

Curia Regis Minutes

Date of Meeting: Sunday, October 26, 2003

Location: After Crown Tournament, Waukesha, WI

Attending:

HisRM Alasdair MacFherghuis

HerRM Guenievre du DragonVert

HisRH Felix of Rams'ey

HerRH Madelaina de LeMans

HisSH Aubrey Swyftwater

HerSH Anne Geoffreys of Warwick

KSen Charles Oakley

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KMOAS Edmund of Hertford

KChron Milica of Varna

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KChir Tatiana Marana Melville

CSec Catherine Oakley

NSSen Fiskr Hamondsen

NSMOAS Liadan na Caimron

NSChir Eleanor Isabeau du Coeur

NSExch Gweniver Kenwyn

NSHer Alasdair Montgomery

NSEDSen Elashava bas Riva

NSChron (pending) Friedrich von Augsburg

NSPEM (next) Cassandra Antonelli

NSHer (pending) Maol Mhichil mac Calle

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Meeting called to order at: 9:04 AM

- I. Approval of the Agenda
Approved as amended
- II. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:
Approved
- III. Reports: (including 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 – *No report*
 - c. RUM Chancellor – *RUM happening, Her RM attending*
 - d. The Secretary of the Baronage – (Baroness Chiara from Northwoods)
Her RM emailed the wrong person, will email right person and get the report for later addition
 - e. Grand Council – *No report*
 2. Kingdom Law Changes
 - a. *In "II-104: The powers of the Crown shall extend only to the affairs of the Kingdom, not extending to the modern world. Specifically, the Crown shall have no authority over any contractual, legal, or financial matters pertaining to the Kingdom nor any matters pertaining to the health or safety of its citizens except those powers expressly granted by the Society's governing documents" (Published once so far.)*
Discussion: Per KHer, this has not been read in Court; consequently it is not yet in force. HisRM says that several officers at Kingdom or Society level have expressed that this may conflict with Corpora. Due to these concerns, HisRM is not inclined to read it into Court, at least until further study. Discussion followed, including the observation that this change may have resulted from a concern about the Crown being sued, but that is what insurance is for. HisRM decided this change will not take effect.

3. Pennsic: *No report.*
 4. TOC Bids: *Targeting some time after Gulf Wars (late Mar, early Apr). HisRM has spoken with two groups about potential hosting. Progressing.*
- B. Their Royal Highnesses
Welcomed. HerRM reminds them to post their mundane info to the net and inform the Calendar Sec of their schedule as they determine it. They had no report at this time.
- C. Their Stellar Highnesses
- a. *Taking steps to organize a Kingdom Regalia Committee by Boar's Head and to get a list of needs together by the end of the year.*
 - b. *Will split the Coronation/Crown into two events, because Coronation will be big. A Coronation bid is in from Vilku Urvas, however, They think it's better as a second-Crown bid. Northshield's First Coronation needs to be accessible by air. Soliciting more bids.*
 - c. *Working on establishing organizational and reporting structures and deciding what committees are needed (or already in place). OP needs major upgrading, and they want to add a list of marshals, and make it all one easily accessible database structure. TSHs want to get this well underway during their tenure.*
- D. Their Stellar Heirs: *Not present, but sent one item: They wish the list of Northshield Stellar Princes/Princesses to end at their reign.*
- E. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. Regionals *No Report*
 - a. Constellation replacement (requested replacement by 12/15) *working.*
 2. Calendar *No Report*
 3. Publications Office *No Report*
 4. Groups in Transition *His RM reported:*
 - a. Flame: *to be done at Christmas Tourney*
 - b. Flaming Gryphon: *to be done at 12th Nite at Middle Marches*
 - c. Illiton: *Maidens?*
 - d. Northwoods: *No official poll yet (in limbo). Group is revising charter.*
 - e. Wurm Wald: *No report*
 - f. White Waters: *Spring (TOC?)*
 - g. Brendoken (NE Ohio) *Poll closed yesterday*
 - h. Jararvellir: *Decided; change will occur at Boar's Head.*
 5. Disabled Services: *No Report*
 6. Cartographer: *No Report*
 7. New Groups Deputy
 - a: Iron Gate – full status? *On hold, packet not in yet*
 - b. Vilku Urvas – *packet complete, numbers good and growing. Approved for full status. Will do at Nordskogen 12th Nite*
 8. Chatelaine: *No report*
 9. Waivers Deputy
 - a: Talks with Fiskr – a Northshield reporting deputy could be a 'good thing' ... exploring who should retain files. *Had meeting between Oakley, Fiskr and Aaron Faheud on 10/25 and decided waivers will be sent to Elishava. Northshield will have their own deputy after Domesday. to run in mirror mode, though reports need to be stored in Middle until Northshield goes, per Daphne (SocSen). After first Coronation NS will keep them.*
 10. Minister of Youth: *No Report*

