

MINUTES  
IMPERIAL SENATE MEETING  
ADRIAN EMPIRE  
JULY 19, 1997

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SENATE

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 A.M.

Presence and credentials of delegates were verified. All were present in person or by proxy (Tierra del Fuego arriving a few minutes late), for a total of 11 votes. A quorum was established. Guests from the ECS were acknowledged, as well as various non-voting members of Adria. Combat manuals were handed out. Rules of debate were decided: all might speak, with preference being given to voting members. Photos, audio and video taping were permitted.

OLD BUSINESS.

Regional Financial Reports:

Imperium -- Following expenses have been incurred during the past 5 months: a \$25 fee to register Adrian Empire as a trademark in the State of Arizona, a \$500 loan to the Duchy of Umbria (repaid), a reimbursement to the Duchy of Umbria of \$191.00 for membership dues, and reimbursement of \$852.87 to Imperial Chronicler for 5 months. Funds include: \$7,368.48 in checking, a \$1,000.00 CD and approximately \$28 in interest. (Imperial funds include the monies belonging to various duchies, also.) The report was accepted unanimously

Terre Neuve -- \$1,486.96 in the black. The report was accepted unanimously.

Esperance -- \$480.00 in checking, \$100.00 in petty cash, \$74.75 with the Hobbits. The report was accepted unanimously.

Umbria -- \$287.85 in bank. The report was accepted unanimously.

Tierra del Fuego -- No expenses as of yet. The report was accepted unanimously with 1 abstention.

York -- Has \$631.41. The report was accepted unanimously with 2 abstentions.

Sangrael -- No monies have been withdrawn from the Imperial account. Approximately \$30.00 in petty cash (however, it should possibly be \$380.00). The duchy was instructed to report the correct balance as soon as possible. The report was accepted unanimously with 1 abstention.

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Dragon's Mist -- (read into the record) \$238.50 with \$23.50 receivable from the Imperium. The report was accepted unanimously.

A one-time \$150.00 Imperial expenditure was requested to pay for the establishment of the Adrian website (by York). The expenditure was approved unanimously.

Imperial War: A site fee of \$1800.00 was requested (to include the \$156.00 deposit) for the park where the War is to be held. The request was approved unanimously.

Imperial War Feast. \$750.00 cap was requested. The request was approved unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Proposed: That the Adrian Empire embark on a policy to create a new "Umbrella Organization" with the Empire of Chivalry and Steel. That this Umbrella organization shall be headed by a board of directors composed of members of both organizations and shall be empowered to deal with the mundane dealings of this new corporation. (Sir Stefan Belski)

Motion to table & seconded. Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 4 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion was tabled indefinitely.

I.2 Proposed: That in order to facilitate this new corporation The Adrian Empire shall agree to the request of the President of the ECS William Holdman a.k.a. Sir William Baine, to with that the Imperial Government shall underwrite the formation of 4 75 Sovereign Principalities in the ECS and gain voting rights on the ECS Imperial Estates. (Sir Stefan Belski)

Moved to later in the agenda.

12:00 P.M. Break for lunch until 1:00 P.M.

Resumed meeting at 1:04 P.M.

VI. Proposed: That members may hold at most one local ministry and one Imperial, unless there is no other qualified member interested in the position. Under no circumstance may a member hold more than one Imperial Ministry. Nor may a member hold the same ministry in the local region and at the Imperial level at the same time as doing so may cause conflicts of interest. (Sir Phelan Kell)

Withdrawn from the Agenda.

XI. The manuals shall be presented by the various ministers under the auspices of His Imperial Majesty, Sir Mathghamhain.

Moved forward in the Agenda. High King requested that this be tabled. Seconded. That we continue with current manuals. Combat and heraldry manuals will be considered at the November Estates meeting. Until then, anything that needs to be addressed will be handled as an Imperial Writ.

Passed unanimously, lots of abstentions. Motion tabled.

