

## Curia Regis Minutes (Draft) – February 6, 2005

Date of Meeting: Sunday, February 6, 2005 (AS XXXIX)

Location: Lexington, KY after Candlemas, Ramada Inn, 10 AM

Attending:

HisRM Brannos O’Irongardail

HerRM Rebekah Mac Tiernan

HisRH Alaric LeFevre

HerRH Noelle le Chauciere

KSen Charles Oakley

Guest: Baron Agrippa

THL Akira, deputy to the KExch

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KMoAS Genevieve McCallum de Caen

KChron Heirusalem Crystoma

KChir Rowena Lindsay

CuriaSec Catherine Oakley

Meeting called to order: 10:18

- I. Approval of the Agenda: approved.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the October 31 meeting: approved.
- III. Reports: (include any reports of activity by or about direct deputies)
  - A. Their Royal Majesties
    1. Deputies of the Crown
      - a. Houndmaster – no report
      - b. Chief of Staff of the Army (Sir Straum) – no report
      - c. RUM Chancellor (Sir Garth) – no report
      - d. The Secretary of the Baronage (Ciara of Northwoods) – no report
      - e. Grand Council – Replace Katriona, Fiskr and Alexander (all Northshield) – Grand Council is an email list that was set up about a dozen years ago to advise Corporate on how Corporate actions might affect the medieval aspects of the game at the Kingdom level. Each Kingdom can have three representatives. After discussion, it was decided to put a higher priority on filling these positions.
    2. Kingdom Law Changes/revisions – none as of the start of this meeting.
    3. Update on Baronial Poll procedures (feedback, other documentation that might help baronies) – there are three Baronies currently going through the new process. HisRM has asked KSen to put together an explanation of the policy for the benefit of their populaces. Countess Aislinn has a replacement identified (Rhiannon) who will be working with her on the White Waters and Fenix polls, then doing Cynnabar on her own.
    4. South Oaken Region – TRM are very interested in making South Oaken a region. This change does not mean anything on a Corporate level, but it helps us manage and build the Kingdom more easily. TRM do not wish to make any so-called “Crown Principalities” – the Midrealm will continue to have only administrative “regions.” South Oaken is populous enough and there is enough leadership structure to establish a separate region. Each Great Office should name a deputy there. KSen wants to know where to draw the boundary. Discussion ensued. TRM asked KSen to call

- the Baron and Baroness of Flaming Gryphon to ask which region their groups want to go with. All Cantons will go with their respective Barony.
5. Coming officer changeovers – TRM would like to have some timelines. Chronicler changed last night. Akira says Exchequer will change in the October timeframe unless Artemesia's situation changes. The Kingdom Seneschal and Earl Marshal said they will turn over their offices at TRH's last Court. Three others (KChron, KChir, and KMoAS) just changed.
  6. Midrealm standard Recruiting media? – A flyer has been designed, but Society has just come out with a media relations policy which gives Society a chop on any PR material, and also requires a Kingdom deputy to have a warrant signed by Crown and Society. HisRM thinks the Kingdoms know their people and can select someone qualified; meanwhile we can create flyers/posters and pass them through Society. TRM want to go forward with standard materials so the Kingdom can show a consistent face to the public throughout our lands. The KSen is in the process of selecting a media relations deputy who will coordinate this and other recruiting media, and also CafePress type materials.
  7. Curia Meetings – Corpora doesn't require any meetings; Kingdom Law now requires three meetings per Reign. Given CuriaNet, which allows us to, in essence, meet continuously, do we really need that many meetings? KMoAS suggested that face-to-face meetings are valuable to communicate more freely. However, others noted that dropping back to two would not hurt, and since emergent issues are usually handled on line or by coordinating one-on-one between the officers involved, there is often no reason for three meetings per Reign. TRM want to change Law to require only two meetings, remembering that more could be held when and if there's enough business to warrant them. It was decided to publish this change in the next available Pale.
  8. Royal Travel budget – gives the Royals the flexibility to stay at hotels at need, and pay for some of the retainers' travel, but TRM want [KExch] to keep track of the expenditures and see if we really need the current level of funding. If not, the extra money could be put into Tanists' regalia, or the presentation of the Midrealm at Pennsic (some simple things would help, like propane torches, banners and permanent fences), or other needs.
- B. Their Royal Highnesses –
1. Pennsic War 34 – Still happening...and there will be a Curia meeting at War.
- C. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. Succession – 3 good candidates. One will become first deputy, since Baron Robert of Griffinholme wishes to step down.
  2. KW Seneschals and Exchequers' Symposium funding – This travel came out of KSen budget last year, and can this year; but he may need approval for additional funds if he runs short at the end of the year. However, such KW meetings are becoming a trend: several Kingdom officers are having to go to KW seminars and Society doesn't pay for their travel. Perhaps a travel budget should be established specifically for Great Officers to travel to Society meetings. Chroniclers now have a meeting every other year; Heralds have one every year, which was funded last year from the General fund.

