

Barony of Namron Town Hall Meeting
21 May 2020

The meeting was opened by Frú Kolfinna Egilsdóttir, Seneschal. She stated that it was an informal discussion regarding the eventual reopening of local SCA activities, and emphasized that all voices should be heard, regardless of dissenting opinions.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss Populace members' thoughts regarding reopening local activities. Comments were as follows:

Dyrfinna recommended that fighter practices be held outdoors with only participants allowed; no children or spectators. She suggested that Populace and Business Meetings continue online for now.

Helena of Oak Spring suggested that practices be split into groups, and that youth activities continue to be suspended. She also requested that livestreaming and other virtual options continue beyond reopening for people who cannot attend activities in person.

Koia announced that the Norman Public School Administration Building will not likely permit external meetings for quite a while, as they are not permitting internal use of meeting spaces at this time.

Her Excellency Uliana discussed the Norman Public Library's current restrictions, with no summer programs or room reservations permitted.

Helena of Oak Spring commented that the Ada Public Library is also closed at this time.

Dyrfinna suggested that we find ways to bring events to the people who are unable to attend, whether that be events, classes, etc. She encouraged us to remember older members who can no longer attend.

Annabelle recommended holding meetings outdoors. For example, officers could sit on the amphitheater stage at Andrews Park and the seating arrangement would allow for adequate distancing between attendees. She asked that attendees at activities be notified prior to livestreaming.

Kolfinna announced that she has requested video permissions verbiage from the Kingdom Social Media Officer for online activities.

Ophelia suggested that we consider limiting group sizes, possibly utilizing sign-ups for specific times.

Ellyn stated that sign-ups could be used for A&S, if needed. She also mentioned that A&S could also happen in public spaces such as parks.

Koia mentioned that local governments' gathering restrictions for those public spaces must be honored.

Her Excellency Uliana stated that these were all just ideas at this point, and reiterated that the Kingdom currently has us restricted from holding activities.

Helena of Oak Spring stated that she would prefer to wait and have the full experience of attending an event when the situation is safer for more people.

Lorenzo commented that he has enjoyed the virtual activities and that Covid-19 restrictions have not stopped us from creatively pursuing our interests.

Vigdis expressed concern regarding the spread of Covid-19 and that indoor gatherings could increase that risk. She suggested we initially work toward small group outdoor meetings.

Her Excellency Uliana thanked everyone for attending, and spoke of the upcoming Steppes virtual event and Kingdom Courts. She also requests award recommendations.

Kolfinna requested continued feedback from all members of the Populace, regardless of particular viewpoints, as it is important for everyone to have a voice as we make difficult decisions. Meeting closed.