

Curia Regis Minutes
March 7, 2010
Barony of the Flaming Gryphon

Approval of the Agenda: **Approved**

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October 18, 2009

Attended:

HisRM Dag

HerRM Anne Marie

HisRH Radagaisus

Her RH Ceinwen

KSen Baron Thorvald Redhair, OP

KExch Her Ladyship Elayne Gwenhlian de Belleme

KHer Baron Daffyd Blaidd, OP

KEM Duke Edmund of Hertford, KSCA

KChron THL Katarina Peregrine

KMoAS Baroness Kristiana of Arden

KChir THL Derdriu ingen Mhurchadha

RUMC Baroness Sarafina Sinclair, OL

CSec Maestra Gwenthwyvar Nocturnal, OP, OL

Reports

Crown

All comments are in Old Business

Heirs

No agenda items

Earl Marshal

Report:

Request to run experiments for new thrusting tips:

Wind Rose style of thrusting tips.

Experimental at this time.

Omarad wants Midrealm to be beta testers.

Discussion: HisRM Is the purpose to legalize this material? KEM Need is to test foam tips. Lighter tips make control better and the force better. Lighter tip, less mass into the body. HisRM He is ok with experiment, but with caution. KEM: If it is a bad idea, then they will report back that it is a

bad idea. HisRM: What is the value? Is 3” a problem? Let’s identify the problem first, before we do it? We don’t know the reason. KEM 3” tip on fiberglass was stiffer, but adding weight. Is weight any different? KEM: Experiment. HisRM: No strong objections, but concern that it won’t matter if TRM’s object or not that they will be used. KEM: Society wants us to conduct the experiment. The SEM has made no decision. HisRM: Not worth standing in the way, maybe we can be in front of the learning curve.

Roster waiver for youth combat instead of individual waiver. Dialogue: HisRM: Didn’t know it was done differently. KEM: Every single tourney needs new waiver. KChir: Roster waiver less defensible in a case of court. KEM: Recommends keeping individual waiver. HisRM: What is the reason for this request? KEM: Convenience. HisRM: Until there is an overwhelming complaint from the populace, let’s keep a more secure waiver system with the individual waivers.

Kingdom Chronicler

Report:

Azreal has stepped down as editor. He would like to be Kingdom Historian. KChron is ok with this. Ideas: Will organize by year from founding of Midrealm through now. Also, compile Pale issue 1 through now.

KHer: He has 12 cabinets of stuff to give. Take a number, will get to officers individually.

Baronies are required to report, but there are some who are not reporting and have no repercussions for not doing so. Carrot without a stick; she has to keep at them until they report and there are no consequences if they do not. Hoping to codify a response.

Discussion: KSen: Current Law states that you can suspend the officer, which leaves them without a full slate of officers and the group is therefore in suspension. HisRM: The KSen is quoting law, you already have a method to support. Not necessary to write is a second time. Use current method of consequences.

MK Web Minister has been invited to discuss web revision project

Lady Finnseach de Locheil is the new MK Web Minister.

New developments: Web site redesign: On hold.

Reasons:

The version of software is no longer supported.

It is open source.

Ceased support of July 09.

Had some nice things, but some bugs.

Duplicates entries in the database

Subsites are separate databases

Edward (Dafydd deputy) states that everything is harder to find.

Not intuitive. Discussion: HISM: That doesn’t make it intuitive, just unfamiliar.

Sometimes a feature is buried several layers down.

Finseach is rethinking how this should be set up.

Licensing for upgrade is priced per feature

\$100 per sub site per Subscription; Yearly cost.

Discussion:

Known: Redesign is desired, however going to research options. Her main focus is not on officers, but also the casual web browser. HisRM: The web site should be a recruiting tool. How long has this project been going on? 6 years? When we started weren't these the same questions? Appreciate attitude, but each time a new person takes it over it is the same thing: we need to rethink this. This needs to have a deadline. KHer: Are you still thinking of upgrading? Webminister: Yes, but need to assess. KHer: Need methodology. How long can we wait? Juma 1.5, without subsites. HisRM: Codified and homogenized, standardized. HisRM and Webminister want new graphics:

New office badges

New banner

Have vectors of all kingdom officers badges and almost done with the awards.

