

Curia Regis Minutes – August 14, 2004

Date of Meeting: Saturday, August 14, 2004 (AS XXXIX)

Location: At Pennsic War, Midrealm Royal Encampment

Attending:

HisRM Felix of Rams'ey

HisRH Brannos O'Irongardail

KSen Charles Oakley

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KChron Milica of Varna

Csec Kate Oakley

KRM Moira MacGillavrey

HerRM Madeleina de LeMans

HerRH Rebekah Mac Tiernan

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KChir Tatiana Marana Melville

PaleEd Brice le Corbet

KChir-elect Rowena Lindsey

Meeting called to order at: 09:22

I. Approval of the Agenda: approved as amended to add KMoAS agenda

II. Approval of the minutes of the May 31 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 – would like to be made a separate office, but TRM prefer them to remain deputies as they are now.

b. Chief of Staff of the Army (Sir Ivar) – Nothing new

c. RUM Chancellor – No report

d. The Secretary of the Baronage (Ciara of Northwoods) – no report

e. Grand Council – Applicants to replace Katriona, Fiskr and Alexander (all Northshield) – nothing new reported.

2. Kingdom Law Changes – see E. 4 and 10 below.

3. Pennsic War 33: we're here.

B. Their Royal Highnesses –

1. Asked a question about the new event packets – is there any form that could be filled out online, such as preliminary injury reports? KExch said the main form she has to have is the NMS, and that requires a check, so the packets must be mailed.

2. Re: the revision to the Midrealm website discussed at the April 18 meeting (item I.5), including putting “how to find a group” on top: HisRH suggests a consultation on how to more prominently feature the information for new people in general, perhaps including a “click here for more info” that goes to the Regional Seneschal or Chatelaine.

3. “Recruiting posters” – what happened to that (see 10/26/03 minutes, item I.9)? KChron replied there were copyright issues on the watermarked devices; HisRH asked that this be resolved. PaleEd says he can expedite making these posters available.

4. Café Press (ibid)? Can they or can't they put out materials with the Kingdom device? KSen said this issue has been resolved by removing the crown from the graphic they use. Can someone spearhead getting the Kingdom gear available and advertised? PaleEd asked if we should put a PR section on the Midrealm website that links to Café Press? HisRH said this could be a good idea. HisRM said this could be a good bridge to get more esprit de corps and bring fringe players more into the game. KSen asked whether the Crown or

- the Group owns Group devices? KHer said the Crown owns them, so we could make group devices available through Café Press too. HisRH said he is definitely interested in this and in making web pages for all the departments more friendly and accessible. He asked everyone to think about this.
5. Protocol Handbook and Traditions Guides for Royalty: are these pubs done? (Ref 5/31 minutes, items J. 1 & 2) HisRM said the Pennsic one isn't online, and though Protocol is, it's real hard to find. HisRH expressed concern that there are a lot of people who are interested in how protocol works but have trouble accessing information.
- C. Their Stellar Highnesses – nothing reported.
- D. Their Excellencies, Heirs to the Kingdom of Northshield – nothing reported. KSen says there is a lady treated to the Middle who wants to be fought for in Northshield's second Crown, and would need to be treated to Northshield to do so. Can HisRM take this under advisement?
- E. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. Seneschal's Manual Rewrite – nothing happening; the person assigned to do this has done no real work yet. KSen will work on replacing him.
 2. Regionals
 - a. Constellation replacement – Lulach Cauldwell. KSen talked with him at Simple Day along with many of the Constellation group seneschals, and he is already in the Pale.
 - b. Pentamere – The Regional wishes to run a little longer, though she has a job with Herald also, but HisRM thinks she's running a little thin and wishes to look for a replacement ASAP.
 3. Groups in Transition – Transitions officer is training a replacement for herself.
 - a. Northwoods – TRM and TRH have spoken about this and note a lot of apathy. Although it is the oldest Barony in the Midrealm, and there is sentimental and historic value in this, HisRM thinks perhaps this group should revert to the component independent shires. The shires cannot get along. This has been going on for ten years or so. The first polling return was only about 33%. TRM are inclined to appoint a Vicar for a year, poll at the six months period to see if they really want to be a Barony, then if they do, to find strong candidates and re-poll. Discussion ensued. HisRM says we will deal with this immediately after Pennsic and decide at the September meeting.
 - b. Wurm Wald – a poll was done between St Carol and Wurm Wald, and the response falls short of the numbers to make a Barony. KSen will ask the Society Seneschal to start the process of reverting them to a Shire.
 - c. Roaring Wastes – to be done by successor Transitions Deputy.
 - d. Andelcrag – Transitions has their Zip code list but has delayed polling until after Pennsic; expects to have a return date in September. TRM would like to move this as fast as possible, and said all the candidates are excellent.
 - e. White Waters (Baroness) – Local Seneschal needs prodding to get information in to Transitions.
 - f. Brendoken wants to add a shire and some unclaimed land and needs to know how.

