

Curia Regis Minutes  
May 30, 2011  
Barony of Fenix

- I. Approval of the Agenda
  - Minor change under Crown: strike #3 and replace with the word Petition
  - Agenda approved as amended.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 15, 2011 Minutes: Approved
  
- III. Present
  - HisRM Arch Teryx
  - HerRMRunaKirri
  - HisRHEikbrandr
  - HerRHRuna
  - KSen HE Master Thorvald Redhair
  - KExch THL ElayneGwenhlian de Belleme
  - KHer THL Kreimhilt von Ebersberg
  - KEM Sir Angus Gordon of Darkmoon
  - KMoAS Master Llewellyn apTiernan
  - CSec (substitute) Mistress Mary Buchanan
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Crown
    - 1. New Crowns – the bid was accepted and check was sent out to the jeweler for the new plaque crowns. Work should be in progress by now. Approx. \$3,450 cost. Reviewed several aspects of this bid: a lifetime warranty is included, and design chosen will include two extra panels so crowns can be expanded if needed. Crowns should be completed by six months after the date of order, which was in May 2011. So hopefully in time for fall Coronation.  
  
KMoAS added that he was contacted by Master Lothair von Drachenstein, asking why he had not been notified of bids being requested. Actually bids were opened quite a while ago, at which point he was included. The selection process has been lengthy. Master Lothair is not happy about the selection of Mistress LailinUthalaDarkridge, the jeweler selected to make the new crowns. Just wanted to inform TRM of this discontent.
  
    - 2. Pennsic Castellan position discussed. This individual is selected to handle setup of Midrealm property at Pennsic, most of which is stored in a trailer onsite at Cooper's Lake. Master Rocco & Duke Dag are planning to serve in this capacity for Pennsic 40 year this summer. Recommend we need to make this person(s) a warranted Exchequer. Discussed that we could appoint for a 6 months warrant, or a warrant just for the duration of Pennsic. Also recommend we move the Castellano office from direct report to the Crown to instead report to the Kingdom Exchequer.

3. A Petition was received from the populace requesting to have the Order of the Rose restored to Nan Astrid. Due diligence was observed by TRM, and past information in the files was reviewed. TRM contacted the BoD for a summary of their perspective on this issue. TRM also sought the council of the Kingdom Seneschal, Royal Peers and the Order of the Rose. Comments from those consulted were consistent with the views of the Crown. Petition is hereby denied.

## B. Heirs

TRH expressed that They are glad to be back. They are looking forward to working with everybody, since a mostly new curia team is on board (except Thorvald who has been asked to extend for TRH future reign). HisRH appreciates lots of input, information, and communication. Phone calls will be frequent - just FYI. CuriaNet will be an essential tool They will utilize extensively for communications.

## C. Kingdom Seneschal

1. Deputies:
  - a. Successor - will be Master Midair, to step up next year some time.
  - b. Minister of Youth – no additional comments on proposed policy. Motion to approve by HisRM. Policy change to be in compliance with society standards and rules.
  - c. North Oaken Regional – Edouard Halidai will serve in this office.
  - d. Pentamere Regional – looking for a successor for this office.
  - e. Pennsic 42 Autocrat – one bid has been received from Tchai, on May 2, 2011. She is recommended by TRH For Pennsic 42, since it will be the Midrealm's turn to host in the rotation that year.

### 2. Group changes

- a. Corrections – Barony of Ayreton and Shire of Border Keep were incorrectly reported as dissolved in the BoD records. This error has been reversed.
- b. Dissolutions

- i. Val d'Azure – dissolved
- ii. Far Reaches – dissolved
- iii. Drakelaw – dissolved

College of St. Joan will be the next group to be evaluated for dissolution. Seneschal and exchequer positions are currently vacant. St. Joan's monies are in a dedicated fund in the Barony of Flaming Gryphon's coffers. Likely this group will be dissolved. Mistress Rosamund was consulted on recent financial issues they had. Flaming Gryphon Baron & Baroness were also consulted. Funds were audited by both Elayne and Mistress Ghita. The financial issue has been resolved, and it needs to be emphasized that Rosamund has not been under investigation. Report on status of the College of St. Joan will be submitted in July to the BoD, and requested to be dissolved.

### 3. Law Changes:

- a. Baronial officers change: recommend editing paragraph XIV-204 to state Baronies and Provinces are required to have a set slate of the 7 main officers. Currently there is no Kingdom law that dictates what offices must be kept

filled to maintain Baronial or Provincial status. The Crown decides this on a case-by-case basis. If an office is not filled, and a reasonable amount of time passes, a reduction in status of the Barony/Province could be enacted. Implementation and enforcement of this reduction was discussed.

