

Curia Regis Minutes
October 16, 2011
Shire of Wurm Wald – Crown Tourney

- I. Approval of the Agenda:
Quorum was attained. Introductions were made all around. Agenda was approved without changes.

- II. Approval of Minutes:
Two sets of minutes are presented for review. Pennsic minutes of August 6, 2011 were approved, no changes. Coronation minutes from September 24, 2011 were reviewed, and majority is in favor of approval as the minutes stand, one opposed, minutes approved by majority vote.

- III. Present:
 - His RM Eikbrandr
 - Her RM Runa
 - His RH Savaric
 - Her RH Julianna
 - KSen Thorvald Redhair
 - KHer Kriemhilt von Ebersberg
 - KExch Elayne Gwenhllian de Belleme
 - KExch (Incoming) Rhianna of Morgan
 - KChronicler Siobhan O’Neill
 - KMOAS Llewellyn ap Oft Tapped
 - RUMC Sarafina Sinclair
 - KKM Angus Gordon of Darkmoon
 - CSec Mary Buchanan

- IV. Reports
 - A. TRM: will speak later in the meeting.

 - B. TRH: Savaric requests that They would like to wait until the end to speak.

 - C. Kingdom Exchequer
 1. Minister of Regalia:
 - a. There will be a shuffle with the Chamberlin’s office when Bethany steps down. Lothair and Sarafina have offered to serve as a team to fulfill the duties of the office. New candidate Lord Justice MacArtain has recently expressed an interest in the office. It is becoming more difficult for TRM to reach the current Chamberlin. Projected date of changeover is still up in the air until a successor is chosen. Elayne will need to check back with Justice about his capacity for storing all the kingdom stuff. Discussed possibly using the QEII trailer for storage of property. As the Kingdom thrones are wooden, and Kingdom tents are made of canvas, neither of these type of items should be stored in a space without climate control. Need someplace with temperature and humidity control. Elayne will post the response from Justice on Curianet after she speaks with him. Angus asked whether the budget would allow for a standard rental storage area. Elayne says yes, as long as it is one

with climate control. Proposed budget is available today which can be consulted. Traditionally we have not paid for a rental storage space, since property was stored in someone's house where there was ample available space. An insurance rider would need to be taken out by the homeowner to cover the additional property if kept at someone's private residence. The Kingdom could pay for the insurance rider if requested. Will need to speak to Justice about this also. HRM Eikbrandr is okay with exploring the possibility of having Justice serve as Chamberlain. Sarafina and Lubeck are still available and interested in taking the office if needed. Sarafina could maintain both RUM and Chamberlin offices if needed, or she is available to serve in other offices where appropriate once she steps down from RUM.

2. Pennsic Castellan: Master Rocco took the large tent to clean it. This is the tent with the red and green wooden poles. Elayne will follow up with him, having not heard from him since Pennsic. Apparently he lives nearby a company which offers a tent cleaning service. The Royal sunshade needs replacing soon. It is the structure with white wooden poles and framework. The wood is in good shape, but the canvas now has mold, dirt, black metal marks, and a tear from Lilies War. One issue with the sunshade is that there is too much lumber involved in setting up the structure. Its framework is made of so many poles that TRM previously had to ask a friend with a small trailer to transport it everywhere for Them. If we are suggesting a replacement for the sunshade anyway, perhaps a better option would be to replace the sunshade with something engineered to be easier to transport. Llewellyn commented that we could send out a call to the Baronies of the Kingdom to ask for funds to have a new sunshade built. Several Baronies were mentioned which might be interested and probably have adequate funds to take on such a project. A Barony offering to fund a new sunshade could also seek someone to engineer the shade, after receiving approval from TRM of course. Baronies mentioned were Cleftlands, Sternfeld, Three Hills and Flaming Gryphon. The Cantons are often the source of most contributions to a Baronial fund. HRM Eikbrandr will construct a missive to send to Our Baronies regarding this idea. The current sunshade is at Bethany's storage right now. Elayne will ask Bethany to assess the condition of the current shade, and its viability for future years of usage. If it is decided to repair the sunshade, we will need a listing of its defects, stains, and rips. Rocco may also be able and willing to take this canvas to be cleaned. Bethany is the person who created the sunshade, so she would be a good resource to ask about repair or partial replacement.
3. QE2: we have not yet received a bid or proposal from His Grace Dag. It will be difficult to put out a call for others to offer us plans for replacement without a base guideline. The trailer upon which the QE2 is built belongs to the financial committee, therefore the Kingdom could sell it or auction it when no longer needed. Dag mentioned that someone he knows may already be interested in purchasing it, possibly it was Viscountess Isabella. Projecting forward, we could announce in The Pale that the QE2 is available for sale after Pennsic, and request silent bids, at the pleasure of TRM of course. Will we still wish to wait for Dag to present us with a guideline? Dag's initial suggestion to HRM Eikbrandr was that His Grace was looking into putting together a rough guideline for someone wishing to engineer a new dais. Perhaps it would be better if we publish a request for a new design, including budget, materials, labor, timeframe, etc. Dag said they might not need to use a trailer quite as large next time as the current QE2 is built upon. The second story is definitely not needed. HRM Eikbrandr will contact Dag again. Discussion revolved around asking for open-ended bids, versus not wanting to put a ceiling on the amount we would approve for a new structure. This could encourage the engineer to put forth a proposal just under the maximum budget limit, while the final