3. Seneschal's Manual Rewrite – no report
  4. Regionals
    - a. Pentamere – Duchess Eanor is replacing Baroness Alex
  5. Groups in Transition (discussed earlier, see III.A.3.)
    - a. White Waters (Baroness) –
    - b. Fenix –
    - c. Cynnabar -
  6. New Groups Deputy –
    - a. New Groups Workbook rewrite – deadline January, working.
    - b. NGD replacement – deadline for bids November 15 – Aiden (Papa San) from Toledo is taking this position.
  7. Chatelaine –
    - a. Procedure revision - proceeding
  8. Minister of Youth –
    - a. Kingdom Youth Policy – in place and will not be changed for a while so that people can get used to using it.
    - b. MoY manual – done, and approved.
  9. Kingdom Events –
    - a. Fall 2005 event bids – Sternfeld had asked about doing Coronation. These events are supposed to be set 10 months ahead so everyone else can plan around them, but Coronation bids have often been delayed in recent years to give the incoming Crown's home group the chance at hosting it or to let them pick the location. If we're going to continue doing this, we need a change to Kingdom Law. TRM and TRH agreed to work on changing Law to have the rotation only apply to Crown Tournaments, and to make it clear that the reason for the change is the fact the rotation for Coronations is not used in practice.
    - b. Spring Coronation 2005 – Cleftlands, April 16
    - c. Spring Crown Tournament 2005 – Fenix, Memorial Day
  10. New thrones for Prince and Princess – HisRM has been working this one personally, but he hears that someone is now working on a design for travel thrones with the guidance of the Minister of Regalia.
  11. Law review and “housekeeping”:
    - a. The three applicants for Seneschal have been assigned to go through the laws for consistency, and haven't found anything that really needs fixing except a wording change to clarify the Grant level Orders don't confer GoAs - the Crown does, in conjunction with admission to the Order.
    - b. A possible point for discussion could be residency requirements for group officers – the only residency requirement in Law or Corpora is for fighting in Crown. TRM don't want to add anything to micromanage this, since it isn't a problem.
    - c. Discussion ensued over whether we need to revise and clarify the purpose of Courts of Chivalry and Courts of Inquiry and Arbitration. It is felt that few people really understand it, and the wording is vague. HisRM asks Curia to read through this, and discuss potential changes on CuriaNet.
- D. The Kingdom Exchequer
1. Current Balances – copies distributed current to Friday (see attached). \$900 was transferred from the Travel Fund of the last Reign to this Reign.

2. Non-Member Surcharges – Around 30 outstanding from 2004, about the same as 2003. More of the correct forms are being used, possibly due to the event packet now being sent to each Autocrat and Seneschal as events are put on the calendar. Percentages of non-members attending events (hopefully by region) will be compiled for next meeting.
  3. Event packets – being used.
  4. Suspensions – none
  5. Kingdom Events – Coronation host may need a temporary loan to support preliminary costs, to be paid back out of profits.
  6. Transitions Officer's Checking Account – revisit after Domesday – no report
  7. KExch replacement – Akira was selected by TRM to take office in October 2005. He attended this meeting for Artemesia, who is “in confinement.”
  8. Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties –
    - a. Replacement – nothing new
    - b. Web site status – ready, still trying to get it loaded to Web.
    - c. Auction rescheduling - Upcoming Kingdom events are possible venues.
  9. Domesday/Audits (by all groups after Domesday) – nothing new.
  10. 2004 cash flow analysis will be presented at next Curia meeting.
- E. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
1. Replacement of Deputies – S. Oaken (Mistress Ann Grey), Pentamere (THL Alina Blackram), Midlands (Lady Kristiana of Arden) – All replacements on board, but the Illinois regional just changed last week and though she is getting help coming up with a Regional Faire site, IL/IN may need to be combined. HisRM says he is concerned that combining Faires should not become a trend, and asks KMoAS to work on this during her tenure. She says she intends to have her own successor take office after Kingdom Faire in the Spring, so the new officer will have time to organize the next year's Faires properly.
  2. Artes Draconis Newsletter – New editor is THL Katarina Pellegrini. She would like to go to a biannual publication for a while, but this poses subscription problems – issues would have to be pro-rated. KChron will work with her on this, and also wants to improve publicity for the Artes Draconis to increase subscriptions.
  3. Regional A&S faires – three are set up for April, Midlands still pending.
  4. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – needs final proofreading and will be ready to go up for next year right after 2005's Kingdom Faire.
  5. MoAS Handbook Revision – now working on Chapter 6, and hopes to have it available for sale at the Kingdom A&S.
- F. The Earl Marshal –
1. Side Sword experiment was halted by Society Earl Marshal. No Side Sword activity may be done at SCA events or practices until official word is received otherwise. (HisRM added that anything done after practices at the same site is still part of practice and unsanctioned activities cannot take place.)
- G. The Kingdom Chronicler –
1. Local newsletter status report – this information is not yet available

