



NOVEMBER 2006 IMPERIAL ESTATES MINUTES

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER..... 10:44 A.M. EST

II. ROLL CALL QUORUM MET

The proxy for Sir Karl is held by the Imperial Crown. His vote will count as an abstention throughout the meeting.

- Seating of qualified members; Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 6. Disqualification

Unlanded

Dame Anna and Dame Zebrina – Withdrawn. K3 knighting was not reviewed by Imperial Crowns, therefore discussion was made that since most knights taking K3 have had to go through this, both should not be allowed. The crowns of their subdivisions have withdrawn the request.

Sir Gaven Mcallister, Dame Cerridwyn, and Dame Caoimhe O'Rallalaigh approved by voice vote.

Landed

The following have been added to the roster by the estates, since notification was not sent:

- Sangreal – Subdivision vote and House McDonald has been seated
- Isle de Mort –House Sea Raven has been seated

Final Count: 118 votes present (30 present, 88 by proxy, 16 absent, 7 disqualified)

III. CONSENT CALENDAR..... NONE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APP. AS AMENDED

Approved by voice vote.

Approval of the minutes of the July 2006 Imperial Estates Meeting (2006July_minutes.pdf).

Amended to note that Dame Claire carried the proxies for Dame Kendra and Sir Madoc.

V. REPORTS..... POSTED; READ; SEE NOTES

Allocation of \$1000 to cover lawyer fees regarding Aragon and \$1000 to the Duchy of Desert Rose from the sale of a Panther Pavillion formerly used by Aragon/Desert Rose for \$2000 approved by voice vote (with abstentions).

Minister reports will all be posted, except for the Crown Report/Pres/V.P. Report and the Financial Report, since this is the meeting for that. All other Ministers must submit written reports. Any Minister who does not submit written reports will not be awarded Ministry Points. If the same Minister did not submit reports for the previous meeting, they will be replaced.

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| • President and Board of Directors | • Arts and Sciences |
| • Chancery | • Archery |
| • Ministry of Justice | • Physicks |
| • Chief Justice of Civil Courts | • Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.) |
| • Rolls | • Hospitaller |
| • Steward | • Minister of Education |
| • Sovereign of Arms | • Other Reports |
| • Joust and War | |

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters

All Subdivisions who have not reported in a timely manner, and are not in communication to correct their deficits, and all Subdivisions who do not maintain the numbers for their status will be placed on the November Imperial Agenda for voluntary reduction in status. Reporting is required and not doing so makes it difficult to determine the status of the Empire. Additionally, all Subdivisions are required to maintain a specific number of members to establish and retain their status within Adria. This is in accordance with Imperial Bylaws. We also request that all Subdivisions submit, to Us directly, a copy of their Writs and Codicils for review. Once approved, the Crown of the subdivision will be notified and the documentation placed under their region on the Imperial Website. Additionally, if your current Charter does not appear on the Website, you are responsible for contacting us, in writing, to ensure that is corrected.

a. Place shires on inactive list

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- Bedegraine
- Bisqaia

b. Reactivate inactive shire

The following shires have membership and their charters have been reactivated:

- None

c. Recognize new shire

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

- None

d. Charter Amendments

Item 1: Elevation of Cashel to Duchy.....**APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

The Shire of Cashel requests that their charter be amended to be recognized as a Duchy, having met the following requirements:

- Maintained numbers in excess of twenty members for more than 6 months
- Current in the reporting of their Ministries
- Maintained viable leadership

Item 2: Elevation of Gloucester to Duchy.....**APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

The Shire of Gloucester requests that their charter be amended to be recognized as a Duchy, having met the following requirements:

- Maintained numbers in excess of twenty members for more than 6 months
- Current in the reporting of their Ministries
- Maintained viable leadership

Item 3: Rename Kildare to Ravenna.....**APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

The Shire of Kildare requests to change their name to the Shire of Ravenna.

Item 4: Rename New Eisenwold to New Exeter.....**APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

The Shire of New Eisenwold requests to change their name to the Shire of New Exeter.

Item 5: Reduction of land for Kildare/Ravenna, given to form Citta' de Cavalier **SEE NOTES**

Approved by voice vote. Notice waived to seat Citta' de Cavalier by voice vote.

