

## Curia Regis Minutes – 29 April 2007

Date of Meeting: Sunday, 29 April 2007

Location: Barony of Roaring Wastes (New Boston, MI) following Coronation

Attending:

HRM Dag Thorgrimsson

KChron Heirusalem Crystoma

HRM AnneMarie de Garmeaulx

KMoAS Anastasiia Kyrilovna Ivanova

KSen Kenna Harve

KChir Cerdic the Blodletere

KHer Thorvald Redhair

CSec Caelan O'Rogallaig

KEM Brannos O'Irongardail

Meeting called to Order: 09:07

I.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved

II.

Approval of the Minutes of the 20-Jan-2007 meeting: Approved

III.

Reports:

### A.Their Royal Majesties

#### 1.Deputies of the Crown

- a)Chief of Staff of the Army (Sir Theodric) – no report.
- b)RUM Chancellor (D. Kateryn) – Scheduling RUMs.
- c)Secretary of the Baronage (B. Chiara) – no report.
- d)Grand Council (Viscountess Katarina) – no report.

#### 2.Projects

- a)Royal Gate at Pennsic - motion to spend approx. \$3700.00 from the Middle Kingdom general funds for the purchase of pavilions to serve as the gate for the Royal encampment. (Approved) HisRM will contact the supplier to begin the purchase.

### B.The Kingdom Chirurgeon

#### 1.Deputies

- a)Oaken – Sgt. Gunnar assumed the Regional position

#### 2.Ongoing shortages of Chirurgeons – on-going concern. Only about 30 chirurgeons are current on their certifications and able to be warranted.

#### 3.HisRM requested a separate list of the mundane medical backgrounds of the warranted chirurgeons.

### C.The Kingdom Seneschale

#### 1.Regions

- a)Pentamere - Deputy position open

#### 2.Deputies

- a)Charter Compliance (Baron Agrippa) – He's been busy.
- b)Chatelaine (B. Susan) – She's reporting.

- c)Groups in Transition (B. Gareth Thorne) – several groups are under transition; upcoming baronial polls for Red Spears and Middle Marches.
- d)Minister of Youth (Duchess Sabine)– working to formalize the youth rules within the Middle Kingdom
- e)New Groups (THL Aiden)
  - i)Drakelaw – motion to go full-status. (Approved)
  - ii)Aiden is stepping down as the Deputy and looking for a replacement.
- f)Public Relations– new Deputy: B. Genevieve McPherson

### 3.Kingdom Events/Bids

- a)Pennsic War (2007)
  - i)Upcoming planning meeting at Aethelmearc War Maneuvers.
  - ii)Ongoing concern about how to best integrate the Chirurgeonate into the Pennsic staffing structure.
- b)Spring Crown 2007
  - i)Confirmation that (Akron) received the bid.
- c)Fall Coronation 2007
  - i)No bids yet.
- d)Fall Crown 2007
  - i)Flame bid. Concerns about the size of the site. (Denied)
  - ii)Middle Marches bid. (Approved)
- e)Discussion of permanent Crown Tourney locations. Pre-selected sites would allow multi-year contracts, and would allow the Middle Kingdom to sub-contract the running of the event to groups other than the closest local group, much like Pennsic. Motion to appoint a steering committee to investigate this option. (Approved)

### 4.Law review and “housekeeping”

- a)children and waivers
  - i)Background checks – MK will have to pay the fees for the background checks for all youth officers. The BoD will release more information about the proposed program. KSen and MoY will work to streamline the process, and to clarify the rules.
  - ii)Effect on youth programs – two warranted youth officers will have to be present at all organized youth activities. This will allow non-warranted adults to also help with those activities.
  - iii)Equestrian Waiver for kids – Society EM requires the MK to stop using current Middle Kingdom waiver immediately. The current waiver was never approved by the Society officers, making the Middle Kingdom Equestrian youth waiver unsanctioned. Youth Equestrian activities are on hold until an appropriate waiver can be implemented.

### 5.Miscellaneous

- a)Ethics statement to be put into Society policy and procedures; will reflect the Society Policy. This will be published in Society publications, but will not be required in Kingdom-level publications.

- b) Tournaments Illuminated liaison needed from Middle Kingdom. The office will collect and publish a section on news from the Midrealm.
- c) Grand Council - new member(s) needed, as the Middle Kingdom is not participating in current discussions and decisions. KEM stated that people had approached him about desiring to join the Council. Appointment is by the Crown, and participants must be willing to be active within the Council. KSen will seek candidates in her next Pale letter.
- d) Middle Kingdom web server
  - i) connectivity issues – MK webministers are working to upgrade the server, and to minimize the Spam coming to/from the server. “We should be seeing less and less problems” as the upgrades go into effect.
  - ii) moderators on Midrealm.org listservs - This was discussed and determined that moderated lists are impossible and not a feasible or good answer. What we will do is have the administrators of the lists publish guidelines along the lines of "behave or else", with the "or else" being removed from the list. This differs from moderation (which means reading every post and determining if it can even be released). This way, it remains the administrator's prerogative to deny or allow access to the list, without the logistics a liability problems that come with moderation. We need a policy statement for the use. An alternative is to remove the listserv entirely from the Middle Kingdom servers. KChron will publish a letter to the listservs stating acceptable behaviour.

