

AGREED MINUTES

Darton Shire Council Meeting 10 June 2024

Meeting Start: 1930

Meeting Finish: 2001

Attending

Virtual: Madeleine, Bernard (part of it), Peter, Heloise, Linette, Diego, Caitriona, Miles, Quill, Azalais, Kazimira.

Minutes

- Under one of the headings – hospitaller?, said "text" – Fiora will fix
- Linette - under general bus: someone was going to get in touch with Linette -- Caitriona will message Linette via FB

The draft minutes of the meeting of 06 May were **approved**.

Officer Reports

Seneschal

- Submitted quarterly report.
- Reminder to officers to send me a copy of their own quarterly reports (due 2 weeks before the seneschal's).
- Some communication with Kingdom Seneschal on postcodes for Whanganui hamlet.
- Still waiting on further info from KS about Sherwater going Shire. I will follow up to remind him.

Reeve

- Current Darton account balance is: \$7,217.72
- Six weeks of constant travel and events have come to an end. Hoping to be at home for the next three months. Met with Diego last week. We have started the handover process.

Arts & Sciences

- Not much to report. A Day o' Fun was held that I didn't attend - I believe hot chocolate was made in a historical fashion.
- Holly and I are talking about doing some spinning at the next one, which will be on June 15th (and then on July 20th).
- There were stories about archery and hot chocolate. Next Day of Fun dates confirmed. I will advertise spinning via email & FB.
 - Banner making separate. We have supplies to do more of the silk banners, but need supplies (Posca markers, fabric) for cotton banners, which is what I was envisioning. I will contact Fiora re: online sources for Posca markers, other.

Webwright

Nothing to report

Quartermaster

- More stocktaking at Day of Fun
- Went to Sherwater, who have asked to be gifted one of the large Lochac silk banners.
 - Note: we have four -- two large and two small. Some discoloration on edges of large banners. The Darton banners have more damage.

Hospitaller

- Some new people coming to fencing.
- Brad the geologist has asked for info, which I will pass on.

Marshal

Target Archery

- The only thing to report from me is that I'll be unavailable for archery practice until September, and out of the country from June 24th. If anyone else wants to take over in the meantime, they're welcome to come pick up the loaner gear from our place (address on request).

Future Events and Activities

Event bid for Darton Anniversary - Madeleine

- Location: Strathmore Park hall <https://www.strathmorepark.nz/venue-hire/#te-tuhunga-rau> 108 Strathmore Avenue
- Date: 10 August 2024
- Looking at costs from Darton Anniversary 2023, and the numbers of attendees, it's not cost effective to run the same event in 2024.
- It would cost about \$170 per adult (13+) for the full weekend event, a price rise of \$45 from 2023. This is mostly due to rising food and venue costs, and partially due to expecting about half the attendees in 2024 as this won't be a Royal event.
- Therefore, I propose to run a one day event on 10 August. The event will cost \$65 for an adult, which will cover lunch and the feast.
- There's no room at the venue to safely do martial activities, so the championships will have to be contested at another time.
- Lunch will be ploughmans - protein, carbs and veggies and you can choose how to put it together (wraps, buns, etc).
- Feast is TBD but I have a cook lined up

Costs:

- One Off Expenses
 - Commercial laundry \$70
 - Venue \$500
 - Contingency (10%) \$57
 - Total \$627 one-off costs
- I propose charging the following:
 - Adults \$65 (non members add \$1)
 - Youths 13-17 \$50
 - Children 6-12 \$35
 - those aged 5 and under free.
- From Miles's excellent documentation from last year, I estimate we'll have at least 20 adults and 4 youths attend. If this is the case, we'll make a small profit of \$70.
- If enough people are keen on the feast only, I'll look at changing it to a feast only event and changing the prices, but not below \$55/\$45/\$30.

The venue - note we get the whole venue, including small quieter areas

- The venue was refurbished in the last 5 years.
- There are about 8 parking spaces, including 2 marked accessible spaces. I'll ask in advertising that those with mobility needs get first dibs so find on street parking and walk.
- There's a fair amount of on-street parking close by
- There's a bus stop about 50m away from the venue for the #4 bus
- There's a small meeting room and a separate sick room, for those who need *quiet*
- Has a nice kitchen

Things I haven't thought about:

- Decorations - as it's a fairly new venue, blu-tack only for the walls. However there are exposed beams so with some setting up we could carefully hang things.

- Candles - see above. The venue is non-smoking, so at a guess no.
- Theme - yup, I got nothing. Anyone got a theme idea? talk to Madeline

Other things

- If no martial, any other events? Games? A&S projects?
- At worst we'll lose ~\$500 for the Venue hire. M has done shopping for weekend venue & can't find any cheap.
- Survey results: couldn't make the event work with the number of people who said they could pay \$170
- Linette - is there going to be A&S at DA? or just feast as social?
- Can't do 3 of the 4 championships on site (heavy, archery, rapier, A&S). M suggests doing all four some other time. Suggestion to do marital championships on the Sunday following – Caitriona will confer with the marshals to see what might work.
- Helen – can we arrange billeting for out-of-towners? M can organise.

Event bid PASSED. Everybody present said to do it.

Regular Activities

Hamlet day will be on the last Sunday of the month except for June -- which is the Officer's Round Table: sign up for that!

General Business

- Linette - does anyone know about the event on 7th Sept advertised by Rat on FB, where that is? In CHCH. He should say that. Linette to tell him so on FB.
- Have we got a replacement group marshal? Advertised? Diego can do general marshalling, but can't do Sundays. Bernard & Madeleine also marshals. Still need group marshal.