The Shire of Kildare requests their charter to be amended to release the following geographic territories, so that the Shire of Citta' de Cavalier may be formed:

- The South Carolina Counties of Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, Anderson, Laurens, Union, Chester, Abbeville, Greenwood, and McCormick.

e. Subdivision Reduction **SEE NOTES**

Reduction of Esperance and Umbria removed from the item, since both have satisfied the minimum membership requirement. Reduction of Carolingia tabled until March 2007.

In accordance with Article VIII.D.1.b.vii., the charters of the following Kingdoms are presented for revocation for failure to maintain a population of at least 100 members, as specified in Article VIII.D.1.a.ii. If revoked, a new charter shall be issued immediately reflecting the subdivision's new status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

- Kingdom of Esperance (reduction to Archduchy of Esperance)
- Kingdom of Umbria (reduction to Archduchy of Umbria)

In accordance with Article VIII.D.2.b.vii., the charters of the following Archduchies and Duchies are revoked; new charters shall be issued immediately to reflect their respective status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

- Archduchy of Desert Rose (reduction to Duchy of Desert Rose)
- Archduchy of Carolingia (reduction to Shire of Carolingia)
- Duchy of Ekaterinegorod (reduction to Shire of Ekaterinegorod)

CRB2. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment To Chartered Subdivision **FAILED**

Taken from the table (49 in favor, 45 opposed). Failed (35 in favor, those opposed visually confirmed).

Current Law: ... If the member does not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval...

Amend to read: ... If ~~the members~~ does not physically ~~live reside~~ within ~~200 miles of~~ the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval. If a non-resident member of a subdivision is deemed to be a problem, the Crown of that subdivision may petition the Imperial Crown to revoke the transfer of citizenship...

CRB3. Amend Article V.E. Sponsorship Requirements **TABLED**

Tabled by voice vote.

Current Law:

All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor one (1) Crown tournament per month, in each discipline (arts, archery, and combat), and at least one (1) war event per year. The Imperial Crown is required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War. Crown tournaments may be held together, or at separate events within the same month.

Amend to Read:

All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor one (1) Crown tournament per month, in each discipline (arts, archery, and combat). ~~and at least one (1) war event per year.~~ The Imperial Crown is required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War, ~~and may sponsor as many war events as they see fit.~~ **All Royal and Ducal Crowns are required to sponsor one (1) war event per year, but may not sponsor more than four (4) war events per year.** Crown tournaments may be held together, or at separate events within the same month.

CRB4. Ratification of Crown Writ placing deadline on decisions of DI's and Ministry Points **APPROVED**

Friendly amendment to add "official" before "request" accepted by the author. Approved (90 in favor).

Current Writ:

Any **official** request for approval of Ministerial Point's or DI's will be sent to the appropriate approving party. If that party does not respond within 30 days, an assumption will be made that those parties find the awarding of those Points and DI's acceptable and they will be granted as such. If you deny these requests, or give partial approval, you must send a written explanation as to any denial, as is required by Adrian Law.

CRB5. Resolution – New Banner War Banner Designs **SEE NOTES**

No action required. The Imperial Crown asks for the Estates' support for this action.

Support not given (26 in favor, those opposed visually confirmed).

There are currently two (2) Adrian Banner War Banners used for the West and East Coasts:

- West: Argent, a cross potent Gules surmounted by a crown impaled of a chalice Argent between four fleurs-de-lis crosswise Or.
- East: Argent, a cross potent Azure surmounted by a crown impaled of a chalice argent between four fleurs-de-lis crosswise Or.

The Imperial Crown wishes to replace those banners with the following devices for the four geographic regions of the Empire:

- Northwest: Argent, on a pale Vert, a fleur-de-lis at honour point Or.
- Southwest: Argent, on a pale Gules, a fleur-de-lis at honour point Or.
- Northeast: Argent, on a pale Azure, a fleur-de-lis at honour point Or.
- Southeast: Argent, on a pale Purpure, a fleur-de-lis at honour point Or.

Note: This resolution has received support from the Crowns of the Northeast region of the Empire.

CRB6. Resolution – Registration of Estate Names with the Sovereign of Arms **SEE NOTES**

No action required. The Imperial Crown asks for the Estates' support for this action.

Friendly amendment to replace "Estates" with "domains" accepted by the author. Support not given (47 in favor, 67 opposed, 1 abstention).

