

Old Business Review for Aug 2020 Wyndriche Business Meeting

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- This section is ***much longer*** than it normally will be, due to the time elapsed since prior meetings & the uncertainty as to whether all issues have been addressed. Please read it prior to the Aug 2020 meeting.
- Since last meeting (July of 2019) from Thomas' notes.
 - the Unity College administration has blocked SCA activities on campus until further notice; this happened prior to the plague. Efforts to sway them failed.
 - Topic Branch Status. Was unclear, but having a TW Marshal allowed us to get through this A&S transition. Every effort should be made to always have at least 4 required officers, rather than the minimum of 3.
 - Topic Health. Thomas advocated for the use of captions, aka subtitles, in various online meetings & classes. The *host* of these online activities usually *has to turn ON captions* in order for other attendees to see them; optional for each attendee. Contact the EK Accessibility Porter officer for other ways to help folks who can't easily use the typical communication methods.
 - Topic How To, this also Technical. Links on our official website are sometimes unclickable depending on the path used to get there; clicking on the announcement's or post's title often provides access to a true hyperlink. Saving chat in Zoom and Google meetings can

sometimes corrupt the text; best bet is to copy & paste it to a purely text editor, i.e. no formatting. Zoom meetings end abruptly; save often. Some web browsers don't let you into online meetings; consider using Firefox instead of Safari, et.al.

- Topic Officers. Wyndriche lost its A&S and Webminister officers (same person) at the end of May, 2020, due to person moving far away to aid her mundane family. Volunteers for A&S officer were requested both prior & after that. Moira Browne became our new A&S officer on June 24, 2020.
- Topic Officers Webminister. Thomas of Wyndriche became our Webminister, & plans to be it until the plague mostly passes. Much knowledge has been gained by Thomas. Apple & Microsoft still don't play well together, and most official files are in Microsoft format; on tap is a trial from a non-Apple computer, e.g. in Bangor Public Library. Catiana de Vannes gave him Admin privileges, after it was discovered that simply becoming officer did not grant those. We had an earlier nibble for this position, but health (non-plague) seems to have postponed that.
- From Seneschal Reports, quarterly:
 - Reminder to self: in the future, these should be shorter & geared more toward Seneschals' superiors. Mostly not direct quotes below - paraphrased them.
 - sections (fyi): Request for Branch Change, aka Status; Do you have required officers with paid memberships?; Request for

Kingdom Seneschal Action; General Summary.

- From 20200715 Seneschal Report: very active quarter. New A&S officer; Chatelaine switching at end of Aug; Sir Cedric did a lot with TW, including resuming informal practices, & he helped write some SCA Census questions as well as plague guidelines. Seneschal can now contact all Wyndriche members, albeit not always via official channels. Seneschal held 3 informal online get-togethers, & attended Officer School 101 online end of April. Webminister got up-to-speed, posted 9 items to our official website, & added several things to the EK Wiki. Fyi: branch mergers might be allowed, e.g. if membership plummets.
- From 20200412 Seneschal Report: At the time, Seneschal did not have a firm grasp of requirements for a Canton; thought we were short an officer due to A&S leaving. SCA law review was in progress. Seneschal professed strong desire to keep Wyndriche in compliance & active. New Webminister warranted on Feb 12, 2020.
 - Baronial and Kingdom Seneschals later granted amnesty for branch status due to plague, with a caveat.
- From 20200115 Seneschal Report: Quiet quarter, with some small projects in progress (no details; this is why CC'ing Seneschal would be helpful. A&S officer, who is also Webminister, plans to move outside our borders sometime in April.
- From 20191015 Seneschal Report: ``Demo in Belfast at the Maine Celtic Celebration. 4 new members. Unity College Medieval Club contacted us; they are trying to find a way to allow us on campus

for classes etc. Many TW practices held; A&S classes ongoing & held at events; Webminister active.”

- demo was really sponsored by Endewearde; some Wyndriche members attended.
- From 20190715 Seneschal Report: “Quarterly meeting held 7/2/2019. 1 member moved out; a probable member moved in (from Alaska = West Kingdom). Some folks will attend demo as part of <http://www.mainecelticcelebration.com> .”
 - Person from Alaska still hasn’t officially joined as of 20200729.
- Topic Health. Plague arrived in early March of 2020.
- Topic Meetings. informal Ethereal Get-together A, B, and C by the Seneschal of Wyndriche were held online in May, June, and July respectively. These will continue on the 12th of each month until further notice. Picked a single number of the day in each month to ensure it is not the same day of the week each time, in order to get a greater attendance over the year.
- Topic Ethereal Get-together C on 20200712. Invited SCA neighbors as well. Lord Ant was the sole attendee; luckily for that insect, “sole” is not a pun here.
- Topic Ethereal Get-together B on 20200612. All invited; 2 different folks attended. Thus many of the planned thoughts were not

discussed at this time. On our Facebook page, topics were added to help search posts; Contact the Webminister if you'd like a new topic created. Discussions began about officer turnover, folks moving away (e.g. plague), and the status of our branch; officer requirements were discussed. A nearby branch offered to merge with us; this was unexpected but intriguing. Volunteers for officers were requested. Seneschal continued asking for contact info from currently unreachable members, & inactive folks. Officer School 101 near end of April 2020 provided many ideas. Thomas continued persona research, & later rediscovered EK Wiki; any member can get a page here by request; https://wiki.eastkingdom.org/index.php?title=Thomas_of_Wyndriche .

- After Get-together B: reviewed SCA Laws to confirm officer & meeting quorum requirements; also sent some mails to superiors; Endewearde terms are 3 years on a rotating basis for each officer; 2 week notice for leaving office is sufficient but more time is courteous. Official communication is done via members' Gmail accounts, or US Postal Service, our branch's official website, or other SCA-approved methods. Got nibbles for A&S officer position. New-to-branch member Antony Martin of Sheffield was a Herald, & offered to mentor anyone interested in that office.
- Topic Ethereal Get-together A on 20200512. Notes missing. 2 attendees. Showed a crossword puzzle about SCA from <https://crosswordLabs.com/view/sca-crossword-2> .
- Older business meetings. **Caution:** clicking link might download file rather than displaying it. Webminister is seeking a way to give you a

choice.

- Business meeting 20190702 at https://wyndriche.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SCA_Wyndriche-Business-Meeting-minutes-20200702-in-PDF.pdf .
- Business meeting 20181113 at https://wyndriche.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SCA_WyndricheBusinessMeeting_minutes_20181113-as-PDF_.pdf .
- Business meeting 20180823 at https://wyndriche.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SCA_WyndricheBusinessMeeting_minutes_20180823__asPDF_.pdf .
- More meeting notes at <https://wyndriche.eastkingdom.org/history/> .
- End of Old Business.

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