4. Baronial Poll procedures (who actually gets to be polled; 3rd party required? Draft law change) – KSen will put a draft up on CuriaNet immediately after Pennsic. TRM and TRH think this really needs to be fixed to expedite transitions, so group stress and uncertainty is reduced. KSen said he thinks the low rate of return, partly because strong households reduce interest in the Barony structure, is the biggest problem. HisRH said he thinks the lack of strong candidates willing to do the job (given term limits and re-polling) is also a major problem. There is too little continuity. The perceived lack of structure and authority for Barons is also a problem, which TRM are trying to solve by giving them leave to give AoAs. KEM says the lack of uniformity also has increased stress on the groups. KSen said this draft will be posted as soon as he gets home.
5. New Groups Deputy –
 - a. Advancement of Incipient Shire of Rivenvale – they have sent a scroll and a great package requesting full status. KSen recommends advancement. TRM said “done.” The KChron and New Groups Deputy will tell them so.
6. Chatelaine –
 - a. Procedure revision – no news
7. Minister of Youth – New Youth Policy is on MK website, is being promulgated to MOYs and will be published in the Pale ASAP.
8. Kingdom Events –
 - a. 2005 event bids – We are within the ten-month window for Spring Crown and can accept a bid from the secondary region. Fenix (Oaken) has submitted a bid to Sir Robert, proposing the Drawbridge Inn site (same site as Spring 2003), with better terms than last time, the feast price subsidized, and a Curia hall provided.
 - b. Fall Coronation 2004 – Gleann Iarúinn (SE Ohio), October 23
 - c. Fall Crown Tournament 2004 – Narrental (Peru, IN), October 30
 - d. HisRH recommended a larger distribution for the reminders to the Regions that bids are due. KSen said that in the future, reminders will be sent to the orders and groups as well as the Regionals.
9. New thrones for Prince and Princess – (Countess Tamara had received one bid before 5/31 meeting.) – no report
10. Law changes and “housekeeping”:
 - a. Law VI-501 re: age of consorts and combatants: to read that both the combatant and consort must be at least 18, and verbiage regarding emancipated minors to be deleted. Put out for commentary in June Pale. One comment received, concerned about gifts of alcohol. TRM said do it: *Approved*.
 - b. XIII-400/creation of 401 on proclamation of a Regent (to be the most recent Crown that is capable of serving) in the event that both Sovereign and Consort are unable to serve, there is no Tanist or Tanist’s Consort, and no territorial Principality exists. Also published in June Pale. No comments received. TRM said make it so: *Approved*. KSen will get wording to TRM and KHer before Court.
 - c. Polling for barons and baronesses: XV-305 to be modified to have the same standard procedures already in XV-301 and 303? In the light of the discussion in E. 4 above, this housekeeping change will be handled as part of the procedural re-write.
 - d. (discussed on CuriaNet as a non-substantive change) Change XIV-202 to reflect new New-Groups Policy as follows: change to read “If monies

are held by the group, an Exchequer is required. A group may not hold monies in the name of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. until it has been officially recognized by the Middle Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown as a full-status group.” (delete “or incipient”) – No objection, it will be done. *Approved.*

11. Pennsic 34 – Melchor is autocrat; Brise will be autocrat for Pennsic 35.
12. A problem with Corpora relating to youth combat (Corpora wording conflicts with practice) has been reported to the Society Seneschal and the Board; they are working it.
13. The Northshield Seneschal – no report

F. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Current Balances with major deposits and withdrawals – up to date spreadsheet distributed.
2. Non-Member Surcharges – List of Shame in June Pale. Northshield is starting to handle their own NMS submissions. Most of the missing NMS from last year are fixed. KSen will tell the non-complying group Seneschals to fix it or face replacement.
3. Event packet of forms for autocrats – KExch will send copies to Calendar Secretary with postage to send out as groups post event dates.
4. Suspensions – none
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds – Money from Coronation will be in soon.
6. Transitions Officer’s Checking Account – looking for a different bank.
7. Northshield Exchequer
 - a. Castel Rouge audit – done; the problem was sloppy bookkeeping. KSen and the Society Exchequer have been informed this is resolved.
8. Replacement for Pentamere Regional being worked on; several local issues are also being worked on.
9. Replacement: So far there is one person interested in succeeding KExch. The replacement will be trained ahead of time on Domesday procedures, and go to the next training symposium.
10. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties
 - a. Web site – no news
 - b. Auction of de-accessed items – still planned for 2005 Twelfth Night.

G. The Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Replacement bids – Five bids received: THLady Grizel, THLady Fiadnata o’ Gleann Alainn, Mistress Elena de Vexin, Mistress Cassandra di Milano, and Baroness Genevieve McCullum de Caen. KMOAS’ choice is Genevieve. KSen says Master John Paul Pierrepont is also interested. It was decided that Baroness Genevieve will be the next KMOAS

H. The Earl Marshal –

1. Rapier Deputy: Moria (the new Kingdom Rapier Marshal as of the Pennsic Midrealm Court) explained a list of changes in the Youth Rapier program, which was sent in June to Curia. There is a reporting disconnect in the program and in selection of its marshals. Also a Youth authorization for Rapier follows the fighter when they turn 18, but the marshal for the adult program doesn’t get the word. This is to be fixed by these changes.