To prevent any further duplication of Estate names in the Empire, the Imperial Crown requires that all Chartered Subdivisions and **Domains** register their names with the Imperial College of Arms.

CRB7. Add Article VIII.D.3.c. Sponsorship REFERRED

Friendly amendment to change “60 days from” to “60 days prior to” accepted by the author. Option 2 preferred by voice vote. Referred to author for re-write approved by voice vote.

Add:**c. Sponsorship**

A Shire may be sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy for period not to exceed one (1) year. At the end of the sponsorship period, the shire must petition to amend its charter to indicate a subdivision of the appropriate size.

A Kingdom or Archduchy wishing to sponsor an Imperial Shire must submit a request to the Imperial Chancery no less than 60 days prior to the beginning of an Imperial Estates meeting. Sponsorship must be approved by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Imperial Estates General.

Option 1:

- i. Sponsorship by a Kingdom or Archduchy does not confer membership to the Kingdom or Archduchy.
- ii. The Shire shall continue to enjoy the rights and responsibilities as described in Article VIII.D.3.b., with the following exceptions:
- iii. The Viceroy shall report routinely to the Crown of the sponsoring subdivision on the Shire’s activities. The Crown of the sponsoring subdivision shall report monthly to the Imperial Crown on the Shire’s activities.
- iv. Any ministers appointed in the Shire shall report routinely to their sponsoring subdivision’s counterpart on the Shire’s activities in their respective areas of ministry.
- v. Failure to report to the Imperial Crown for a period of two (2) consecutive months shall immediately end the Sponsorship.

Option 2:

- i. A Shire sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy is considered to be a Canton of the sponsoring subdivision, as described in Imperial Writ 18 Armigerous Rights Article II.B.23. Any such Shire does not have a voice or vote on the Imperial Estates.
- ii. All members of the sponsored Shire are considered to be members of the sponsoring subdivision. All Estates formed within a sponsored Shire are considered Estates of the sponsoring subdivision.
- iii. If the membership of the sponsoring subdivision falls below the minimum number required for the respective status of the subdivision at the conclusion of the sponsorship, that subdivision shall be reduced to the appropriate size.
- iv. The Crown of the sponsoring subdivision shall report monthly to the Imperial Crown on the Shire’s activities.
- v. Failure to report to the Imperial Crown for a period of two (2) consecutive months shall immediately end the Sponsorship.

Chancery Note: *Options 1 and 2 are mutually exclusive. The items contained within each option may not be divided. If both Options 1 and 2 fail, the proposal fails automatically.*

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Review Imperial Budget **APPROVED**

Budget approved by voice vote.

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget.

CH2. Review Associate Memberships..... **APPROVED**

Increase of associate membership fee to \$15 effective July 2007 approved by voice vote.

Pursuant to Article III.B.4, the Imperial Estates shall review the dues per member for Associate Members, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. Currently, the recognized associate memberships are:

- RMS: 100 members at \$10.00/member
- SCA: unlimited members at \$10.00/member
- ECS: unlimited members at \$10.00/member

With the current membership of the Adrian Empire, it costs approximately \$12 per member to pay for the insurance policy. Since the Empire only charges those eligible for associate membership a \$10 fee, the Empire is effectively subsidizing associate members \$2 each for insurance, which comes from the primary participation and additional family membership fees of \$30 and \$15, respectively. The associate membership fee needs to be raised to \$15 in order to make them consistent with additional family memberships and adequately cover our insurance costs.

CH3. Elect Members to the Board of Directors..... **SEE NOTES**

Chriss Harkcom-Will and Christine N. Agee-Ross elected to the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Estates Writ 14, elect the Board of Directors for a 2-year term. Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to be on the Board of Directors. Membership on the Board requires limited disclosure to the State of Arizona regarding your personal financial and legal history. Copies of the form will be available at the meeting to review.

- President: Honey Ann Westfall-Lounds (HIM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan)
- Vice-President: John Agee-Ross (HIM Sir Pavo Rosalia)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Ann Coe (Dame Marion Leal Durius)
- Member-at-large: Warren Mitchell (Sir Warren Anthony) – 1 year remaining
- Member-at-large: Steve Huizenga (HG Sir Terrin Greyphis) – 1 year remaining
- 2 members-at-large will be elected to 2-year terms

The following nominees have submitted letters of declaration pursuant to Estates Writ 14:

- Anthony DeRivi (HG Sir L' Beté deAcmd)
- Chriss Harkcom-Will (HG Dame Fionnghualla)
- Michelle Mitchell (HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid)
- Christine N. Agee-Ross (HG Dame Nisha)

In accordance with the Estates Writ, the letters submitted for declaration of intent appear in Appendix 1.

