

Meeting of the Curia of the Middle Kingdom: Monday, 25 May 2015 (AS 50), upon the occasion of Spring Crown Tournament/Kingdom A&S Faire, in the Barony of Cynnabar

Kingdom Officers in attendance:

- Their Majesties Ragnvaldr III and Arabella III
- Their Highnesses Nikolai and Serena
- Dame Catriona MacDhonnachaidh, Seneschal (Kat Dyer)
- Sir Gregoire de Lyon, KEM (Greg Less)
- Mistress Crespine de la Valleé, KMOAS (Nira Lys Morning)
- THL Ælfric Greensword, Exchequer (Charles Shefferly)
- Lady Daniila of Dacia, Chirurgeon (Dana Mosher)
- THL Rijckaert vanUtrecht, Webminister (Dan Peacock)
- By phone: Master Gunnar Sigurdsson, Chronicler (Tom Cherry)

Minutes submitted by Dame Marie la Fauconniere, Curia Secretary (Nita Lewis)

Officer Reports

Marshallate:

- Paperless Authorization Card/Fighter Database Project (Rocco and Gebhardt)
 - Will aid in enforcing “fight once a year to maintain authorization” rule
 - Currently hosted on Rocco’s server, may be moved
- Coursing
 - Currently confusion over whether activity is a guild or a household
 - Will be shifted to line up under the Marshallate
 - Draft handbook has been sent to Curia for approval, seems okay
 - Next step is to appoint a DEM-Coursing
- Camera Drone Use at Events
 - Draft of proposed guidelines for drone use has been received from a group of SCA photographers
 - Kingdom does not wish to get involved in regulating use
 - Let a few events try out use, see how it goes (Coopers have already banned use of drones at Pennsic)

A&S:

- Deputy (and Eventual Successor)
 - Two applications received, Halla of Mugmort and Gunnar Alfjolt
 - By consensus, will forward Halla’s application to Society for approval
- A&S Faire Changes
 - Due to overwhelming number of entries, going forward only five entries will be permitted per person at Regional Faires instead of the current seven
 - Criteria are being developed for naalbinding (separate from knitting) and Food: Preserves
 - Criteria are being updated for Wine/Mead and Enameling
 - Looking at ways to permit exclusions in judge registrations – e.g., to opt out of being assigned to judge a substance to which the person is allergic
 - Also to exclude problem judges such as egregious no-shows
 - Suggested adding a popup to the registration requiring the registering judge to agree that they have read the judges’ guidelines

- HerRH suggested looking into ways to make the nomenclature less threatening – such as changing “judging” to “evaluation,” etc.
- Requested and received contact info from HerRM for Pennsic A&S War Point coordinators
- Requested and received permission to acquire a pay-per-use modem to supply Internet access for Faire tally rooms, RUM use, etc.; Halla is looking into costs but estimate is currently +/- \$30 for the modem itself
- RUM – Colleges have now been split into more specialized sections with their own Deans

Chirurgion:

- Latest warrant roster with updated certification info has been submitted for signature
- Status of the office is up for discussion at July BoD meeting – not dissolved yet!
- There will either be Chirurgions or a “Guild” assisting Northwest Emergency unit at Pennsic
 - Does the Kingdom want a Guild if the Chirurgion’s office is ended? Yes, run with it
 - More info on the previous Guild is needed
- What should be done with old files – incident reports, etc.? Referred to Society Chirurgion

Exchequer:

- Q1 report filed, down just over \$1K (various expenses)
- Received profit share of \$7700 from Pennsic 43
- Received guaranteed funds of \$10K in advance of Pennsic 44
- New signature card submitted to bank, not yet sent to Corporate
- New exchequers:
 - Steren Codha
 - Shadowed Stars
- Successor – received by consensus not accepted

Chronicler:

