



## **Minutes of Dragon's Bay Monthly Council Meeting**

### **Sunday of 15 June 2025**

#### **Meeting opened at: 1.03 pm**

- These minutes taken by Dame Edith Penrose (Amanda Baker)

#### **Attendees:**

*Edith Penrose (Amanda Baker)*

*Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani (Steven Baker)*

*Malakai (Mathew Hahn)*

Sorcha Bhradagáin (Tina Webster)

Leoflaeda AElfwynnes dohter (Rifa McClure)

Rosamond de Montfort (Anne Ramsden)

Galen Wolfric (Adam Blower)

Leonie De Grey (Annette Wilson)

#### **Apologies:**

*Chretienne (Chris Robertson)*

#### **Seneschal (Malaki)**

- Minutes May 25 proposed Sorcha and 2nd by Kilic acceptance.
- New members, numbers growing 5 to adults, working on heavy.
- **Reeve (Kilic)**
  - New Signatories were added by Kingdom Exchequer, Leonie and Aife. Thankyou for volunteering.
  - Quarterly Report submitted OB \$10347.34 CB \$15,116.87. Some outstanding amount of around \$480. owed. All payments \$1100 for Ins and K Levy, Key Bond \$100, roughly \$600 from Raids. Update during meeting; These have now been paid and a Stat Dec supplied.

#### **Acting Constable (Malaki)**

- Uploaded to drop box all update.
- Guardianship forms received.

#### **A&S Officer (Edith)**

- Not much happening as we have had little time at Wand.

### **Acting Captain of Archers Kilic**

- Bow stands donated by Isabel
- Combat targets
- 10 pieces double thickness carboard
- Loaner arrows at home for repairs.

### **Acting Chatelaine (position empty)**

### **Webwright Kilic**

No action, due to post Raids.

No odd left overs from previous events.

### **Chirurgion**

- Nothing to report.
- Warrant to be updated in August, willing to extend. Advertising the Office.
- New strain of Covid, 50/day to hospital. Symptoms, neuropathic pain, joint pain, unable to get warm, drowsiness, usual flu symptoms, cough develops after, lead time 1 week, 3 weeks long.

Hand sanitizing at events

### **Pass Events**

### **Raids**

### **Upcoming Events**

Mid-Winter- 12 July. Steward Cam, Feast Steward Malachai. Mentor for cooking Medieval food. Kilic and Edith, Guthra, Morag. Inglewood Free Mason's Hall. HE Chicken Lombard.

Collegia by Andre 2-3<sup>rd</sup> August

Balingup; 23-24<sup>th</sup> August, bus? Refer to next June.

Armidale Kilt Run allegedly train line done, but maybe at another 3 months.

Glen Forrest Spring Festival. 29<sup>th</sup> October. Rotary Fare.

4th and 5th Oct, Bladed Leather Show, Mundaring.

Championship 26-29 Sept.

### **Other Business?**

Rapier order waiting to hear back. HE Donnchadh

**Meeting closed: 1.36pm**

**Next meeting: Sunday of 20<sup>th</sup> July 25**

## Event Report: Western Raids 5

**Start date**

30/05/2025

**End date**

02/06/2025

**Steward legal name**

Rifka McClure

**Steward medieval name**

Leoflaeda AElfwynnes dohter

**Steward email address**

rifka86@hotmail.com

**Location**

Wandi Progress Association, deHaer Rd, Wandi WA.

The venue was remarkably problem-free this year, aside from some plumbing issues. A tap threatened to come off, and was repaired by us. A tap washer disintegrated, which required us to call the on-call maintenance staff (and was then repaired). I am not aware of any problems with the water pump, amazingly enough.

