

Barony of Namron Financial Committee Meeting Minutes 20200220

Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m.

In attendance:

Brendan Haiduk, Baron
Julia Haiduk, Baroness
Fred Bramhall, Treasurer
Kara Hoyle, Seneschal
Michelle Collins, Member at Large
Shawn Cornelius, Member at Large

General Discussion and Announcements:

The committee extended a welcome to Oddr, who is serving as interim Treasurer. The Treasurer application period closes on 5 March, pending applications.

All members of the committee signed the Addenda to State Sales Tax, which was unanimously approved. The addenda were reviewed and approved by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer on 10 February 2020. Email attached as addendum.

Request from Their Excellencies to review and revise Financial Policy. Postponed until summer to accommodate Treasurer transition period.

Question: What is the Financial Committee term of office?

Answer: Unclear, but may have been initially tied to Treasurer term of office. Will be discussed and stipulated in Financial Policy during summer review.

Question: Society Financial Policy recently made a change to depreciable items: inventory reporting is only for items over \$2000. Existing items on inventory remain in accordance with previous standards. Should we change the Populace vote requirement to items over \$2000?

Answer: Several committee members expressed discomfort with spending such a large sum without Populace approval. A change from the current limit of \$500 to \$1000 will be discussed at the summer Financial Policy review.

Upcoming Finance Committee Workshop w/Gate Class and bank field trip with Northern Regional Exchequer. Will have more details after a new Treasurer is selected.

Feast and sideboard bids for Coronation close 5 March 2020, 9 pm.

PayPal requests for Coronation and Beltane will be initiated by the Treasurer.

A laptop previously used for the Gulf Wars Exchequer has been retired and removed from inventory, but is still in working condition. It will be moved to Namron's inventory for use by the Treasurer, to ensure that future Treasurers have access to the technology required for reporting.

Votes:

Request: Water quality is not ideal at the Ardmore Convention Center. Can we provide bottled water for feast?

Vote: Denied. The Convention Center has an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola, which limits the beverages permitted to be served by caterers, including self-catered events. The purchase was not considered critical or cost-effective.

Request: Adjustment to the Coronation event budget to add use of a second kitchen space for sideboard; cost is \$100.

Vote: Approved.

Request: Adjustment to the Beltane event budget to add a cabin for use by Their Majesties; cost is \$100.

Vote: Approved.

Request: Adjustment to Beltane event budget to add Minister of Children activities; cost is \$50.

Vote: Approved.

Request: Selection of signatories for bank account: (Required): Regional Treasurer, Treasurer, Seneschal. (Recommended): Deputy Treasurer (Emergency Replacement), two Financial Committee Members at Large, One Landed Nobility.

Vote: Approved.

Request: Purchase of a set of walkie talkies for use by key coordinators and officers at events, typically the Event Steward/s, Seneschal, List Coordinator, Minister of Children. The intent is to enhance safety and communication, particularly as mobile signal reception is inconsistent between sites and carriers.

Vote: Delayed, pending research and cost.

Request: Purchase of storage totes for the new pavilion, to ensure longevity and promote ease of transportation.

Vote: Delayed, pending research and cost.

Closed Meeting Period for Bid Selections:

Beltane Tavern: The Event Steward joined the committee for discussion and selection. The bid submitted by Her Ladyship Villana Palazolo and Baroness Caterina Giovanni was selected.

Coronation Gate Coordinator: The Event Steward joined the committee for discussion and selection. Lady Kathryn Cranesgrove will coordinate the gate, with mentorship by Lady Ophelia Warde.

Time was available for members of the Populace to conduct any outstanding financial business with the Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.