

Curia Regis Minutes (Draft) – August 13, 2005

Date of Meeting: Saturday, August 13, 2005 (AS XL) 3:00 PM

Location: Midrealm Royal Encampment, Cooper's Lake, Pennsylvania

Meeting began at 3:08 PM

Attending:

HisRM Alaric LeFevre

HisRH Edmund of Hertford

KSen Charles Oakley

KExch Akira

KMoAS Genevieve McCallum de Caen

KChir Rowena Lindsay

KEM-desig Brannos O'Irongardail

CSec-desig Caelan O'Rogallaig

HerRM Noelle le Chauchiere

HerRH Kateryn Bronwen of Gloucester

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KChron Heirusalem Crystoma

CSec Catherine Oakley

KSen-desig Kenna Harve

- I. Approval of the Agenda: Approved
- II. Approval of the minutes of the May 30 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 – will be replaced
 - b. Chief of Staff of the Army (Sir Straum) – is busy conducting the War
 - c. RUM Chancellor (Sir Garth) – no report
 - d. The Secretary of the Baronage (B. Ciara of Northwoods) – will be asked to be in closer touch with the Crown
 - e. Grand Council – (Viscountess Katarina) – no report; a second representative can be named
 2. Redefining North and South Oaken into separate new identities as regions (tabled May 30 for consultation) – TRM will be consulting with the Oaken Barons and Baronesses today after Curia
 3. Pennsic 34
 - a. Budget approval for Pennsic Quartermaster set up costs – asking for reimbursement and approval for \$1150 to replace some tent poles. This was approved.
 4. Kingdom Law revisions – One revision has yet to appear in the Pale but will soon; comments will be returned to the new KSen.
 5. New Kingdom Exchequer – THL Akira has been sworn in early as the new KExch and is attending this meeting.
 - B. Their Royal Highnesses – HisRH said what They want to discuss is already on the agenda.
 1. HisRH asked if there are any copyright or release problems with Duke Finn's Crown Tournament CDs. KChron and KSen do not see any problems since the Kingdom device isn't trademarked and the event is public.
 - C. The Kingdom Seneschal – presented a warrant for his replacement, with an effective date of Oct 1, for signature.
 1. Seneschal's Manual Rewrite – will carry over to successor.

2. Regionals – TBD whether we need two regionals for Oaken; there are some people interested.
3. MK Public Relations Deputy (one bid as of May 30) – Countess Kenna to put this new deputy in place
4. Groups in Transition
 - a. Cynnabar – polling process took 45 days start to finish – may be a record.
5. New Groups Deputy –
 - a. New Groups Workbook rewrite – almost ready to be brought to Curia
 - b. Status of request to Laurel for expediting new groups’ heraldry – proposed letter sent to TRM and KHer and will discuss it later off line.
6. Chatelaine – no news.
7. Minister of Youth – Duchess Sabine will be taking over in about a month; Nicola has really rocked in this job!
8. Kingdom Events –
 - a. Fall 2005 Coronation – at Red Dragon, October 1.
 - b. Fall 2005 Crown - Andelcrag
 - c. Spring 2006 bids – one of the Chicago groups and an Ohio group have expressed interest in submitting bids.
9. New thrones for Prince and Princess – Conal has made some Glastonbury chairs that have been used already, and the old chairs are here at War. KSen says he recommends reimbursement and does not think at this point a bid process is necessary.
10. Law review and “housekeeping”- nothing new
11. Office Transition – going smoothly; materials/files will be transferred soon.

