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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 A.M.

The sign in table was opened at 8:15 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. In order to accommodate last minute arrivals and to allow time to determine quota, non-voting items were reviewed and discussed first.

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM MET

54 Present, 124 proxies, Quorum of 82 was met.

The Chancery reported that, according to the sign-ins, there were 32 present and 130 proxies for a total of 162 votes. The required quorum was 82. 2 of the proxies arrived later in the meeting changing the count to 34 present and 128 proxies.

The quorum requirement was 82. Quorum was met with 160, present or proxy. 8 members were seated by motion, and 2 were denied (see below). A request was made for an emergency Civil Court to determine their eligibility. The court determined that the effective date was the date the Crown intended, not the date the event was recorded. The ruling was presented to the Estates and ratified by a clear majority visual vote. Therefore, 2 members were seated, bringing the total to 170. Upon approval of CRB2, the Shire of Monaco, 2 additional members were seated. 6 additional persons and proxies arrived later, bringing the total to 178, 54 votes and 124 proxies. See Sign-ins for further details.

A motion was made to approve the seating of estates who petitioned to be seated. A motion to divide the question was made and **passed 90 to 83**.

A motion was made to approve the new estates created since the voting freeze. **Passed with no objection**. This included Sir Jesan of Albion, Dame Lily of Alhambra, Sir Erran Cuss of Umbria, and Sir Elric Irondrake of Gloucester.

A motion was made to seat Sir Ian MacDonald whose membership had lapsed at the time of the freeze who had since renewed, had all points, ranks and titles restored and met the attendance requirement. **Passed with no objections**.

A motion was made to seat individuals for whom the Imperial Database did not show sufficient attendance but whose chapter had documentation that they have. **Passed with no objections**.

A motion was made to seat individuals who attended a double event prior to the voting freeze, one of which would normally have occurred after the freeze. The vote was 60 to 65, the motion **Failed**.

An emergency Civil Court was held to consider the effective date, for attendance purposes, of monthly events that are scheduled either early or late due to inclement weather or other unavoidable conditions (so called "make-up" events). (See the summary above.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 2012 Imperial Estates Meeting

Additions:

Announcement of Judith King (Chabriel Gabrielle Silverhand) to the BoD.

There is a need to research possible changes to the (past) budget.

REPORTS *(Ministers reports to be posted by June 20)*

Executive:

• Crown

Creation of the Shire of Monaco (see CRB2c).

The Imperial Crowns selected a site for the ICW-SE. After the site had been selected, the decision of the Civil Court regarding the location of Crown Wars was announced and the announcement was rescinded pending a rewrite of the decision. However, since the decision, when announced, will make the reserved location illegal and a non-refundable deposit has been made, the Crowns asked for an exception to the law (see CRB 7) which was granted.

• President and Board of Directors

Recommend that all business regarding the sale of chattel goods be postponed until all information from mundane sources has been provided.

A motion was made to comply with the recommendation of the BoD.

A motion to waive the 30 days' notice – **Passed by voice vote**

The motion to comply with the recommendation of the BoD **passed by voice vote.**

Ministers:

• Steward, including mandatory chapter reporting as required by Article VI.E.5.c

• Rolls

Points have been removed from the DB as per Imperial Crown review. They are being reposted when questions have been answered.

• Sovereign of Arms

Artistic differences are not being addressed but other changes/differences are being made based on the original submission.

• Other reports were posted electronically.

NOTE: As per Article VI.C.2 All official bylaws, manuals, guidelines, etc. shall be published once a year ... and take effect on November 1st.. The exception is that a law may be effective upon approval or 30 days after publication in the minutes if expressly approved to do so by 2/3 of the Estates. (Consistent with all exceptions to law.)

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. To finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary) as required by Article VI.E.5.b **NO ACTION**

CRB2. Charter Amendments

A. Elevation of Auroch's Fyord to Duchy **PASSED**
(Requires majority to approve) by voice vote

B. Elevation of Castellan de Leon to Kingdom (added 6/21/2012) **PASSED**
(Requires majority to approve) 85-62

C. New shire and location **PASSED**
(Requires majority to approve) by voice vote

The shire of Monaco has counties in Indiana and Ohio.

Chancery Note: The creation of this charter includes land released by Somerset.

CRB3. Sale of Adrian Assets **TABLED**

OPTION A.