product perhaps only cost about half that much. Placing the limits too high would not be realistic for a structure we want built within a smaller format and within a reasonable amount of time. It would be preferred to have a size parameter to publish. Once HRM Eikbrandr has spoken with Dag about this, and update Elayne on the outcome of this conversation, who can then post it in her next letter to The Pale. The update would also be posted on CuriaNet. Should deadline for bids be set as by Pennsic? Probably that would be too soon, and we could be better served to post the deadline as sometime early in TRHs reign, so potential engineers can look at the current structure while it is in use at Pennsic. We could also collect photos or videos of the QE2 and post stills on the Midrealm Website and in The Pale. HRM Eikbrandr agrees, but photos will only show it at its best, not in its current state. Llewellyn suggests that photos taken during process of setup would be ideal, although these may not be available, since everyone is hands-on during setup with no pausing for photos. Angus replied that it's not much to photograph – it's a 15 foot Wells Cargo trailer. The interior paneling is all trashed, water damaged and falling inwards. The trailer could be fixed to be sold, but Bethany thought the floor had gone bad too. Most present recall that this is not the case, mostly just the ceiling where a leak has soaked through to the wood and pieces have fallen down. TRM asked whether anyone present would be interested in being a champion for this project, or know someone who would be willing to take on the administration, because His Grace Dag is not interested in continuing in this role. KExch would need to delegate a deputy for the QE2 project. Suggested Baron Henry of Exeter or Baroness Moira would be good candidates to ask. HRM Eikbrandr will handle this piece and talk to some other people.

4. Financial committees: The Pale has a financial committee, however the Dragon Herald Exchequer and RUM Exchequer do not have financial policies to follow. This needs to be remedied soon. Both Exchequers retain monies for their specific office, but neither has a financial policy for the management of funds. The Pale is a separate fund, and the Dragon Herald is also a separate fund. Maestra Ghita is someone who can put together an appropriate financial policy pretty quickly if asked. These tasks need to be done as soon as possible. Bank accounts all should have a Seneschal and an Exchequer as signatories. The Dragon Herald's office and RUM office financial policies need to be drafted and ready for review by 12th night Curia meeting. Kriemhilt and Elayne will work together when reviewing new financial policy for Dragon Herald office.
 - a. As Dragon Herald Exchequer, Lady Rowena (Corey MacDermott) reports that money is going out for expenditures such as a new copy-printer for Herald's Point. KExch Elayne explained that she regularly writes out a set amount to be transferred to the Dragon Herald account, but receives no detailed report as to what the funds are utilized for. KSen would be happy to help with getting this process set up, as Thorvald has prior experience as Dragon Herald x 2. Kriemhilt also has to be involved in the organization of this process. Point of clarification: funds deposited into the Herald's office come from fees charged for name and device submissions, and this is held separately from Kingdom funds although still remaining under the Middle Kingdom Exchequer's control. Kriemhilt and Corey both need to understand how the flow should go with reporting. Also establish written rules as to what can be done with the monies.
 - b. RUMC reports that they bought a printer, paid for guest speakers, reimbursed a lot of copying expenses, etc. These allowable expenditures need to be specified in a financial policy, and since RUM is a Kingdom-level event, the 50% refund process for event income to go back to the Kingdom should be written up in detail. Also need to include in policy that RUM bears the cost of the event if it does not break even. Sarafina will provide Elayne with more detailed information about the

financial flow of the RUM office. Thorvald will speak with Ghita about writing up a financial policy for these two offices.

