

## Curia Regis Minutes – Corrected

Date of Meeting: Sunday, April 18, 2004

Location: After Grand Tournament, Dayton, OH

Attending:

HisRM Alasdair MacFhearghuis

HerRM Guenievre du Dragon Vert

HisRH Felix of Rams'ey

KSen Charles Oakley

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KMoAS Edmund of Hertford

KChron Milica of Varna

KChir Tatiana Marana Melville

PaleEd Brice le Corbet

First Deputy Seneschal Robert of Griffinholme

CSec Catherine Oakley

Meeting called to order at: 09:23

I. Approval of the Agenda: Approved.

II. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting as corrected: Approved.

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

A. Their Royal Majesties

1. Deputies of the Crown

- a. Houndmaster – Coursing took place at Gulf Wars; we were represented. Plans continue for coursing at Pennsic. The season is starting.
- b. Chief of Staff of the Army – Gulf Wars: We supported Ansteorra well, and Sir Ivar got an award from Ansteorra for his leadership.
- c. RUM Chancellor – RUM scheduled for 1 May, and Sir Garth, who has been trained for the position, will be the new RUM Chancellor.
- d. The Secretary of the Baronage – HerRM is passing the reporting spreadsheet to HisRH. There have been five changes during this Reign, and not all of them have been followed up to get their permissions in for publication of contact info in the Pale. HerRM will do this follow-up before the end of Their Reign.
- e. Grand Council – Katriona is still our representative, and Fiskr and Alexander are deputies, all from Northshield. We still need to get applicants to replace them.

2. Kingdom Law Changes

- a. VI-200/201 – possible revision mentioned at 1/18 meeting – TRM have modified their stance on this: it has not been an issue. Duke Sir Eliahu suggested changing the wording to “make application” for Crown Tourney vice “may compete” – TRM will leave this to TRH. HisRM thinks there's no real point to changing it, since the Crown still has the right by Corpora to refuse any potential combatant.

b. [See KSen, item 17]

3. Gulf Wars – HerRM reports we had a really good showing there, although HisRM became ill and had to go home. Splitting the forces worked well. Among the things to praise was that because of the Midrealm presence (including HerRM), Trimaris took the Allied Rapier field battle for the first time in history.

B. Their Royal Highnesses

1. Pennsic War 33 – still going to happen. There will be a Curia meeting there. (KChir noted she can only be there on the middle weekend.)

2. Crown Tournament bids are now closed. The present number of combatants is thirty-two.
- C. Their Stellar Highnesses – no report
- D. Their Stellar Heirs
1. Northshield’s First Crown Tournament, May 8, 2004 – His RM reported there are currently 17 contestants. All applicants were accepted, including six Chivalry.
- E. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. State of the office: doing well.
  2. Domesday status – Domesday is done, and copies have been sent out. No problems have been noted by Society.
  3. Seneschal’s Manual – In progress. The old manual was published during the Reign of Comar and Lisa, and is in serious need of revamping.
  4. Regionals
    - a. Constellation replacement – Two bids have been received. No decision has been made yet, but probably will be before the next Curia. Pentamere looks like it’s next.
  5. Calendar Secretary – No report.
  6. Groups in Transition
    - a. Flaming Gryphon – Done this weekend: Nicholas and Sophia.
    - b. Northwoods – KEM reported for the Transitions Deputy. Polls are going out Monday. There is still a question re: the address of one of the applicants. She is working to resolve this by Monday. HerRM helped rewrite the Baronial charter so it is in line with Law. General discussion.
    - c. Wurm Wald – A poll is being taken as to whether residents in the area really want to form a “shell” Barony. Discussion on several points ensued.
    - d. White Waters – The new Baron was invested Feb. 14.
    - e. Brendoken – The Barony was installed Feb 21.
    - f. Roaring Wastes – Baron/Baroness have indicated a desire to step down.
  7. Baronial Poll procedures: Who gets to vote on transitions? KSen and the Transitions Deputy are working on developing a standard for this. Presently it includes sending polls to paid members and inviting commentary/counsel from interested parties and non-members, submitted by a stated cut-off date.
  8. Disabled Services – status? – At this time this office will be deleted.
  9. Cartographer. Map is up on the website. HerRM suggests “how to find a group” be bumped higher on the Web homepage, so that prospective members looking for the SCA will see it immediately.
  10. New Groups Deputy
    - a. Proposed New Groups Policy (draft sent out on Curianet) – The biggest changes are that we stop warranting officers of new groups (IAW Corpora, they are deputies of the appropriate officers of the administering branch). If a new group is forming in the territory of an existing group, that group will be their administering group; if in unclaimed territory, it must be an adjoining group. APPROVED – the new policy will go into effect.