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Amend Bylaws of the Adrian Empire Article IV. Dues B. Expense Approval

add: [and Sale of Adrian Assets](#)

renumber first sentence: 1. Expending Funds

add: [2. Sale of Assets](#)

[a. All items donated to or purchased by the Adrian Empire, Inc or any of its chapters shall be recognized as a corporate asset.](#)

- b. The value of the items shall be determined at time of donation, using the fair market value for the item based on its condition and age.
- c. These will be carried as chattel goods, reflected by the individual chapter steward and reported to the Imperial Steward for record of corporate assets.
- d. All goods donated to Adria or any of its individual chapters will be deemed to have a useful life of 5 years.
- e. After 5 years, the item will be deemed to have minimal value (not zero value).
- f. The sale of any corporate asset must be approved by the Board of Directors, who will both authorize the sale and set the value to be received. This valuation will take into account the years held by the Adrian Empire, Inc and its chapters and subsidiaries.
- g. A chapter wishing to sell any chattel goods held on behalf of the Adrian Empire must:
 - i. submit a request for authorization and valuation to the Board of Directors
 - ii. submit a statement from the local steward listing when the item was received and a record of the value at time of donation or purchase by the chapter
 - iii. within 30 days of receipt of the request and supporting statement, the Board of Directors and Imperial Steward shall review the request and documents, and vote to authorize the sale and set a price.
- h. Even with items that have been property of Adria for a period longer than 5 years, NO items are to be sold that were purchased or donated to the Adrian Empire or any of its chapters without the express approval and sale price set by the Board of Directors.

Author: *HIM, Sir Thomas Weimar, Dame Ariana Neville, Cambridge*

Sponsors: *Crown*

OPTION B.

(Requires majority to approve)

Adopt Sale of Assets a-h as IEW

Author: *Chancery*

Sponsors: *Crown*

CRB4. Petition to amend the Imperial Budget to add NST/"Age of Chivalry"

Renaissance Faire

AMENDED AND APPROVED IN PART

(Requires Crown adoption and majority to approve)

Whereas, the NST/"Age of Chivalry" Renaissance Faire is an Imperially sanctioned event that has grown from one chapter (Aragon) to three being directly involved (Albion, Umbria, and Auroch's Fyord) and each is severely restricted in recovering costs of participation. The Estates of the Kingdom of Albion petition TIMs and the Imperial Estates to amend the Imperial Budget to add this event to the Imperial Budget:

Food plan	\$500
Toilet Rental	\$150
Truck rental	\$150
<u>Fire Ext. (recharge)</u>	<u>\$50</u>
Total	\$850

COMMENTARY: We are hoping all prizes will be donated and we do not have to budget for them. If the food plan is offered by the Empire it will pay for itself and generate a modest amount over cost, if it is offered by one chapter, the others tend to operate their own and not participate. We are not permitted to charge site fees for this event. We are negotiating for a vendor fee to allow us to sell members' merchandise and use a portion to offset costs.

Author: *Kingdom of Albion*

Sponsor: *Crown*

Motion to divide the question: Approved

Line 1: Food Plan – 60 – 101, **Failed**

Line 2: Toilets – 80 to 85, **Failed**

Motion to reconsider, **Passed**

Approved by voice vote

Line 3: Truck Rental – 81 – 86, **Failed**

Motion to approve Truck rental for \$75 – 84-77, **Passed**

Line 4: Fire Extinguishers – 80-70, **Passed**.

CRB5. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #1 Manual of Arts and Sciences **PASSED**

(Requires majority to approve)

Section V. Contested Wars, C. War Entries

An artisan may enter up to 2 [4] entries.

and

Section IV. TOURNAMENTS, B. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

2. An artisan can submit one item per Crown event or participate in one non-judged art activity with crown approval per Crown tourney, or up to two [~~four~~] items per war.

Specifically: changing the number of entries from 4 to 2.