She needs elements.

Dafydd has photoshops. EPS? We may.

She likes PNG's: best resolution and scalability.

Discussion:

HISM: How long will it take? We can do Juma 1.5 for main site (@ no cost KHER: Nothing on the server has a cost, everything is open source. Branos purchased licensing. Takes almost no site support

Deadline: HisRM & HisRH: Front page by May 1st.

Action Item: Dafydd will get pictures/graphics by EODay today. HisRM: Thought we were going with current green and gold theme: Use that. Or, if you want a new banner, HisRM is willing to create. Size? Webminister: For new banner graphic: 200x600 (consensus too tall) HisRM: Don't make this dependent on theme. KHER: Are you still doing the teleconference meetings? Webminister: No

Dragon Herald

Report:

Assigning Shield Herald to be in charge of Heraldic Consultations at events. 1 dozen submissions / month at events. One and done and shipped.

Request for permission to conflict:

Action Item: need signatures.

Discussion: Storvick Pursuivant registered the name Shield of Storvick, which would technically conflict with the Shield Herald. HisRM: Permission to conflict.

Going to re-write the awards database.

Originally it was written with no idea of process.

He does not know how it is used.

Would like a definition of how it is used.

HisRM: Search by event, criteria of who gets it and who doesn't. KHer: Can you picture a better process?

HisRM: I can imagine a better process. Local then region, but only about 3/5ths of the people recommended are there, so not necessary to reach out to region.

KHer: Going to try to tie into LDAP. KEM: Contact info for person recommending (it's there).

Discussion: HisRM: Force naming convention. KHer: Has tried. HisRM: How about a drop down in a different field? Optional drop down for titles? From a user standpoint not knowing what events person will be going to. HerRM: Cannot search by region. Not everyone knows that you can go back and update them. HerRH: 1,200 awards in database that have not been given, because they do not show up as current. HisRM: Name check. AOA, 1 Short of a Grant, 2 Is there a way KHer: Notifying of upcoming, then needs to run a Daemon. This is difficult and not recommended. If we search by event, is there a way to show them that there are x recommendations for this person. HerRM: Challenge: everyone spells name differently. KHer: SQL database: Can do a "sounds like". HerRH: Submitting something to the Pale which suggests ways to write a recommendation. HisRH: Are we going to set expirations on recommendations? KHer: Yes. No activity prior to 2006 we can cull. HerRM: Doesn't like that. Some may have been paper recommendations. KHer: Can filter. HisRM: Still get the occasional paper recommendation. HerRH: Has to go to database, will not take a paper recommendation. HisRM: Paper rec's are not advisable, they will not survive them. KEM: Stacking recommendations and in the way that each prefer. Search fields are easy to add. Scrub against current OP? Already there. Recommendation: blue arrow shown only to Royalty. Person who is making recommendation should be able to see what someone already has. KHer: Currently, awards that are given once do not show in the dropdown. If they have it, then it is not a dropdown. This is assuming that they have spelled it correctly in recommendation. HerRH: e.g: Purple fret for same thing. HisRM: That would be too difficult. HerRH: She can see the award and for what it was given. HisRM: Is there a way to sort from dropdown for award, sub head to arts, service, fighting. KHer: drop w/ names of awards, with box, when click on box, fills with full description. Doesn't show in dropdown and then it describes it. HisRM: Can we break it down? I know why it is being recommended, but I don't know the name. Pick appropriate award for the art, service, fighting etc. Awards in 4 categories: Art, Service, fighting, other. Group should be separate. KHer: 2 possibilities: Minor and other. Male or Female. Deadline: Fairly confident user interface could be put online before Coronation May 1st. Award database can be done by end of TRH's reign.

Kingdom Chirurgeon

Report:

Doing fine. Losing Chirurgeons due to paperwork and/or apathy.