11. Chatelaine – chatelaines will become “at large” officers and will no longer be warranted, since there is no reason to warrant them. The Kingdom Chatelaine will keep a roster and is rewriting procedures.
12. Waivers Deputy – no report.
13. Minister of Youth
  - a. Kingdom Youth Policy (draft sent out on Curianet) – developed IAW Society request. KEM suggests clarification that “two adults” are not to be from the same family. “Event Chirurgeon” will also be clarified to “available first aid.” HerRM suggests beefing up the statement that the parents are always still responsible. KHer asks: if a small group doesn’t have the resources to provide multiple supervisors at all times, what do they do? KSen responds that the point is if you don’t have enough people, it indicates either that you should not be running children’s activities, or else more parents should be volunteering to staff them.
14. Kingdom Events
  - a. Spring Coronation 2004 – Grey Gargoyles, Ida Noyes Hall, 5/15
  - b. Spring Crown Tournament / Kingdom A&S 2004 – Roaring Wastes, 5/30
  - c. Fall Coronation 2004 – October 23 – multiple bids
    - i. Three Towers (Mansfield) – concerns about size and administrative capability of the group.
    - ii. Unpronounceable (Portsmouth) far southeast of the Kingdom, a beautiful lodge site and a good bid. Curia agreed to ACCEPT this bid.
    - iii. Another, out-of-region bid was received but not considered due to acceptable in-rotation bids.
  - d. Fall Crown Tournament 2004 – October 30 - one bid, from Narrental (Peru, IN), is ACCEPTED.
15. New thrones for Prince and Princess – Tamara will put out a request for bids for thrones similar to the current ones. KChir says she and her lord are planning to submit a design also.
16. The Law Clerk – no report.
17. Law changes and “housekeeping”:
  - a. Law VI-501 re: age of consorts and combatants: As published in the last Pale Laws issue (AS 35), the consort must be 18. The PROPOSED change that they both be 21 was published in the Pale, but not the actual change. As published in law, a typo was made which only requires the consort to be 21. Do we want to keep the law? If so it must be modified. TRM decided that the law will be changed to read that both the combatant and consort must be 18, and that the verbiage regarding emancipated minors be deleted. This will be put out for commentary IAW law II-102.
  - b. Polling for barons and baronesses: XV-305 is inconsistent with the rest of the section and with current procedures. KSen suggested 305 be modified to have the same standard procedures already in XV-301 and 303. This will be read into court and published as a non-substantive change.
  - c. KSen suggested a law that requires the KSen to draft a “statement of purpose” to accompany any law change, which would act as an internal guidance memorandum to clarify in later years why a change was made. HerRM suggested this be made not a law but a KSen policy that the Law Clerk must make and file such a statement. KHer mentioned that long

ago there was such a statement filed, but at some point it went away. PaleEd suggested that the Law Clerk compile and maintain a database tracking all changes and rationales. Historic changes can be tracked by searching through back issues of the Pale. He has a file back to 1975 with only a few missing issues.

18. Warrant procedures – who to warrant/warranting new officers mid-Reign: Mid-Reign updates to warrants are now being done. [See New Groups, Chatelaine for other changes to warranting policy.]
19. Pennsic
  - a. Pennsic 34 – nothing new.
20. The Northshield Seneschal – Seneschal’s files for Northshield have been transferred to them.

F. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Current Balances with major deposits and withdrawals – Copies of the report were passed out; attached. The only major expenditure was a LOAN of \$2500 to Grey Gargoyles for park deposit, which will be repaid before the event proceeds are split. The interest rate we get on our account has been reduced again. KExch is hoping, after Northshield leaves, that we can streamline our accounts and possibly negotiate a better interest rate by picking a standard bank that multiple groups can use.
2. Non Member Surcharges – There is still a problem getting them sent in within 30 days of an event. Other kingdoms only give groups 15 days; Corporate requires Kingdoms to forward them within 30 days. Also, some groups don’t charge people they know are “new members”, but don’t realize the group still must track them and submit the \$3 out of event proceeds for these people. If a group had no non-members show up to an event, or weren’t charging a site fee, they don’t always inform KExch. The groups who are in arrears on these fees will be published in the Pale and suspended if they don’t remit.
3. “Event packet” of forms for autocrats – still under development. The final version is currently being reviewed, and will be posted on Curianet .
4. Suspensions – KSen proposed creating a rolling listing of suspended groups on the Kingdom Web page.
  - a. Hawks Keye – Their Domesday has been filled out and they have a new Exchequer, but they still need to formally turn it in.
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds –
  - a. KExch still has not received Kingdom proceeds (split) from Fall Crown 2003. They have been reminded and KChir says she will help monitor this.
  - b. Border Raids as a Kingdom event: split percentages are yet to be decided.
6. Fund Raising/Donations – (Cafepress status?) This has been determined to be an acceptable form of fundraising.
7. Transitions Officer’s Checking Account – working on a way to fix. Patriot Act has caused changes in banking procedures which have delayed this.
8. Northshield Exchequer
  - a. Castel Rouge – accounts are in need of audit. Someone with audit expertise has been assigned to do this. Part of the problem appears to be lack of previous audits and making expenditures from cash, both of which are contrary to KExch procedures. All Regionals will be tasked to make sure their groups do audits upon change of Exchequers.
9. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties

- a. Regalia Rules – still in progress.
- b. Auction of de-accessed items – hoping to have first auction after the New Year 2005.

G. The Minister of Arts and Sciences

- 1. Deputies – still working to get Regional changeovers staggered by extending two or three of them for one year.
  - a. North Oaken
  - b. South Oaken
  - c. Pentamere
  - d. Midlands
  - e. Constellation
  - f. Judges Coordinator
- 2. Masterwork Challenge: no report.
- 3. Artes Draconis Newsletter: no report
- 4. Change in reporting dates (mentioned at Oct meeting) – has taken effect.
- 5. Kingdom A&S Faire - May 29
- 6. Regional A&S faires – turnout is still dropping. Idea on table: to stop holding regional Faires and hold only a Kingdom Faire, but possibly hold the Kingdom Faire semi-annually. This would save time, travel and work for the judges, sponsoring groups and tally room people. KSen said he has heard another idea: to have Divisional Faires vice all-projects Regional Faires. That way, judges from each Division would only have to go to one Faire besides the Kingdom Faire. KMOAS also is going to experiment with pre-registration for the Kingdom Faire, to try to get the right judges there for unusual projects.
  - a. Constellation – March 6
  - b. Midlands – February 21
  - c. Northshield – May 1
  - d. NorthOaken – May 8
  - e. South Oaken – April 17 – 12 entries
  - f. Pentamere – May 1
- 7. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – still in progress.
- 8. The children's A&S
- 9. Traveling Arts and Sciences Showcase: no report.
- 10. Northshield Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences: no report.

H. The Earl Marshal – is extending for a third year in office so that a new KEM can observe one Pennsic before having the responsibility of a Midrealm Pennsic.

- 1. Instituting a new policy to allow combat archers to authorize under a Knight's sponsorship/mentoring without getting a sword and shield authorization first.
- 2. Deputies – no separate reports
  - a. Archery
  - b. Equestrian
  - c. Rapier
  - d. Youth Armored Combat
- 3. Update of on-line Marshal's Handbook – difficulties have been encountered, which are being worked through.
- 4. Experimental Weapons – none at present
- 5. Northshield Principality Earl Marshal – Mistress Cassandra reported that her deputy roster is almost filled, and the online reporting system is ready to go. She has held a first meeting with all marshals and briefed them on the

reporting chain. Handbooks are in the final stages and should be ready for approval by First Crown.