COMMENTARY: If you read the rules governing how judges are chosen for a war entry it is an undaunted task taken on by a minister who is expected to not only know who is qualified but who can judge what. Throw in 80 entries and you have before you an unrealistic task. Add to that those who are willing to judge and your set for a marathon session that can take you into the next day. In order to judge 80 entries you need 320 pieces of paper filled out because the ideal amount of judges at a war is 3 and 1 alternate. Then you have to take those 320 pieces of paper and make some sense of it and pray to god above that you do not on top of all that have a 5 point difference in your scores so that you have to rejudge an item. Some will argue this limits the artisan and restricts them. You can only earn one EP, One TW, and one WP, at a War. If you enter 4 or you enter 1 you will still earn the same amount of points. Despite what some may think this will not affect the scoring. If you read the rules governing the awarding of points you will see for example a point is awarded for the Army with the Most MW. Changing entries from 4 to 2 does not change this. How many people enter 4 entries and can be assured of 4 MW. The point is still going to the Army who earns the most masterworks no matter the amount of entries. 80 entries 20 masterworks awarded (12 to 8) = 1 point

40 entries 10 masterworks awarded (6 to 4) = 1 point

It does not matter if you have 5 entries or 100 the Highest Score on the Journeyman's list still gets the point. With Empire growth you have new Artisans that have to be trained to be judges. This does not happen overnight. So they enter their 4 Arts projects at the Imperial War and yet they are not comfortable judging nor do they have the know-how yet. What if you have 6 new artisans enter 4 arts projects yet none of them is able to judge. That is 24 projects added to the already long list of veteran artist entries who come forward to support the arts. What is the quality of our judging, our entries and what are we promoting? Judges are burned out of judging at wars where entries are simply an assembly line of scores and there is no real judging going on where a judge can appreciate the good art before them.

Are we being fair to the artist? Hardly. We have no time to appreciate the work they have done. Documentation gets a cursory glance. How do you feel when that happens? Once again what are we promoting? The Sponsors of this legislation would ask the Imperial Estates to approve immediate implementation.

Author: *HG Dame Seraphine MacLaren of the O'Neil Mor*

Sponsors: *HIM Dame Etaine Llywelyn, HIH Dame Lenora Greyphis, HIH Dame Shahara of Lion's Court, HIH Dame Enid, HG Dame Cocah Anatolii, HG Dame Margarita Dubois, HG*

Dame Cassiopia de Acmd, HG Dame Genevieve La Rousse, HG Jarl Doom Solig, Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri, Dame Amara vai' Datha

Motion to approve: **113 in favor - Passed**

Motion to implement immediately (*Requires 2/3 majority*) **113-60 Failed**

CRB6. To forgive two individuals of liability for misuse and improper sale of chattel.

RULED OUT OF ORDER

(Requires 2/3 to waive notice and majority to approve)

COMMENTARY: These individuals sold off over \$3,000 of chattel for \$126 to themselves and others. They sought permission to have the sale from the appropriate prior Crowns. They reported that the chattel was old and damaged and whatever was not sold was to be discarded. The prior Crowns took them at their word and no review of the chattels condition was done. No records of sales were turned over, just a simple list with a bracket around everything for \$126. They reported to have discarded everything else, except a few flags and a fight ring. At a later faire, they set up a vendor booth with most of the chattel in question, which appeared to be in good condition.

Upon discovery, the Imperial Crown released the Crown writ regarding sales of chattel and sought mundane legal and professional counsel. All counsel agrees, it is allowable for Crowns to hold garage sales, as long as the chattel is sold at a reasonable value, known mundanely as fair market value. All counsel agrees that Crowns cannot give the chattel away nor sell it for an unreasonable discount which is the same as giving it away.

Upon notice, Party A gave back all chattels in his possession. Upon notice, Party B gave back some of the chattel in his possession and some he is attempting to keep. Further, they both gave chattel to Party C, who refuses to turn any of the items in his possession over. The summary is they gave back the chattel not used in their vendor booths.

The reason this is beings brought to the Imperial Estates is to ask for direction on how to proceed. After several months of negotiations it has become clear that there will be little more meaningful progress on this incident. The Imperial Crown wishes this body to decide at this point whether to continue pursuing this incident.

Be aware, that all mundane legal counsel, mundane professionals and mundane civil authorities has concurred that there is a real risk to our non-profit status if our attempts to recover our assets are not deemed sufficient by the civil authorities.

Chancellor's Note: Please limit all discussion to Imperial Estates Yahoo group and refrain from identifying the individuals beyond "Party A", "Party B", and "Party C".

CRB7. Create an exception to law for the site of the ICW-SE 2012 APPROVED

(Requires 2/3 to waive notice and majority to approve)

A motion to waive notice was made and **passed on a voice vote**.

A motion to change the order of the day (this occurred during Reports) and discuss this item immediately was made and **passed** with a vote of 144 in favor.