2. Kingdom Law Issue of the Pale – This is not in her budget. Can she be given a budget line item for costs of publishing and mailing this? (As an aside, HisRM suggests having a recurring-events calendar for Kingdom requirements like this.) KChron will get with the Law Clerk and get the files, and arrange for someone to format it for publication.
3. Pale copyright resolution – Has been taken care of by change of Pale Editor and reinstatement of closer coordination between PaleEd and KChron. HerRM says the responsibility for this problem is shared. Mistress Heirusalem is going to go personally to make sure the turnover of files is completed properly. HerRM said she will discuss with KSen a few other things that need to be done.
4. Kingdom Chronicler's Symposium – See funding issue above in III.C.2; this meeting occurs in May.
5. Reinstatement of Augustine Prize – Being done immediately.
6. Pale Editor search report and Changes in Pale Editor/Kingdom Chronicler working relationship – Catalina cannot continue to work on the Pale. Two candidates have been found to take it permanently, one from Constellation and one from Oaken. Both are qualified, but Rhonwen is KChron's choice and the warrant will be signed today.
7. New Chronicler's Handbook (was in works by Milica)? No report

#### H. The Kingdom Herald

1. Minister of Protocol
  - a. Protocol Handbook Committee – has been meeting electronically. HisRM asks if Curia has to approve this. KSen says they need to review it but approval is solely between the Great Officer and the Crown. HisRM says the manual should contain guidelines or possible ways to handle protocol issues, but clearly state that everything in it is subject to the Crown's preferences. KEM says the portions on "suggested techniques for reigning" should not be put online, because they may be mistaken as "requirements" for Royalty. KHer says what was intended was (a) codifying customs for Heralds' use and how to set up Courts, and (b) explaining to the people WHY Courts and the Presence are set up as they are, who to bow to first, and so forth. He thinks we're back to needing three books, with the one on general protocol publicly available online, and the guides for Royalty not generally available.
2. Pending Items – KSen says Society Seneschal has told him that due to delays at Laurel, there is no requirement for new groups to have devices passed before being advanced.
  - a. Order of the Evergreen – at Laurel level – use of the word "evergreen" is being debated – is it a Period term?
  - d. Gold Mace – at Laurel level, good chance it will be returned for conflict.
  - e. Signet badge – decided it's a "use" badge and won't be registered.
  - f. Registration of the Prince/Princess's arms missed the cutoff for such registrations and have been officially returned; this is not a problem.
3. Silent Herald's program – Lady Claudia is the Deputy and is trying to set up this program with a deputy in every region, using some procedures borrowed from Atlantia.
4. MK Heraldic Symposium – Next MK symposium is 4/9 at Shattered Crystal, including teachers from Calontir. Next KW symposium: Denver in July.

5. New Rouge Scarpe Herald - Phoebe Bonadeci (?) has taken over from Mistress Elena de Vixen.
6. Laurel (Society) office is still very backlogged, but Francois is doing what he can to catch up. Deadline 3/31 for applications.
7. Domesday - Most groups have reported, but four groups have no Pursuivants as required by Kingdom Law for all groups except Cantons. These groups therefore may need to be suspended, unless we change Law to conform to Society, which no longer requires all groups to have a Pursuivant/Herald. KHer thinks pomp and heraldry are essential to the medieval-ness of the game, and that all groups really should have a Pursuivant. HisRM says he doesn't want to suspend them as long as there is a warranted herald in the area that will agree to cover them, but for now KSen is to notify them they are in danger of suspension and see what they can do to fix it.

I. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

1. Kingdom Waterbearer - position open; Nonna the Midwife has applied.
2. Chirurgeon roster drop – several people have turned in their info, so the drop list is shorter. KChir is trying to update files and get all the certifications on file for the apprentice and journeyman chirurgeons.
3. Constellation Regional replacement – none yet
4. Pentamere wants to step down; an application for replacement has been received.
5. Reported Injuries - none

IV. Curianet: items discussed online and not covered above:

- A. Web Minister Handbook – changes are being made; proposed handbook is up on the web but needs tweaks
- B. Known World Event Policy – is out
- C. Pennsic Midrealm Royal storage issues – tabled for now.

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings – TBA

Meeting Adjournment: 13:49

**Title Abbreviation Chart**

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)	Kingdom Chronicler (KChr)
Her Royal Majesty (HerRM)	Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMoAS)
His Royal Highness (HisRH)	Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)
Her Royal Highness (HerRH)	Curia Secretary (CSec)
Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)	Minister of Regalia (MoR)
Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)	Pale Editor (PaleEd)
Dragon Herald (KHer)	New Groups Deputy (NGD)
Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)	RUM Chancellor (RUMC)