

**Dabbler's Guild Meeting Minutes**  
**August 29, 2007**

(Meeting at the Sobey's Community Room, Sackville, NS)

In attendance:

Baroness Janet (Nicole Chaffey)  
Baron Lachlan (Preston MacIntosh)  
Mistress Gwenthwyfar (Wendy Cotton)  
Baroness Gavlinne (Susan Richter)  
Lady Mary Elizabeth (Nancy Irwin)  
Lady Elise (Corinne Lewandowski)  
Lady Isa (Donna MacKay)  
Lady Anneke (Gail Heinze-Milne)

Reports:

1. Gavlinne (Secretary) read the minutes of the previous meeting of April 23, 2005  
Motion to accept the minutes as read:  
Motion : Gavlinne  
Seconded: Isa  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstains
2. Treasurers Report – filed in absentia and online by Mistress Bess Darnley  
(Treasurer)  
As of today, 29 August 2007, the Dabbler's Guild has funds amounting to \$384.03. The last two deposits made were \$35.00 from the Metal work Schola, and \$23.00 from the C&I Schola. We have a Community Club Account at the Royal Bank which allows online banking and costs this guild \$3.75 per month in banking fees.
3. Guild Mistress' Report – Janet  
Two scholas were held in the Spring – a C&I Schola and a Metal Arts & Glass Work Schola. Both brought in funds as per the treasurers report.
4. Secretary's Report – Gavlinne  
In minutes as reported.
5. Motion to accept the reports as presented  
Motion: Gwen  
Seconded: Isa  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstains

Old Business:

1. IDD Gift of tableware was done and presented at the IDD investiture event.
2. Athena's Thimble IDD Linen Gift Promissary Note – Gwen inquired if there were any members of Athena's Thimble who could comment on whether this was completed. Janet reported that the promissory was given at the IDD investiture and Lachlan reported the linens were presented several months later.
3. Charter review – moved to new business
4. Classes review – moved to new business
5. SOP's – These are still needed and should address issues such as money and the handling of funds, meeting policies, elects, etc. Gavlinne and Elise volunteered to work on the SOP's and present them to the Dabblers' Guild list for review.
6. Review of Facilities – A desire was expressed to identify potential schola/workshop sites for Dabblers Activities. A brief review identified a number of potential sites including:
  - Sobey's in Sackville
  - Acadia Hall in Sackville\*
  - Church at the Tantallon Crossroads (large kitchen)
  - St. Margarets Bay Arena\*
  - Glen Slaunwhite Firehall (Sackville)
  - Big Cove Camp (Merigomish)\*\*
  - Camp Harris (Lawrencetown)\*\*
  - Lake Charlotte Historic Site (Where Nudegeer event was held)
  - Gidden's Lodge (NSCC)\*\*
  - MFRC
  - Personal Homes

\* - These sites need to be confirmed for availability and price  
\*\* - These sites need to be confirmed for availability and price and would make good weekend workshop/schola events as they provide camping space, indoor and outdoor facilities
7. Banners – When the Dabblers' Guild was first created one of the initial projects was to create a Rolls Ethereal for the Barony. It included the painting of the arms of all the citizens on banners to be used in hall display. Issues arose over the display of personal arms without permission. It was discussed at the April 2005 meeting and again at this meeting that the wish of the populace of the guild is to offer people the opportunity to purchase their banners, and to paint over any unpurchased banners with universal devices (ie. Ruantallan, Boreal Army, SCA, East Kingdom) and/or with general charges.

Janet will work on a letter to individuals offering them:

- a. the purchase of their banner with a request to reply deadline
- b. notification that the banner will be painted over if they do not wish to purchase

No purchase amount was determined at this time.

8. Newcomers Assistance Program – the idea of this program was to pair off newcomers with seasoned SCA members. It was decided that this issue falls under the responsibility of the Chatelaine and should be passed off to them.

The Seashire Chatelaine (Elise) requested that any members of the Dabbler's Guild wishing to speak to newcomers about the SCA and/or the Dabbler's Guild might consider wearing some sort of badge or favour of the Guild, thereby identifying them.

