



Saint Florian de la Riviere Baronial Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom

Date: 15/07/2025

Start time: 7:04pm

Attendees

Sebastian Peters
Seth Booth
Katie Babkoff
Brendon Neal
Leisel Thomas
Nicola Boyd
Allie Collins

Apologies

Craig Jones
Jacqui Cavendish
Georgi Cavendish

Reports & Updates

Approval of prior minutes

June 2025 [\[link\]](#)

Proposed by: Sebastian

Seconded by: Katie Babkoff

Motion passed: Yes

Officer Reports

Seneschal

Nothing to Report

Reeve

Opening Bank Balance	\$28,130.96
Incoming funds for Quarter	\$23,015.79
Outgoing funds for Quarter	\$15,566.79
Closing Bank Balance	\$35,579.96
Profit or Loss for the Quarter	\$7,449.00

Herald

Not present

Hospitaller

Not present

Webwright

Not present

Heavy Marshal

Not present

Rapier Marshal

Commentary has closed for Applicants. Waiting for confirmation of a decision from the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

Archery Marshal

Not present

Arts & Sciences

First class on Monday went well, potential gambeson workshop next month

Chirurgion

Not present

Project Updates

Action	Responsible Person	Update	Status
Future of GNW shipping container	Seneschal	No update	In progress
Shade tents	Stanzi	Not Present	Not started
Champion Tabards	Bronwyn	Not Present	In progress
Champion cloaks	Nicola / Allie	Continuing construction, Allie is taking over project	In progress
Banner poles and portable holes			Not started
Archery target	Jyoti	Not present	In progress

New Business

Proposal to purchase new Baronial fencing equipment

Request to approve funds for:

- 2 x Gorgets at a total of approximately \$280 including postage (may need to approve \$320 due to exchange rate changes and rates available when using different payment options such as PayPal)
- 2 x Rapiers for fencing at approximately \$1510 (may need to approve \$1580 due to exchange rate changes and rates available when using different payment options such as PayPal)

Total to be approved for both is: \$1900

Background:

- Rapiers are a total of \$985 US\$
- Gorgets are a total of \$182.59 US\$

Rationale:

- We do not have gorgets for our barony kit and so people cannot use the fencing kit to have a bout in armour.
- We are getting many newcomers to fencing and with my move to Tasmania we expect to regularly be short at least 2 swords. Even with my presence, we were short 2 swords the other night.

There was discussion on lack of response from Australian Suppliers when Nicola tried to source a 2nd quote, discussion on Nicola moving interstate in September so potentially the new Rapier marshal can order and receive the items.

Proposal: Approve expenditure up to \$1,900 for 2 rapiers and 2 gorgets to expand the Baronial fending equipment.

Proposed by: Nicola Boyd

Seconded by: Seth Booth

Motion passed: Yes

Discussion of hosting options for future Baronial meetings

Baronial meetings are currently hosted on Zoom through Georgi's personal account, which is not being renewed after this month. We have the following options:

Host details	Cost	Effort	Additional Benefits
Zoom - a new St Florian account	\$243 per year	Mid - setup and ongoing expenditure	Could be used to host other online gatherings, e.g. A&S.
Google Meet - St Florian Seneschal Google account	\$150 per year (\$127 first year)	Mid - setup, ongoing expenditure, and learning curve	Could be used to host other online gatherings, e.g. A&S.
Discord - Kingdom server (St Florian Channel already exists)	Free	Low - already established and moderated	None
Discord - a new St Florian server	Free	High - setup and ongoing moderation	Could expand Baronial online presence and social options outside of Facebook. Could be used to host other online gatherings, e.g. A&S.
In person	\$0 - \$50 per month	Mid - travel and may still want to include a way to attend online	Shared snacks

Key Zoom plan details:

- 30 hours per meeting, free version is only 40 minutes
- 100 participants, same as free
- Can have additional users but increases the cost, cost provided is per user

Key Google One plan details:

- 24 hours per meeting, free version is only 60 minutes
- 100 participants, same as free
- Can share plan with up to 5 people

- Has a 14 day trial, so we could test it for the meeting next month at no cost

Discussion on the need for shifting away from Facebook as prime source of communications, discussions on Lauren having done trials through online A & S with different platforms.

Proposal: Next meeting to be on the Kingdom Discord as a trial with a short meeting the weekend prior for people to test/sort out getting on Discord.

Proposed by: Sebastian Peters

Seconded by: Katie Babkoff

Motion passed: Yes

Actions:

- Sebastian will try to find the how-to guide created by Craig previously
- Sebastian will create the event with details for Discord as well as utilise the St Florian email list & website to communicate the next meeting along with details of the test meeting the weekend prior.

Events

Upcoming and Proposed Events

Date	Event	Steward	Status
5 July	Bottony Cross	David Ayris	Awaiting Report
26 July	Fox Hunt Tournament	Gabrielle Hamilton	Approved
23 August	Tournament in the Park		Bids Open
30 August	St Florian University	Lauren Plant	Approved
13 September	War Training		Bids Open
11 October	Baronial Championship		Bids Open

Event Bids

N/A

Meeting closed

End time:07:48pm

Next meeting: 05/08/2025 at 7pm on Discord - Lochac Kingdom server