

Curia Regis Minutes – May 30, 2005

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 30, 2005 (AS XL)

Location: Drawbridge Inn, Fort Mitchell, KY after Crown Tournament

Attending:

HisRM Alaric LeFevre

HerRM Noelle le Chauciere

HisRH Edmund of Hertford

HerRH Kateryn Bronwen of Gloucester

KSen Charles Oakley

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KEM Palymer of the Two Baronies

KMOAS Genevieve McCallum de Caen

KChron Heirusalem Crystoma

KChir Rowena Lindsay

PaleEd Rhonwen

H.E. Countess Kenna (KSen desig. repl)

H.G. Duke Brannos (KEM designated repl)

CuriaSec Kate Oakley

Meeting called to order: 10:15

I. Approval of the Agenda: approved

II. Approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2005 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) – see 3. below

c. RUM Chancellor (Sir Garth) – no report

d. The Secretary of the Baronage (B. Ciara of Northwoods) – reports are in (extension was given until Crown Tourney)

e. Grand Council – Replacements? – Viscountess Katarina volunteered to serve.

2. Great Book of the Midrealm – Master Sir Ranthulfr would like to make the Great Book available on a web site. He has already scanned [5 megapixel] images and has permissions for most of the pages. He would like to host the site. TRM think this is a great idea and would like to discuss with Curia any problems or pitfalls. His Grace Brannos asked why we're putting it on a private site vice the Midrealm site. KSen suggested this be channeled through the Chronicler; *KChron will contact Ranthulfr and get this going*, with the idea that once it's done it will be transferred to Midrealm.org.

3. Redefining North and South Oaken into separate new identities as regions. Possible options include changing the names of both areas. Problems include where to put Flaming Gryphon, consulting the populace, and how to implement. TRM want to meet with the Oaken Baronage and discuss how this can be done, and whether they're in favor of it. HisRH asked if there's a real administrative need to do this, and not just the desire of a few people. KExch pointed out that there are a large number of groups in Ohio, and it could balance the workload vis a vis other regions, but only if Fenix and Flaming Gryphon both went with Kentucky. It was suggested that part of the reason for the proposal may be that other states have their own identity (because regions are mostly split along state lines), but Kentucky is now just a tail of Ohio, without its own identity. KHer asked if he should find two replacements or one for the Oaken Herald (presently open); HisRM said "two". *TRM will consult further on this with the people involved.*

4. Pennsic 34

- a. Budget approval for \$500 for the Midrealm Army, to create a timing device and display boards for the Pennsic War battles, and also for videotaping supplies. HisRM has a list of items the Army wants to procure that adds up to about \$375, but he thinks they should have a little more for incidentals, and should have a line in the budget. HisRH asked about storage, ownership, etc. HisRM said Sir Straum and H.G. Eliahu are organizing this, as a one time shot. H.G. Brannos said they don't need an annual budget as large as \$500. *Ksen asked for a copy of the request; HisRM will put it on the net.* However, there is some urgency to this, so it was proposed we approve the one time \$500 and discuss an ongoing annual budget later. *The initial \$500 was approved.*
 - b. Budget approval for set-up of the Midrealm populace pavilion on the battlefield. (est. \$255 from Grimms) H.G. Brannos said it needs repair, and ropes need replacement. He suggested buying ten poles and a dozen ropes each year out of the regalia/property budget, so that it's maintained over time. There is also a "Pennsic improvements" budget line that will help buy or set up Royal encampment gear, such as the torches being made this year. H.G. Brannos suggested someone other than the King and Queen be appointed to deal with Pennsic set-up and logistics. *We need to find out what we need to have professionally set up and what we need to buy before we have a number of dollars to vote on. Also HisRM wants to split Pennsic property from Regalia, and set up the Quartermaster position immediately.*
5. Fall Crown Bids – *decision pending consultation with new Heirs.* Bids have been received from Cynnabar, Flaming Gryphon and Andelcrag. Maps were passed around. All three bids were sent out on Curianet. KExch says Flaming Gryphon's is the best financially. Coronation will probably happen at Red Dragon. *Decision expected within a week.*
 6. Creation of a Midrealm Songbook – any problems with this? Requirements for publishing songs/lyrics on Web? This is for new songs. KChron says no problem if we have the permissions.
 7. Kingdom Law revisions –
 - a. *New laws read yesterday need to be published in the Pale and added to what THL Arthen already has prepared for the Laws Issue.* [New laws were to define what officers a Barony needs, standardize a Shire's list of officers with Corpora, and change the Coronation/Crown rotation]
 - b. Set up deadline for mailing Kingdom Laws issue of Pale. (also see G.3. below, re: funding) – *HisRM says "before Pennsic"*. KChron says have Arthen send it to her and she can get it done quickly.
 7. Midrealm standard Recruiting media - His Grace Brannos was impressed with Northshield's color flyer and thought it would be good to have something like it. HisRM agreed in principle and asked whether KSen has a media relations deputy yet. KSen says he has one bid and will work with his replacement, Countess Kenna, to get this deputy in place. He/she would handle creation of such a flyer.
- B. Their Royal Highnesses – welcome!
- C. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. Succession – Countess Kenna Harve will replace Master Charles at Fall Coronation. She relieved Sir Rog as First Deputy as of yesterday.