An Imperial Writ was announced, changing the reservation of the fleur-de-lis, the black heart and the red dragon in the old heraldry manual to the now current reservation of the fleur-de-lis only.

IV. Proposed: That the Imperial Crown and the Imperial Chancellor oversee the collection of ALL Imperial records and make them available [to our populace through the Imperial Hospitaler and] on our website. (Sir Thomas FitzShokes) [Words in Brackets by Sir Jehan]

Seconded. An amendment was proposed and accepted unanimously to read: That the Imperial Crown and the Imperial Chancellor oversee the collection of ALL Imperial

records and make them available to our populace through the Imperial Hospitaler to examine on our official web site.

Passed unanimously.

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Proposal seconded and withdrawn. A Committee of the Whole was convened for 10 minutes. The Committee of the Whole indicated the proposal would be inappropriate because of (among other things) expense required and questions of honor.

Motion dropped.

- II. Proposed: That all subdivisions be held to a strict time schedule in regard to the delivery of their rolls information. AUTOMATIC PENALTIES shall be imposed for violation of this schedule. (Sir Thomas FitzShokes)

STEWARDS

A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted (with its own friendly amendment) to read:

1. Failing on receiving a response within 30 days, the Minister in question shall issue a written warning to the violating Minister, their Crown and corresponding Chancellor, to be mailed return receipt signed.
2. Failing to receive a response after 60 days (30 days after the letter) the matter shall be tendered to the Imperial Chancellor's Office, who will then conduct a full investigation of the matter and, if any wrongdoing has occurred, will press appropriate charges.

It was moved to vote; there was an objection. A vote was taken to decide to vote. 7 ayes, 4 nays. The motion was voted on. It passed with 1 opposed.

- III. Proposed: That the Senate lay down the specific means by which a Steward may be replaced. (Sir Thomas FitzShokes)

Per Roland of the Icelands (Imperial Steward) Tom Vincent is still on card till a vote is taken and official notification of his removal is received by the bank.

Move to table the proposal till the next fully noticed meeting of the Imperial Senate or Estates General Meeting. Seconded.

The motion to table passed unanimously.

- VII. Proposed: That the Imperial budget shall include an expenditure of \$400.00 (or an amount agreed upon by a majority) per Imperial Crown per 1 year reign, to be used to reimburse airfare to attend events sponsored by the Adrian Empire, Inc. (Dame Delia von Burg)

Vote taken: Passed unanimously with 3 abstentions.

- VIII. Proposed: That the Imperial budget shall include an expenditure to reimburse the Imperial Crown(s), or Their designated deputy (emissary), 50% of Their phone expenses, not to

exceed \$40 per month (\$20 per each phone bill) total. If the Crowns share a Household, it would be a maximum of \$40 per month total for Their shared bill. A copy of the phone bill(s) would be submitted to the Imperial Steward on a monthly basis with all Adria related calls identified. These calls would be totaled and 50% reimbursed to the Crown(s) by check on a monthly basis. (Dame Delia von Burg)

Vote taken: Opposed unanimously.

- IX. Proposed: That retirement titles, such as Prince, Princess, Earl and Comtessa, hold voting rights on the various Assemblies or Estates to which they belong for a period of one year following retirement. [A one-year extension of these rights may be authorized annually by the body or bodies on which the retiree sits upon written request by the retiree. Otherwise, following the one year of service on said body or bodies, the retirement title shall be honorific and precedence-bearing at official Adrian events but shall carry no voting rights.] Retirees shall retain the right to speak to and debate in the several bodies to which they belong without voting, except as noted above. (Dame Delia von Burg)  
[Words in brackets by Sir Jehan]

The motion was moved to later in the meeting, if time permitted.