- b. There seems to be some confusion coming from the Society's decision to cease funding for Kingdom newsletters (i.e. The Pale) in paper format. All groups may still publish their newsletters on paper if they wish. The new rule passed down from the Society BoD is that Baronies must at minimum publish a quarterly newsletter. Thus each Kingdom does not have to create a Kingdom law regarding frequency of Baronial newsletters unless it wants them to publish more frequently than quarterly.
- c. Suggestion was made that all Chirurgeon officers should be required to report on a regular schedule. Warranted chirurgeons must maintain mundane certifications in order to continue holding office anyway. Chirurgeon requirements discussed. Could consider allowing a variance to be granted by the appropriate Great Officer of State on a case-by-case basis. This sounds like a good option to add, without having to change Kingdom Law. Derdru is going to continue to serve as Kingdom Chirurgeon through Pennsic, at which time Baroness Camilla of the Barony of the Flame is going to step up.
- d. Question was raised about publishing all law changes in The Pale for commentary from the populace. Kingdom Law currently requires that "substantive" changes must be run in the Kingdom newsletter for comment from the populace. Last time we published a change, no comments were fielded. Most of the changes we make are not substantive, such as terminology updates, consistency of titles, and grammar. A change like changing the Chatelaine from a deputy to a Great Officer of State would be considered a substantive change. Discussed pros and cons. Also note that comments from the populace are taken under advisement, but one comment does not necessarily change the final decision. Suggest we publish law changes individually to each Barony if it involves slate of required officers or other issues that might affect their status.

#### 4. Kingdom Events

- a. Fall Coronation – TRH are accepting bids. Request that Seneschal could publish online that bids are being sought.
- b. Fall Crown Tourney – set for October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Shire of Wurm Wald, at the same site they have been using for Festival of Maidens.
- c. Spring Crown Tourney 2012 – scheduled to be at the Drawbridge Inn again, for the third year of our 3-year contract. Discussed pros and cons of keeping this last year of the contract with Drawbridge.
  - i. \$7 million in improvements were made to try to accommodate us.
  - ii. Contract laws in Kentucky are such that we may be able to break the contract relatively easily.
  - iii. Air conditioning continues to be an issue
  - iv. Most of the issues from last year have been resolved.
  - v. Finding another site for Spring Crown has always been problematic.
  - vi. Local group has a good relationship with Drawbridge and wishes to continue to use this site for their other events.
  - vii. Some booked their room online for \$5 to \$15 less than the SCA "special" group rate.
  - viii. Drawbridge has undergone bankruptcy proceedings three times

in the past 2 years.

- ix. Free hospitality room was given for our use in exchange for the one night free stay they usually give groups.

Recommend we keep the Drawbridge site as planned for Spring 2012, and make a contingency plan for an alternate site in case the hotel closes before the contract is completed. Will also need a big push for starting to find the next Spring Crown Tourney site after the contract has concluded.

5. Using the Kingdom name in an event title: KSen is drafting this proposed law and will post on CuriaNet.

D. Kingdom Exchequer

1. QEII – no volunteers have stepped up to offer repairs. We are still paying rent on storage annually. Concern is that the upper deck is no longer safe to use, due to weathering and deterioration. Upper deck has been off limits for the last couple of years. Need someone to erect the structure and assess what parts (if any) can be left off the upper level. Having the main dais and shade would be suitable. Master Rocko is Pennsic Castellan, so we should start by discussing with him. Set up would be much simpler without the upper deck. Reportedly, it does not impact the structural integrity of the main level dais and shade. Towers are not necessary either. Elimination of these parts would give us more storage space for Pennsic equipment. The storage trailer is leaking and starting to deteriorate as well. It was supposed to last 10 years, and we are now in our 11<sup>th</sup> year using it. TRM will discuss with Duke Dag via email.
2. Delete this item #2, as the information has not yet been received regarding receipts for reimbursement of chandelier purchase. Should be around \$240 to \$300.
3. Disposition of left over travel funds from previous reign – request it be put toward the purchase of the new crowns. Middle Kingdom Financial Committee must approve this. Remainder is approximately \$4,600. Any overage beyond the cost of the new crowns will go back into the General Fund. All Financial committee members present were in favor of this action, and it was passed unanimously.

E. KMOAS

1. Request budget increase by \$300 – reason is that the number of copies and ink cartridges for printing of A&S Faire materials has increased. Postage has increased. Volunteers are no longer able to donate free copies and cover the extra postage. Judges' budget is being used up and then some. Recommend this be put on Curia Forum, to discuss whether we want the A&S Faire materials to be an expense out of the Kingdom A&S office, or if it should be a separate fund created for A&S Faires. At the Curia meeting in October, we will discuss budget allocations for next year.
2. Law change to require Baronies to have A&S officers – already discussed.
3. IRS requirements for reporting – we have been advised that we should report all classes taught locally in addition to those currently being reported. This includes classes held at all events, meetings, demos, etc. This is to satisfy part of the IRS requirement for us to retain our non-profit status. If a group does not have a Minister of Arts & Sciences, then the Seneschal has to provide this information to the KMOAS.

F. Earl Marshal

1. Youth rattan rules are now in The Pale, so we may now begin utilizing rattan. The authorization age has changed from 18 to 16 Society-wide. Liability discussed.

