further incident or necessary action. I am greatly appreciative for those who gave their time to help set up and run the event as I would not have been able to do it without them.

Rilyn Hawkins OCM Duties 2024-25

Golden Thimble

I was involved in the planning and running of the 2024 Golden Thimble sewing competition. My role in the planning stage was to coordinate bookings for the event, but my largest contribution was in running the event on site. In the absence of the Baronial Constable, I took on the constabulary role to ensure attendees signed in, both for the sewing event but also for the adjacent training sessions. The event was smaller than in past years, with a significant drop in collegian participation, but nonetheless saw the production of numerous quality garments from the competitors.

Dice Bag Workshop

I was one of two UWASCA representatives on the joint subcommittee with Unigames to plan the 2024 Dice Bag Workshop. My role here was managing bookings, posters, and materials.

My largest contribution to the event was to re-write the instruction booklets, which were the greatest point of difficulty identified from previous events. The event was not as successful as previous years, in part due to a lack of active advertisement in advance, but also due to an overall lack of communication both with the participants and among the committee. We had some issues with the final budget, with the process dragging on after the event, but it was eventually resolved.

- Herald

We had multiple successful events, including our welcome boffer which I thankfully didn't have to plan and run. I did mostly non herald things this year however it was more productive than last year.

at least one member of the college registered a name. I found out that I can sign off on name registration and most importantly guild still hasn't caught me. (No one snitch)

- Web Minister - Patrick

See vice president report

- Arts and Sciences - Charlotte

A&S had a slow start this year but after some suggestions during and after western raids, we had weekly workshops going into semester 2 including cloak making, wood carving, hat making, dancing, garb repair, and introductions to garb and fighting kit. We then had golden thimble at the beginning of September which Zeb was in charge of, and a dice bag workshop with Unigames which myself and Rilyn were on the subcommittee for. I have received feedback that weekly A&S workshops may be too much so fortnightly or monthly workshops may be better in the future. Unfortunately due to personal circumstances I wasn't able to contribute much to committee after September, and I resigned at the beginning of February to focus on my studies. If the future A&S minister would like to contact me, please do so via Facebook (Charlotte Semmens). I will try to get a handover document done in the next couple weeks for the next A&S minister.

ELECTIONS

- Returning Officer

- David
- Isabelle

2025 Committee Dissolved

- President

- Nomination: Rilyn, Patrick
- Patrick Withdrawn Candidacy
- Carried: Rilyn

- Vice President

- Nomination: Zosia, Patrick
- Carried: Zosia

- Treasurer

- Nomination: Phoenix
- Carried: Phoenix

- Secretary

- Nomination: Taylah
 - Carried: Taylah
- Marshal
 - Nomination: Zosia, Patrick
 - Withdrawn Zosia Candidacy
 - Carried: Patrick
- Quartermaster
 - Nomination: Rilyn, Chrome
 - Rilyn Withdrawn
 - Carried: Chrome
- Fresher Representative
 - Nomination: Mark, Rhett
 - Withdrawn: Chrome
 - Carried: Mark
- Herald
 - Nomination:
 - Seconded:
 - Carried:

There is no herald at St Basils
- Web Minister
 - Nomination: Chrome, Rhett
 - Carried: Rhett
- Arts and Sciences
 - Nomination: Phylicia
 - Carried: Phylicia

All committee positions filled!

Paperwork will be sorted in the next day or two

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Treasurer and secretary roles are looking for a deputy for 2026

Meeting Closed - 6:38 pm