

Curia Regis Agenda – 4 August 2007

Date of Meeting: 4 August 2007

Location: Midrealm Royal (Coopers Lake, PA) during Pennsic War

Attending:

HisRM Dag Thorgrimsson

KMoAS Anastasiia Kyrilovna Ivanova

HerRM AnneMarie de Garmeaulx

KExch THL Tetsuo Akira

HisRH Palymar of the Two Baronies

CSec Caelan O'Rogallaig

KSen Kenna Harve

Sec of the Baronage Ciara McRobbie

KHer Thorvald Redhair

KSen-designate Sabine de Rouen

KEM Brannos O'Irongardail

CSec-designate Morgaine

KChron Heirusalem Crystoma

Meeting called to Order: 11:08

I. Approval of the Agenda: Approved

II. Approval of the Minutes of the 29-Apr-2007 meeting: Approved

III. Reports:

A. Their Royal Majesties

1. Deputies of the Crown

a) Chief of Staff of the Army (Sir Theodric) – he's busy

b) Secretary of the Baronage (B. Ciara) – needs to find a replacement by February. She will solicit bids for Crown approval.

c) Grand Council – two candidates have stepped forward for consideration: Baroness Antonia and Ld. Malcolm the Giant

2. Projects

a) Recent thrones for the Royal Family – they're beautiful and the artisans deserve to be recognized for their efforts

b) Coronation update – a bid from the Inc. Shire Qal at Jafar and the Barony of Sternfeld (Indianapolis) has been accepted

3. Miscellaneous

a) Pennsic Royal encampment expenses – a separate fund for general Midrealm Royal camp expenses would be "a good thing". This would allow the TRMs to cover incident camp expenses. A discussion of how large such a fund should be followed, as well as the history of such funds in the Middle Kingdom. HisRM would like a clause stipulating that such a Pennsic fund would not be allowed to rollover to the Royal Travel fund. HisRM will put together a proposal after Pennsic.

b) Proposal for new office – Camp coordinator to track the details of running the Royal camp at Pennsic. The incoming KSen will put together a job description and solicit bids.

c) Suggestion for "State of the Midrealm" report detailing the account balances of the baronies (or all of the groups) of the Kingdom, to better understand the financial footing of the Kingdom.

- d) Upcoming Baronial Changeover – Red Spears poll results are finally in, and will be examined by TRMs and the KSen
- e) Children of Royalty - Proposal for the creation of non-precedence titles for children to bear for the duration of their parents' reign: perhaps “Prince/ess Royale” or “Prince/ess of the Blood”. In addition, TRMs would suggest that the children would receive a Royal Augmentation of Arms (perhaps a blood drop or mullet) upon the decoronation of their parents. KHer stated that this would not be possible to use the term “Prince/ess” as that is a reserved title under SCA policies; however, unofficial titles could be used at the discretion of TRMs. KHer suggested that sumptuary customs could be included in the MK Protocol Handbook that would designate a set title for the children of sitting Royalty, in addition to listing a customary set of regalia. HisRM and the KHer will work to submit a more formal proposal for consideration on CuriaNet.

B. Their Royal Highnesses

- 1. Great Officer term limits – HisRH asked to know which Great Officers are nearing the end of their terms, as well as a list of their potential replacements. All of the Great Officers at or near their term of office indicated they had potential replacements lined up.
- 2. Baronial turnovers – HisRH asked for a list of upcoming Baronial Polls.
- 3. Coronation – HisRH asked that the Great Officers work harder at soliciting bids for Crown events. KMoAS suggested the option of incoming Royalty choosing their decoronation site instead of the coronation site, which would allow a wider window of opportunity. Another discussion ensued extolling the virtues of finding a traditional site for Coronations, in addition to Crown Tourneys. HisRM recommended seeking members of the populace with mundane experience at convention organization.

C. The Kingdom Seneschale

- 1. Barony changes (see above)
- 2. New Groups seeking approval of status:
 - a) Inc. Canton of Westmere (approved)
 - b) Inc. Canton of Catteden (approved)
 - c) Inc. Canton of Iron Oak (approved)
 - d) Inc. Shire of Eastwatch (approved)
 - e) Inc. Canton of Ealdnordwuda (approved)
- 3. Discussion of how long incipient groups may remain as such, without advancing in status or disbanding. KSen will look into the matter.
- 4. Children, Sabine and an Event (oh my!)
 - a) KMoY would like \$200 for a Children’s party (approved)
 - b) Upcoming Youth Symposium
 - c) Society is still working on completing procedures for background checks on adults who work with children
 - d) Changeover of office of KSen at Coronation

5. Candidates for Grand Council (see above)
6. Grete Booke
 - a) Website is up and running, and linked from the Midrealm website
 - b) (M. Siobhann) The archive project is expected to be complete by the end of September, including printing hard copies
 - c) The Grete Booke is still available for display at the request of TRMs

D. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Update of Fund Balances
 - a) Proposal to establish a Pennsic War fund of \$1500, much like the current Gulf Wars fund of \$500. Any leftover funds will rollover to General funds. (Approved)
2. Various Expenses needing approval
 - a) Purchase of Kitchen pavilion for Royal encampment, costing approximately \$300. (Approved)
 - b) Replacement rental tent for the now-deceased MK battlefield pavilion, costing approximately \$750. (Approved)
 - c) Shipping costs of \$54 for regalia needed for Coronation. (Approved)
 - d) Pennsic storage fees for QE2. (Approved)
3. Unexpected Donation of Regalia – Midrealm horse barding, which will be given to the Equestrian Office.
4. Extension - seeking a one-year extension.
 - a) Two candidates expressed interest. The first said "I can do it if you just can't find anyone else; The other candidate is more interested but due to mundane commitments could not take the job until next Spring.
5. Regarding the motion that Kingdom Chronicler's administrative expenses being reimbursed out of the Pale's bank account instead of the general account
 - a) The answer from Society is no. Main reason was the lack of controls/oversight over expense reimbursement by someone outside of the KChron's office.
6. Online collection of event pre-registration fees
 - a) Members of the SCA have created a separate entity called ACCEPS to provide this service to any SCA group who wants to use it. It is reasonably priced and is actually pretty cool - anyone who has registered for Gulf Wars online has used this system. It is geared toward larger events but could be used by any group.
 - b) I have reviewed our kingdom financial policy and it does not prevent the use of ACCEPS
 - c) Here's how it works in a nutshell: a group contracts with ACCEPS to provide the service for their event. ACCEPS creates a custom registration website for the event and collects all fees on behalf of the group. People registering can pay with a credit card or Paypal. ACCEPS will deposit the monies collected to the groups account on

a periodic basis (I think weekly) and will also provide reports (again I think weekly) about how many people have registered. The group can establish limits like the number of feast tickets that can be sold. It's pretty slick.

d) KExch will talk to the Gulf Wars staff in order find out their experience with this service.

7. KExch would like permission to invest some of the Kingdom funds in higher interest bearing accounts, and will submit a proposal.

E. Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Regional A&S Faire at Crown Tourney, resulting in a Pentathlon winner.

She will be recognized as the Kingdom A&S Champion. B. antonia

2. Deputies

a) Drop-dead deputy (B. Kristiana of Arden)

b) Judges coordinator (B. Una)

c) North Oaken being replaced

F. The Earl Marshal

1. Deputies

a) Drop Dead – D. Sir Alaric

b) South Oaken – Sir Ullr

2. Pennsic War 36 (2007)

a) inspection point open

b) minimum 35-40 marshals needed for War Point battles, and the battles won't start until that number has been reached

c) 16- and 17-year old youths from other Kingdoms seeking to fight with adults, but can not under Midrealm rules

3. Pennsic work projects

a) not much time to work on them this year

b) the available staff is getting burned out. Send volunteers to Brannos or the MoR (Bethany).

c) Trailer repair/upgrades - warehouse-style shelving, sealing the roof, resurfacing the floor.

4. Handbooks / Rules – new Society rules requires a change to the Midrealm Marshal's handbook. KEM will revise it and submit to CuriaNet.

G. The Kingdom Chronicler

1. Web Forums

a) Address: www.midrealm.org/forums

b) CuriaNet – the new web-base Forum would replace the existing CuriaNet. It would be easier to use and allow better searching and grouping of topics. CSec would be moderator for the CuriaNet replacement.

c) "Terms of use" to be placed on all Midrealm-hosted forums.

2. Artes Draconis

- a) KChron asked the editor of the Artes Draconis to step down, and is looking for a replacement.
- b) Discussion of moving the Artes Draconis to the Pale, but it doesn't seem practical due to the additional workload involved.
- 3. Pale deadlines – deadlines will need to be more strictly enforced, due to additional printing costs
- 4. Oaken Regional deputy wants to step down, and a potential replacement has already volunteered

H. The Kingdom Herald

- 1. Starting to seek a replacement.
- 2. Records and recordkeeping – Question: what is the policy of transferring email records to new office holders? Answer: there is no set policy.

I. The Kingdom Chirurgeon (via email)

- 1. The lists of chirurgeons is growing. Though are numbers are fewer then needed still.
- 2. There are no significant problems that I'm aware of.
- 3. I wish I was there.

IV. Curianet: items discussed online and not covered above:

A. None

V. New Business:

A. None

VI. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meeting: tbd

Meeting Adjournment: 13:30

Title Abbreviation Chart

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)
 Her Royal Majesty (HerRM)
 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)