D. The Kingdom Exchequer -

1. Current Balances – Akira, new KExch, doesn’t yet have the 2005 information from his predecessor, but will forward balances via CuriaNet as soon as he receives it. HisRM requested that a copy of quarterly bank statements be forwarded to the Crown henceforth.
2. Regionals – One applicant for Ohio looks good, will meet with candidate.
3. Other deputies: Need new NMS deputy, no applicants currently.
4. Non-Member Surcharges – Middle Kingdom is on the “bad” list for 2004. At least 12 events have not been resolved; some events have been reported twice. (The NMS process is: groups hold events, send reports and checks to Kingdom, and Kingdom compiles a single report and payment to Society the following quarter. KExch is looking for ways to improve the process.) KExch will have a meeting with Maestra Ghita (Society Exchequer) Friday to sort this out. The goal is to fix 2004 and be current with 2005 within the next two quarters.
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds – KExch needs to find out what is in the material he still has not received. Pennsic checks – one for \$10K has been deposited and the other for \$8K may be in with the material being mailed to him.
6. Discuss Publications Office’s obsolete and replacement inventory – see G.3.
7. Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties – Bethany, one of two applicants for the position, was introduced to Curia. Akira and HisRM will meet with both applicants to discuss the requirements of the job. Their goal is to make the decision by late September, so the replacement can train with Countess Tamara at Coronation and Crown and officially change after the first auction.
 - a. Web site status – Tamara is working with Baron Rocco to get this up by September 30.

- b. Auction of de-accessioned material – the proposed date for the auction is Kingdom Twelfth Night.
 - c. Pennsic Quartermaster – Master Vorlin has expressed interest in the job and might be talked into it.
8. Domesday/Transition – Maestra Ghita has granted an extension to the second quarter 2005 report pending the completion of the KExch transition. Akira has the older files, officer regalia, etc., but the most recent information is in the mail and not received yet.
 9. Financial Policy – KExch wants to discuss site fees being an allowable expense for Royalty.
 10. Reporting: Reviewing reporting requirements – is there something else Curia would like to see? Also recommends a forecast be made annually. About a dozen groups have sent in copies of their financial policies so far.
 11. Hoobah to Incipient Shire of Iron Gate for raising \$176 for the travel fund.
 12. Things he is working on: moving the bank account to Fifth Third Bank as of Oct 1. He is also working on getting info about using the ACCEPS online payment system for events, as set up by Ansteorra. He is reviewing Midrealm financial policy and wants to discuss proposed changes with KSen. He will be holding meetings at regional and Kingdom events and updating the email list, to improve communications between the KExch office and group exchequers, and between exchequers and seneschals at all levels. Improved understanding of our financial policies is also a goal.
- E. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
1. Deputies & replacements – Oaken regional Mistress Arwenna of Kelsey wants replacement; the ad will be sent to the October Pale.
 2. Artes Draconis Newsletter – all the money is in the possession of the exchequer new Editor THL Katarina Pelligrini is working with, and the subscriptions are organized. Some people have not received the right number of issues and she will work on extending the subscriptions or otherwise fixing this. The new design is ready to go and she is looking at four printers.
 3. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules and MoAS Handbook – both pubs are done and ready to be approved. The Handbook went through on CuriaNet but the Criteria will have to be zipped to be properly transmitted. KMoAS hopes to get approval via Curianet. Permissions issues to be discussed between KMOAS and KChron after Curia meeting.
- F. The Earl Marshal –
1. Equestrian Jousting Rules (draft sent via Curianet 6/12/05) – KEM wants to give them permission to start using them as written. Curia recommended approval; approved by TRM.
 2. Archer General Replacement – Forester Nigel’s term is done; HisRM asked everyone to give Nigel a pat on the back. Count Tarquin will be his replacement.
 3. Middle Kingdom Marshal’s Handbook (draft sent via Curianet 8/1/05) – TRM have no problems with it. Duke Brannos said that the wording needs tightening a bit but it should be ready soon. Some of the communities will be broken out to their own handbooks.
- G. The Kingdom Chronicler –

