

Curia Regis Agenda

May 31, 2010

Barony of Fenix

Minutes

Approval of the Agenda Approved

Approval of Minutes Approved (submitted to Phillip for upload to populace)

March 7, 2010

Invited

HRM Radagaisus

HRM Ceinwen

HRH Uller

HRH Annelyse

KSen HE Master Thorvald Redhair

KExch THL Elayne Gwenhlian de Belleme

KHer HE Master Daffyd Blaidd

KEM HG Sir Edmund of Hertford

KChron Mistress Siobhan O'Neill

KMoAS Llewellyn ap Teirnon

KChir THL Derdriu ingen Mhurchadha

RUMC HE Mistress Sarafina Sinclair

CSec Maestra Gwenhwyvar Nocturnal

Reports

Crown

Business listed elsewhere.

Heirs

Welcome and introductions

Kingdom Chronicler

Midrealm Web Server

Society Webminister conducted investigation of where our server was hosted. It was reported to Society that the server was being hosted at a military installation. Found to be untrue. Documentation was required from hosting group for substantiation of bandwidth. New KChron was not aware. TRMs impressed with how efficiently it was handled.

Server hosting was brought up again. The server is heavily used. If we have catastrophic failure, then not sure we would be able to continue operations. Hardware is seven years old.

Proposed: Dreamhost. Caid is using this hosting company. Looks good, but do not have Technical knowledge to vet completely. Finseach to look into this option more closely. Propose moving to professional service. Don't have something to handle LDAP pages. This is an issue, but not insurmountable. Would like to give them the opportunity to check it out. Fee's waived for Non-profit. One other kingdom on it already: SCA-Caid.org. Please bring concerns to forum.

TRMs: we need insurances on hardware. Web based host brings auto upgrades, redundancy and security. HerRM is in favor for vote at Pennsic meeting. KEM: Current server has no official contact, just have an internal who works for company. Only SLAs bandwidth and place within their DMZ, between firewall. They are providing service for a non profit as a tax write off. Dreamhost maintains disaster recovery. KHer: Current server Pro's - We do have 2 sets of HW for backup and it is at Dafydd's house. We do backups of all data. Con's: Reboot cannot be done remotely. If something should happen, would have to resolve manually. Move to alternate server, set as primary, repair and run backup. Question: What is their SLA on DR and other stats? Technical correction: LDAP is our single source for authentication. All we do is authenticated through LDAP. All, including password, is authenticated through this. All special apps will have to be re-written. Finseach thinks she can handle this. TRMs: can we get a comparative listing of scale? The stats provided are not significant. Caid: is probably the smallest community, maybe half of ours. **Action Item:** KSen to e-mail Caid Seneschal for population numbers for comparison. KChron: How long has it been around? FAQs should be in docs. KChir: security and speed; same security? KHer: Essentially. Durability? Failsafes? KHer: Yes. KChir: which is better? KHer: Primary reason for change: professional hosting as opposed to non-profit. Corporate would like for us to go that way, KSen: Corporate is not offering to pay. As long as the life-cycle of the server is good, then he does not see the reason to change immediately. KChron: would prefer to see the change sooner rather than later due to the availability of catastrophic failure support. KHer: Personal standpoint –

investment is nil, change happens when the convenience of change is more than the inconvenience of it. Midrealm.net is owned by KHer. Camping on Midrealm.org and switches to Midrealm.net. Propose Dreamhost for free and see how it works. Run parallel. Cannot get mail, but can be a way to test. KMoAS: What is the heaviest usage? Middlebridge cannot go away; too many use it and use it to vent. HerRM: While we move, will we lose anything? If the change required causes us to lose service, does it happen in the background? KHer: Anything using authentication would have to be done in advance. KHer: he wrote everything; when he had time to do it, it would take a month. KChron: Finseach is unemployed. KHer: start with .net and see if she can do it. KChron: see if she can do it. KHer: as long as it does not bring anything down. KEM: We have many places to touch. Do we need all these touch points? KChron: content discussion. KEM: is that bad if we lose it? The web site should give the people the info they know, not the place where they play the SCA. If we lose some things, he is ok with that. HisRM: start with giving to Dreamhost and as a test, have Finseach write a business case and assess who is on board to help. This is a major project. She needs help. KHer: reusable code. The problem she faces is that it has been written over the course of several years. KChron: She will need to prioritize. Is there a way she can be a part of Curia Forum? It is ok to forward her info from Curia Fourm that is appropriate to do the job, not all info from Curia Forum. KSen: Not appropriate for her to be here at all times.