The only difference between Society law and MK Law is that we require parent to be present at the list, within 50 feet, in order for youth to participate. This was trialed successfully at Gulf Wars. Savannah DePardieu, age 16, fought in Gulf Wars battles. Age 16 & 17 fighters do not have to fight against the 18+ fighters. However, once they transition to the over 18 fighter group, they may not return to the 16-17 year old bracket. The term “boffer” is no longer to be used, and new terminology is “youth combat.”

G. Chronicler

1. New Corporate newsletter requirements for Baronies – must publish at least quarterly. Already discussed under Law Changes.
2. The Pale exchequer update. Heirusalem is experiencing a real-life burden, which makes it difficult for her to meet the requirements of this office. An emergency interim exchequer will be named and given warranted exchequer status. The current backup was chosen to be the next Kingdom Seneschal and cannot hold both warrants. The Pale will soon be going to electronic format. Paper copy can be requested. Other details still remain to be worked out.
3. Request for extension of tenure in office – would like approval to extend term in office for up to a year. Approved by TRM.

H. Dragon Herald

1. Seal for Deputy Kingdom Signet for backlog scrolls – request we create a Kingdom seal for use by this office, rather than needing to track down Royalty at an event who has brought the seal with them. Bethany reports she has no seals in reserve. All are currently in use in the seal kits. Bethany suggested that there are no backup seals in reserve as replacement if one should break, crack, or disintegrate. Suggest we consider purchasing a new set. Look into how much this would cost and bring info to Curia. Exchequer will work with Bethany to get details. If we purchase a new set, this could be used for the Royalty seal box, and the existing (used) set could be moved to reserve status.
2. Regional badges – request received from populace (particularly Pentamere) to register the regional badges used by the Midrealm army. We are not aware that any of these currently being used have actually been registered through the College of Heralds. Use of regional badge would help new people feel more connected with their army. Discussed that Constellation and Oaken troops usually wear household badges, rather than regional. Will start research and report back.

I. Chirurgeon

No agenda items received

J. Chancellor of RUM

No agenda items received

V. CuriaNet

- A. Pennsic shower upgrade request – approved on CuriaNet with six votes and quorum. Approved.
- B. Policy change: Authorization Age for Heavy Combat – approved on CuriaNet.
- C. Newsletter stipend reduction – Siobhan is working on this issue.
- D. New Equestrian Handbook – Reynold is working on it.
- E. Crown Appraisal/Insurance – whoever has possession of the crowns usually adds them as a rider on their homeowners or renters insurance. Usually reimbursement is not requested,

however reimbursement can be granted.

- F. Webminister Policy changes – approved on CuriaNet
- G. Disposition of Old Great Officer Medallions –all have received their new medallions except Angus. Need to follow up with Etienne and Sarafina on this. Old badges are still in possession of each officer. One idea was putting them up for bid, and only allowing current and former great officers of state to bid on them. Discussed options. MOAS does not have an accurate badge created in the same style as the other old badges. Suggest these be passed along with each office, so the new officer can decide which one to wear. Will keep old badges with each office for now, then if nobody is wearing the old ones after a while, we can consider putting them up for bids.
- H. New crowns – approved on CuriaNet with seven votes and quorum.
- I. Computer power source replacement – approved on CuriaNet with five votes and quorum.

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Old Officer badges – already discussed
- B. Banner stands – have been delivered to TRM. Holes were also delivered and spikes to affix the stands to the ground for outdoor event use. Bethany has the old stands if TRH want to use them. Some of them are starting to come apart. Receipts have not yet been turned in for reimbursement on the new stands. Christian Kocsis made the banner stands, and the new cradle too. Will expect to see the receipts to come soon.

#### VII. New Business

- A. Next Curia Meeting – Pennsic
  - 1. Middle Saturday meeting would work. Must schedule around the archery shoot and marshals meeting. Could be at 5 or 6 pm on the Saturday evening before war week starts. Usually Pennsic curia meetings only last about an hour.

#### VIII. Additional agenda items

- A. KMOAS reports he would like a replacement to take over in a year, and the only applicant is the preferred applicant – Master Philippe de Leon. In six months will ask him again. Permission requested to have him attend curia meetings for the next year. Permission granted, especially since Philippe will be attending Pennsic and Llewellyn will be absent.
- B. Midrealm A&S YouTube page – videotaping of A&S activities at SCA events is coming. People will be posting these on YouTube or other internet sites. Permission is not automatically given to be videotaped upon entering an event. If someone should object, the video must be pulled down. Could soon see videos of Crown Tourney, classes, dancing, populace activities, etc. Discussed soliciting donations for maintenance of YouTube site for A&S.
- C. Oaken Regional – Chrispine de la Valle has been accepted to serve in the Oaken Regional A&S office.
- D. Donations-In-Kind, relating to taxation – Elayne cannot give any tax advice. If requested, a letter can be issued to an individual which states that you participate in SCA non-profit organization as a volunteer, which can then be kept in your taxes. Example: the pre-registration site that is being worked on is being done by a computer professional who is currently unemployed. The letter should be appropriate for this situation.

#### IX. Committee as a whole. Nothing to add.

#### X. Meeting adjourned.