X. By-law amendments:

1) By-law addition:

Under C. Ranks: Section 2. Robe Roll, d. Knight Robe, (new) v. Participation in 1 war at a Crown event. (Dame Delia von Burg)

2) By-law change:

C. Ranks, 2. Robe Roll, e. Knight Doctor, (change to) iii. 2 additional master works. (currently requires 4). (Dame Delia von Burg)

3) By-law addition:

C. Ranks, 2. Robe Roll, e. Knight Doctor, (new) v. Participation in 3 additional wars at Crown events. (Dame Delia von Burg)

4) By-law change:

C. Ranks, 2. Robe Roll, f. Knight Master, (change to) iii. 4 additional master works. (currently requires 8). (Dame Delia von Burg)

5) By-law addition:

C. Ranks, 2. Robe Roll, f. Knight Master (new) v. Participation in 5 additional wars at Crown events. (Dame Delia von Burg)

Vote to deal with amendments as a whole: 7 Ayes.

Moved and seconded to refer to committee: 3 ayes, 7 nays, 1 abstention. The amendments will not be referred to committee.

Vote to vote on amendments: 9 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention.

Vote on motion: 6 ayes, 2 nays, 3 abstentions. Amendments accepted and will be presented to Grand Assembly for approval.

On Writs from His Imperial Majesty:

Writ 2: Elbow protection is required for all forms of combat.

Writ supported with 1 objection and 1 abstention.

Writ 1: Collegiums (they are legal).

1. Notice must be published 30 days in advance.
2. Whoever holds the collegium must provide the material for the collegium.
3. There must be at least 10 people attending the collegium.
4. No individual may do more than 2 collegiums per year.
5. Each collegium must be on a different subject.
6. The documentation syllabus must be approved by a Crown prior to the collegium.
7. Each Knight must hold one collegium per year.

Those holding the collegium will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner participation points. After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status.

Amendment proposed to strike #2, #7 and amend #5 to read one class on a subject per year. Seconded. Vote: 2 Ayes, 8 nays, 1 abstention. Amendment rejected.

Vote on original writ: 9 ayes, 2 nays. Writ stands as presented.

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Withdrawn at this time.

Dame Dorothea announced that re: the Armorium, changes are being made and it will be ready by the next Imperial Estates Meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Proposed: The 3rd weekend in July to be for the permanent regular meeting of the Imperial Senate. Passed unanimously. Therefore, the next regular meeting of the Imperial Senate will be the 3rd weekend of July, 1998.

It was announced that financial reports should be turned in to the Chancellor in writing for entry into the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

1) ECS merger. Proposal 1: Sir Stefan: To formalize the desire of the Senate to pursue closer relations with an eye towards an eventual merger with our sister organization. Allows both groups to play under their own rules while providing an opportunity to share information about each other, as well as added benefits (of lowered insurance rates, etc); also, says Adrian Senate is committed to examining such information. A symbolic gesture that this is the direction our board of directors wants to go in.

Advantages: A compromise of coming closer to a merger while preserving and protecting the people of the two games. Board of directors would be in charge of dealing with taxes, insurance, etc. while the two empires would continue to govern themselves. This is a first step only. In addition to more numbers to lower the cost of operations, there would be more numbers to increase size of wars, etc.

Sir Maximilian: As a first step, to talk about merger, this is fine. But in various parts both groups are already playing together and will continue to play together. This basically is a motion to talk about talking.

Disadvantages: (Dame Francesca?) Possibility of allowing "undersirable elements" to join the umbrella corporation. We're already playing together, as well as holding discussions on merger possibilities, and the umbrella corporation is unnecessary and could let HMR in.

Sir Thomas: The umbrella can be framed such that HMR, etc. would not be allowed in, no matter what. There is a great deal of similarity between our groups and we can interact comfortably.

Dame Dorothea: There are rumors that the founding members of both groups would have their titles stripped. Per Sir Stefan, this has not been addressed by the two groups.

2) Official Adrian Website. Sir Thomas: A central depository of Adrian manuals, rulings, etc. Everyone across the Empire will have access to the Web.

Sir Stefan: Adria must determine cost it is willing to pay in warehousing this information.

3) Adria underwrite ECS memberships: Sir Stefan. To get Adria members involved directly in the ECS. Power-politic move. Can be viewed as a threat to certain members. Could even be viewed as dishonorable. Decided we can't afford it.

Committee of the Whole: Sir Maximilian: Things should be done in their own time, not in this manner. Also 2/3 of the ruling body of the ECS is against it. Sir Thomas: It's a buyout of the ECS. Who in Adria would benefit from it? What kind of goodwill would we have with ECS? Sir Eric: The merger will most likely happen anyway over time in a natural way; or be far enough along in the process that it won't be wrenching when a merge is imposed.

Time schedule on rolls information: Sir Thomas. Things should be done in a timely manner.

Sir Stefan: No particular minister not doing his job has been identified, with proper and acknowledged notification. With step 2, problem has become a legal matter, no assumption of right or wrong, nor any definitions of Chancellor's actions, beyond some type of investigation and the pressing of appropriate charges. Thus no one receives a letter dismissing or placing them under judicial ban out of hand, also a 60 day window before escalation of the matter. Also,

mechanism to protect membership & make sure jobs are being done. Also following chain of command and crowns can get involved to help take care of the matter; hopefully will keep the matter in the hands of the people dealing with it and not be spread among the populace who may not be interested. The court system should deal with the situation because each situation will be different. This is the mechanism that should have been in place all along for dealing with problems.

Sir Thomas: This amendment is actually altering the words of the (Steward's?) manual. Penalties are left in the hands of the court system.

Sir Jehan: Placing all ministries on an equal footing as to accountability. What happens if any minister fails to do his job is being redefined. There will be accountability both ways, to and from local and Imperial ministers. The filing of charges is at the Chancellor's discretion.

4) Replacing a Steward. Sir Stefan: The mechanism already exists, requires a motion of the board of directors. President should have the right to fire an employee (e.g. Steward). It should be easier to remove a minister. New law would be redundant. Now that we have unseated one president/administration, it will be easier to do the next time, should we find that he is not acting in Adria's best interests. The Senate CAN meet at a moment's notice, if it so chooses.

Sir Thomas: The current procedure for removal is actually whim and should not be so loose. Removal should be brought immediately to a board vote. The president has not traditionally been held responsible by the Board (in Adria). In order to place the Imperial Crown under judicial ban it takes the Senate and Grand Assembly jointly to do it.

Sir Bear: To pull Senate together for a vote it takes 90 days' notification. Hiring and firing is usually in the hands of the president of a mundane corporation.

Dame Francesca: Had concerns that the job of Imperial Steward was simply dumped on someone without training, etc. and this would put pressure unfairly on someone in that situation.

Sir Jehan: 1/3 of the estates would come out to approximately 13 and this can be in writing.

Sir Frederick: The Stewards are volunteers handling our money. Before discussing firing people, we should discuss the hiring of the steward.

5) Travel Expenses. Dame Delia: The financial aid would help the Imperial Crowns visit all parts of the Empire.

ECS: Had an automatic reimbursement policy for their Imperial Crowns, but found it was far too expensive (up to 50% of costs). However, the Crown may beg for money (and not necessarily get it). This is a volunteer organization.

Dame Francesca: If the by-laws are going to require the Crowns visiting the outlying regions, the Imperium should provide funds to help defray costs.

Sir Thomas: Getting 2nd & 3rd level arts knighthood is extremely difficult. If a masterwork is an example of the very finest of an item, how many times can an artisan be expected to produce a masterwork?

Dame Aleta: Arts vs. Combat is not directly comparable. You can borrow a sword, but not an artisan's dress.

Dame Dorothea: 2nd Level Artisan is the hardest to get.

Dame Delia: After a while of presenting entries, the artisan doesn't care about winning he just wants that elusive masterwork.

8) Writs. Collegium. Sir Eric: Every knight should hold a collegium 1/year. We take an oath as knights to teach.

Sir Thomas: What about fighter practice, would that be considered collegium? And what if someone is not very popular and can't get enough people to come, what about his failure?

Sir Bear: 10 people attending collegium to prevent repeats of past abuses.