Emergency deputy: Richard von Utrecht.

Webminister/Chronicler split

Making Webminister a lesser officer of state. Society and KChron like the idea of making this a greater officer of state. Brought up at pervious curia. This was not approved. Question of budget, none at this time. Neither Clerk of the Precedence nor Minister of Protocol have a budget. Unanimous approval. KSen to draft changes to law.

Territorial Baron/ess on Kingdom website below Royal Family

She is cool with that. KSen has info.

Regional office transitions

KChron: She has transitions, some new, but records are sketchy. She was not prepared as this is her first meeting.

Dragon Herald.

Territorial Baron/Baroness Order of Precedence

Original proposal: alter MK Order of Precedence so that Territorial Barons and Baronesses who hold authority would rank below Royal Peers.

HerRM: some getting flack. His RH: hard to be accountable to someone who is lower on OP. KHer: Several kingdoms do it this way. HisRM: Barons/esses of the Court still below Bestowed Peers, immediately above Grants. HisRM: Barons/ Baronesses are the voice of the Crown, they hold authority, but are transient. KSen: alternate option - elevate within own barony. Prince of Wales is second in England, third in Scotland. Within own land, ranks above other B/Bs. HerRM: need to get to core. KSen: will this change perception of those who we are looking to impact? KEM: B/Bs outranks peers. Protocol should always be hierarchy. HisRM: propose re-write; B/Bs landed will rank above bestowed peers in OP. No change to Landed in own lands.

Reworking usability of Awards Database

KHer: awards recommendation database is being re-written. This is taking time, as he is working through the process to be cross-referencable. It is coming along. HerRM: Push where Royalty is going to be. KHer: If you write someone in, get them to event. Generally speaking need to put in right event. HerRM: need to list events very early so can populate pull down. KHer: asterisk to denote Royal progress. Populated from calendar. Calendar field populates. KEM: don't limit to Royal progress, start using Baron/Bs to give awards. When crown cannot make it, give to B/Bs to give out AOAs. HisRH: he has friends who do this, he is in favor. HisRM: Let's get this going. KSen: Per kingdom law, TRMs can pick anyone to do a Regency court.

Regional office transitions

South Oaken officer in place. Would like assistance with obtaining the files from previous Herald. Need her to contact KHer. HisRH: This gentle has been absent. Kirsten is her laurel. All other regionals are staying the same. Signet offices change hands. As of tomorrow, a new Escutcheon (submissions): Bryn Herliefson. Need new external submissions herald. At this point, apps: probably Conrad Mailander.

Kingdom Chirurgeon

Chirurgeonate Levels

HisRH: how many Regionals now? KChir: 2. HisRH: What level? KChir: Master level. Total number of active Chirurgeons? KChir 20. HisRM: What is the reality vs. what do we need to do. KChir: Recruiting, but pool is limited. Need Marshallate and Royal buy-in. HerRM: Classes? KChir: Yes. From Society, this office is not going away. HisRM: Get a list of available pool advice. KEM: Advice: Start actively recruiting from people who really know what they are doing. Rebuild Chirurgeonate from top down. KChir: That is what she has done. One strike you're out. KEM: communication vs. legal impacts. KChir: problem is: challenge with doing job vs. inability to be the active person doing this job. It is a physical challenge for her. Upturn, but still needs more work. Most fighters are scared of Chirurgeonate. HisRM: Suggestions w/ Royal backing, getting list of Royal Peers that will be able to assist. **Action Item:** KMoAS to gather list.

Regional office transitions

Pending: What regions? Nothing in Midlands. Nothing in Constellation. One in KY. Pentamere just stepped down. KHer: One thing you can do is find high level, well known doctors and recognize them. Bring them to court for public recognition; Public recognition of any kind. She is highest certified. No doctors in Midrealm that are Chirurgeons. Liability scares people, suing. KSen: RUM classes? KChir: It is a possibility.