- Continuing to encourage responses to the communications survey – important since as a Society we don’t have a policy except that print is the only medium for official business
- Requested oversight or editorial input on e-news sources such as the Midrealm Gazette
- Would like to see event reports submitted to the Gazette
- In response to KEM’s question, stated that while the Pale is still the official organ there’s no bar to re-printing news/articles in other media like the Gazette to increase news dissemination (since actual readership of the Pale is declining)
- KMOAS asked whether submission deadlines for the Pale could be adjusted; answer is “no” due to existing Society/ print deadlines – but no reason why things like officer letters can’t be published in the Gazette before the Pale comes out (and be more timely)
- Reminder that the Pale is considered a benefit of paid membership and therefore cannot be posted as a file on other (i.e., group) websites

- Reporting/responsibility chain for Social Media deputy was discussed; by consensus, reports to both Seneschal (for communication directed outside the Kingdom) and Chronicler (for communication directed within the Kingdom)
- Whether to Stream Crown Tourney
 - Although being done in other kingdoms, by consensus this is still not a desirable activity
 - (KEM) takes social opinion away from the fighter making the decision on the blow - encourages "armchair quarterbacking" with only a single view of the action
 - (KEM and Seneschal) decreases incentive for attending the tourney
- Noted that Kingdom history resources (such as MiddleWiki) are not up to date past 2009 - Seneschal recommended contacting THL Jadwiga Wlodzislawska (creator of the BOMTICC Tapestry) regarding her research on SCA history
- Urged officers to check their pages on the Kingdom website for needed updates

Webminister:

- In discussions regarding moving web materials off Daffyd's server; probably 50% are local group files that could be hosted elsewhere
- Requested and received permission to spend \$40/year on space to host up to 100 groups
- Looking at rewriting code to simplify peerage-page log-ins using same system as the award recommendation page
- Planning sub-domains for martial database, etc
- MOAS asked how soon the A&S admin area can go live, and about problems with access/sign-ins; agreed to discuss off-meeting but maybe a couple of months
- Seneschal suggested meeting separately with each office regarding web needs

Seneschal:

- Pennsylvania Law Regarding Minors, and Effect on Pennsic
 - Final determinations/restrictions to be announced by Pennsic Mayor
 - Minors will be banned from the Woods Battle
 - Minors with proper marking on armor will be permitted on the field
 - Tape diamonds per Marshal Handbook
 - Parent's cell phone number on the minor
 - Minors may participate in all other martial activities
- Combat Activities Included in Martial Awards
 - Requested specific addition of siege combat and combat archery wording to the award language for Red Company/Gold Mace
 - Requested specific addition of thrown weapons wording to the award language for Greenwood Company
 - Okayed, Seneschal to wordsmith and forward to TRM
- Cross-Border Membership
 - Under previous "treaty" setup, only participation in Crown Tourneys was excluded (but even that could be worked around)
 - Proposed: Cross-Border Citizenship requires
 - Person to identify as a Midrealm citizen and primarily participate in the Midrealm
 - Person to have reasonably convenient access to participation and recognition in the Midrealm

- Person to have a “history” or recognized reason to be considered a citizen of the Midrealm
 - Any authorizations held by the person must be Midrealm auths
- Cross-border citizens would be listed on a roster to be approved by the Crown in the same manner as officer warrants
- Crown Tourney requirements would include citizenship instead of residency
- Net result – all citizens are equal with equal responsibilities and opportunities in the Kingdom
- Seneschal to wordsmith and send to Curia for comment

New Business:

- KEM: There are still issues with drinking at dry sites – what can we do?
 - How do we make it okay to enforce policies without being “the bad guy”
 - Problem has cost groups good sites before and may again
 - Commentary:
 - If it’s breaking a modern law, need to feel okay about calling in modern authorities
 - Remind groups (households, Bronze Ring/Red Company, etc) to police their own members
 - If a B/V faire entry is involved, the entry can be disqualified (i.e., no “hey, want to taste my entry?”)
 - Seneschal to wordsmith a policy document for comment
 - Could be included in the event-form packet sent out (or that used to be sent out?) to event stewards by the Calendar Secretary when an event is posted to the Kingdom Calendar