

Curia Regis Minutes
February 11, 2012
Canton of Three Hills
Barony of Andelcrag – Val Day/TOC

I. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. Quorum has not yet been attained.

II. Present:

His RM Eikbrandr
Her RM Runa
His RH Savaric
Her RH Julianna
KSen (outgoing) Thorvald Redhair
KSen (incoming) Midair MacCormaic
KHer Kriemhilt von Ebersberg
KExch (outgoing) Elayne Gwennlian
KExch (incoming) Briana of Morgan
KChron (outgoing) Siobhan O'Neill
KChron (incoming) Richard von Utrecht
KKM (incoming) Alaric le Fevre
CSec Mary Buchanan

III. Reports: 10:20 am.

A. Crown: the primary reason for calling a meeting today is to get everyone up to speed on the settlement recently published. Our overall responsibility is \$89,868.68. Membership rosters for the known world show Midrealm as having the highest numbers, with East Kingdom next, however the East Kingdom has slightly more in their coffers than the Midrealm. This is reported solely as a point of interest. Exchequer(s) were asked for, and provided, an accounting of what we have received so far and from whom. A spreadsheet will be coming soon with more detail. Received monies thus far from Baronies of Ayreton, Shadowed Stars, and Flame, office of RUM, Shire of Dragonsvale, and another group not identified as yet. Shire of Gleann Eariunn account is blocked, and we need to defer their payment until later. Shire of Eastwatch says their check is in the mail. Baronies of Cleftlands and Flaming Gryphon are sending someone to make payment at the event today. Office hours for Exchequer are 1-3 pm today. Many groups are planning to send the money to Val Day with a representative. Discussed how we are getting this information out to the populace about when and where they can find a person to take payments. Exchequer(s) will be positioned right across from concession and troll. After the set office hours of 1-3 pm, we send people who want to give money to the Royalty room. Exchequer(s) please keep Royalty room staff informed about where an Exchequer can be found today after 3 pm. KExch will continue to be at desk across from concession for a large part of the day. Many people will come to Royalty room to drip off checks as a matter of course.

1. Suggest we hold another brief casual meeting after court today in the Royalty room, so we can plan for what we need to do next. Possibly will need to make a specific decision about handling the short timeframe we have been given for writing the check and getting it from Midrealm to SCA. We could announce the number in court if we were to have a tally by then, since the populace would definitely be interested to know. After court, we will still meet in royalty room for a brief meeting to report totals and make any final

decisions.