- c. The Pale already has a financial policy, although it needs to be updated. The Pale Exchequer must be a different person than the Kingdom Exchequer in order to manage the finances. On that account should be a Seneschal, the Kingdom Exchequer, the Pale Exchequer, and one other person who lives physically near the Pale Exchequer (for ease of speedy turnaround for signatures). The Kingdom Chronicler does not need to be a signatory on the account, and does not necessarily need to be on the financial committee. Thorvald asked whether the Editor of The Pale should be on the account. We could place the Editor of The Pale on the financial committee, but it's not really necessary to have the Editor on the account. The person who lives near the Pale Exchequer would not be on the financial committee, and must not live in the same household, to adhere to exchequer rules for functioning as a signatory on the account. Heirusalem has been working with Takaya as her Exchequer. The Pale currently holds approximately \$45,000.00 in its account. KChron Siobhan proposes an increase in the stipend for her office as Kingdom Chronicler. Not sure how much expense is incurred monthly, but she will check it out and report back. This large amount of funds should be placed into an account that earns money for it. If/when The Pale goes electronic, then funds could be re-examined for redistribution. The electronic newsletter format for all Kingdoms is that they must share the same format, use the same computer program, and publish the same number of pages, or the Kingdom which requires a deviation from this format would have to pay additional fees. The Pale must have an updated financial policy in place, or the funds revert to being under the regulations of the Kingdom Financial policy. An increase to all officer stipends is imperative due to the upswing in travel expenses nationwide. Siobhan reports that The Pale is willing to share their good fortune out wherever it can be useful. We are blessed to have such generosity in Our Kingdom. Subscription costs may be reduced if the SCA member opts to go with the electronic version of their Kingdom newsletter. The Society will be managing this part of the transition to electronic subscriptions. Not sure how much newsletter business we will continue to be responsible for at the Kingdom newsletter level. Online site will allow subscriber to view all Kingdom newsletters, and Kingdoms will have a teaser in Tournaments Illuminated.
5. Financial Policy Update: Policy changes have been presented to the Society Exchequer, among which is a proposal to change the rule about RUM being a designated Kingdom Level event with the 50% return to Kingdom of any net profits. It is recommended that we consider releasing RUM from this responsibility, and leave it open as one of the "other events as designated by the Kingdom." The Society Exchequer has not yet responded to Elayne's request for a review of these policy changes. Remind KSen to contact Countess Kenna on this issue, and we can get this process moving.
6. 2012 Budget Approval: see handout. Projected income is \$10,000.00 which is the flat amount we receive (minimum) from Pennsic. Other income, donations, etc., brings annual estimate to approximately \$17,000.00. Last year, the Midrealm received about \$20,000 total income. The previous year, income was \$13,000. Pennsic gate fees were increased, however the Coopers also now receive a larger percentage of the gate fees, therefore our Pennsic income didn't really go up that much. Pennsic income is split three ways: East, Middle, and Aethelmearc. Our projected income from Pennsic for next year is estimated at \$13,000. Donations are regularly received from many groups and Baronies. Next year's total estimated income from Pennsic plus donations and other, is

conservatively \$15,000. Travel fund donations are on a generous trend at this time. However, the financial committee cannot approve an expense budget which is higher than the Kingdom's income. Elayne is confident that this budget is sufficiently conservative to ensure the Midrealm would not go into the red next year. The Pale would like to increase its stipends. Other monies held total approximately \$35,000, some of which is in a savings account, \$20,000 is invested in a CD, and \$5,000 is invested in a CD Plus Interest. Cartography research budgetary needs are included in the MOAS allotment. Thorvald asks - if Ayreton were to donate \$1,000 to the royal travel fund, then that makes it increase as a basis for our budget. Pennsic travel fund was normally \$1,500, but with prices of everything having increased, we raised the Pennsic travel allowance to \$2,000. The 40' x 40' rental tent costs us \$550 or so annually, so the travel fund has often been used to offset this cost. The Royal Presence pavilion has money earmarked for a rental if it is needed. Rental tents are worth the cost of professional installation, safety and convenience. Rocco said in years past that some of the Kingdom tent-raising team were unable to show up early enough to help with putting up all the tents needed. He agrees that having the tents put up by the rental company is a good thing. Total is approximately \$700 per Pennsic for tent rentals. The battlefield tent rental is \$600 or thereabouts. About \$700 is spent on the Knowne World Party and the Midrealm encampment in general for ice, food, propane, torch fuel, wood, water, and showers. HRM Eikbrandr reviewed the savings accounts, and asked why the Kingdom can't just buy a new pavilion, so we don't have to rent one for the battlefield presence. The only issue with this is when it rains on the last day of Pennsic, someone has to wait for the canvas to dry before taking it down. Discussed canvas vs. vinyl. A pressure washer could be purchased, which would be used for washing tents before putting them up each year. Some reigns around \$1,500 total for Pennsic, while other reigns may exceed \$2,000. Purchase of a new tent would not be expensed out of the Pennsic line. Elayne went over line items, and added that our trailer storage fee is not reflected here. Discussed recent Pennsic expenses. See CuriaNet for budget breakdowns under each line item. The Knowne World party was discussed, since usually we ask for donations of alcohol (because the Kingdom cannot purchase alcohol), and groups or individuals often donate food and service time. Lothar turned in all the receipts together, so it was difficult to itemize them out. Eikbrandr is okay with \$2,000 if the rest of the financial committee is in agreement. \$2,000 was unanimously approved by the committee. One new budget item: background checks are a new fund on the list. Background checks started being required in 2008, and that year we paid \$1,129. In the year 2009, it went to \$151. We have budgeted \$500 for this year. The Chatelaine's budget was removed, since it hasn't been used in years. Kriemhilt questioned how the officer funds work on a year-to-year basis. Balances carry over from year to year for Great Officers only. The Dragon Herald office has its own Exchequer, and its fund currently has a balance of \$1,700. Kriemhilt would be willing to give back her \$300 stipend for this year, since there is plenty which has rolled over from prior years. The first time we had a budget, the Seneschal received \$1,000 each year. Question - is the rollover money in a savings account? Yes, technically. Need to look at fund balances in comparison with each budgeted fund for this year. Kriemhilt suggested the excess \$300 for her office could go to the KMOAS office for 2012. KMOAS also requests an increase in the fund amount for the office, to offset the increase in printing costs. A&S rules state that a certain number of copies have to be available each time an A&S Faire is held. Midrealm A&S rules are being revised. Even so, an enormous amount of printing still remains that has to be done for each faire. The budget from last year was greatly exceeded, which some of the officers paid out of their pockets. Rollover and budget will be used to increase the fund, and will include some more on top of that. There are printers which are passed along with the office each