Chancery Note: As posted by Baroness Dame Cathan ni Sonoid on the Adria-ImperialEstates newsgroup on October 13, 2006, she is withdrawing her nomination to the Board of Directors.

CH4. Judicial Decisions **PUBLISHED**

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8., judicial decisions made between July 2006 and September 2006 are available in Appendix 2.

CH5. New Arts Form **SEE NOTES**

Approved for mandatory playtesting until March 2007 by voice vote.

The proposed arts judging forms are available in Appendix 3. If approved, they will replace the forms currently available.

CH6. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 19 Marshal's Manual Appendix E: Qualification Tests.....APPROVED

Approved (84 in favor).

The proposed tests are available in Appendix 4. If approved, they will replace the tests currently available.

CH7. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article III.B.2. Masterwork Requirements.....APPROVED

Approved (99 in favor).

Amend to read:

A written explanation of the methods and materials applied in the creation of the entry by the original artists. Details explaining every aspect of the art, from the obtaining of materials and information to craft the art, to the reason it was crafted and why it is appreciated, **shall be included**. The written paper shall reference at least ~~three (3) primary sources~~ **one (1) primary source and two (2) secondary sources**.

A primary source is:

- An untranslated publication from the period
- A photograph or photocopy of an actual publication, manuscript, quote, item or picture from the period

A secondary source is:

- **An entry or description in dictionaries, encyclopedias, books, and articles that interpret or review research works**

CH8. Amend Article XVI.A.5.b.: Crown War to add specific arts pointsAPPROVED

Approved by voice vote.

Replace current wording with more detailed wording from the Arts Manual:

Amend to Read:

b. Eight (8) Arts Points

- ~~Four (4) Journeymans' Lists~~
- ~~Four (4) Knights' Lists~~

One (1) point in each list (Journeyman and Knight) will be awarded for each of the following categories:

1. Highest total

The army with the highest total points on each of the lists.

This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.

2. Highest average

The army with the highest average points on each of the lists. All scores will be tallied for these points. This is not be a percentage of the whole, but determined for each army (total points per army/number of entries per army).

3. Most total wins

The army with the most total wins awarded on each of the lists.

4. Most total masterworks

The army with the most total masterworks awarded on each of the lists.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amendment to Non-judged Arts Playtest **FAILED**

Failed by voice vote.

Amendment:

Participation in arts activities at events and demos shall earn a Demonstration Participation point (DP). Participation shall be approved by the Crown and Arts Minister, and shall conform to the guidelines in the Arts Manual (Section IV.B.). At the discretion of the Crown, arts DPs may be converted to Event Participation points (EP) at this ratio: One (1) EP shall replace three (3) DPs. No more than one-third of the points required for any level of arts knighthoods shall be as a result of DP-conversions.

Add to the Arts Manual (section IV.B.): As originally proposed, with the addition of reasonable substitutions for the tools (as discussed at the July 2005 Imperial Estates Meeting).

Add to the Rolls Manual: With the approval of the Crown, an artisan may replace three (3) arts DPs with one (1) arts EP, up to one-third (1/3) of the EPs required for the member's next level of knighthood. The DP shall remain listed (with a zero instead of a one in the appropriate column), and a note shall be placed in the entry with the date the conversion took place.

Note: The conversion ratio of 3-to-1 can be changed, as can the percentage allowed (1/3), per the will of the Estates.

Commentary: There has been a lot of discussion about this topic. One of the main stumbling blocks has been terminology. Many people feel that a non-judged arts participation is a demonstration. By addressing this issue, and allowing for conversion of DPs to EPs the goal is reached: arts are encouraged at events, judging is removed for a set percentage of participations, and the bookkeeping is much, much easier to maintain.

OB2. Amend Continuing Crown Writ 2 Missile Weapons Manual IV.B.3. Siege Weapons **TABLED**

Tabled by voice vote.

Current Writ:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are intended to be fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a 50 to 100 pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that throw a "rock" simulating a 250 pound sandstone ball.