I. The Kingdom Chronicler

1. Replacement - December 2004 – will try to have new KChron in place by September to ease the transition.
2. Regional Deputies – New deputy for Oaken is in place. Looking for new Regional in Pentamere.
3. Editor of the Pale –
  - a. His term is up in December. He wants to extend for a year to keep from having both KChron and PaleEd change at the same time, and to get problems with the mailing database straightened out on his watch. (KSen recommended contacting the Society Chronicler about these problems, since Corporate provides the database.) He proposes advertising his position in Feb/Mar so someone can be in place to work with him by August 2005. TRM and HisRH approved the extension.
  - b. PaleEd also said he is satisfied with the new printer/ mailing service.
4. Laws Issue – Curia decided to print this after Northshield leaves, but PaleEd wants a general timeframe for planning purposes. December would be a bad time because of holiday mail. KSen says Oct/Nov timeframe is reasonable.
5. Web Minister –
  - a. Daffyd is considering a major revision to the website, which he talked with HerRM about yesterday; she reported: the website may become searchable, and She wants the “find a group” section highlighted. She has also sent a poll to the Laurellate about the website format, and She intends whatever format is chosen to be transferred to Midrealm.org rather than a commercial site.
  - b. This is a good time to suggest any other changes you’d like to see.
6. Publications Deputy – No report.
7. Kingdom Historian. – No report.
  - a. Midrealm history project (Web based kingdom history book)
8. Chronicler Handbook Update – Daria Tayt working on this: nothing new
9. Northshield Principality Chronicler

J. The Kingdom Herald

1. Minister of Protocol
  - a. Protocol Handbook – now working on this, and working with some Royal Peers on how b. and c. should be handled.
  - b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty – KMOAS suggests this include Society level protocol and what other Kingdoms’ Royalty might expect that is different from Midrealm protocol.
  - c. How the Kingdom and the Crown Works, a Guide for the Populace – re-evaluating need for this document
2. Development of a Guide for the Royalty for Pennsic – Duke Dag has been tweaking - basically done. Can come off agenda
3. Taking applications for Constellation Signet
4. Reports – Three regions’ reports in, working on others.
5. Known World Heraldic Symposium – To be held in June in Pennsylvania. All Kingdoms have been requested to come. Can Rouge Scarpe be funded to go also? KExch says this could be approved from general funds on the basis it

is a Society requirement, also perhaps one of Northshield's Heralds could be funded since they will be a Kingdom.

6. Pending items
  - a. Order of the Evergreen name resubmission – decided to make it “Evergreen Tree” and resubmit again.
  - b. Prince/Princess arms have been forwarded to Laurel, but as of July Laurel will no longer register arms for consorts or heirs, so we're trying to slide in under the wire. It's a no-brainer, since it is simply Midrealm with a label, which is Period practice.
  - c. Signet's badge – not received yet.
  - d. KHer is issuing stern words to some problem heralds, including one in Northshield who has been a problem for the last three to four Dragon Heralds. Consensus that a problem that has existed for so long can be terminated at the Dragon's option.
  - e. Northshield Polaris Herald
    - a. Northshield Heirs' arms – registration is up to Northshield.

K. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

1. Replacement (2 applicants - resumes sent on Curianet) – Office needs to transition in October. Discussion; application deadline will be extended to next Curia.
2. Deputies
  - a. Kingdom Waterbearer Handbook – take off agenda. Not forthcoming.
  - b. Waterbearer replacement status – position will be left open.
  - c. Chirurgeon Flyer/Brochure (proposed flyer to hand out to new people) – planned to be a trifold flyer for anyone's use, not Midrealm specific.
3. Reported Injuries – none
4. Pennsic – Reports from Pennsic32 requested by December 1, not received before 1/18 meeting, have been received, and copies can be made available.
5. Northshield Principality Chirurgeon – Lady Margalit has been chosen.
6. Blood drive at Pennsic: will be done again by Lady Angelique.

IV. Curianet:

1. 2/11 KEM Request for \$320 for blank authorization card printing – approved online. KEM says it has been done and came in well under that amount.
2. 3/5 \$2600 Loan request from Grey Gargoyles for Chicago park security deposit – 7 Yea votes online. Formally approved. Funds have been sent.

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings – May 31, after Crown Tournament.

Meeting Adjournment: 13:35

**Title Abbreviation Chart**

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)  
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His Royal Highness (HisRH)  
Her Royal Highness (HerRH)  
His Stellar Highness (HisSH)  
Her Stellar Highness (HerSH)  
Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)  
Dragon Herald (KHer)  
Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)

Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)  
Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMoAS)  
Kingdom Chronicler (KChr)  
Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)  
RUM Chancellor (RUMC)  
Pale Editor (PaleEd)  
Minister of Regalia (MoR)  
New Groups Deputy (NGD)  
Curia Secretary (CSec)