year. Llewellyn is changing some of the rules so we hopefully won't need so many copies. Suggest it will be better to evaluate the A&S budget next year. RUMC suggested A&S could request donations. Llewellyn is exploring ideas for ways to cut other costs. Eikbrandr says look at the minimum requirements, then look at the budget, and if they are not near equal, we will adjust it. Don't take into account any donations that might or might not come across. One idea is that we could charge a little higher site fee for each of these A&S events. Llewellyn will be glad to look at some ways to make this office more self-supporting. Any officer may come to Curia and request additional funds to offset unexpected costs, or if it looks like budget will be exceeded. Eikbrandr says to add \$200 for A&S printing expenses on the budget. The Minister of Youth fund has not been used since 2008, so it was dropped down to \$100. Dragon Signet Justice was not aware that he had a budget, but he does now. The Dragon Signet officer reports direct to the Dragon Herald. The Curia Secretary also has a budget. KSen is in favor of deleting the Minister of Youth budget entirely, but recommends we should talk to the current officer first to make sure this is not needed. KSen can cover the MOY expenses out of the Seneschal budget. The same goes for the Chatelaine's office, if expenses occur, they come out of the Seneschal's budget. No sense in carrying something on the books which is not being used. Discussed Dragon Signet budget, which was intended for postage and purchases, not to cover travel expenses. Kriemhilt will ask Justice about possibly striking the Dragon Signet line from the budget, and covering it under KSen. Justice can also request funds from the General Fund for specific needs. Suggest we strike the MOY line also, and it can come out of the KSen budget or General Fund. The Judges' Coordinator needs to submit receipts for travel as soon as possible. Llewellyn will speak with her and obtain receipts or an explanation. Is it recommended that we keep a Gulf Wars fund? If there were a party or the need for camp funds during Gulf War, it would be good to have available. Need to post the amended budget on CuriaNet before we ask financial committee for approval. The voting policy currently in effect is the old one, and not the new revised version. Clarification: Curia Regis is one meeting we hold which includes officer reports and general discussions of Kingdom activities, but then whenever we switch to talking about money matters, the meeting becomes the Financial Committee meeting. Votes taken during Curia Regis meeting are advisory to the Crown, since the Crown always makes the final decision on non-financial matters. Financial votes must meet a quorum of voting officers, and Crown is one of those voting members. If voting takes place on Curia Forum, TRM must weigh in for it to be an official vote, KSen has to comment, and 3 other Great Officers must vote. Financial Committee decisions are made by majority vote. RUMC is not included in this. The new policy will include a separate vote for Their Highnesses. The Financial Committee is able to override the Royals in matters of a financial nature. For non-financial matters, the final decision rests on the Crown. Royals are required to ask Curia Regis about Kingdom Law changes, but in the end it is still the decision of the Crown. TRH will be interested in talking with KSen about this further.

- a. Question was raised whether there is any Kingdom Law or Policy that says Royalty cannot accept a check or monetary donations, and pass it on to the Exchequer later. This is an old, old custom, but it is not written. There seem to be a lot of customs and traditions which are perceived as being written somewhere in the Governing Documents, but most are not. Kriemhilt says accepting donations could be perceived as a conflict of interest. She is both a warranted Exchequer and Herald.