Amend to read:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

All siege weapons fire large missiles or extra large missiles.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are ~~intended to be~~ fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a **20 to 70** pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons **having a throwing beam 6' or greater in length designed to throw** missiles simulating a **100 to 250** pound sandstone ball. **These include, but are not limited to, trebuchets and catapults. A large Ballista would have a minimum uncocked width of 6'.**

OB3. Amend Missile Weapon Construction Manual: Siege Weapon B. Ammunition Construction..... **TABLED**

Tabled by voice vote.

Amend to read:

1. Large Rocks **and Extra Large Rocks**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- Shall not weigh more than one-half pound
- Shall not be smaller than five (5) inches in diameter
- May be hollow rubber balls or constructed of foam covered with duct or fiber-reinforced tape
- **Large rocks must be red. Extra large rocks must be yellow.**

2. Ballista Bolts

Bolts shall be made of golf club tube shafts with a tennis ball taped onto the tube with no less than 2 layers of duct or fiber-reinforced tape (one layer completely covering the ball and four inches of shaft, followed by a second layer). PVC pipe is not approved as it is not shatter resistant. **May also be made of pool noodles or other closed cell foam material with any suitable ball properly affixed.**

- The tubes may be reinforced with medium density foam (e.g. pipe insulation) to make them more resistant to crushing damage.
- "Fletchings" may be added so long as they are not of a rigid material or have sharp edges. Edges of plastic fletchings may be covered with duct tape to dull them.
- **Large bolts must be red. Extra large bolts must be yellow.**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- The overall length of the bolt must be no less than 24 inches and no more than **36 48** inches.
- The overall weight of the bolt must be no more than 1/2 pound.

OB4. Amend Combat Manual I.G.6 Missile Weapons..... **TABLED**

Tabled by voice vote.

Amend to read:

6. ~~Missile Weapons~~ **Small Missiles**

- Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.
- Any combatant **actively** blocking a small missile with a weapon will be assumed to have been hit and shall be called dead.
- ~~Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.~~
- Small missiles can be blocked with shields. If a small missile inadvertently strikes a weapon, that missile is assumed to have missed. It does not destroy the weapon.
- Once an arrow or other small missile has made contact with anything (e.g. weapon, shield, body), it is spent and may not cause further damage. The golf-tube missile is considered a javelin and may be thrown during melees.
- Small missiles, with the exception of combat arrows, may be any color other than red. They may not have any red tape, paint, etc. on them.
- Missiles are considered dead after first use. Dead missiles may be gleaned from the combat field for re-use during melee if the scenario is expressly written to allow it.

OB5. Amend Combat Manual I.G.7 Large Missiles TABLED

Tabled by voice vote.

Current Writ:**7. Large Missiles**

- Large missiles launched from siege engines are currently in the experimental stage and are approved for limited play-testing in certain areas of the Empire.
- In areas approved for siege engine play-test, rocks and ballista bolts are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields and are considered spent only after they stop moving, or hit the ground or a fixed obstacle (e.g. tree, hay bale, etc.).
- All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields.

Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

Amend to read:**7. Large Missiles**

- "Rocks" and "ballista bolts" are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- **Small siege weapons fire large missiles. These are considered to be a 20 to 70 pound projectiles.**
- **All large missiles must be red.**
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent. **All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.**
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields (**up to and including pavises**) and are considered spent only after they stop moving. **Three hits from a ballista bolt disable a manlet and it may not move after that. It does not need to be laid down or removed from field.**
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields (**up to and including pavises**). **One hit from a large missile (rock) disables a manlet, three hits destroys a manlet and it must be removed from the field.**
- Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

8. Extra Large Missiles

- Large siege weapons fire extra large missiles. These are considered to be 100 to 250 pound projectiles.
- All extra large missiles must be yellow.
- Extra large missiles (rocks) destroy manlets and kill all persons within 3' behind the manlet. It must be removed from field when destroyed.
- All blows delivered by extra large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.

OB6. Add Imperial Estates Writ: Lanyards..... REFERRED TO BoD

Referred to the Board of Directors by voice vote.

Proposal:

A lanyard shall be required to use one-handed weapons in all armored combat. The lanyard shall be of sturdy material such as heavy nylon bootlaces. The lanyard shall connect the weapon to the wielder's gauntlet.