11. Kingdom Events
 - a. Spring Coronation

Primary is Oaken; secondary Constellation

 - i. Grey Gargoyles bid – Ida Noyes hall – *Bid is in for May 15. Presented by KSen. They are getting other area groups to help and proposed budget has been presented. KSen recommends acceptance. Moved by Edmund and seconded by HerRM to accept bid; the motion passed.*
 - b. Spring Crown Tourney / Kingdom A&S

Primary is Pentamere, secondary Midlands.

 - i. *Possible in Fenix where we had Spring Crown last year – bid is ready, presented by KExch. (Palymar suggested this be a permanent Spring Crown location).*
 - ii. *No other bids yet, but there is word a bid is being prepared in Pentamere.*
 12. New thrones

(New thrones for Prince & Princess proposed by Master Jean-Paul Devereaux; he was requested to submit detailed bids for multiple complexity/prices). KSen talked to John 10/25; he will have something by next Curia.
 13. New filing cabinets to replace the old broken cabinets *(On hold in Aug) KSen will look into fixing them instead.*
 14. The Law Clerk: *No report (New law clerk is Master Arthen, has he been notified?)*
 15. Law changes: *No report*
 16. Pennsic
 - a. Pennsic 34: *No report*
 17. The Northshield Seneschal – *working with several new groups. Biggest thing right now is Regalia Committee. Contessa Tamara will sit in as advisor. Also working to get paper structure (most online) complete.*
 18. Warrants: *KSen said he had learned at the KW Seneschal's Symposium that to be protected by SCA liability insurance, an officer must be warranted. Therefore all Great Officers are requested to take a look at their warranting requirements – rather than waiting for 3 newsletters or 2 reports, need to see if a temporary warrant can be issued (perhaps with expiration date) to protect new officers. HerRM suggested when the change of officer form is received it be endorsed and a copy returned to the officer as a confirmation of temp warrant as of the date received. NSChir suggested it become permanent automatically unless specifically revoked. Warrants do NOT need to be renewed each reign. However the procedure could be changed such that a warrant expires after a 2-year term or upon missing second consecutive report. Discussion ensued. Action for all.*
 19. Mirror mode: Northshield deputies of all offices need to get the word out that local officer changes when sent in to Kingdom also need to be copied to the Principality.
- F. The Kingdom Exchequer
1. Current Balances with major deposits and withdrawals:

Report attached. Travel fund rolls to Their RM. Yearly budgets have been renewed (October) and are reflected.
 2. Balanced Statements

3. Reports
4. Suspensions: *none*
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds. *Fenix' proceeds from Spring Crown have not yet been received, and this will be corrected ASAP.*
6. Fund Raising/Donations: *\$660 from yesterday's silent auction*
7. New Society Information: *None*
8. Kingdom Financial Policy: *No changes*
9. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties
 - a. Chariot: Do we want to accept the Chariot made by Cleftlands for Alys and Val into Regalia? *Palymar said the Curia had agreed not to accept it. After discussion, it was decided it will be returned to Cleftlands' custody on the proviso that we will store it in the Pennsic locker where it now resides until we no longer have the space to do so.*
 - b. Donated Refrigerator in "Regalia" (in Pennsic locker): *is a liability issue. Their RMs want to get rid of it. Palymar says you need 2-3 refrigerators at Pennsic and sometimes it is impossible to rent one at reasonable cost. It is in locked storage, therefore inaccessible to children. Contessa Tamara will write rules for its use and how to transport it, if we keep it. Ksen moved to accept it, Palymar and one other seconded; motion passed.*
 - c. *Everything has been returned from Pieter and Nan's reign.*
 - d. *All items are being valued so that Royalty can add whatever regalia items they check out to their personal insurance*
 - e. *Website almost done so everyone can see what we have*
 - f. Regalia Rules (Master Midair/Countess Tamara working on this)
10. Pennsic: *Check has been received for \$13K, another check to be received*
11. New Kingdom Level bank account for Baronial Polls office (Approved by Curia, next approval level is Society level.) *has been opened. Transitions officer needs to finish setting up her account so the Kingdom can send a check to her.*
12. Northshield Principality Exchequer – Lady Gweniver Kenwyn: *Account balance approx \$30K, 22 in saving, 6K in endowment.*