Gaining some with education, didn't know how easy it was to become one. If you have knowledge of SCA and fighting, really should only take 3 events.

Chirurgeon formally told to ask the party, "hi I'm a Chirurgeon, what can I do for you", not "You need to do this".

99% of her officers do not report.

She will be using some incentive to report.

This should read the Marshals are not required by marshalate rules to contact me regarding incidents.

They usually pass it up the Marshal chain of command but I do not hear about it. I would like to have that information get to me as well. Even if (or maybe especially if) no churgeons treat.
Akron: 3 transports in the last year and a half.
Would like Marshallate and Chirurgeonate to share more on reporting of incidents.

Chancellor of RUM

Report:

340 attendees came through troll.

Combined attendance for Marche of Aldeford and Mask of Courtly Love.

100 more than last year.

77 hours of instruction.

Working with His Grace Brannos to encourage more.

Uller did another presentation, which helped.

Discussion: Expecting in September, so will need to change fall RUM. Shooting for October or early Nov for RUM. She would like to see RUM be an event, instead of 10am – 5pm classes. One that has more to offer. HisRM: What helped his experience: having a site that when you were not in a class, there was a place to hang out and go. HerRH: Artisans row. Also involve Laurellate. Census from Ball: 53 attended, 38 still there in evening.

Kingdom Seneschal (Awareness: PC crashed last week, will be catching up ASAP)

Deputies:

Chatelaine

Chatelaine's Handbook: Finished by Pennsic if not before.

Still needs revisions.

Minister of Youth

Youth activities must be approved by a warranted Minister of Youth, of which there is only a handful in kingdom.

Every background check that comes through costs the kingdom \$ and that is based on State regulations

He made it a requirement that they need to be warranted.

Might impact events.

Regionals can authorize.

Need to be authorized by someone before a group can have a youth activity.

Midlands Regional Seneschal:

Baron Rory is stepping down after almost 4 years.

Lady Catriona

Group Transition Officer

Proposed changes to Baronial Polling Policy:

Approvals needed, then submit to Society.

Timing: current 30 days to do this.

Policy: Run through curia.

Current: Group Sen to determine zip codes, however this comes now from Kingdom Seneschal KSEN. Need approval for changes to policy HisRM & HerRM: **Approved.**

Group changes:

Winged Hills – Canton to College request status: Dropped.

Discussion: HisRH: What changed? KHer: Seneschal polled group and the groups said no!

Ayreton – Ready for Barony?

HisRM : New charter, changes made? KSen: Major changes have been made. Some minor changes still, but nothing alarming. RUMC: Vocal minority that won't let things go. They have made compromises to satisfy the minority. HisRM: Anyone in the whole world can be a member? It has nothing to do with residence? Anyone who shows up at a meeting can vote? RUMC: All or nothing so now it is nothing, no restrictions. HisRM: Is there a kingdom law about an officer having residence? KSen: No, up to individual officers. HisRM : Is this the group you play with? KSen: Yes, however there are several who play with a different group than where they reside. HisRM: **Approved**. KSen: Will communicate to each group that they should send out their poll. Just 1 Poll. HisRH: Sept 11
Re-polling Fenix. Doing in April. Second poll should be in the mail Monday (Gareth).

Group membership deficit (family members do count)

Barony of Carraig Ban (11/30)

Barony of Donnershafen (23/30)

Barony of Rivenstar (29/30)

Barony of White Waters (24/30)