Kingdom Chronicler is requesting an increase from \$300 to \$500, to offset travel expenses. The Pale budget and funds were discussed, and it is felt there is currently no

need to increase its primary budget. The Pale financial committee has to approve this, however since they don't have a policy about budget approval, the approval diverts to Kingdom financial committee. Agreed to add \$200 from The Pale to each: KSen, KChir, KExc, KHer, KMOAS. RUMC also requests funds from the Pale, and this was okayed as a one-time stipend.

The Pale Editor Heirusalem's availability discussed, in light of progress in her daughter's medical condition. Suggest we put our funds into accounts that have better return, high yield checking, or some similar interest-bearing option.

Vote taken on budget: all in favor, none opposed. Bribes of dark chocolate for Siobhan if anybody else needs any more money. 95% cocoa preferred.

Baroness Angelique d'Herisson has source for new Kingdom seals – approved for her to have three per set made, for a total of six. The cost is estimated at approximately \$13.00 each times six. \$72 plus setup charge and taxes, comes to about \$84.00. Financial Committee majority approval requested. One opposed, all others in favor. Approval is given for seals.

- D. Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences – his designated successor will be Master Philippe de Leon, who has been in training for about a year. We are trying to make the changeover as seamless as possible. The change of office will occur at spring crown. A&S Faire changes made by KMOAS have gone over much better than expected. Survey results were also more positive than expected. Positive comments will be posted in The Pale. Sarafina, Llewellyn, & Philippe are working on addressing or responding to the negatives. These were mostly regarding face to face judging comments. The overwhelming response has been very good. Some A&S staff didn't agree that the changes would work, but they all stepped up to help. The new entrant pre-registration requirement was overall well received. Any changes that Philippe would want to undertake he will bring to Curia. The A&S (?) Handbook is being revised and will be floated out to Curia. One change has been to make the KMOAS Report due in December, and most others were obvious revisions. The revisions reflect changes that have been made recently to the A&S Faires. A proposal has been sent out on the Laurel list suggesting a change to the Kingdom Law which stipulates that KMOAS must be a Laurel. If the KMOAS chosen is not a Laurel, then the Order of the Laurel becomes estranged from the A&S process, and communication suffers. Requiring this specificity to be in Kingdom Law is probably not a good idea. This kind of rule can remain as customary but does not have to be written in Law. There are other offices which are even more necessary to have staffed by a Peer, so you would have to change Law to make the Kingdom Earl Marshal officer always be a Knight too. KSen says it is a good idea to have this spelled out, but leave it as a custom of Curia – not a Kingdom Law. HRM Eikbrandr spoke to Pelicans at Coronation regarding several position changes at Kingdom level, and asking for volunteers to fill these positions. HRM needs to extend this request to the Laurels as well. Llewellyn will put these comments out for more discussion on the Laurel List. Llewellyn will be very busy in the next 4-5 months, as we are holding two Regional A&S Faires in February, he is getting married in February, and on top of that has some large work commitments. His availability would be reduced during that time. TRM congratulated Llewellyn for doing a wonderful job.
- E. Earl Marshal – needs a successor to this office soon. Two people have expressed an interest in stepping up: Sullah and Syr Kylfur (Kypyn). An ad in The Pale was posted asking for applications. We have not heard anything from that direction yet. Requests whether TRM would like to write a note to the Chivalry and give one last call for those interested

in the office. The deadline/cutoff for applications should be by December 1 for a February office changeover. Sir Angus will put this out to the Chivalry list this week. Syr Kyppyn is TRMs preferred candidate at this time. Time commitments must be taken into consideration. Assertiveness, authority, and availability all must be present in this officer. Comment made that Sullah has all these administrative qualities. HRM Eikbrandr asks is he interested in doing all this travel? Other than Pennsic does he travel to a lot of events? The KKM needs to be at Crown, Pennsic, and most other heavy weapons circuit events. The worst case scenario is that Sir Omarad could hold the office temporarily while he is also Society Earl Marshal. If we ran into a situation where this is needed, he could step in. The KKM office is very all-consuming. Insurance and liability discussed. Suggestion was made that TRM could approach potential candidates. But if the candidate is not able to be thick-skinned in case someone gets injured or killed, this would be a major consideration. Angus will write a letter to the ChivNet and see what kinds of responses are received regarding the unbelted vs belted KKM officer replacement. Siobhan asked if a Landed Baron can serve as Kingdom Earl Marshal, and KSen responded yes they can. Of course the Crown would have to weigh this amount of responsibility with the qualities of the specific candidate. Some name suggestions were discussed. Some possible candidates want to win Crown Tourney, and some have mundane considerations for their jobs, etc.