1. Great Book of the Midrealm Web Project (M. Sir Ranthulfr) – Problems with this have cropped up. It was noted the web didn't exist when the Book was created and therefore there are no web permissions. The Society Chronicler doesn't support publishing without permissions, and publishing on a third party site is unacceptable (that is, it must go up on the Midrealm site or not at all.) The Book is also not listed as a Kingdom property and there is no record of approval of its creation. (HisRH thinks Mistress Sioban did get approval for the current Curator at the time it was put in the Curator's possession, and that it was listed as Regalia when Master Talbot was MoR.) KChron suggests:
 - KExch should get the Book listed as Kingdom property (KExch addendum emailed 9/5: "Per Maestra Ghita it was removed from regalia because it does not meet the minimum value requirement of \$500. It can, however, be added to the property list and I will do so in this year's Domesday report.")
 - A curator should be formally designated, possibly Mistress Sioban.
 - Sioban should pursue getting all the permissions she can.
 - Ranthulfr should proceed with putting the pages for which permissions are clear, online on a Midrealm site. HisRM wants to know who has given permission and who has not. Some of them have died, some have left the Society and some are contesting the further use of the images.
 - It is in the interest of the preservation of the Great Boke that a facsimile be made, and high quality images be created for preservation on disk. Mistress Siobhan has a plan in place, but it is costly. KChron suggests that we look for bids on creating this.
 - KExch and KChron will work on this whole issue, and discuss it with the Society copyright lawyer. Duke Brannos will help KChron in looking for possible bids for the high quality facsimile.
2. Kingdom Law Issue of the Pale – Minor snafus with the new printer (who is saving a lot of money) in getting electronic transmissions clearly but this is being worked on and it should be out soon.
3. Publications Office – It makes sense to be producing most of our manuals on PDF, and print paper copies on demand when someone orders them. The Exchequer needs to re-absorb the excess bank account, and the out-of-date printed copies can be disposed of with only the current pubs being retained. The Publications officer also wishes to be replaced.
4. Webminister/Chroniclers – At the Chronicler's symposium it was noted that some groups' newsletters have been supplanted by web pages. Wherever this is the case, Society thinks the web minister should be warranted as a Chronicler. If the web page isn't taking the PLACE of a newsletter the web minister doesn't need to be warranted as a Chronicler.
5. Reliquary/history project – History night is Wednesday.

H. The Kingdom Herald

1. Minister of Protocol
 - a. Protocol/Royalty Handbook/Committee – the draft pamphlet was handed to KHer about half an hour before the meeting and he has not reviewed it yet. It includes guides to how to set up Courts and Feasts and orders of precedence among other FAQ topics. He hopes the finished handbook can be handed out at the next Curia or via CuriaNet before then.
2. Pending Items –

- a. Order of the Evergreen – DONE!!!
- b. Gold Mace badge resubmission – No news.
- 3. Deputies – changes in the Buckler and Oaken Herald offices – Mistress Elena de Vexin is the new Buckler and has already set up two symposia. There are three applicants for northern Oaken; will continue to solicit bids.
- 4. Ansteorra wished to register an Award of the Firebrand, which conflicted with the Middle Kingdom Shire of Firebrand, registered in 1982, of which we have no record. KHer wants to, first, tell Laurel we have no problem and two, arrange that any heraldry or names for groups which become defunct should revert to the Kingdom, which may opt to release them.
- 5. Re the letter on expediting heraldry for new groups (see c.5.b.), KHer agrees we should send it and thinks it may be well received.

I. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

- 1. Kingdom Waterbearer – Nonna the Midwife has been at least at six events organizing waterbearers already, and this is great.
- 2. Deputies – new deputies needed in Pentamere and new Oaken division once the decision is made to split Oaken
- 3. Reported Injuries – A possible concussion was determined to be heat related.
- 4. The BOD passed a new Chirurgeon handbook but has recalled it to check parts of it through the Society lawyers.
- 5. KChir reiterated that we are not covered by HIPPA and that reports of injuries may be reported to the Marshallate.

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

- A. Midrealm Special Projects Group funds (Battle clock and Woods map) – reaffirmed.

V. New Business:

- A. Proposal for KW Academy of the Rapier at the Drawbridge Inn Nov 3-5 2006 presented by a representative of Fenix, Warder Brigit MacCumhal, to TRM, KSen, KExch and KEM.
- B. Duke Brannos presented a request for reimbursement for the four propane torches made for Middle Kingdom Royal. Approved; receipts will be forwarded to KExch. These torches will be stored at Pennsic; however, HisRM suggests HisRH take two of them to take to Gulf Wars. Brannos also suggests that the Roaring Wastes-owned wooden border of the current Royal encampment be replicated as a permanent Royal enclosure at a cost of about \$400 so that Roaring Wastes can have its border back. A bid for this will be submitted.

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings – not announced.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:26 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)