

Curia Regis Minutes

Date of Meeting: Friday, August 17, 2001

Location: Pennsic War

Attending: His Royal Majesty Bardolph (HisRM)
Her Royal Majesty Brigh (HerRM)
His Royal Highness Ragnvaldr (HisRH)
Her Royal Highness Arabella (HerRH)
Her Stellar Highness Leyla, Princess of Northshield (HerStH)
Maestra Arianna Llwyd, Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)
The Honorable Lady Clarissa Wykeham, Dragon Herald (KHer)
Sir Randolph Lee, Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)
Lord Ulrich von Landstuhl, Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)
Master Arundel the Falconer, Kingdom Minister of
Arts and Sciences (KMOAS)
Master Aiden Blackstone, Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)
Baniarla Aibhilin, Kingdom Chronicler (KChron)
Duke Eliahu ben Itzhak, Curia Secretary (CSec)

Invited Guests: Mistress Rosamund Beauvisage, Kingdom Seneschal Successor
Mistress Elena de Vexin, Kingdom Herald Successor
Baron Midair MacCormac, Kingdom Exchequer Successor

Meeting called to order at: 10:13 a.m.

- I. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda is approved as amended
- II. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:
Minutes are approved as amended.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. New Thrones
Following discussion it was determined that the KSen will contact the artisan to get in writing the final determination of this situation: That the contract will be null and void and no further thrones will be purchased.
 - B. New Medallions for Great Officers
Bid responses due by September 1. Only one response has been received so far (Master Wolfgang). The KEM and KMOAS will pursue other possibilities.
 - C. Specific procedures for Courts of Chivalry (from last meeting)
As no comments were received after publication and request for comments from the populace, the revision to the Court of Chivalry and the Court of Inquiry and Arbitration will be read into law at court.

IV. New Business:

A. Pennsic Accord (see below under V. A. 4.)

V. Reports: (to include any reports of activity by or about direct deputies)

A. Their Royal Majesties

1. Deputies of the Crown

Houndmaster – No report at this time

Chief of Staff of the Army –

reports that “everyone is really tired now.”

c. RUM Chancellor – see below

d. The Secretary of the Baronage – No report at this time

e. Grand Council and Medieval Advisory Group

The Medieval Advisory Group has been disbanded. The Grand Council is being revamped. The KSen will request applicants for the position of representative to the Grand Council in her letter in the Pale.

2. Kingdom Law Changes

See above in III.C., and below in KEM report, V. H. 1. a.

3. Pennsic

TRMs will review the actual Royal expenses related to Pennsic with TRHs and the KExch to see if an adjustment to the budgeted amount (\$1500) is needed. The KExch suggests that form some rented items such as tables and chairs that Pennsic rents, that additional quantities be rented and then “sublet” to Midrealm Royal Camp, to lower the cost of these rentals to the Midrealm.

4. The Pennsic Accord. Following discussion, it was decided that there are significant problems with this draft proposal.

TRHs suggested rather that the Kingdoms’ Grand Council representatives attend Board of Director meetings. A possible suggestion to the Board and the SCA Corporate administration is that there be better communication with the participants about the purpose and structure of the corporation and better ongoing communication as well.

As this draft document does not address the actual concerns of TRMs and TRHs with regard to the Society, They will not sign it as it is written.

5. Pennsic Autocrat Bids

Copies of the bids were distributed for review. At this time, the financial policies of Pennsic are under review, and a bid packet including three years of Pennsic financial information is being developed. Also under development is a timeline for bid

submission. A decision about the Autocrat for Pennsic 32 should be made in the next two months. Comments on the existing bids are due by the next Curia meeting.

B. Their Royal Highnesses

1. The next Curia meeting will be at Crown Tournament, probably Sunday morning.
2. TRHs will accept bids for hosting Their Tournament of Chivalry.
3. There has been a suggestion of a Tournament for the Chivalry.
4. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia is looking for a successor. There are two applicants, These will be discussed on CuriaNet, and a decision made before Crown Tournament.
5. The title of Lieutenant for holders of the Gold Mace will be changed to Captain, as HisRH's research shows this to be more appropriate in usage and historically authentic.