9. Fundraising – Fundraising ideas were discussed but it was agreed that at present, there are enough funds to sustain the group for their immediate plans, and that scholas could continue to bring in funds. It was agreed that after the guild returns to a more active state the idea of fundraising could be reviewed.
10. Cloaks – Camping cloaks were completed and are now in the possession of the new Baron and Baroness. There are burgundy cloaks which are not yet completed and need the arms on the back to be finished. Volunteers wishing to help with this project would be appreciated and should contact the Coronet.
11. Database on Yahoo Group – Members are encouraged to make an effort to update it.

#### New Business:

1. New Class Suggestions:
  - C&I – Mistress Sarra Graeme has already confirmed with Lady Elise her willingness to teach classes
  - Silk Banners – Mistress Gwen
  - Blacksmithing – Baron Lachlan
  - Shoes – Lady Cornelia, Master Edward, Lord Varenko and Lord Percival are all accomplished shoe makers

Janet noted that teachers should be encouraged to teach classes and that guild funds can be used for class supplies and/or materials as required. Inquiries by teachers should be made to the guild mistress.

Scholas discussed

- Banner Schola – November 18<sup>th</sup> by Mistress Gwen – Location TBA

- C&I Schola – TBD
- Dance Schola – sometime in October by Lady Brianna if she was willing

## 2. Regular Meetings

It was agreed that regular meetings are required and should take place on a quarterly basis.

It was also agreed that the next Dabblers' Guild meeting be held at the Herne the Hunter event in Ruantallan.

## 3. Presence at Events

The idea of having a presence at events was discussed as follows:

**BIA** – An inquiry to the autocrat to have 2 Dabblers' Guild tables for information and an A&S display only. Elise volunteered to contact the event autocrat to make this request

**Sven the Gardner** – As this event already has an A&S competition the idea of the Guild presenting a prize to a chosen winner was discussed

Motion: The Dabblers' Guild will present a prize basket (1) to the A&S Team Project winner of their choice – to be chosen by the Dabblers' Guild members present at this event.

Motion: Isa

Seconded: Anneke

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstains

**Laurel Challenge** – The Dabblers' Guild simply wants to encourage it's members to participate in this event

**Herne the Hunter** – will be our next Guild meeting and will also potentially house a fundraiser for a Spring Schola event. Awaiting acceptance of an event bid to confirm and advertise.

## 4. Badges & Tokens

At Pennsic, Isa and Elise noticed a need for quality medallions and tokens (Largess). It was suggested by Isa and Elise that the Dabblers' Guild annually attempt to produce largess for Kingdom and Barony.

The Baron and Baroness also expressed a need for past champion favours.

Motion: For the Dabblers' Guild to make an effort to annually produce largess for the Kingdom and Barony.

Motion: Elise

Seconded: Isa

Vote: 8yes, 0 no, 0 abstains

\* It was suggested by Gavlinne that someone post a list of sites/image files on the Dabblers' Yahoo Group for people to use as a template to make said items.

## 5. Website

Gwenhwyfar suggested the Dabblers' Guild get a website. Gavlinne swore a lot!

Motion: For the creation of a Website by Gavlinne

Motion: Gwen

Seconded: Lachlan  
Vote: 7 yes, 1 no, 0 abstains

6. Guild Master/Mistress

Discussion on whether Janet wished to continue as Guild Mistress. It was agreed that she would probably have a lot on her plate in her new role in the Barony. Only one candidate for Guild Mistress was suggested.

Motion: To elect Mistress Gwen as Guild Mistress

Motioned: Janet

Seconded: Gavlinne

Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Motion: To elect Lady Mary Elizabeth as Deputy/Co Guild Mistress

Motioned: Gwen

Seconded: Lachlan

Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

7. Charter

Charter was reviewed and the following areas were noted as required change:

- Banners references need to be changed, as the guild will no longer be producing banners of people's heraldry
- Janet will post full charter online for review
- Elise suggested a wording change for the banner line could be added to the end of the line by Lady Griet if she was willing

8. Motion to adjourn

Motioned: Gwen

Seconded: Gavlinne

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain