

## Curia Regis Minutes – October 31, 2004

Date of Meeting: Sunday, October 31, 2004 (AS XXXIX)

Location: Peru, IN after Crown Tournament, Best Western hotel, 9:30 AM

Attending:

HisRM Brannos O'Irongardail

HerRM Rebekah Mac Tiernan

HisRH Alaric LeFevre

HerRH Noelle La Chauciere

KSen Charles Oakley

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

KMoAS Genevieve McCallum de Caen

KChron Milica of Varna

KChir Rowena Lindsay

PaleEd Brice le Corbet

CSec Catherine Oakley

Guest Ryan Murdoch Macken

Guest Cerdic the Bloodlettre

Meeting called to order at: 0941

I. Approval of the Agenda: Approved

II. Approval of the minutes

A. of the August 14 meeting as corrected: Approved

B. of the October 23 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 Ivar) – No report

c. RUM Chancellor (Sir Garth) – RUM coming up this month

d. The Secretary of the Baronage – discussed Baronial change procedures under this heading. There is a perception that a poll is a “vote”, not simply counsel to the Crown. No change is really needed to Kingdom Law, but the polling procedures need to be made more responsive to the Crown, since this is a Crown prerogative. Each group is currently setting its own procedures on who is to be polled, and not always following Kingdom procedures. Every paid member has to be polled, and non-paid members and individuals outside the group may get a poll and send counsel if they wish, but the appointment of a Baron/ess is the Crown's decision, not the members'. Also, the current polling process generates disagreements and disruption, and it is the Crown's wish that the disruption within groups be minimized. Rather than a ranking, there will henceforth be a “desirability rating” for each applicant. The “required return percentage” is eliminated. The Crown, however, is free to do any particular transition as it pleases. The new procedure will be on CuriaNet; a draft was briefly passed around. (NB This does not affect other group transitions such as status changes.)

e. Grand Council – Applicants to replace Katriona, Fiskr and Alexander (all Northshield) – TRM will give this more thought; the KSen was asked to verify we need three members.

2. Kingdom Law Changes – TRM’s focus is to take out things that are unclear, inconsistent or redundant. They will work with KSen to accomplish this.
  3. Pennsic War 34 – Big staff meeting in PA next weekend. Mistress Rosamund and several deputies of various Great Officers are going.
  4. Officers’ Manuals on the Web – There are LOTS of manuals; manuals for various offices and functions reside somewhere but not in the same place; some are not on-line all the time, some not at all. There is no central document management system. HisRM proposes that, to begin with, there will be links to all of them on a central page, and eventually that they all need to reside on the Midrealm server. This includes the new one for Royalty at Pennsic. HisRM will work on this Himself. KSen has suggested to the Kingdom Web Minister that each Great Officer’s page have a space that the Officer can post to, to get the word out faster on procedure changes, new laws, etc. HisRM also wants an introduction page on the Kingdom Web site rather than just an index that a potential new member can’t easily navigate/figure out.
  5. Travel budget: We’ve lost half of the Kingdom. Is the budget for Royal travel still reasonable? KExch said that in January she intends to do a general cash flow analysis and see if adjustments should be made, especially because should we have a bad year for income, or extraordinary expenses at Pennsic, we run into trouble. TRM want to look particularly at whether to reduce the travel fund allocation.
- B. Their Royal Highnesses – Introduced themselves. They’re getting married in December. HisRH said his personal belief is that Royalty is there to serve the people. They have no particular agenda at this time.
- C. The Kingdom Seneschal
1. Handed out new forms for permission to publish personal information, per Society instructions. This will go out as a PDF on the Kingdom website and needs to be completed by all officers in the Kingdom.
  2. Succession: has three bids for a successor KSen and will give the applicants some things to do so he can evaluate whom to recommend. Applicants are Countess Kenna, Master Philip the Pilgrim and Baron Agrippa. One of their jobs will be to assist in the Law review. Another is to assist in the rewrite of the Seneschal’s manual.
  3. Seneschal’s Manual Rewrite – last done in last reign of Comar and Lisa and now functionally useless. Will be rewritten as soon as possible.
  4. Regionals
    - a. Pentamere – still do not have a replacement, but Countess Madeleina has expressed interest. HisRM says He is also working on it.
    - b. New Illinois regional: Master Alexander de Seton.
  5. Groups in Transition – transitions officer is changing; new person is trained.
    - a. Northwoods – taken care of; will defer
    - b. Wurm Wald – reverted to a Shire in September. It did not maintain enough members to remain a Barony.
    - c. Andelcrag – done. New Baron and Baroness are Sir Garth and Mistress Kassia.
    - d. Roaring Wastes – in progress.
    - e. White Waters (Baroness) – Will restart process using new procedures.

- f. Fenix – no news
- 6. Baronial Poll procedures (Draft law change sent by Curianet) – see above under A.1.d. No law change; new procedure to be circulated.
- 7. New Groups Deputy –
  - a. Advancement of Stonecroft – meets all the criteria, has the numbers though some of the paid members are moving. New Groups Deputy said they should be advanced, and TRM agreed. KSen will announce this to them.
  - b. “River Keep” question – there is no group there at present, but some of the people want to go to Calontir, taking the land of Quincy, IL with them, and are lobbying to do it. The Zip codes belong to Lochmorrow and several of Lochmorrow’s members live in the area around Quincy. Discussion ensued. TRM are inclined to say “no” but want more information from Lochmorrow.
  - c. New Groups Workbook rewrite – progressing, to complete by January.
  - d. NGD replacement – deadline November 15 for applications.
- 8. Chatelaine –
  - a. Procedure revision – almost done. Seadna has been able to motivate more people to get reports in also.
- 9. Minister of Youth –
  - a. Submitted bill to KExch for Pennsic youth party – under budget!!
  - b. Kingdom Youth Policy – Society is working on a Society standard and ours may need tweaking accordingly, but the present version has been passed by Curia and MOY has prepared an annotated version which KSen presented to TRM for approval and web publication.
  - c. Medical Authorization form for Minors, requiring notarization, has been promulgated by Society and forms will be made widely available.
- 10. Kingdom Events – His RM wants people to be motivated better to follow the rotation and get good sites, and wants the requests for bids to be better advertised, including to the peerage lists and Landed Barons list. Coronations, particularly, are like a wedding; it is a special day and needs to go to a group that is fully capable of doing one properly, while communicating fully with all involved. KSen suggested that the law may need to be changed to open bidding to all regions earlier than six months out. KEM mentioned the fact that the uncertainty of Coronation dates makes scheduling difficult for everyone planning events in October and May. KSen said that Society has developed a checklist for anyone wanting to host a Known World event; we may want to adapt it for Kingdom events. There is also the point that some incoming crowns want to do their Coronation on “home turf.” TRM are going to review the Crown Rotation law.
  - a. Fall 2005 event bids – none yet.
  - b. Spring Coronation 2005 – Backup site at Ravenslake is available, but Baron Rog is working on getting a bid in the correct rotation.
  - c. Spring Crown Tournament 2005 – at Fenix, Drawbridge Inn
- 11. New thrones for Prince and Princess – Countess Tamara and TRM are working on this.
- 12. Law changes and “housekeeping”:
  - a. Law VI-501 – Published in Oct Pale
  - b. XIII-400/creation of 401 – Published in Oct Pale

- c. XVI-501 – published in Oct Pale
- d. XIV-202 Approved at 8/14 meeting, not yet in Pale
- e. Lesser Officers of State – consistency of descriptions?

D. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Current Balances – list handed out; Northshield lines have been removed. Major expenditures: +\$10K 1<sup>st</sup> check from Pennsic; +\$2,500 loan repayment from Grey Gargoyles; -\$5K gift to Northshield. Also there should be a \$5000 travel budget for TRH; the Royal budget is that high because of Pennsic. Discussion of various accounts: the Regalia budget is used mostly for maintenance. KMReg wants to build up this fund through auctions, etc. (HerRM says the Prince and Princess need another set of crowns; only two are really usable.) KExch would like to review the budgets for lesser offices and deputies to determine which really need budgets. KEM says the Master at Arms doesn't.
2. Non-Member Surcharges – NMS Deputy is to contact all groups with outstanding NMS for 2004. 2003 is totally resolved. Northshield's NMS accounting has been handed over to their Exchequer.
3. Event packet of forms for autocrats – now a PDF file; the Calendar Secretary is emailing it to event stewards and seneschals; it will also be posted to midrealm.org. This packet includes an NMS form, which should help clear up confusion about the NMS.
4. Suspensions – Exchequer of Three Towers will be removed for noncompliance with policy re: accounts for incipient groups. KSen says he wants to know if there was any group Seneschal involvement.
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds – check for about \$1900 received from Grey Gargoyles for event profit sharing on Spring Coronation.
6. Trying to set up a procedure with Fifth Third Bank to streamline establishment of accounts for new exchequers.
7. Transitions Officer's Checking Account – office is billing groups; this seems to work; not setting up account for now, will revisit after Domesday.
8. Constellation regional – Lady Mattie to replace Baroness Genevieve
9. KExch replacement – 2 applicants: Ryan and the current Ohio regional.
10. Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties
  - a. Web site discussed with HisRM and available to view by Curia. A review board of notables has been set up to decide what assets will be deaccessioned.
  - b. Countess Tamara wishes to step down, and has one person interested who helped with the check-in on the transition yesterday.
  - c. After this Pennsic KExch wants to formally separate regalia and "assets" and create a Quartermaster for Pennsic assets.
11. All groups are being asked to do a formal audit during the period right after Domesday so that all groups are current with audits at one time.

E. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. New KMoAS attending this meeting – Baroness Genevieve McCallum de Caen. Transition was yesterday. Her drop-dead deputy is named.
2. Craftsperson's Faire – looked like a good turnout yesterday.

3. New Deputies – South Oaken, Midlands and Pentamere all want to be replaced. Ann Gray may take one. Current Midlands regional will stay in office until after KMOAS moves in December.
4. Artes Draconis Newsletter – no report
5. Regional A&S faires – Idea was on the table to stop holding regional Faives and hold a Kingdom Faire semi-annually. This will be dropped because Regional Faives are a great place to train judges and get new entrants introduced to the process. HerRM has some ideas for changes and says she will get with KMOAS offline. KMOAS also asks permission to address a Laurel meeting for ideas. PaleEd suggests consolidating all the info about the Regional Faives and doing a special ad listing them each spring so it's clear where they are being held.
6. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – How to get it out to everyone? KMOAS wants to update the whole A&S package – criteria, handbook, etc during the next year, in print as well as online. The new criteria need to go up online ASAP.
7. Youth Craftspersons' Faives – no report.

F. The Earl Marshal –

1. KEM has been asked by the Crown to fast track some people into the Youth Marshallate. Knights who are participating at the local level, know how to do it, but just haven't been certified yet would qualify. This will skip the requirement for a one-year training period, for those already qualified as a marshal.

G. The Kingdom Chronicler –

1. Replacement in January – Heirusalem Crystoma will be the new KChron and transition will take place after Domesday at the Crown's pleasure.
2. New Chronicler's Handbook is in the works. Electronic procedures are out for comment and will be incorporated.
3. Laws Issue of the Pale – should be ready to go. We were waiting for Northshield to leave, but does it now have to wait for the law review? HisRM says it doesn't; laws are a living document that changes constantly, so waiting serves no purpose. PaleEd says we can do it in December or after January 1. Decided to publish in January.
4. KSen wants a "want ad" column in the Pale where all the open jobs are listed so that it's all in one place, not buried in the middle of the individual Officers' letters. PaleEd says he can do that, too.
5. Black Fox awards are done and we had some really outstanding newsletters this year, many from Northshield. Artes Draconis tied for best special interest newsletter. Northshield's newsletter was given a sort of lifetime achievement award, and Illiton's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue got a best issue award. Castel Rouge won an award also.

H. The Kingdom Herald

At the Board meeting last week the Board removed the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, replacing her with Francois, the previous Laurel, for six months until a new choice can be made. Therefore we don't know the status of any submissions. Meanwhile Mistress Ghita removed the College of Arms' exchequer and is handling the monies herself.

It seems the Falcon Herald of Calontir is doing submissions for people in Oaken, and some people in Illinois submitted Calontiri forms to the Midrealm College of Arms. Working that out.

1. Minister of Protocol
  - a. Protocol Handbook – Thorwald is handling this but isn't clear on what is needed – Rory will get together with Duke Dag and several others to form a Protocol Committee and see if all the protocol guidance can be combined.
  - b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty – (may combine with above?)
2. Pending Items –
  - a. Order of the Evergreen – still working.
  - b. Gold Mace is in Laurel's hands.
  - c. Signet badge – wants something recognizable to put on Signet's stuff. The current quill and scroll badge may not be passable; working on it.
3. Proposed procedure change re: evidence of support on group registrations – KHer expanded to include any group badge or award, to keep a small group of people from registering something and forcing the group to use it. This may go Society wide.
4. Silent Herald's program – This will be a Special Deputy of the KHer with a deputy/coordinator in each region. They will be warranted as Heralds.
5. Thrown Weapons Awards/badges – Proposal from the Thrown Weapons Deputy was forwarded to KHer by KEM. KEM doesn't support the package at this time. TRM would like to see the program grow more before any of this is done, and ask KHer to make sure the TW people know that any award or badge is the choice of the Crown, not theirs.
6. Nov 20- MK Heraldic Symposium in Michigan. April 9 is the Spring symposium.
7. KSen asked: Policy now requires a new group to have a registered name, but does not require them to have a registered device. HerRM said a device is a good thing, but They don't want to hold up an otherwise ready group transition while awaiting Laurel action. KHer says there is no way to fast track a group device. No change proposed.

I. The Kingdom Chirurgeon

1. Constellation regional replacement – no takers so far.
2. Deputies
  - a. Waterbearer - position open
  - b. Cerdic will be Rowena's drop dead.
3. Chirurgeon trifold Flyer – final draft sent on CuriaNet. Some things were pointed out that need correction but this is being fixed.
4. Need a way to encourage more participation. The flyer will help.
5. Reported Injuries – the most hazardous job in the SCA appears to be dancing. So far only a couple of reports since Ro took over, one was the dance master at Coronation walking through a plate glass window. (NB the site says the window is covered by their insurance, no problem.) and another dancing injury there.
6. Chirurgeon needs as much notice as possible of upcoming Curia meetings due to work schedules.

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

- A. Pennsic Midrealm Royal trailer suggestion – not formal, has been sent to Tamara but there is a question re: maintenance of the trailer in storage. TRM say leave this on the list to discuss. The issue of Pennsic property is a constant struggle and involves a lot of stuff. In addition we need permanent fences, propane torches, etc. and it all involves storage issues.
- B. Northshield gift (approved in principle – “Great Seal”) – done by Mistress Leyland (sp?) and presented at Northshield Coronation.
- C. Chirurgeon’s documents (final report from THLTatiana) - done

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meetings – TBD within next weeks by TRM.

Meeting Adjournment at: 12:33

**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)