C. Their Stellar Highnesses

1. Kingdom Exploratory Group (KEG)
2. (From last meeting)
The proposed change to both spring and fall Coronet dates, to first halves of May and October, with Kingdom changing to the last half of September for Coronation and the last half of October for Crown Tournament.

After discussion, it was decided that the dates of Northshield Coronet Tournaments will be the first full weekends of May and October, and the date of Fall Crown Tournament will be the third full weekend of October. The KSen will draft language for the necessary law.

3. Principality Events.

D. The Kingdom Seneschal

1. Regionals
Change of Oaken Regional.
2. Calendar Deputy
All is proceeding well.
3. Publications Office
All is proceeding well.
4. Groups in Transition
 - a. Fenix – polling went well
- TRMs and TRHs to review poll results
 - b. Wurm Wald -
 - c. Norborough ceded zip codes
 - d. Brendoaken will need to repoll when heraldry is approved
5. Disabilities Coordinator

All is proceeding well.

6. Cartographer
Has compiled a list of zip codes of branches for review.
7. New Groups Deputy
 - a. Advancement to full status
None at this time
 - b. Advancement to Incipient
None at this time
8. Archivist
This position will be established after Pennsic. HerRM is interested in this position after Her reign.
9. Curia Secretary
A final version of the Curia Officer's Handbook will be posted to CuriaNet for approval, after Pennsic.
10. Crown Tournament
11. Fund raising
12. The Law Clerk
13. The Law Committee
Proceeding, still accepting recommendations.
14. New filing cabinets to replace the old broken cabinets.
Not yet acquired.
15. Successor
Mistress Rosamund Beauvisage will assume the office at Coronation.
16. Fall Coronation
17. Fall Crown Tournament
18. The Calendar fundraiser.
One of the photographers whose works appeared in the calendar, did not release his work for publication. The photographer suggested that his standard fee (\$100) plus a penalty (\$300) be accepted as a donation to the chirurgionate, with the appropriate releases signed.

- F. The Northshield Seneschal
(reporting via HerSH)
1. Presented a draft of Northshield Laws for review.
 2. There is a baronial issue that the Stallari request that the Curia consider. The KSen is aware of this issue and is dealing with it.

- G. The Kingdom Exchequer
1. Balances
Will be posted to CuriaNet.
 2. Successor
Baron Midair MacCormac will assume the office at Coronation.
Pentamer will need a new regional.

3. Regionals/Domesdays
4. Society Updates.
5. Pennsic
6. Canadian impound
Officials have agreed to hear an appeal, but no additional information is available at this time.
7. Bad checks deputy
a few have been reported.
8. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties
Successor
 - a. Two applications have been received.
 - b. policies and procedures (from last meeting).
 - c. additional storage room at the facilities being used for storage of other regalia
9. The pavilion for Pennsic – is here.
10. A letter of transport of items across the border into Canada, to facilitate the travels of the Royalty, and possibly all SCA participants. – This is in the works.
11. The KExch proposes increasing the funding of the KChron office from \$100 to \$300 to match the funding of the other Kingdom Great Officers. The KHer recommends shifting the budgets of the Rouge Scarpe and Escutcheon Heralds (\$100 each) to the KChron, and the KExch concurred.
12. After discussion it was decided to leave the budget for mailing entries to the A&S judges at current amounts.
13. Budgets for lesser officer of state are capped at one year. (If left unspent, monies will not accrue higher than the amount budgeted for one year.)
14. The budget of Jessant de Lys will be eliminated and the amount rolled back into the general fund.
15. After the end of his term of office, the KExch would like to become a special deputy to his successor, in order to work on special projects.
16. Moria, the Northshield Exchequer, will be the new emergency successor.
17. Pale Funding
See below in KChron, V. I. 6.
18. M/S/P to purchase additional Kingdom stickers to sell for ongoing fundraising.

H. The Earl Marshal

1. Deputies
 - a. Marshal at Arms
Although this deputy is doing a fine job, there was discussion about whether this deputy position is needed. Given the nature of the office of the KEM, the deputy ends

up functioning mostly as a secretary. The position of Deputy KEM Marshal at Arms will be removed from law as a lesser officer of state.