**Incidents**

- On Friday evening, two thefts occurred. In one instance, a basket containing various valuables was taken from the front seat of a car while it was unlocked, parked on the list field while the owner (and others) were setting up in the immediate vicinity. In the other instance, a handbag (fortunately not containing many valuable items) was taken from a Winnebago (also unlocked) parked in the camping area. Both affected individuals made police reports via telephone. Police did not attend the site. Some contents of the handbag later turned up on the owner's front doorstep (disturbing), but I am not aware of any further ramifications.
- Scam emails were later received by the treasurer and by the owner of the handbag, attempting to extract money, and containing both personal (mundane) and SCA information. Reeve immediately notified group reeves, seneschals, kingdom and group corporate authorities.
- The surgeon has provided me with a detailed report indicating that she responded to a number of first aid situations including insect bites and minor cuts and burns (no ambulances!!). One person lacerated their eyelid during tug-of-war on Saturday evening (the IP later informed me that no medical attention was needed and the wound has since healed without incident). Another person split their upper lip, also Saturday night, while playing "spear the beer" (what could possibly go wrong?) – I have received a detailed report on this incident from the marshal in charge of the activity, in which I am informed that as the bleeding did not stop promptly, the IP sought medical intervention and received two stitches.
- I have been advised that an altercation occurred on Saturday evening between a member of the Black Dogs and one of our populace. This was unpleasant but no injuries resulted. I have been informed that the Anealan Seneschal (Amias Neville) and the Captain of the Dogs (Bishop) were called in and deescalated the situation successfully. The Black Dog member, who was reported to have initiated the incident, will no longer be permitted to attend SCA events per the internal decision-making of the Dogs. The offended party has advised me that they do not wish to pursue any further action, and feel that the incident, while distressing, has been resolved to their satisfaction.
- A fire was observed on Sunday afternoon, which caused some distress and alarm. Closer investigation proved that it was not, as feared, in the bush adjacent to the venue but instead on private property next door, and was in fact being monitored and in compliance with City of Kwinana fire regulations. Emergency Services were not required, and did not attend, and no consequences ensued.
- There were some technical difficulties with the spit used to cook Saturday night's meat dish. Fortunately the kitchen team identified these problems in good time and made the excellent call to purchase some additional meat and cook it in the ovens as space permitted. This quick thinking meant that everyone did get fed (unfortunately a Royal Court in the offing caused some delay anyway, but what can you do?).

**Activities**

Archery – Marshal has reported. All planned events (children’s shoot, glowstick night shoot, historical novelty shoot and IKAC) went well, with no injuries or accidents. His Majesty and some newcomers participated in the IKAC shoot, which was lovely. Shooting armour-piercing rounds was very well received. IKAC winners were Nathan of Dragon’s Bay, Eochaid Finn mac Tuathal (Kierun of Aneala) and Cooper of Aneala in the three age divisions.

Rapier – Marshal has provided a detailed report. Friday evening Challenge Tourney in the marquee had 7 entrants and no winner as it was “for the fun”. Special mention to Maestre Pantera for finding an elegant solution to our ongoing lighting issues. Saturday morning fencing war had 16 participants (forces of Lochac were triumphant). Saturday afternoon was fencing collegia. Sunday morning was a heraldic tourney with 12 competitors, Varbed Zaven Zeytuntsi was victorious. Sunday afternoon fencing games had 5 entrants (the morning had been pretty gruelling and almost hot, to be honest). Monday morning Roses tourney had 8 entrants and recognition given to Varbed Zaven for most wins, Lady Cirina for most bouts fought and Lady Runa for grace on the field. Also chocolate Roses was a nice touch, well done (listkeeper’s observation!). No injuries or relevant incidents.

Armoured combat – Marshal has reported. Armoured fighters also entered the Friday evening Challenge Tourney. Saturday afternoon was war, which was fun and involved “loot the dead” for the children. Sunday afternoon was a heraldic tournament with 9 entrants, THL Galen Wulfric was victorious. Special thanks to the listkeeper for detailed reports on all relevant events.

Boffer – Our Kingdom deputy marshal for Youth Combat kindly stepped in to run a boffer tournament Saturday morning (I believe the eventual winner, after a nail-biting final round, was Danielle of Dragon’s Bay) and a boffer war Saturday afternoon. Both events were successful and without injury or incident.

Many A&S classes and activities occurred, to the delight of all involved, without incident. A&S classes around the list field was found to be lovely in terms of atmosphere and inclusion (the meeting room is better if power or water is needed, but a bit isolated and antisocial). There was only one significant issue where two consecutive events, scheduled in the meeting room due to need for power, were delayed due to a royal court – some hasty rearranging was required.

Baroness Bella was elevated to the Order of the Pelican (Saturday) and Varbed Zaven to the Order of Defence (Sunday). Many congratulations to these gentles. Sundry other awards were given out and the populace Order of Precedence has been updated accordingly.

