

SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA, NOVEMBER 2004

CRB3. Charters

a. Recognize new shire

Requires no action to recognize, requires majority to ratify charter.

The following shires have membership and their charter will be issued:

- Bedegraine (mundane state of Tennessee); Vic eroy will be HE Gowen.

b. Amended charter: Kingdom of Umbria

Requires majority to ratify charter amendment.

c. Approve charter: Shire of The Isle de Mort

Requires majority to ratify charter.

6. Aragon appeal of Imperial Crown settlement of division of funds between Aragon and Albion.

Requires majority to uphold or reject decision of the Crown; taking no action would allow the decision to stand.

Commentary: When the Estates of Aragon addressed the formation of Albion, they also addressed the division of: Treasury; chattel goods; fund-raising activities; and access to public facilities; and assurances that they would not interfere with one another. The division the Treasury was based on a per-capita split of membership. The total number of members was frozen on November 30, 2003. Members had 60 days to submit a membership form declaring to which subdivision they wish to belong. Those that failed to turn in a membership form defaulted to Aragon. Upon determination of the number of the membership split, a per-capita split of the Treasury was to be made. Albion collected its membership forms and made them available to the Lord Protector of Aragon. Aragon was unable to determine its official membership numbers as of November 30, 2003, nor was Aragon able to determine the amount of their cash balance. Therefore, the pro rata rate (membership percentage that stayed in Aragon) could not be established until well after the agreed time. Upon the presentation of financial documents and membership information, His Imperial Majesty performed a bank reconciliation to obtain a cash amount. Also, His Imperial Majesty performed an audit of membership to determine a pro rata rate (% of members who remained and % of members who left Aragon). His Imperial Majesty then instructed Aragon to pay this amount. Aragon informed His Imperial Majesty that they wished to appeal the amount. Therefore, we are placing their appeal on the agenda as Crown Business. Aragon may present the reasons for their appeal; Albion may respond.

Chancery Note: The action of the Crown is equal in law to issuing a Crown Writ. The Estates may ratify, reject, or take no action (allowing the "writ" to stand). Rejection merely invalidates the action; the Crown could re-evaluate and issue a new order, the Crown or the Estates could call for an Imperial Civil Court to make a determination, or the Estates could issue their own determination.

3. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imperial Estates Writ 2, Missile Weapons Manual

The Imperial Crown has stated the goal of having a single Adrian War that would include the entire Empire to be held in a central location. We expect this to happen in the next year. The Imperial Crown wishes to strictly follow the combat manual. This would alleviate the normal cultural differences that exist between subdivisions. While these cultural differences are fine and add tremendous flavor to the Empire, in a combined war, major differences must be addressed. We have identified two major differences that would hinder this event. We wish the Imperial Estates to share the burden of deciding how to proceed.

Item 1: Amend IEW 17, Combat Manual, Article III.G.1 to remove the term "Schläger" from the description

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve

Commentary: The combat manual states schläger blades are to be used in rapier combat. It also lists actual blade specifications. Several subdivisions use non-schläger blades commonly referred to as "schläger type" or Paul Chen blades that meet the specifications. These blades satisfy the requirements for both Renaissance and Cut & Thrust combat. The Imperial Ministry of Combat has determined that these blades have enough flex to use with a three weapons mask. These blades are available in longer sizes than standard schläger blades (over 40" in length).

The Imperial Crown does not care which blades are to be allowed. The Imperial Crown wants the manual to be clear. We leave it to the Estates to decide whether Renaissance combat should be restricted to using schläger blades only, or allow all blades meeting the specifications.

Note: If adopted, the corrected language shall be made throughout the manual.

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Item 2: Amend IEW 2, Missile Weapons Manual Article IV.A. Armor

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve

Current Law: Combat archers and siege weapon crewmen must be armored appropriate to the type of combat they will be participating in. Archers/crewmen may re-arm themselves with close-combat weapons once they are out of ammunition or otherwise desire to join the battle as a combatant (within the restrictions of the scenario). Armor standards are found in Section III of the Adrian Combat Manual.

Add: For Renaissance and Armored combat scenarios, archers wishing not to participate in close combat may armor themselves according to the Shinai requirements.

Commentary: The 1999 Archery Manual lists archer armor requirements, suggesting that this is the armor requirement for archers in all forms of combat. The Missile Weapons Manual states that archers must wear the armor of the type of combat in which they participate (with the exception that they may wear gloves). In practice: in the west, archers in steel must wear steel armor; in the east, archers not wishing to engage in "hand-to-hand" combat in steel wear "archer armor" (basically shinai gear) and are

called dead within weapon reach. No injuries have ever been reported in either case. The Imperial Crown does not care which method is followed. The Imperial Crown wants the manuals to be clear and practice to be consistent.

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3. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2-1 Marshal's Manual Article VII.A.1.a. Written Test

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve.

Option 1: Remove in its entirety

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Option 2: Replace with an itemized performance checklist to be determined by the Ministry of Joust and War

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Commentary: His Imperial Majesty believes that the written test does not determine a fighter's effective knowledge of the rules. He also believes that it discourages new fighters from participating in combat. Either option would allow new fighters to qualify for combat more readily, thus encouraging participation.

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