Chancellor of RUM

RUM as a fixed event

RUMC: She is not a group, she has people and money. Working on Rokkehealden; working on site. October is when she is due [baby is due]. HerRM: If we knew when it was happening, then it would be better. Columbus Day? KMoAS: RUM with Coronation? RUMC: if she can get it up in 3 months, she is happy, but if she can get it consistent and on calendar that way, she is all for it. HisRH: Concern: RUM with Crown puts fighting community out of class structure. KMoAS: Let's meet to brainstorm. HerRM: Can't RUM trump smaller events? KMOAS: Can make suggestion, can you turn this into RUM? RUMC: Less likely for concerns for hosting. KMoAS: Full weight of office to help. RUMC: Misconceptions about what it takes, need education. **Action Item:** RUMC and KMoAS to discuss.

Kingdom Seneschal

Chatelaine

Chatelaine's Handbook: It is nearly done. Version for review at Pennsic Curia. Updating now and correcting minor grammar changes.

Minister of Youth

Minister of Youth Handbook - Posted, but has not reviewed. HerRM: posted to forums. Has anyone looked at this? KMoAS: looks like common sense.

Media Liaison

Have new: Baroness Giovanna of Cynnabar. Prior is moving. KSen: Local reporter put bad press on SCA. Not intentional, urban legends and misc. This has been sent to Society Media Liaison.

Regional Officer Transitions

Baron Rory succeeded by Lady Catriona in Midlands. Had 4, very good candidates, all good choices.

Group changes:

Ayreton

Polling in process. There have been a few issues with the conversion of Province/Shires to Cantons. Chicagoans get along really well, but a number do not play with the group in which they live. There have been a few reports of gentles not receiving polls. Results are not yet final. Potential problem: Gray Gargoyles: Gareth states that he has only received 2 polls and he has had to invalidate one. They might not make conversion; may not have sufficient return to become part of the Barony. Gray Gargoyles may be forced due to Rokkehealden and Tree-Girt-Sea above and below them. HisRM: Is the proposed September date an issue? KSen: If he has to make decision, then it does not affect Ayerton going Barony. This does not kill September investiture. He can take care of it later and possibly by September. Headache, but not insurmountable. Polls must be postmarked by June 1. RUMC: All people who play, don't necessarily live there [Grey Gargoyles]. Student population is transitory, some have moved to suburbs. Is there a way to make an exemption? Gray Gargoyles wants to go, but need to understand who is there. KSen: in favor of seeing them go. Action Item:

KSEN needs to confirm paperwork and will submit to BoD for July meeting.

Far Reaches – Suspended

KExch: money transferred. KSen: given their money to Shattered Crystal. Trying to get in touch, but nobody is there. Someone is interested in getting it back up. If that happens, money may be transferred back. Appears to be some interest still there.

Val d’Azure – Dormant

Nobody ever hears from them. HerRH They are defunct. KSen: This is a college and is classified as dormant. HerRH: shire active in city and that is where they play. HisRM: how long does it stay dormant? KSen if it really looks like it needs to go away, will process. HisRH: would like to take care of it during his reign. Wanted to do it in last reign.

Border Keep – Petition for full status

It has been in incipient status for 10 years. They have put forth the petition twice, but always gotten lost. Up for commentary now, comments? KSen: no negative commentary. KSen: recommends full status. The name is registered, good to go. KEM: Good group. They will be a Canton of Middle Marches. HerRM: Are we ready to go in 2 weeks? KSen: Yes, we have everything. Once we say yes, it can be done. Usually just announce in court. **Action Item:** KSEN to send e-mail to inform group.

Group membership deficit

Since we are going to make change to Law, following status:

Barony of Carraig Ban – Sending student number and addresses. Can count them if give numbers. Should be ok. HerRH: FYI – They addressed this at the pervious reign. Discussion was that if numbers couldn’t get back up, then re-address. Current Excellencies aware, and adamant that they could fix it. KSen: Update at Pennsic.

Barony of Donnershafen – No longer an issue.

Barony of Rivenstar – No longer an issue.

Barony of White Waters – No longer an issue.