2. Thrown Weapons: wants to be separated from the Archery chain of command and to report directly to the KEM. KEM is inclined to approve the change. No objection.
 3. KEM was doing in-camp inspections for Tuchux Saturday afternoon and offered to do this for other allies as well.
- I. The Kingdom Chronicler –
1. Starleaf Gate (Canada) issue (not getting the Pale) seems to be resolved.
 2. Laws issue for the Pale: do we want that to go immediately after Northshield leaves us or after the beginning of the year? TRH say November would be good. KSen says the last of the changes needed to deal with Northshield's departure has now been approved. PaleEd says the laws issue can be done between Pale issues, as soon as the info is finalized and given him by the Law Clerk. HisRH asked KSen to insert an introduction to the Laws issue, noting that many changes were made in the last four years since the last issue was published.
 3. Question on funding and mailing list changes issuing from Northshield transition – KSen suggested sending a bulk mailing of 50 or so Pales to a point in Northshield for a few months to cover people there who may wish to subscribe to it as well as the Northwatch, until the Milpitas data base can catch up.
 4. Replacement bids – one bid from Heirusalem, who has asked for a 6-month trial period to see if she can handle it in addition to her mundane workload. TRH suggested she start doing the job at the beginning of the year, with Milica staying on as the nominal Chronicler until the six months is up.
 5. Regional Chroniclers in Constellation and Pentamere - Countess Aibhlin (sp?) will step up in Pentamere and Lady Rhonwen in Constellation.
- J. The Kingdom Herald
1. Minister of Protocol – KHer meeting with him at Pennsic
 - a. Protocol Handbook – has been delayed by mundane job and family problems, but should be back on track soon. He also needs to update his web site soon.
 - b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty – (may combine with above?)
 2. Constellation Signet – one applicant – transition to take place after Domesday.
 3. Known World Heraldic Symposium in June – issues with current Laurel Sovereign of Arms; KHer and his predecessor discussed issues with her at symposium and were blown off. This included pressure to take submissions at War (which is generally, in KHer's opinion, disastrous) which KHer intended to fight. Six Kingdoms have reported problems with Laurel SoA to the Board.
 4. Courts by Barons and Baronesses to give AoAs at Regency Courts: KHer needs to clarify procedures with Heralds and TRM.
 5. Pending Items –
 - a. Order of the Evergreen Tree – this is one of the problems with Laurel. Working on resubmitting this again as Order of the Evergreen.
 - b. Signet badge – nothing new
- K. The Kingdom Chirurgeon
1. Replacement decided on CuriaNet 6/15 – Rowena Lindsey. She was at this Curia meeting.
 2. Constellation regional replacement – will be done after transition of KChir

3. Deputies
 - a. Waterbearer - position open, will be left open for the new Chirurgeon to decide on
 - b. Chirurgeon web page has been taken down; it is out of date.
 - c. Chirurgeon Flyer (tri-fold flyer for any Kingdom's use – mockup being prepared): Still working on this in conjunction with Society Chirurgeon.
4. Reported Injuries – A Baron Wars injury is still being treated mundanely. A reported WW injury may not have been major; final report is not in yet. There were no off-site transports reported from any event during this quarter. HisRH suggested that injury reports also be sent to the KEM for information, and KChir thinks marshals should be made aware that they need to file if there is no Chirurgeon present. Not all injuries are reported by the fighter involved, but the incident needs to be known if it later becomes an insurance issue, and the marshals need to know if armor standards need to be adjusted or if there is a fighter causing multiple injuries. Re: Pennsic, the Society Chirurgeon is trying to get Pennsic 32 reports in more quickly than last year, and KEM said he would like to get real time combat related injury reports so he can fix it for the rest of the War.
6. Pennsic – Pennsic 34 War Chirurgeon post was opened to the Known World. The committee has chosen Fia McCallum, who is here and will be packing up Chirurgeon's Point so she knows what's there.
7. Web list – there has been a problem getting folks accepted to the list; this is being fixed.
8. Blood drive at Pennsic: Lady Angelique doing it again; 53 donated yesterday and East is ahead on the challenge.

IV. Curianet: All decisions below were ratified at the meeting.

1. Approval of site change for Coronation.
2. 6/15 new Chirurgeon selected, see K1 above.
3. 7/7 \$100 funding to Minister of Youth for Pennsic Youth Party approved.
4. 7/19 Approval in principle on Kingdom gift to Northshield if artisan can be found to make it.
5. 7/22 Reimburse Seneschal for postage to mail Dance books to all Baronies.

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings – one more needed this Reign. Date to be agreed on Curianet immediately after Pennsic.

Meeting Adjournment: 11:55

Title Abbreviation Chart

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