Commentary: Lanyards prevent one-handed weapons from being dropped or "launched" at marshals and spectators at events. They have been used regularly by some of our sister organizations to prevent injury.

Alternative Proposal:

A lanyard shall be required to use one-handed weapons in armored combat demonstrations. The lanyard shall be of sturdy material such as heavy nylon bootlaces. The lanyard shall connect the weapon to the wielder's gauntlet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS..... NOT CONSIDERED**NB1. Amend Article VIII.D.3.a.iv and VIII.F.1. to remove overlapping border restriction for subdivisions****Item 1: Article VIII.D.3.a.iv. Shires**

Current Law: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.

Amend to Read: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction ~~which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.~~

Commentary: For the past seven years the empire has successfully created several new subdivisions that overlap borders, with no significant difficulties. However, the process is always slowed because special permission is needed, being this permission has never been denied, removing the request shall only aid the crown.

Item 2: Article VIII.F.1. Chartered Subdivisions**Current Law:**

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision. (*Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.*)
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (*Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates General with a 2/3 majority.*)

Amend to read:

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- ~~The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision. (Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.)~~
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates General with a 2/3 majority.)

Commentary: Deleting this bullet will allow marches to seek advancement into chartered subdivision status with Imperial Crown approval.

Author: Sir L' Beté deAcmd (Archduke of Kincora)

Sponsor: Sir Boru (King of Castilles)

NB2. Amend Article VIII.D. Chartered Subdivisions**Option 1: Add 6. Embassy**

The *real estate property* owned by a member of a Chartered Subdivision which exists outside that Chartered Subdivision's borders is considered an Embassy and the sovereign territory of that Chartered Subdivision for purposes of determining jurisdiction, even if it exists within the geographic borders of another Chartered Subdivision.

Option 2: Amend 1.a. Definition of Kingdom**Current Law:**

v. A Kingdom must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.

Amend to Read:

v. A Kingdom must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction. **For purposes of determining jurisdiction, the *real estate property* owned by a member of a Kingdom is considered the territory of that Kingdom, even if it exists within the geographic borders of another subdivision.**

If either Option is approved, the following terms will be added to the Glossary:

Embassy - An archaic term for Embassy.

Real Estate Property - Any property defined under Mundane Law as real estate, including but not limited to private residences.

Commentary: While there is no explicit prohibition against the use of one's own property for official events when that property exists inside the borders of a different Chartered Subdivision, the lack of clear guidance in the matter has been the source of conflict in the past. We feel it is important to place into law clear language in support of the view that the use of one's own property, even for Adrian purposes, cannot be dictated others.

Author: Dame Ana Llewelyn (Marquessa, March of Mercia)

Sponsor: Dame Etaine Llewelyn (Countess Royal)

NB3. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article IV. Conduct of Judicial Courts

Amend to Read:

Once complaints have been presented in writing to the appropriate Minister of Justice or Magistrate, the Minister of Justice shall have no more than 30 days to evaluate them and determine if they are legitimate charges and warrant trial, unless proper cause is submitted in writing to the Crown and Imperial Chancery that more time is necessary. If they are so determined, the following procedures shall be followed.

1. The Minister of Justice shall notify the named defendants in writing. This shall be done in any of the following methods
 - Hand delivered
 - Via fax
 - Via email
 - Via mail
 - Via phone conversation (In order to setup a meeting to hand deliver)

Notification of a vassal's Liege-Lord shall qualify as notification of the individual.