- b. Archery
All is proceeding well.
 - c. Missile Combat
There are new Society rules. The Kingdom rules will need to be rewritten to comply.
 - d. Equestrian
All is proceeding well.
 - f. Rapier
The new SafetyFlex dagger is under review.
 - g. Youth Armored Combat
Some rules changes are under review.
- 2. Experimental Weapons
 - 3. Midrealm Quartermaster Corps, and/or Corps of Engineers. These people would provide support services to the kingdom and to the army. The KEM discussed this with the General of the army, and this will continue to be discussed.
 - 4. Report on repair of the thrones (from last meeting)
The repaired thrones are in the possession of TRHs.
 - 5. Pennsic
-Done!

I. The Kingdom Chronicler

- 1. Editor of the Pale
 - a. The KChron proposes to move the deadline for submissions to the September & January issues of the Pale, the 20th of July and November.
- 2. Web Minister
- 3. Warrants
The KChron will be mailing these.
- 4. Curia Minutes Subscription
None have been requested to date.
- 5. Kingdom Historian.
Will be working together after Pennsic.
- 6. Money Concerns
Currently, we print the Pale in magazine format. As far as I can tell, everyone likes this - bigger print, easier to read, etc. Unfortunately, the costs for producing the Pale in this format is not covered under corporate stipends. Since we have gone to this format, the Pale account has steadily lost money. I've checked Gwyneth's records to confirm this. Here are the reasons for this loss in a nutshell.

Corporate stipend for a quarter includes \$.57/issue for printing and

\$.55/issue for U.S. 1st Class. It costs me \$.66 to produce the Pale (at it' s largest size) and (starting July 1) \$.80 mail it U.S. 1st Class. Imagine my shock when I bought stamps yesterday to find out they went up 4 cents! Anyway, with other mailing costs included, I am in the hole by about \$675 per month. As income, I get about \$250 in advertising per month (in a good month). This makes me about \$425 per month in the whole.

I need help from Kingdom or the Pale account will go into negative numbers. Here is my suggestion: I would like to institute a late fee - \$20 for ads and letters from non-Great Officers. I got this idea from another Kingdom Chronicler (I believe her newsletter charges \$50). This should lessen my financial need.

I would also like to get a stipend from the kingdom. From what I understand from Corporate, the kingdom is responsible for helping to financially support the kingdom newsletter. This would be the reason I am losing this battle with Corporate (that and the red-tape stuff). I have mentioned to them about the cost of subscribing to a kingdom newsletter vs. how much my stipend is to no avail. I will have better numbers at the Pennsic Curia meeting, but I would like everyone to think about this and give input. I have considered a fund-raiser. And if you look at past Chronicler reports, you' ll see the downward trend from the past 3 years.

from KExch:

It was in fact mentioned at the Exchequer symposium that almost every other kingdom' s newsletters run at a loss. I was figuring that it was only a matter of time before we were in the same boat.

One way to solve this would be to ask every group to add \$1 to their site fees at events, with that extra money being sent to Kingdom. Got that idea from another kingdom that does something similar, though I think they use the funds as a "tithe" to keep the kingdom in money.

Now the populace may raise a cry at this notion, other options are to ask for donations, a temporary solution since we can' t count on a set amount at any time, or do continuous fundraisers for The Pale, also a temporary solution since we can' t predict how much money we' ll take in.

After discussion there were a number of suggestions:

- a collection box be at the entry gate ("troll") at events, with information about the financial status of the Pale
- There be a member discount at events, with the differential funds paid by non-members to go to the Pale.

- Asking for suggestions in the Pale
- Publishing a Kingdom History for sale as a fundraiser.
- The KExch wants to pursue corporate (non-SCA, inc.) sponsorships as a special project deputy.
- Allowing and encouraging issues sponsorships of the Pale by individuals and groups.

This will continue to be monitored and discussed.

7. Memorial Covers/Pages

The KChron recommends establishing a policy regarding memorial cover art on the Pale. Suggestions are that these be done only for past royalty, or not that there be no memorial covers at all. This will be discussed further on CuriaNet.