Law Changes

VII-100 – Authorizations for Combat Activities

Need Marshallate to give to KSen: Replacement policy: fighter Authorizations call for a document at the Corpora level, but documents were changed and it now points to a doc that is no longer there. Points to a broken link. Action Item: KEM to supply requirements to KSen.

XIV-500

Discussion on wording. Action Item: KHER to read out in court.

XV-304 Leaving the Barony

Want to re-word it; contrary wording. Action Item: KSEN will put wording together

Webminister as Lesser Officer of State

Agreed. Action Item: KSEN will put wording together.

Law updates and housekeeping

Numerous updates and housekeeping to proposed. Want to make sure TRM are up for changes. Housekeeping; e.g. article 10, get rid of, will show up in financial policy. Discussed preferences for Great Lord of State or Great Officer of State. Everyone prefers Great Officer of State.

Request for variance to XVI-200

HerRM: she is ok w/ firearm variance. HisRM: Looking to do a later period event and involves some gun use. This is against the law currently. KEM: Don't start. HisRM: He is convinced, no variance.

Kingdom Events:

Fall Coronation

Action Item: KSen: June Pale will mention. Put a call out, only so many months, there is a deadline.

Inter-Kingdom Events

Gulf Wars Gate

No to the Gulf War gate; No guarantee we will have the land.

Known World Dance Symposium

Request for approval? All approved. Bid provided.

Request for extension in term of office

Requesting longer than 2 year term. TRMs: Approved

Kingdom Exchequer

Deputies

Minister of Regalia

Spoke with Bethany, reserved battlefield for QE2, tent reserved.

Replacement / Emergency replacement - One lady has applied. Pending

Plaque Crowns

Want contract by end of reign

Approved on CuriaNet, taken to get repaired. 4-5 weeks ETA, Jeweler in Kokomo. Fixed them temporarily the first time, this time a stronger more permanent fix.

Other suggestions for repair? It has been advertised, nobody else has stepped forward. HerRM: post to Laurel list or individual. KMoAS: Knows how to stimulate interest he will post to the list. He can also reach out to a known gentle and may generate interest. HerRM: What is the budget? What range? KEM: what did we pay for last? HisRH: Northshield estimated at \$3000. Lot of gems. Each set of Midrealm crowns is \$2500. HerRM: Set budget of 5k for each? Her RH: price of metal consideration. HisRM: This is what we are looking to spend, given 20% variable. KEM: Give basic framework before asking for quote. Do we want 5k coronet or a plaque for 3k. HerRM: looking to get this done within their reign. KChron: Synthetic stones? HerRM: That is ok. KSen: Laurel post; **Action Item**: Llew will post.

CSEC: suggestion of giving no budget and get list of requirements first; once they know your top budget price, they will increase their bid to match. HisRM: Solicit for designs to be due by Pennsic. KMoAS: several Laurels have apprentices, we can get this started.

Presence Pavilion – Replacement

This is for Royal Presence at Pennsic: 15x25 oval marquis leaks. Originally, Royals who did not have pavilion, would use this one. Now it needs to be replaced. Price given from Panther 15x24 sun forager. HerRM: knows of a gently used 15'x21' available for \$1600-\$1800 Tentmasters, including rugs. All inclusive of polls, ropes, etc. Well kept. HisRH: Requesting pictures sent before approval. KMoAS: suggest tabling discussion until we have pictures. Potentially, make decision on CuriaNet.

Regional Officer Transitions

Southern Oaken

Pennsic Repair/Replacement Items

Hot water tank

\$500 + tax. Water heater that was used needs to be replaced. She got prices. Tankless: need to have knowledgeable person to use. KHer: anyone use tankless? Several. KHer: Water pressure not high enough. KExch: need consistency of volunteers. Cheaper to go with tank. [Prices document supplied as handout]. HisRM: \$200 allocated for that and tent. KSen: Allocated, but needs approval from Curia. She would like that approval for funds allocation. HisRM: it needs to happen, but question is degree? Do we need 50 gal, we use 40 gal, he feels 40 gal should be sufficient. The one found online is \$399.98 before tax. Proposal to 40 gal. Not exceed: \$450 for water heater, \$600 package. Action Item: CSec: Suggestion to check out Restore (Nation wide, Habitat for Humanity Charity). Unanimously approved; deadline: Pennsic.