2. We would like everyone to understand about financial structure and the 18%. We have heard that there are a lot of misunderstood and misconstrued methods by which people are trying to calculate the amounts their groups are supposed to pay. Briefly explain that each Kingdom has to pay 18% of their 2011 Domesday report net worth. We would like to have something said soon that explains why we need this amount submitted to the Kingdom sooner rather than later. Some groups are calculating their amounts from the 2010 domesdays. Remember that only cashable assets are counted. People are asking if they will have to sell their tablecloths and napkins to come up with the amount, which is not the case. Roadblocks were encountered in Midair's group, with people saying we don't need to rush, and that they should wait until they have been told a definitive number to pay.
3. KChron Siobhan has arrived, quorum attained at 10:32 am.
4. As far as making a statement in court, We will stand and give a general thank-you to all for their extreme generosity and chivalrous behavior to help Our Kingdom with this settlement. The remaining information to be reported can wait until later, or go out during today's Town Hall meeting with SCA President Sean O'Shaughnessy and Kingdom Seneschal Thorvald Redhair. Town Hall meeting is scheduled for after they clean up the A&S faire and set up for court. Ideally the Exchequer(s) would be present at the Town Hall meeting too, to talk with populace, answer questions, dispel rumors, and clarify what amount they are to calculate the 18% from. The Society President has agreed to come here today to address our questions and concerns, representing SCA, Inc. Business matters will be the only topic discussed at this Town Hall meeting. TRM will be attending other meetings at that time. Thorvald will conduct the Town Hall meeting. Sean will answer questions only about SCA perspective and SCA related questions. Thorvald will address any Middle Kingdom specific questions and issues. (Such as whether TRM will have to sell the Royal Corvette.)
5. HRM EikBrandr also wanted to mention that the Kingdom is going to pay an extra lump at the beginning of the week to make sure we get money out to the SCA in time for the deadline. Monies received from groups and individuals after the deadline will be used to refill the coffers of the Kingdom and replace funds that we have fronted to make up the difference in what has actually come in and what had not come in yet by the deadline. This will allow Us to once again cover our Kingdom obligations. People need to understand that the Kingdom has expenses and needs to maintain its liquidity. Midair inquired about additional funds donated, in case the people are very generous and we receive over and above the amount, toward which specific funds will this money be directed? We may have to wait and see how much we are talking about before we can decide where to place any overage. Midair's home group was discussing a suggestion that they should give over 18% so they can help others who cannot pay. However this is not what We would recommend groups need to do. The Kingdom will make sure those in shortfall will be covered. Shell Baronies are questioning how they will be able to cover their Cantons if a Canton is unable on their own. Refer individual cases like these to contact the Kingdom Exchequer. Some groups see a number, and panic ensues. Discussed how other donations are supposed to work into the big picture. KChron Siobhan has set out jars around the event today with the official wording saying exactly that these donations are going toward the 18% settlement. Specifically to the SCA, Inc. - Middle Kingdom. Wording on any donation boxes needs to be very specific, so the donor knows any money given will go into the funds they want them to be directed toward. Donations thus far include 2 wooden chairs from a woodworker merchant, for TRH to use as They see fit. The Pale is a separate fund as far as the workbook. \$16,000 is our Kingdom funds portion. Some people are anxious to write checks now. While all

these issues are up for discussion, another question was asked about whether the Kingdom sunshade fund is still on the table. Yes, however the group taking on this project is planning to donate the sunshade, so this does not involve the other fundraising issues we are currently working on. TRH are going to transport the older sunshade to Gulf Wars, so we can assemble and assess it while there. Perhaps this will give us a better idea about how to design the new one using less wood.

6. All present being in agreement, We will have a brief post-court meeting in the Royalty room. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for noon, while at the same time TRM will be meeting with the Territorial Barons & Baronesses at 12 noon. Thorvald and the Exchequers are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting with the Barons & Baronesses.
7. Another decision for today was to decide on a Fall Crown Tourney bid. Shire of Greyhope's bid was okay but not necessarily what we were hoping for. Thorvald will look up the bid and report back. Canton of Rimsholt bid is submitted here. We don't want a site that is all outdoors. Feast cost discussed, since it was not included in the Rimsholt bid. Site is now at a middle school. TRM don't have a strong opinion, so either way is still possible. A central location is preferred. Last Crown Tournament was held in the Chicago area. Holding next fall's Crown Tourney in Constellation region would be good too, as it is close to Chicago but not in Midlands again so soon. Canton of Rimsholt is north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. No strong opinion expressed one way or the other. This group has hosted a Crown Tourney in the past. Michigan has not hosted a Crown Tourney in quite a while. Agreed to choose Rimsholt for the site.
8. Other business before adjournment: the quota of Curia meetings required by Kingdom law to be held every reign has been met and more. KEM Alaric and Angus changeover will take place tonight at Val Day court. We welcome Count Alaric to Curia. Also the KExch changeover from Elayne to Briana will be done at court tonight. We welcome Briana to Curia also. KSen changeover from Thorvald to Midair will take place at Coronation morning court. KMOAS changover from Llewellyn to Philippe will be done in court at Crown Tourney. We wish to acknowledge and thank those outgoing officers for effective communications, ample service, and good work.

V. Committee of the whole: TRM thanked all Curia members present for attending, for helping with this current financial issue, and for keeping calm. Assistance with calming the populace is greatly appreciated, as well as keeping the information straight, communicating frequently, and We are grateful for the wise counsel of all.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mistress Mary Buchanan, CSec.