2. Seneschal's Manual Rewrite – This has been assigned to Countess Kenna.
3. Regionals – no news
4. MK Public Relations Deputy – bids – One bid received; *ad will be re-run.*
5. Groups in Transition
 - a. Cynnabar – request for mailing labels went out Friday. Transitions Officer is working to get this done by Pennsic.
6. New Groups Deputy –
 - a. New Groups Workbook rewrite – deadline January 05 – no report
 - b. One of the problems with new groups is getting their heraldry passed so they can go full status. *KSen and KHer will write a letter to Laurel asking them to expedite Group heraldry* so that the Corpora requirement for a passed name isn't the only thing holding up the advancement of a group.
7. Chatelaine – new Society policy is being worked on, restricting hitting people (“whack-a-Knight”) at demos. Only children under 12 will be allowed to do this. It was suggested that they do it with boffers only, not rattan.
8. Minister of Youth – no report
9. Kingdom Events –
 - a. Fall 2005 event bids – (see A.5.)
 - b. Spring 2006 – soliciting now (letters sent to MK-Landed and June Pale)
10. New thrones for Prince and Princess – the “traditional” thrones are in such poor repair that they are unsafe. They are twelve years old and were made as “temporary” thrones. Countess Tamara (MofRegalia) is arranging for them to be looked at and either fixed or replaced, either in Michigan or locally. A new bid is also solicited from Baron Conal, and having two sets of thrones bid for was agreed to be a good idea. HisRH Edmund says he can make some temporary ones himself this week.
11. Law review and “housekeeping”: KSen thinks Kingdom Law is now in compliance with Corpora and the housekeeping is pretty much done. *HisRM suggests everyone read the new Society rules on sanctions*, some of which have new “clout.” One includes a form of exile, with all rights suspended. *KEM asked KSen to post these new rules on Curianet.*

D. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Current Balances – \$2000 moved from “Penssic Improvements” to “Regalia”, otherwise the balances are as on the handout (attachment 1). There is new income from donations to the travel fund and Coronation profit sharing. The loan to Cleftlands for Coronation has been repaid.
2. 2004 Cash Flow Analysis – handed out [CuriaSec will keep on file.] The Kingdom is spending more than it is taking in. KExch also explained that unspent budget amounts for great officers and Royalty are rolled over to the next year, but lesser officers' budgets are always the same and only what they have spent is returned to the budget at the start of their fiscal year.
3. Non-Member Surcharges – THL Akira is working on accounting for this year. (HisRM wants Akira to become more active and start attending Curia.)
4. Kingdom Event Proceeds – One group did not realize they had to share the profits, but that has been resolved, and they are sending a check. Discussion: there should be a *better procedure, in writing, for how to prepare a bid, who needs to be involved and how the event needs to be coordinated.* KSen wants to work with his successor to write this up and put it up on the *midrealm.org seneschal page as a PDF.*
5. Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties –

- a. Replacement – a bid has been received. More bids will be solicited in the Pale. Bids should include a statement of the bidder’s insurance and storage arrangements for the properties.
 - b. Website – Countess Tamara is working with B. Rocco to get the web site finalized and up on line ASAP.
 - c. Pennsic improvements – see A.4.b. above.
6. Domesday
 7. KExch replacement: nominee THL Akira not approved yet – *approved*.
- E. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
1. Deputies – replacements – need replacement for the TASSC coordinator. All other deputies are in place and working out well so far.
 2. Artes Draconis Newsletter – THL Katarina Pelligrini has now received all the subscription information from her predecessor. She has a new issue laid out and ready to go.
 3. A&S Faires – Illinois was light, but most of its entries went on to Kingdom. The other Faires in general went well. HerRH Kateryn was congratulated on her selection as the new Arts and Sciences Champion. There was general applause.
 4. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – New questions about procedures for the tally room and registration were brought up at Constellation, and this needs to be added to the revision.
 5. MoAS Handbook Revision – is planned to be published along with the new Faire Criteria before Pennsic. KMoAS is working on this with the Publications Officer, who told KMoAS she has enough money in the budget to publish both manuals.
 6. A new Kingdom Guild was proposed by Lord Liam for hunting and fishing and related issues (including the dogs, weapons, etc involved in the hunt), and KMOAS is looking at it. She asks if Curia needs to look at the charter. KSen says he and the KExch need to look at it to make sure any financial procedures and legal issues are correct. This would be the second Kingdom Guild after the textile group (Woolmongers...) based in Pentamere.
 7. RUM – KMoAS is in contact with Sir Garth to have a Laurel Prize Exhibition in conjunction with the next RUM. Mistress Gwyndlyn will set this up. Entrants will pre-register and Gwyn is building a list of Laurels willing to sponsor anyone who doesn’t have a sponsor.
- F. The Earl Marshal –
1. Successor – H.G. Duke Brannos will take over at Coronation if not sooner.
- G. The Kingdom Chronicler –
1. New Pale Editor – KChron introduced Rhonwen, who attended this meeting.
 2. Pale Software – will come out of Pale funds.
 3. Kingdom Law Issue of the Pale – Motion for funding made by KSen via Curianet on 4/20 but not yet approved – KSen also suggested inclusion of Kingdom Policies of general applicability such as Youth Policy. (*Approved*, see above)
 4. Kingdom Chronicler’s Symposium – KChron is pushing for more groups to have local Chroniclers.
 5. Publications Office (printed Handbooks) – it is now okay to publish manuals as PDF files online, but printed copies are still required to be available. All