F. Kingdom Chronicler:

1. The MiddleMail spam issue was brought up at Pennsic Curia meeting. Siobhan wishes to reiterate that she thinks the issue was restricted to TRMs computer. There have been a few isolated incidents with past TRMs computers. MiddleMail searches for trigger words that send potential virus messages into a spam folder. These trigger words and spam folder settings must be addressed at the Recipient's end of the sending process. The security certificate validation screen is popping up every time for some people who sign in to middlemail, even though they have told it not to show again. Discussed a fix for this, which Angus will post on CuriaNet.
2. The Mugmort website issue recently caused a lot of difficulties. Corporate copyright policies were conflicted. The general populace seems to think anything on the Internet is okay for them to copy and use. More checking and reviewing of websites will be required. The incidences of this are only going to get worse, so we need to educate our population about copyright laws to consider when they are copying items from an Internet site. Webminister and KChron may not view these issues from the same perspective. Hopefully large institutions like Encyclopedia Britannica will allow nonprofits to use their images, rather than sending the viewer out to the Internet article from the Britannica site. If they don't say you CAN copy it, then you have to assume you CANNOT. Corporate law is much more conservative than mundane law. This is going to be a challenging issue, so we need to ask a lot of questions, and ask for interpretations. KChron wants to make our policy a little more restrictive, although SCA corporate may change their minds on this. Siobhan has asked to extend her term of office beyond March 2012, since that's when corporate is going to transition this(?). When the website issue occurred, the Society Webminister was consulted, and we are very proud of the way the Kingdom Webminister handled this; it was handled in a professional manner, she worked to find positive solutions, and stayed on target when emotions ran high.
3. Richard von Utrecht is the designated successor for the KChron office. He is currently Pentamere Regional Chronicler, lives in Rimsholt, and is active in marshal activities.

4. Baronial Chronicler reports – this officer must be report direct to KChron on a quarterly basis. Siobhan has a list of those Baronies which are in compliance and those which are not. We need to consider reporting compliance when looking at replacement officers. We have the biggest Kingdom, so most problems are going to show up in the Chronicler reports first. This reporting schedule is required by Society Law.
5. Warrants to be signed passed along. Please hold warrants until the end of the meeting and all will be signed at the same time.
6. Electronic newsletters being posted on group websites are being looked at by Siobhan and Finch. We need to create a basic guide for standardization, so that each group newsletter is placed in an easy location to reach, and advise groups on what would make their newsletter more readable.
7. A&S Monthly: some digitized images from the Book of Kells were recently posted on A&S Monthly. Trinity College sent a cease and desist order, saying that the images were not copied with their permission, as they are the owner of the Book of Kells. The images have been removed from the website. The A&S Monthly is not an official publication of the SCA, so all we can do is Advise. As an ancillary publication, we must attempt to make the SCA look good and be in compliance with mundane laws. A&S Monthly is a wonderful publication, which will continue with Philippe's tenure.
8. Greate Booke Repair: the leather satchel in which the Booke is carried had a strap failure. The entire top area of the satchel is weak. We would like to replace the strap and the loop of leather holding it. Will attempt to match the original as closely as possible. There is an imprint the maker embossed into the leather, which we may not be able to recreate. The wolf head designs are from an Ealdormere artisan who mad it partly as a political statement that he didn't want Ealdormere to split from the Middle as a separate Kingdom. KChron's College Library keeps the Booke in their special collections room, inside a cage secure room. It is insured for \$50,000 replacement value, and the insurance policy doesn't cost us anything. We are asking for \$100 to commission Isaac Darkcraft to hopefully carry out this repair. He can also clean and condition the leather. The aim is to preserve, not to improve at this time. This is the second satchel we have used for the Greate Booke. It doesn't travel much and is very heavy. Approved unanimously by all for \$100 repair expenditures. History: about 3 dozen artists put their work into this. A suggestion has been made to create a second great book, in a smaller prayer book size. This would pick up where the first Booke left off. We now have access to better papers and materials, period pigments are available, artisans have improved their skill, vellum may be an option, we could make it much lighter, and therefore easier to carry around. The current book is 2-sided now, which we could consider changing to 1-sided.

A new book would serve to extend the peerage rosters from the 1986 stopping point of the first Greate Booke. Meisterina Katarina Helena von Schoenborn did the latest work in book, and she had to complete some gold leaf work on the already-bound book, which is very difficult. The Greate Booke is insured only while it is in the library vault. Images on the Greate Booke website were scanned by Ranthulfr as .tif images, which are very expandable so you can see great detail. Only one artist has refused to have her work placed online. We would need a royal patron to sponsor this project. The proposed small book of hours/prayers would continue the Kingdom rosters and lineage from our first Greate Booke.