J. The Kingdom Herald

1. Seals

a. Seals for TRHs

The KHer will be seeking a new supplier, through Baroness Artemesia.

2. Minister of Protocol

a. Book of Ceremonies and Protocol Handbook

b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty

c. How the Kingdom and the Crown Works, a Guide for the Populace

- These three projects are up in the air at this time.

3. Development of a Guide for the Royalty for Pennsic

The KHer and TRMs will discuss this project.

4. Successor

Mistress Elena de Vexin.

5. Scribe's Handbook.

Has been approved and posted to the kingdom website.

K. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

1. Deputies

a. Regionals

1. The Midlands Regional Chirurgeon, Lady Eleanor Isabeau du Coeur, moved to Northshield. I've approached Seathan MacDabhidh about taking over.

2. The Constellation Regional Chirurgeon, Lady Cynnedda damos Cladebos, is coming up on two years in office. She has asked for an extension, so I'm giving her six months with and ooption for six more. She will step down after three years.

2. Fundraising

The price of the Calendar has been dropped to \$10 and we plan to sell the remaining inventory at Pennsic.

3. Reported Injuries

Date	Event	Host Group	Activity	Injuries
2/24/01	Constellation AS	White Waters	Other	Minor has grand mal seizure. Recurring injury.
5/29/01	Crown Tournament	Border Downs	Other	Hyperventilated and collapsed. Modern EMT called EMS. EMS administered oxygen, but patient refused all other treatment. Patient was helped to her room.
6/9/01	Northern Oaken War Maneuvers	Cleftlands	Rapier	Swelling to right thumb. Struck by buckler. Nothing broken.
6/9/01	Northshield Coronet	Jaraveller	Other	Fell on a step. She seemed to be OK at time of treatment. Follow-up care found hairline crack in the base of the tibia.
7/14/01	Push for Pennsic	Flaming Gryphon	Heavy	Mild concussion. Tripped, fell, hit head on ground. Patient has history of concussions.

The KChir asked if the Crown wants him to report injuries that are observed but not reported? After discussion it was determined that unreported injuries are outside the scope of the KChir's office.

4. Pennsic – Here we are.

L. The Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Deputies
emergency successor.
regionals
 1. Pentamere – 2 candidates for replacement
 2. Northsheild – new regional
 3. North Oaken – might soon need a successor. TBD.
 4. Constellation – All is proceeding well
 5. South Oaken – interim officer in place
- c. Successor – one possible applicant
2. The Artes Draconis newsletter – latest issue is published, but need to increase awareness and subscriptions.
3. The Masterwork Challenge
KMoas will discuss the timeline with Baroness Una
4. Kingdom A&S fair.
Report on number of entries and results will be forthcoming.
5. The Kingdom Pentathlon
KMoas wants to consider allowing group entries
6. The divisional championship
Has received positive feedback.

7. The children's A&S
8. Name that Companions of the Evergreen could use to style themselves. HisRH suggests that the Companions of the Evergreen be informally charged to develop their own title suggestions. The KMoas will put in his letter in the Pale.

M. Pennsic

1. tent purchase – done.
2. Midlands gate for Midrealm at Pennsic
They built it, they paid for it, they own it. It served well.
3. (from a previous meeting) Permanent deputy for logistics (i.e. Tables, chairs, etc.) for the continuity of necessary information. Would this be under the purview of the new Quartermaster Corps? Information to provide continuity will probably be included in the Royalty Pennsic Guide, under development. The KHer to talk to Avery and Gunther.
4. bids for autocrat of Pennsic XXXII
Two weeks allowed for comments on the bids to be posted to CuriNet, after the KSen emails the bids to Curia.
5. The KExch suggest that each region provide Royal Camp gate staffing (guards, Peer on Duty, heralds, runners, etc.) for one day.

N. Gulf Wars

TRHs will attend.

O. The Chancellor of RUM

(from last meeting) HisRM suggests that instructors would be responsible to find emergency replacement teachers if they cannot attend. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. TRMs will talk to the Peerage Orders at Coronation and Crown.

VII. Committee of the Whole

VIII. The Next Meeting:
At Crown Tournament

Meeting Adjournment: 1:00 p.m.