

Seashire Althing on 1 April 2023
Sackville Public Library and by Zoom

Attendees in person: Sarra, Asleif, Mawdlyn, Angela, Aveline, Lachlan, Tyffayne, Eleanor, Matthew, Esperanza, Heledd, Gaston, Skaukatt, Guthfrith, Juliete, Lyanna, Janet, Isa, Delyth, Mary Elizabeth.
Attendees virtually: Oliver

Meeting was called to order by Tyffayne around 1:20 pm. She acknowledged the Dormancy Committee.

New Governance Document – Presented by Sarra and Lachlan

- The Constitution and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been combined into one document, with an Enduring and a Regular section.
- The Enduring section, which establishes the Seashire Althing (assembly of the populace), the terms of officers, and the removal of officers, can only be amended by a vote of the Althing.
- The Regular section, which governs Council meetings, financial matters, and events and activities of the Canton, can be amended by a vote of the Council.
- Lilou asked how the group was going to communicate its activities, and what methods of communication are going to reach the widest group of people. Lachlan said that has been discussed and is being referred to the new Council for action. Oliver suggested the Canton website may be able to do push notifications for announcements.
- Gaston and Skaukatt expressed concerns that the 6 month lead time between event bids brought to Council and the time of the event is too long and would put a roadblock in the way of autocrats working on a shorter timeline. Sarra said that was because sites in HRM are usually booked six months in advance. Lachlan pointed out that this is a “should, “ not a “must.”

A poll was taken to send the document on to Kingdom and the new Council for approval. All present were in agreement to send it on.

Volunteers for Officers of the New Council – The new officers were presented by Gaston

- Seneschal: Lachlan
- Exchequer: Skaukatt
- Minister of A&S: Heledd
- Knight Marshall: Hugh
- Webminister: Oliver
- In addition, Aveline will be Deputy Seneschale.
- We asked if there were any concerns about any of the officers. There were a few questions about people’s experience. Tyffayne said that the Kingdom is requiring deputy Exchequers, and Janet said she would be Deputy Exchequer, since she is still training Skaukatt.
- Sarra said there are parts of our Dormancy timeline, specifically planning events and activities, that we are going to be doing after we come out of Dormancy, because we can’t hold events until we are official again. But members of the Dormancy Committee will attend meetings with the new Council during the first year of the transition, for continuity.

We asked if there were any objections to this being the post-Dormancy Council, and heard none. Therefore, the officers are recommended to the Kingdom.

Motion to Come Out of Dormancy

- Moved by Sarra, seconded by Juliete, that we petition the Kingdom Seneschale to move the Canton of Seashire out of Dormancy.

- Mary Elizabeth asked if we had plans to check our progress on our goals. Lachlan said that would be something we can do with our first annual Seashire Althing post-Dormancy.
- The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned around 2:20 pm.