- G. Dragon Herald Kriemhilt has completed her probationary period in office, and TRM need to decide to keep or discharge her. TRM approved okay to keep. Need to update The Book of Ceremonies, the Book of Protocol, and the Handbook. These are in the works and will be coming across to be reviewed by Curia soon.
- H. Kingdom Chirurgeon: No agenda items received. Kingdom Chirurgeon not present.
- I. RUM Chancellor: we are gearing up for the next RUM event in November in Sternfeld. Sarafina will put a letter in The Pale to look for a successor. She currently has one designated deputy for the Arts Martial, which is Henry.
- J. Kingdom Seneschal:
 - 1. Deputies
 - a. The new Minister of Youth is Elizabeth (??).
 - 2. Groups:
 - a. The Shire of Swordcliff (Midlands) group is not playing well together. There is an old guard faction and a new member faction which are at odds. Geographically, the active member core group of each faction is slightly displaced by about 20-30 miles. They are considering what it would take to split into 2 groups. Proposed giving the new members the opportunity to form a new Shire. KSen met with Swordcliff representatives yesterday. Thorvald explained that new group formation cannot be approved if due to factionalization. The meeting went well. They now understand that if they don't get along between the two groups, then the new Shire will be nixed. They now have some incentive is to make it work. The Barony of Illiton has offered to take the new group as a Canton or to sponsor them to become an independent Shire, whichever they prefer. Shire of Wurm Wald has also agreed to sponsor them if needed. Shire of Baile na Scolairi has been asked about sponsorship, but no answer has been heard yet. New members, those returning to the group after absence, transplants, and their friends are the ones wishing to form the new group.
 - b. There is a new proto-incipient group in Kentucky called Oakenshield. Sponsored by Barony of Fenix (rather than Dragonsmark which is slightly closer). They will be an independent Shire, not a Canton of the Barony. Add to applicant group on seneschallorum.
 - 3. Law changes: Current law changes proposed are listed in the Curia agenda.
 - a. VI-102 – this adds a special deputy for coordinating events, who would be responsible for obtaining bids for crown tourneys, coronations, maybe even TOC and other Kingdom-level events. This person would be included on the staff of the event. This Kingdom Event Coordinator would be a special deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal, and would satisfy TRMs request to have bid(s) on the table at the end of Crown Tourney to offer to the new Prince/Princess. Having a representative of Royalty on staff also justifies giving 50% of net income from event back to the Kingdom. Kingdom Law would need to be reworded (section 6) to call it the Kingdom Event Coordinator. KSen would be expanding the description of duties to include more specifics. Kingdom of Atlantia has an officer similar to this, if we wish to consult them for reference.
 - b. Monies: X-700 and X-800 are not the same as listed in Kingdom Financial Policy. It is assumed a 50-50 split, so this needed to be cleared up in Financial policy, which

has already been done. Then when these Kingdom Law changes are approved, we can delete section X entirely, because X section would then be superceded by the Kingdom Financial Policy. Therefore we are recommending we strike section X entirely. HRM Eikbrandr explained that just reading Kingdom Law is not the only information you need to read and understand as incoming Royalty. Keep section X until we get these aligned, and maybe put a statement of “see Financial Policy” into Kingdom Law under section X for laws regarding financial matters. Reword for now, so that new Royals can have some guideline of what is to be done. Will revisit after Financial Policy.

4. Kingdom events:
 - a. Spring Coronation - TRH will be taking bids as soon as possible. Agenda has listed Red Spears in error.
 - b. Spring Crown – will be held in the Barony of Fenix one more time. This will be our last time to fulfill the 3-year contract we have at Drawbridge Inn.
 - c. Fall Coronation – done last month. Was held on September 24 in Red Spears.
 - d. Fall Crown Tourney next year – we have received a bid from the Shire of Greyhope in Constellation. The decision will be made at Kingdom 12th Night, where the next Curia meeting is traditionally held.
 - e. Using the Kingdom name in an event title: KSen will have this written up and ready soon for review. Mundane work has taken a lot of time.

K. CROWN:

1. Baronial reports – Baron Gareth has turned most of these in now. Gareth is the deputy who compiles the quarterly reports from each Barony and sends the summary to Royals.
2. New Crowns – the commissioned new Kingdom Crowns were received just in time for Coronation. A couple of the gems had already fallen out of Her Highness’ crown when they removed it from the box. The gems were found loose in the packaging. These will need to be repaired, but must wait until TRH have the fleur-de-lis crowns that are being repaired by Lothar, so TRH have something else to wear. Elayne will communicate with the maker immediately to let her know this crown will be returned to her for repair. Also, we believe the crowns were each to come with an extra panel, so that the size could be expanded if needed. The crowns will also need to be tweaked for comfort, since the plaques are straight, with no curvature, so that makes them a little less comfortable. Need boxes and bags for each of these. The jeweler was supposed to send plastic boxes for storage. The creation of embroidered bags is underway. Discussed anti-tarnish cloth and preservation. The cleaning instructions were placed on CuriaNet, and they can be printed out, laminated and attached to the inside of each box.
3. 12th Night event in Pentamere – this has been designated as the Kingdom 12th Night Event, held in Lansing, Michigan, in the Canton of Ealdnordwuda. TRM notified the Canton about designating this as a Kingdom event, which caused some ripples of concern for the site. HRM Eikbrandr will talk to Baron Odo. If this becomes a big issue for the Pentamere group or region, We will talk to Baron Henry about holding the official Kingdom 12th Night event at Ayreton’s event instead. Having this talk with Odo would be best to do as quickly as possible for Ayreton’s sake, since they have to pay for each room they use at this site. TRM will make a decision and let Curia know.
4. Principality – the Pentamere principality request letter is in Thorvald’s possession. TRM held a meeting with Pentamere Baronies at Coronation, and We don’t think it will go