Kingdom Law XIV-500

Discussion: KSen: Kingdom Law, COPORA: Patron, Sustain, Assoc. Family conveyed associate. When we wrote law, it required 30 sustaining members. 25 by society, but we upped it to 30. Since then, COPORA has been re-written: Family conveys all privileges, of sustaining membership. Now a sustaining membership is a subscribing membership. Now COPORA says a family membership conveys sustaining membership, so now that means in the baronies, the family of 4, adds to the count, which was not the original intent. Original was to have 30 subscribing levels. Couple that has a family, Baron and Baroness, 1 has sustaining, and the baron has a family, then he does not count as a member. We need to review law. Do we keep this as is or change to subscribing membership? HisRM: Can we do a non-minor count? Adults count, minors do not. KSen: Membership does differentiate/tell age. Do you count minors? By Society, it does count. But Kingdom law is more restrictive. HisRM: IF we included family memberships count all, so some of current would be ok. Carraig Ban has a large family membership. KEM: Is there a way to distinguish age? KSen: No. there is no checkbox. HisRM: OK if this is a review alarm, instead of suspension. KSen: He does put on probation. HisRM: What is the decision on law? KSen: If group goes in suspension, then we define it as members are only those who are over 18. HisRH: If numbers are low anyway, then there is not

a huge amount of work to determine true numbers. KHer: Can we alter Kingdom law and have it say “members of the age of majority?” KSen: making sure that we have dedicated members. HisRH: Define probationary under office policy, not kingdom law. **Law: Change law to say 40 adult memberships.** It doesn’t say what happens when they fall below. KEM: Carraig Ban has been in this situation before. KSen: It is a college town. Too far out of Chicago. KSen will type up the proposed wording. **Pending: To be decided at next Curia**

Law Changes

VII-100 – Authorizations for Combat Activities (Alaric did not send, now up to Edmund. Governing policy # 12 does not exist anymore, need to re-word). Decision 12 from Copora is regarding Authorization.

XV-304 Leaving the Barony – Discuss wording, but nobody commented on CuriaNet. Talked, people not satisfied, but no discussion ensued. This is about the Baron and Baroness leaving the group. **Pending: Revisit at next Curia.**

XV-500 – Baronial Court – This law was repealed during Palymar and Aislinn’s reign. Azreal pointed out that it was repealed and never removed from books. He provided publication, so we can remove.

Approved

Kingdom Events:

Fall Crown Tourney Bids (fall 2010)

Barony of Sternfeld – Master Llewelen proposed Autocrat

This bid is not on the prescribed weekend

Discussion: Site is 1 complex. HisRM No rapier list necessary. Master Llew: Weather permitting; we can go outdoors with virtually anything. Fall crown, no 2 day event. Space is somewhat small, but everyone can fit. Classroom for royalty room. HerRH: One off stage royalty room or classroom down the hall for Royalty room?, in classroom allows more relaxing. KHer: Space for heralds point? Master Llew: Yes. Plenty of direct access doors. Space for 300 cars + along road. HerRH: Proximity to other hotels? Master Llew: In town 1, reimburse for cost of rooms for Royals and their entourage (3 rooms stated, but 2 sufficient with 1 for a post revel). Within 15 miles, several hotels. Planning a masked ball for evening, with site tokens being domino masks. HisRM: Do we need a 3600 profit? Steep site fee. Master Llew: Half is going to Kingdom. HisRM: If it is not prohibitive, keep. Still concerns over profit taking. We can drop it to 1.50/person, and still make money. We are budgeting \$7/person for break even with a total \$8 site fee. Drop the site fee to \$6 and raise the feast to \$10. HisRM: What was the reason for not having the preferred date? Master Llew: Antiques Road Show has the site booked. HisRM: How many other events are currently scheduled? 2: Carraig Ban and Lochmorrow. **Decision: Approved**

Shire of Ravenslake

This bid is on the prescribed weekend.

Compelled to accept due to this, but not required

Discussion: Breakout rooms: Royalty room- broken into 4 by room dividers. Her RH: Rose tea does not have much time. Last tea was decorated and used all day.

Sharing of space: 14 for merchants good, RUMC: how high is the ceiling? Don't know. HisRH: What is the rotation? KSEN: no rotations anymore, open to anyone. KEM: Does it bother anyone that there is no food no feast? (Consensus) Yes. Clearing the Royalty room at 7? HerRH: It's a ballroom so how do they book their activities. Concern: Height of ceiling needs to be confirmed. Lack of feast is not desirable. Inadequate space and no feast. **Decision: KSEN will let autocrat know decision and reason for choice.**

2 groups in suspension

Barony of Roaring Waste

Drakelaw

Did this include Ashland? Several in Ashland who want to be active, however Ashland has not had a Seneshal for over a year. If there is some activity, then someone needs to contact KSen immediately.