#### D. The Kingdom Exchequer (not present)

#### E. Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

##### 1. Regional A&S Faires

- a) All but one Regional have already been held.
- b) Kingdom A&S Faire has about 100 entries, with more arriving.

##### 2. Deputies

- a) Drop-dead deputy (B. Kristiana of Arden) – new Deputy.
- b) Judges coordinator (B. Una) - no report.
- c) South Oaken – new Deputy (Mistress Grizel)
- d) North Oaken – seeking candidates.

#### F. The Earl Marshal

##### 1. Deputies

- a) Rapier Marshal will transition after Pennsic.
- b) South Oaken will transition soon.
- c) Drop-Dead Deputy is currently Duke Palymar. Currently there are four candidates for the KEM position. Expected transition is Spring 2008.

##### 2. Pennsic War 36 (2007)

- a) Rules should be published online sometime this coming week.
- b) Materials (airhorns, stickers, paint, etc) are being priced.

c)KEM is looking for marshals and staff to run the battles.

### 3.Pennsic work projects

a)MK Pennsic storage trailer maintenance

i)Needed maintenance includes re-roofing the trailer, fixing one of the two doors, waterproofing the interior, and sealing the large cracks. This can be accomplished by volunteers. Planned maintenance will occur during the first week at Pennsic.

ii)Shelves need to be added/built, as the stored items are currently stacked haphazardly on the floor, without utilizing the vertical space of the trailer. KSen and KEM will look for alternative sources for industrial shelving.

b)MK Royal showers – B. Rocco is planning on making the structure more storeable and easier to assemble.

### 4.Handbooks / Rules

a)Society Handbook is still being tweaked.

b)Middle Kingdom rules will probably revert to Society standards for the most part, with notes explaining the difference in interpretation.

### 5.Miscellaneous

a)Moira, Torquil and Marko will experiment with pikes within the Fencing community, to be used by appointed fencers.

## G.The Kingdom Chronicler

### 1.Deputies

a)PaleEd – Real-Life issues have recently hampered the PaleEd's ability to respond in a timely manner. KChron suggested that if you don't get an immediate response, try contacting him again and he'll respond.

### 2.Webministers

a)Dafydd recently posted a notice that forwarding will no longer be permitted at the Midrealm.org website. He has offered email accounts for officers at the website, but those will require direct logon. Contact Dafydd for any email accounts you will need.

b)Changes to the office.

i)Kith will be stepping down; Dafydd will assume some of Kith's current responsibilities.

ii)Dafydd is now the "Webminister Reporting Deputy"

iii)Regional webministers will be appointed.

c)Dafydd and Rocco are revising the current Midrealm website. The Curia pages will be some of the first revisions.

d)Middle-pedia – WikipediaLite pages hosted on the Midrealm website. KChron has asked that the Great Officers submit articles.

3.Great Boke contract has been revised and resubmitted. KChron and KSen will go over the contract and verify that its worded as requested. B. Rocco will soon publish the associated website.

## H.The Kingdom Herald

1.2007 Known World Heraldic Symposium – would like funding for the KHer and Kingdom Signet to attend the meeting in Caid (California).

- a) Background - Previous Curias had ruled that Symposia travel expenses can be reimbursed from the General funds.
- b) Considerations - KEM stated his belief that the only truly necessary Symposia are for Seneschals and Exchequers, as those offices deal with mundane laws.
- c) Motion to cover expenses for travel to Symposia up to \$500, with additional funds coming from the Officer's budget. (Approved) Note: the \$500 funding is per Symposium, not per person.

#### IV.

Curianet: items discussed online and not covered above:

- A. (KChron) Motion to eliminate the Kingdom Chronicler's budget at the Kingdom level and move it into the Pale account for oversight reasons. Pending KExch approval, the KChron funds will revert to Middle Kingdom general funds. (Approved)
- B. (KSen) Motion to have general Middle Kingdom funds used to pay expenses (approx. \$1700) for KSen and her Drop-Dead Deputy to attend the Known World Seneschals Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Ayes: KSen; Nays: KExch) [Note: this was effectively killed while tabled, as the event in question came and went.]

#### V.

New Business:

- A. (HisRM) TRMs would like to know what Pennsic expenses can be covered by Midrealm funds, and which funds would be used (Travel funds? Pennsic improvement funds?). Traditionally, consumables are not covered by Kingdom funds. TRMs will submit a proposed Pennsic budget with line items for Curia approval.
- B. (KMoAS) Six of the Chicago-area Shires have formed the "Town of Airton," with an appointed "Mayor". They held an event called the "First Airton Event" sponsored by a couple of the local groups. KHer, as he is local, will explore this issue.

#### VI.

Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings: Pennsic War

Meeting Adjournment: 11:08

### ***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)