much farther, but it prompted TRM to look into this further. Especially in relation to Shires not having a direct route of communication to the Royalty. If a Shire doesn't have sufficient representation from active peers, then the group would not have as much communication. Groups which don't host large events are naturally going to feel like they are not getting sufficient Royal attention. Since the Kingdom has 19 baronies, we tend to lose sight of the smaller Shires and Colleges. Some Kingdoms have the same number of total Baronies as there are in One of Our regions of the Midrealm. A questionnaire is to be sent out to the independent groups. TRH would love to go visit some of the small local groups to give them some royal attention while TRH are Prince & Princess. Some small groups don't have the staff or site to accommodate a royal visit. If TRH attend an event without TRM, a Regency court would be a possibility. TRH are also willing to split up their travel while Prince/Princess to make this possible. Ideally, the goal TRM have is to gain an understanding of these concerns and try to fix whatever we can within these two reigns, but if fixes are not reflected in Kingdom policy or laws, then the next set of heirs could easily reverse all the good work done.

5. HRM Eikbrandr presented the Royal Patron idea. This was put on Curia (?) forum. A Region's Seneschal is one link between a group and the Crown, but for some groups this may not be sufficient. Small groups may express economic concerns, where people must travel to events within 3 hours or less. If the group is not part of a Barony and they don't travel, then awards for the populace do not come easily. For example, recent Court had so many people who were said to be coming to court, but didn't show up. We fielded 74 recommendations for this court alone. Heirs need to spend some time with Royals at events to learn the ropes, but if TRH are willing to split up and be goodwill ambassadors, this is great. Large shires, small shires, remember that some people will just find something to complain about no matter what. If Royalty at least has one Patron for that Shire, then Royals can at least address issues that They may be able to help with. Fiar na Criche(?) Shire in Saginaw, Michigan is the farthest away in Pentamere, and they are used to operating independently. Kriemhilt reads AnTir newsletter and she suggests that perhaps we may want a war ban? Someone to function as eyes and ears is good, and making it a voluntary position is good. The knee-jerk reaction from some groups may be that they don't need someone as Patron. The Royal Patron would communicate to Royals every six months on the atmosphere of the group. Perhaps calling the role a Liaison instead of calling it a Royal Patron would be better. Just like Baronies must submit a periodic Baronial Report, TRM are seeking information about what Royalty can do to make the SCA better for groups. Sarafina pointed out that in addition, the people need to learn how to behave around royals and in court. This may be perceived as a good thing, placing pageantry more accessible to all, and provide an avenue to reach out to small groups. Will discuss this more on CuriaNet.
- L. TRH: Savaric and Julianna desire to have background checks done on themselves, so they are authorized for youth combat and other activities. Remind KSen to have this done. TRH expressed their great respect and desire to hear advice from all members of Curia. Discussed which officers will be changing over during TRH reign. Discussed membership renewal for TRH, to be done as soon as possible.

V. Curianet

A. Pennsic lighting:

1. Quorum having been achieved, vote taken to approve payment of \$197.70 for lighting. This item is now Kingdom property.

- B. Advertisement rates for Kingdom Level events: would this be a Kingdom Chronicler issue?
Yes. Siobhan is to decide, or The Pale Financial Committee may decide advertisement rates, and communicate this out to the Kingdom.

VI. Old business:

- A. New Equestrian Handbook – Angus talked to Zuriel yesterday. Grammar changes have been requested to Kingdom Law, thru Reynold. We have not heard from Reynold yet. Angus explained to Zuriel how the proposed changes would work, and will get that rolling again. Some of our policies are more stringent than Society Policies. Zuriel will put it on a flash drive and bring to TRM. Details will be posted on CuriaNet.
- B. Newsletter stipend reduction – this has been reduced, and it seems to be going fine.
- C. Any other old business? No.

VII. New business:

- A. Next curia meeting - We will hold a Curia meeting at Kingdom 12th Night, during the day of the event. HRM Eikbrandr will check with hosting groups. Will set a time later.

VIII. Committee as a whole: nothing further to report.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.