Action Item: KChir will convey this to group.

Week extension for Curia minutes (due to Gulf Wars): **Approved**

Kingdom Exchequer

SCA incorporation in Illinois: **Done.**

Far Reaches group is now dissolved. They play with Shattered crystalnow. All money has been transferred. Far Reaches has not reported this to KSen nor KHer.

Financial Policy Revisions

KSen working on comments (reference PC crash). Request: Ask to push off until next Curia. **Approved**
Kingdom law that says children under 5 free, other law states over 5, half price, to be no more than half of the adult fee. If stated in law, does this mean that the group is required to charge? In Pale: KSen reads different in publication. **Agreement/ Approved: Shall not be charged more than half price. Cite: 16-11.10 financial policy supersedes Kingdom Law.**

Any more comments on Financial Policy? **No, Pending next Curia.**

Misc:

Second polling for Barony of Phoenix

\$8 check to the Midrealm History project

Donation \$200 to the Art Fund: (J Seagrest Regional MOAS) **Approved to go to S. Oaken for Café press A&S**

Received 2 more donations to the Royal travel fund: \$150 Illiton and \$59 from Nothrwoods

Mid Domesdays are done.

All of MI done

IL: Tree Girt Sea missing. KSen: states that they cannot go Barony until done.

Oaken, Ranulfth's computer died, Master Aiden said it took until June last year to get done. She will e-mail KSen with names of those groups.

Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (Master Llewellen, deputy speaking on behalf of)

Faires are scheduled and Midlands had a good turn out. Every since scoring sheet was reviewed and is going very well. Nothing bad to report about it.

All regional officers have reported on time.

Pentamere and S. Oaken Regional Officers are planning to step down after this faire season and are in process to find replacement/training replacement.

Working on my report to Society for March 15th deadline.

KSEN: Passed her 6 month probation. Approve officer

Curianet:

Possible movement of Midrealm websites: **Pending, taking out until above decisions are made.**

Old Business

Replacing the Plaque Crowns: **Get back to Bethany for quote**

Great Officer Medallions: **Have blanks, will get with esteemed colleague (Gwen) to paint and have ready for next Curia**

QE2 Disposition: No change. Discussion: HisRM can make it functional for this Pennsic. No estimate at this time on cost of repair. Trailer is starting to rust, may not be able to be repaired. 1 beam is cracked, but can be repaired. Can repurpose and modify, but needs further discussion. **Action Item: HisRM will put together a proposal by next Curia.** More discussion: Nice to have a dias. We can keep using the trailer as is, as long as nobody is walking on it anymore. This year it will be fine. After this year, HisRM may make a proposal as to what to do and then step away for someone else to take care of this item.

Gulf Wars Gate: Alaric taking something down? Secondary awning? Talk with Bethany for a permanent structure? Alaric stated that it might not happen this year. HerRM will check her e-mail. Perhaps someone should walk the area and confirm or asked to be moved (if desired). Some commented that current location is desirable due to proximity to battlefield, even though there is a restriction to no permanent structures. **Pending more information**

AoA Scrolls: Idea of having a mass produced AOA system. Covered in Oct 18 Curia. **Approved concept, Action Item: HisRM to put together budget and financials to support. Gwen to gather documentation of previous Gutenberg press and convey to HisRM**

New Prince/ess Regalia: Coronets **No Bids as yet**

Royal Sceptre, Creation of: Just an idea and it was cool. A&S project? Description: Acid etched plumbing pipe with a crystal ball and a dragon. **Pend or pursue at whim.**

New Business:

Next Curia Meeting: Not before next reign. **Decision: 9AM Memorial Day Weekend.**

Society Wide Census level survey. Trying to do a census of everyone that has been in the SCA.

Committee of the Whole: N/A

Adjournment

Title Abbreviation Chart:

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)
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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)