- officers need to keep in mind that a disk copy of any new manual must be sent to the Publications Office so that manuals may be printed on request.
6. Reliquary/history project – proposal from Azariel to organize a lot of historic items he has gathered, or had lent to him, as a traveling exhibition. He wishes to display it at Pennsic as part of the Society’s 40th anniversary. HisRM wants to make sure there is quality control on the type of items included, and that security is provided for items on display. KChron says there is no actual value to most of these items, so it doesn’t need to be accounted as property, but Azariel will maintain an inventory of all items and make sure anything lent to him is tagged with the owner’s name and returned as soon as the exhibit is over.
 7. Copyright and “work for hire” – KChron ran down the requirements as a reminder to all officers. New Society guidance says even work for hire will now require permissions forms, specifying permission is given for multiple editions. *KSen says we need to get the actual legal requirements spelled out in writing. KChron will ask for that this week.*

H. The Kingdom Herald

1. Minister of Protocol
 - a. Protocol/Royalty Handbook/Committee – current thought is to separate this into a Royalty Guide and a Protocol/Court handbook and guide. KHer says Master Thorvald is coordinating with other Kingdom protocol officers to ensure other Kingdoms’ requirements are addressed. KHer wants it to be reviewed by a few knowledgeable people and finished/available soon. The Royalty Guide will contain suggestions and past wisdom for Crowns, and will not be generally available; the Protocol Guide will be generally available.
 - b. Duke Eliahu is reviewing the Book of Ceremonies (inspired by the revised Ducal ceremony Their Graces Brannos and Rebekah developed).
2. Pending Items – the new Laurel Queen of Arms seems very proactive and a lot is getting done now.
 - a. Order of the Evergreen – is at Laurel and should be finished this month.
 - b. Gold Mace badge resubmission – returned for conflict, added gold border and resubmitted; it should be okay now.
3. Deputies – changes in the Buckler and Oaken Herald offices – Buckler will be Mistress Elena de Vexin (education and symposiums). The Oaken Herald has passed away; *a call for two new Heralds for the area will be in the next Pale.*

I. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

1. Kingdom Waterbearer – Mistress Nonna the Midwife has been selected.
2. New Constellation regional for first time in 3 years – Lord Engelbert. All deputies are now filled.
3. Chirurgeon roster drop – The certifications are now coming in on a number of Chirurgeons whose papers were not current.
4. Reported Injuries – Have reports of a broken arm, broken tooth and broken hand. We’re running into a problem called HIPPA – anything that identifies the person injured cannot be reported to the Marshallate through the Chirurgeonate because the names cannot be given out. Chirurgeonate records are considered “medical records,” so they can tell the Marshallate only the general type of injury they’re seeing to help with safety issues. *KSen asked KChir if there was a firm legal opinion on this in writing.*

- IV. Curianet: items discussed online and not covered above:
- A. Loan to Cleftlands of \$1K for Coronation (appr 3/29 by TRM Rebekah/Brannos).
 - B. Pennsic Teen Night budget of \$125 (agreed to by HerRM Rebekah 3/31).
 - C. Required offices at Baronial/Shire level? See above. New law was read into court last night.
- V. New business:
- A. HisRH asked for a discussion on restricting groups from having events that conflict with Kingdom events. KEM and KSen say this is impossible to achieve, except for Spring Crown, which is always on Memorial Day weekend. With yesterday's law change, the Coronation is set by the new Royalty, so there is no longer enough lead time for other groups to delay scheduling their events, particularly large or Known World events, until the Coronation date is set. For instance, the date HisRH is considering for Coronation conflicts with a Known World event that has been scheduled for a year and a half. This problem was the reason for the Kingdom Events rotation to begin with.
 An alternate suggestion would be to have the Tanists pick their own DE-Coronation site rather than their own Coronation site.
 Or to narrow the time window for Coronations to two weeks so there are fewer weekends that have to be avoided.
 Perhaps at least we need to lock in a weekend for Fall Crown as well as for Spring Crown. There was consensus on this idea. *The third weekend of October was chosen as the best one. KSen was directed to write a law locking in the date for both Spring and Fall Crown, to be published in the July Pale for comment.*
- V. Committee of the Whole – met off the record.

The Next Meetings – Pennsic, early in the week
 Meeting Adjournment: 1:00 PM

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)
His/Her Grace Duke/Duchess (H.G.)	His/Her Excellency Count/Countess etc (H.E.)