Propane valves

Need to be replaced. HisRM: What is the level of expertise that has been assessed? KHer: Trivial amounts of money approval process? KSen: Yes. KHer: They did change the heads at one time, and thinks it was about \$28 to be replace by someone. HerRM: need more knowledgeable information/ background regarding this discussion

Shelves

Replace shelves. Asking for \$200 for storage in Pennsic trailer. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Portable Holes

HerRM: needs them for stands at Pennsic or traveling. We have 4, Bethany took them with her. HerRM: we have nice banners. Consensus: we don't need additional portable holes.

Refrigerator

Looking for used, but checking other options. Requesting: \$200 Vote: unanimous approval.

Sun shade

Request for either contacting company or getting canvas and doing it themselves. HerRM: If she has canvas, then she can just repair. **Action Item:** Direction is to get estimate for both ways. KEM: how big is the fund we are pulling from? KExch 54,000 for this.

QE2:

Look for replacement person to take care of QE2

Financial Policy Revisions

Review: KMoS: Transfer of funds discussion. HisRM: Curia approval? KSen: eds to be approved by groups' financial committee. Changed allowing groups to give money 501c group at dissolution. Must stay within Kingdom. KExch: Send to populace, wait commentary, send up to Corporate.

Issues with Illinois Incorporation

No issues. WI and West VA is next. KSen: MI is possibly our next one to go.

Missing Reports

Still have one outstanding: St Joan. They wrote checks last year, needs to be investigated and resolved. **Action Item:** Reviewing bank records. KSen: Will also assist in review.

Intermission: Ice Cream Break ☺

Budget review

KSen: Technically, we must approve budget. We are approving the budget for 2010.

When we decided to keep RUMC, we were on the verge of writing the office out of Curia. That decision was changed and has been put on budget for \$300. KSen: Reducing the amount to \$300. Back when KSen had to do more mailings and funding of Symposiums, it was increased to \$1000, so reduction due to fewer mailing and not funding. Decision: reducing KSen budget to \$300.

Up to Curia to inform deputies about budget amounts going to them. KChron: Does Web minister get budget? KSen: No, not every lesser officer gets budget. **Action Item:** HerRM: Would like budget to be passed out at each Crown. KSen: Great officer budget rolls over. Lesser Officers and Royalty does not roll over. Royals can designate what can be done with it, but generally it goes back into funding.

KExch: Any receipts submitted over the allotted amount is capped at their total budget, we do not approve any amount over.

With addition of RUMC being added, do we approve? Decision: **Approved.**

October Curia: We will review again

Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

Transition of office

Christiania had to step down early. She did an outstanding job.

KMoAS E-Newsletter

Proposed, details passed as handout. [**Action Item:** Llew to send digital copy to CSec] KHer: Is it reasonable to assume that there is a link with a disclaimer and is hosted, is it official? Would like to start a monthly

publication August 1, 2010.

Craftpersons Faires

Aren't they with Crown? KSen: No, not by law, but by custom. KMoAS: want to schedule ASAP. RUMC: Can we add to law? HerRM: Would like to have a RUM at each crown. HisRH: Some kings would be loathe to add that at an event. No problem with having at a crown. KMoAS: Regional A&S for spring will be on calendar by Jan 1. None will conflict with each other.

Order of Evergreen and Willow

Principals and e-mails, not used. HerRM: Comments are less than polite. Requesting secretary or contact for those orders. RUMC: She was liaison, but it got weird. HerRM: Bronze Ring and Evergreen Terminal order, no peerage above.

Database

Have every E-mail address for everyone who has taught or judged. Would like to use the e-mails. He needs a way of contacting them without using Middlebridge. KHer: Has had bad experience with using e-mails from mass list. **Action Item:** KHer: He can send e-mail asking to opt in or opt out. Kingdom A&S: No law that puts Crown Tourney and A&S together, also does not state that it is over Memorial Day Weekend.

Regional Officer Transitions

All will be re-assessed. Currently two will be transitioned: South Oaken and Constellation.