G. The Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Deputies – *most due to change when KMOAS does, he wants to extend some of them so the experience isn't all lost at the same time.*
 - a. North Oaken: No report
 - b. South Oaken: No report
 - c. Pentamere: No report
 - d. Midlands: No report
 - e. Constellation:
 - i. Change in Constellation Regional – *Master Jean Paul Pierpoint is the new deputy; working on transition.*
 - f. Judges Coordinator: No report
2. Masterwork Challenge: No report
3. Artes Draconis Newsletter:
 - a. Use of Kingdom device as watermark on Artes Draconis banner – *wishes to make this permanent, wants to make sure this is okay, since Kingdom holds a copyright on the device. Agreed this is not a problem.*
4. Change in reporting dates – *regional reports due after KMOAS report due, this is wrong, wants to fix this.*
5. Kingdom A&S Faire: No report

6. Regional A&S faires: No report yet
7. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – *process continues. Adding a few categories, such as casting and performance arts, and changing “Authenticity” and “Creativity” so they are no longer diametrically opposed but dovetailed. Some changes to Pentathlon also. Will post to Curianet when the changes are smoothed. It will be done by December and in place for this year’s A&S (No timeframe yet for publishing new book).*
8. The children’s A&S: *No report*
9. Traveling Arts and Sciences Showcase: *No report*
10. Northshield Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences – Mistress Liadan na Caimron – *Things are going pretty well, looking for a replacement, to change over at Spring Coronet.*
 - a. *Still looking for site for Regional A&S.*
 - b. *Working with Visc. Therica to set up a University structure.*
 - c. *Will use Midrealm criteria at first for Northshield Kingdom Faires.*
 - d. *Trying to work out better way of knowing what groups have MOAS and what ones don’t.*

H. The Earl Marshal

1. Deputies
 - a. Archery: No report.
 - b. Equestrian
 - i. Equestrian reporting status – *Received a proposal for changing structure which claimed the Equestrian marshalate had been split out at Society level. Tracked this down, and it’s apparently not so.*
 - c. Pentamere needs change of deputy since he’s Prince.
 - e. Rapier: *No report*
 - f. Youth Armored Combat: *No report*
2. Policy on Waivers in reference to Blue membership cards – *lack of standardization on this bothers both KSen and KEM. Society policy says if you have a signed blue card it is a “waiver on file” and you don’t need to sign a separate waiver at practices or events, even for children. Can we all get on the same page on this? Midrealm website says the same thing, but inconsistently applied.*

Pros – if marshals and autocrats are doing their job and LOOKING at cards, a waiver isn’t necessary. They should pair card with a photo ID. (A marshal NOT doing his job is in malfeasance, and the Society/group is still covered.)

Cons – how to keep track of event/practice participation? Also a local branch is allowed to add local policy if they think they need to. Need to clarify this throughout Kingdom, esp for kids.

Decided education is the key. KSen and KEM will both put it in their Pale letters, and online (downloadable) form will be changed, adding a page that clarifies Society and Kingdom rules on how the waivers are to be executed/used and to whom they are sent.
3. Updating on-line Marshal’s Handbook – *lot of changes have occurred and been announced in Pale letters, but the online handbook doesn’t always get updated. Palymar will make it a project to fully update the online handbook over the next few months. It will be changing often for a while. He doesn’t intend to re-publish a paper handbook; since the Pale IS a printed publication of a change, a new printed manual isn’t necessary.*

4. Experimental Weapons: *No report*
5. Northshield Principality Earl Marshal – Captain Vladimir Volcovich not present. Cassandra Antonelli: *will be stepping up at Nordskogen 12th nite, and will be the first NS Earl Marshal. She reports NS handbook almost final.*

I. The Kingdom Chronicler

1. Regionals – New deputies for Northshield and Oaken
 - a. Northshield – *Friedrich von Augsburg will take over at Boar's Head*
 - b. Oaken – *Present regional moving to Atlantia. Position will be advertised in November Pale. Two good candidates so far.*
2. Editor of the Pale – *letter attached explaining 2 late Pales. November issue is on track - at or just out of printers'.*
3. Pale Policy – *printed draft copy attached – will be put on Website and in Pale. Will be discussed and possibly approved via Curianet.*
4. Web Minister: *no report*
5. Kingdom Historian: *No report*
 - a. Midrealm history project (Web based kingdom history book)
6. Update Chronicler Handbook (Daria Tayt to work on): *No report*
7. William Blackfox Award nominees – *Midrealm nominations provided, and are in Pale.*
8. Replacement of Chronicler's file cabinets: *Files are now in three really beat up old cabinets. KChron wants to consolidate files into 3 or 4 Rubbermaid tubs (newsletters are sent to archives after one year) No objection.*
9. "Recruiting poster" - *ltr from THL Ailith seeks approval to license a Pale cover (her artwork) at the CafePress site for online sale as posters, shirts, etc, but it has Kingdom arms in background. Two issues: 1. can this be used for advertising (by Chatelaines, etc) and 2. can the arms be kept on it? Discussion – what are the copyright issues involved? Does artwork need to be purchased? Should we make this a Chatelaine item? Can it be used as a fundraiser? Who owns the heraldry? (KHer says whoever originally drew the Kingdom arms image does. This is why they can't put the armorial graphics on line.) KSen thinks this is use of SCA advertising for private gain. It needs to be kicked up to Society for a ruling whether this is appropriate. It was pointed out that Kingdom and NS and some Baronial arms items are already available on Café Press (and other sites??), and this is already a copyright issue. Is this a service or are they selling the artwork, which they can't do without release? KSen took this for action.*
10. Northshield Principality Chronicler – *Frederick von Augsburg presented for Marisela. Officer transition being worked out and will take place at Boars Head.*