2. Mediation must be attempted within 20 days of the date that the complaint was found to have merit. Either party may refuse mediation. Mediation may be conducted through electronic media (e-mail correspondence with known legal e-mail addresses), so long as all parties are involved and the Ministry of Justice maintains a written record. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, the complaint shall become a set of charges.
3. Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as within 30 days. If the trial is to be held concurrent to a sanctioned event, the trial shall not be conducted during any scheduled activities at an event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.
4. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice will then request the defendant to choose a date for their trial, which must occur within one (1) year from the date the set of charges is filed. This date must be acceptable to Magistrate/Minister of Justice, Crown and plaintiff as well as the defendant. If the defendant has not set a date within 6 months from the date the set of charges is filed, the Magistrate/Minister of Justice has 30 days to set a trial date to occur within the remaining 6 months.
5. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice shall select the time and place of the trial, provided Immediate Justice was not called for, in which case it will take place during the next Scheduled event. The Date, Time, and Place of this trial shall be published in the Adrian Herald as well as announced at the next Crown Event, unless Immediate Justice is demanded.
6. If the defendant fails to appear at the prescribed time, date, and location of the trial, they may be tried in absentia, and the Magistrate/Minister of Justice will allow any of the trial attendees to speak on behalf of the defendant.
7. The Defendant shall be afforded every opportunity to prepare a defense. This will include but not be limited to reviewing evidence and questioning witnesses. The plaintiff shall also be afforded this same opportunity to prepare their case. This "Period of Discovery" shall continue until forty-eight (48) hours prior to trial at which point all witness lists and evidence lists shall be frozen and reviewed by the Magistrate. This may be appealed by to the Magistrate during the trial, and the opposing ~~council~~ Counsel shall have an opportunity to argue against such an appeal, after which the Magistrate shall decide if the added testimony/evidence shall be heard.
8. All open Judicial Proceedings shall be videotaped, audio taped (or equivalent), and copies of the tape provided to the Imperial Chancery.

9. Lastly, it shall be understood throughout Adrian Courts that the primary responsibility of the Court is to determine the Truth of the Matter. ~~That this~~ This Search for the truth shall be the over-riding determinate in the process, and not procedure. Objections due to procedure should be discouraged if they may be used to hide or diffuse the truth.
10. All court decisions must be published as an appendix to the next Imperial Estates Agenda.

Additional Option #1

The above proposal is to be adopted retroactively.

Commentary: Currently in the Adrian Court systems, there is a provision for the length of time in which mediation is to be attempted, but there is no express condition for the length of time in which a trial date must be set. This proposal will set forth into law a length of time for setting trial dates, so the court system is not overloaded with cases that are several years old, and either parties are no longer members, or the original charges have been forgotten. It is my understanding that there are cases that have been in the trial system for several years, and no trial date has been set. The in absentia clause will allow trials to go forth when the trial date.

Author: Dame Ariana RuddCatha (Knight Minister, Lady of House Weyland)

Sponsor: Sir Vaelen Gallimour (Knight Minister, Lord of House Weyland)

NB4. Add Imperial Estates Writ: Manual of Siege

The proposed Manual of Siege can be found in Appendix 5. If approved, the sections pertaining to Siege Weapon use in the Combat Manual will be removed.

Author: HIH Wright Bentwood (Imperial Prince, Knight Champion)

Sponsor: HIH Erik Harbinger (Imperial Prince)

NB5. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 2: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries

Amend to read:

The artisan shall be present when the item is judged, ~~unless the Artisan lives more than 100 miles away for any other Event. If the Artisan lives outside the 100 mile radius of any tournament, they may mail their entries and documentation to the A&S Minister for entry into the next scheduled Tournament. The Artisan must send return postage, or make arrangements to have the item picked up by the end of the month.~~ If an item is judged outside a tournament or war, the artisan will gain the win, Masterwork, or participation point at the next event attended by the artisan after that entry. The hardcopy documentation for the entry will be available for display.

Commentary: I would like to see Members who are unable to make it to subdivision events on a regular basis and would like to enter Arts and Sciences be able to mail them to the Arts Minister of their Subdivision or on the Imperial level if they are members-at-large for entry at the next scheduled event. Said member would have to live at least a 100 miles away from their hosting subdivision and have a legitimate reason they can't attend such as work, severe illness or difficulty traveling. The art would have to be submitted in time for the monthly event and only 6 entries may be made in this fashion; the rest of the submissions have to be made in person. The Artisan has to be prepared to accept the score given since they will not be present and the Judges will be relying completely on the documentation that the artist provides. The artist can collect the items from the Art Minister at the next event they attend, pay for shipping and handling to have the piece returned, or otherwise designate what they want done with the piece and the documentation.

Author: Dame Katriana McBrus (Queen of Albion)

Sponsor: Sir Angus Kilshannig (Knight Premier, Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences)

X. DISCUSSION

D1. 20th Anniversary Event

Commentary: We will be forming a committee to organize this event. Each subdivision will be required to provide one representative.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

March 2006. Location: TBD.

XII. ADJOURNMENT5:00 P.M. EST

END OF MINUTES