KEM: If a group does not have a MoAS report or a Knight's Marshall report, then they are not a group.

Emergency deputy:

Phillip de Lyon. HerRM: KMoAS position should be a Laurel. Laurels have not applied.

New A&S Champion:

Can we reimburse? HerRM: Need to be an officer. Can we warrant as a

deputy of the office to be compliant? KSen: Yes. Decision: Approved.

A&S went well. Some issue, but they will be addressed.

Earl Marshal

Deputies

Actively looking to replace Seige Deputy. Has a couple of names, will be reviewing.

Experimental:

Optional experiment battles advertised. 2” tip experiment: feedback has all been positive. List is tightly controlled until issues are all addressed. Does not think they are dangerous.

We do not currently allow minors to participate with adults on the list field. They will be allowed at Pennsic, and it will be distinguished by the mark of a yellow diamond. KChir: Is it ok to disseminate to Chir in charge of Pennsic? HisRH: Common knowledge in Aethlemarc. KHer: No additional combat rules? KEM: No, just marking 16 & 17 year olds. Strict rules governing honor and safety.

Live Webcast of Crown

This issue has been discussed in Curia before. Site in Minneapolis that was conducive to simulcast. After investigation, some issues on laws and compliance, so decided not to do that. Yesterday, someone did that at this Crown. Question: are we in violation of anything? We did not get permission, so person who did it is liable. What is the ruling going forward and what are the legal implication? HisRM: What is implication? KMoAS: Should we do something officially so we can control? KEM: If we do it, we are putting live pix of individuals and are liable. Question if we want that liability/responsibility. HerRM: Caution against it, but not sanction. KHer: Very popular, if we take it down, we will get a lot of questions. [Discussion on liability]. KChir: Keep focus on tourney, but put blanket statement out. KEM: Need legal interpretation. Is this Liaise faire or do we need to do something about it? KChron: She is willing to ask about it. **Action Item:** KSen: Will draft note to Youth Minister, Web Chron, Sir Guiamme, SocSEN, to make sure we are covered. HisRM: Ignoring it is risky, so by making statement that we are discouraging it, this states we recognize it, but do not condone. KMoAS: Aelthelmarc: assume they have contacted society.

KSen: Society may already have policy. KEM: Need to establish what is our exposure and policy. KEM: Reinforce “No flash at Crown”. **Action Item:** KSen: He will follow up with Society and post response.

Curianet:

Pruning the Curia Forum

It is searchable from where it is. KMoAS: Archive older than a year? KHer: Yes, but challenges. Other argument against pruning is that you can look back on all. If separate, then would have to look through both.

Address organization as a “Forums” site – Difficult to locate topics

Word indexed and searchable.

Old Business

Officer badges

Sample passed. Still researching cover/seal to protect painting. KHer: what is the material? RUMC: Brass. KHer: little sharp on the edge. RUMC: will find out price for all. KHer: recommends lacquer. Cost? RUMC: Set of Blanks are \$30 for 13 blanks. Under \$100 to replace entire set. Vote: Approved. KSen: Do we want to replace older? Keepsakes? Give option to officer? Discussion on who gets one? Question of need to swear fealty? Decision: Great Officers (7) to get new.

New Business:

Next Curia Meeting

Pennsic: Sunday August 7, time TBD.

Drop Dead Deputies with Intent to step up for all Great Officers

TRMs: Find deputies by end of Pennsic

KEM: Angus is his successor

KSen: Ghita

KChron: TBD

KHer: TBD

KExch: TBD

KChir: TBD
KMoAS: TBD

Advertise for positions and want resumes. Want to know plan of succession

New Law for Crown Tourney

TRMs: Discuss change in Kingdom Law requiring consorts to be present.
Pending discussion to a later date.

Committee of the Whole:

Adjournment

Title Abbreviation Chart:

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)
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His Royal Highness (HisRH)
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Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)
Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)
Kingdom (Dragon) Herald (KHer)
Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)
Kingdom Chronicler (KChron)
Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMoAS)
Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)
Minister of Regalia (MoR)
Minister of Youth (MoY)
RUM Chancellor (RUMC)
Pale Editor (PaleEd)
Curia Secretary (CSec)