Wonderful cooking people did wonderful cooking things and everyone was fed and, therefore, happy. The College provided lunches, as is their wont, and so far as I am aware there were no issues with this except, perhaps, that the concept had not been successfully advertised to wayfarers (and one or two other attendees as well). This potential issue was swiftly resolved by providing soup kitchen leftovers to those gentles, but steps should be taken to avoid this scenario in future. Leftover foodstuffs were donated as appropriate at the close of the event, I believe to Hillside Church Community Outreach program in Forrestfield and the Salvation Army.

## **Recommendations**

In general information, I believe 178 people attended the event (this includes some “elevation only” and similar bookings – does not indicate the numbers fed or overnighted). We had a significant number of wayfarers, and of course a Royal Visit and two elevations contributed significantly to numbers. It’s worth noting that 6 non-members did not sign in – most likely did not realise they needed to, or perhaps forgot – although at least some of them definitely did attend. Feedback I received at the event indicated that most people were enjoying themselves and felt that the event had run smoothly – aside of course from the incidents listed above.

Recommendations, therefore, must start with:

- Making it clear to people at booking that signing in is a requirement of attendance. I personally recommend that in future a new booking form is developed or booking enquiries are met with a standard email response listing all the specific information we need (such as camping preferences, dietary needs, membership status etc. etc. etc.) and some general info about things like the need to sign in. I know the bookings officer did have problems with people failing to provide all the necessary information, and either a form or standard email questionnaire might help with this. Suggestion that this be made standard/fixed for every year, and simply forwarded to DB or Aneala as appropriate.
- Ensure booking form includes a “do you want Friday dinner”/“what meals will you be attending” question.
- Definitely continue to have a plumbing and general repairs kit on hand, by golly!
- The system of “medical use” tags for power plugs in the camping area seemed to work well. I was not made aware of any dramas around this topic, so I recommend continuing with this concept or

something similar.

- Stewarding team should, in future, purchase hand towel paper stuff for the bathrooms, as the hall's supply inevitably runs out early on in the weekend. These are available from places like Campbells, hospitality suppliers etc.
- College lunches: if they plan to use the barbecue, establish that they know how to use and clean the barbecue! Also monitor bookings for college lunches – these need to be advertised better. Perhaps we could include College lunches on the event booking form. Or, alternatively, include a tick box for "I am aware that lunches need to be ordered separately from the College".

In the spirit of general recommendations, I do feel strongly that the lead-up to the event was perhaps slightly more stressful and difficult than it needed to be in some respects, and I think broadly speaking communication between the parties involved was the problem. I know there are people who feel that I, as event steward, did not communicate well with council, and I feel the reverse is very much true, also. Therefore I recommend that if, in future, the Dragon's Bay council is looking outside this room for a steward to run this event, both parties would be well advised to have a conversation about the expectations of that role, as they are evidently different from the norm in other groups – to be clear, I consider myself equally responsible for failing to have this conversation, and assuming I knew the requirements of the role. Laying these details out early would, I think, help to avoid hard feelings on all sides and some unnecessary stress and drama.

When it came down to it, though, I believe the event ran remarkably well overall and thanks are due to the many, many people who pitched in to make that happen. You all know who you are, you all worked hard, and your efforts are very much appreciated. There were, inevitably, some small hiccups, and people were very much on hand to jump in and help and make things happen as they needed to – so well done, team.

### **Financial summary**

The Reeve has put together a financial report for this event – last I heard we were looking at a profit of around \$3,382.39 – although some last-minute payments have meant this report is not quite complete at this time (meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025). In view of that generous margin, I would like to propose that a sum of money be put aside to bring over a teacher (in whatever discipline is considered most useful to the group at that time) to the next Dragon's Bay-run Raids.

This profit margin is of course due to the unexpectedly large numbers, which meant savings on food purchased were significant - of all the cash advances for food, we received an average of 1/3 back. Some deals were negotiated and some donations were made, which makes it difficult to judge, but the cooking teams are to be congratulated for this.

### **Subordinate reports received**

Y	Marshal-in-charge report
Y	Armoured combat report
Y	Fencing report
Y	Target archery report
Y	Tournament report (listkeeper)
N	Chief Cook report
Y	Bookings officer report
Y	Chirurgion report
Y	Constable report [particularly where overnight stays occurred]