J. The Kingdom Herald

Transition – materials have been transferred. Elena did not get the Sovereign of Arms position, so the staff she would have taken with her will remain in place.

1. Minister of Protocol
 - a. Protocol Handbook – *working out how to word and how many books needed for different levels*
 - b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty (re-evaluating need)
 - c. How the Kingdom and the Crown Works, a Guide for the Populace (To be worked on once the other books are completed) (re-evaluating need)

2. Development of a Guide for the Royalty for Pennsic (Duke Dag writing, due Fall Crown) – *presented to TRH in Court yesterday, only needs a few tweaks.*
 3. Award Badges
 - a. Order of the Evergreen (Badge registered at Laurel level) – *name will be resubmitted*
 - b. *Prince and Princess's arms not officially registered, this needs to be done. Queen's arms are in fact registered.*
 - c. *Dragon Signet wishes to register a badge for Signets; she will work on that.*
 4. Constellation – *new deputy in place*
 5. Herald's Symposium *takes place in a few weeks*
 6. Northshield Polaris Herald – Lord Alasdair Montgomery – *stepping down at Boar's Head and will be replaced by Mhichil.*
 - a. *Book of Ceremonies is written and handbook is in process.*
 - b. *Will be working on Heirs' arms, which are also not yet registered.*
- K. The Kingdom Chirurgeon
1. Replacement. *Position to be posted in November Pale with a deadline of May 1.*
 2. Deputies
 - b. *Kingdom Waterbearer Handbook (Is ready for review) – materials apparently cannot be found?*
 - c. *Web site also severely out of date; may take down until it can be updated.*
 - d. *Waterbearer – replacement called for. One application received*
 - e. *Training deputy – will not be filling this position*
 3. Chirurgeon Flyer/Brochure (flyer to hand out at demos and to new people) *Working on this*
 4. Reported Injuries – *many bee stings at various events during September long weekend. One bee sting occasioned a trip to hospital; lady returned to event.*
 5. Pennsic – Reports from Pennsic *requested by December 1 (Domesday). Copy will then be provided to Curia. Justin says it is almost done.*
 - a. *Chirurgion golf cart, called "Woody", nobody knows where the money for this was put (Kingdom or Pennsic funds) and where it has gone. KExch took for investigation*
 6. Northshield Principality Chirurgeon – Lady Eleanor Isabeau du Coeur
 - a. *Current status of Northshield chirurgeonate – about 45 currently*
 - b. *Expected change-of-officer timetable – Eleanor applying for Chirurgeon. General position, transition is scheduled in May; if not selected, she wants to see NS thru changeover. Will post soon.*
 - c. *Handbook for Northshield - on hold until Corporate handbook revision is completed.*
 - d. *Development of Apprenticeship/MIT co-training program*
 - i. *expected timetable for implementation – working w/ Marshalate*
 - e. *Anticipated changes/problem areas/benefits when going Kingdom*
 - f. *Goals for future: Need to look at better facilities for Chir point at WW*
 7. *Northshield currently has its own warranting authority, but this is not actually permitted except for non-US principalities; NS will continue to track warrants, but KChir will sign them for interim.*

IV. Curianet – Decisions made by Curia Net – *Nothing to report*

V. Committee of the Whole

- VI. NSSen extension through NS changeover – due to change in May 2004, needs to stay thru Kingdom establishment and first Domesday. KSen moved to approve extension, several seconds, approved unanimously.

The Next Meetings – *Sunday after Middle Marches 12th night, MLK weekend Jan 17-18. Northshield Stellari officers are asked to send written reports in advance if they cannot attend.*

Meeting Adjournment: 12:03 PM

Title Abbreviation Key

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