The sequence of events, contacts by various parties with the site, the dates of the initial publishing of the Civil Court decision the signing of the contract and payment of the non-refundable deposit, the disadvantages and drawbacks of not completing the contract as written and agreed to, and the lack of the option to change the date of using the site were discussed.

A motion to grant an exception to Imperial law was made and, by a vote of 113 to 43, **Approved**.

CHANCERY BUSINESS

- CHB1. Judicial Decisions** **NONE**
- CHB2. Ratify Past Civil Courts** **TABLED**
Tabled for rewrite at the next meeting
- CHB3. Contenders for Imperial Throne as required by Article VI.E.5.a.** **APPROVED**
 Vote to reconsider the vote to place all matters arising from the chattel goods situation on hold:
Passed 76-70
 Discussion: Could this effect the eligibility of a contender – No.
 Vote to resuspend actions resulting from matters arising from the chattel goods: >154 (counted)
 – 8 & 2 **Passed**
 Motion to divide the question: **Passed by voice vote**
 The process was described: Statements would be made by each of the Contenders; questions would be asked of the contenders; the contenders would be debated; the vote would be held.
 The meeting recessed for the night.
 A moment of silence for the victims of the Colorado massacre.
 The statements were made, the questions were asked and answered, and the contenders left the room.
 A motion was made to vote with not debate: **Passed with 99 in favor.**
 A motion was made to divide the question on TIMs.
 An amendment was offered to divide all four candidates. The amendment **failed by voice vote.**
 The primary motion **failed by voice vote.**
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| TIMs Sir Thomas Weimar and Dame Etaine Llywelyn | 109 – 51 |
| PASSED | |
| TGs Sir Cameron Kilshannig and Dame Gemma Evangelista Borgia | 90 - 75 |
| PASSED | |
- CHB4. Define Startup Expenses, Amend unlisted IEW? (adopted July 2008)**
“Establishing Restricted Fund for Startup Expenses” **TABLED**
 Upon reviewing this item, the Imperial Crowns and Chancellor found the original documents which provided further confusion and less guidance than was hoped. Further, they have received no input from others, and requested that this item be tabled.
- CHB5. Amend Article VI.C. Publication of Changes 2.** **PASSED**
(Requires 2/3rds to approve)
 All official bylaws, manuals, guidelines, etc. shall be published once a year (during the month of [~~October~~] December) by the outgoing administration. All changes, additions, deletions, and corrections from the year shall be included and take effect on [~~November~~] January 1st. . . .
 COMMENTARY: *under the current rules the law is updated before the November amendments can be included, this proposal requires the outgoing administration to update all changes made during their term of office.*
 Author: *Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, KPr.*
 Co-sponsor: *The Crown*
 Motion to approve: **Passed on a voice vote**

CHB6. Ratification of the Law**DISCUSSION ONLY**

(Notification, no action is requested until the November meeting, Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Ratify the Law (the current Bylaws, Lex Adria, Writs, Manuals, and Guidelines) as it is published with any noticed corrections, which we intend to present for November.

COMMENTARY: over the years a number of approved items have not been properly recorded and published. This has produced confusion and uncertainty. Rather than continuing to search old minutes for missed items and verify they were not subsequently repealed, we are asking the Estates to ratify the law "as it is" and move forward from this year.

Author: *Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, KPr.*

Co-sponsor: *The Crown*

CHB7. Amend Codex Adjudicata**TABLED**

(Requires majority to approve)

Change judicial case reporting, no names shall be used, only case numbers and letter designations of the parties shall be reported, to protect members privacy. The actual reports with the private information shall be maintained by the Steward and BoD Secretary and shall only be released as required by law.

COMMENTARY: private information that may be prejudicial and damaging has been published and may be continuously electronically disseminated long after cases are disposed of. Many professional organizations use the method above to publish rulings and guide their members without publishing their personal information.

Authors: *Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, CR, KPr*

Co-sponsors: *Dame Marion Leal Durius, CR, KPr*

A motion was made to table this item for a rewrite including a standardized recording system.

The motion **passed on a voice vote.**

CHB8. Amend the Codex Adjudicata III (paragraph 2)**WITHDRAWN**

(Requires majority to approve)

Change as indicated:

[~~As indicated +~~]The ruling of the Court becomes Law until accepted or rejected by [~~the~~] a higher authority hearing an appeal.

COMMENTARY: This is just a clarification, it does not change the law.

Author: *HG Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause, Imperial Minister of Justice*

Sponsor: *The Imperial Chancellor*

CHB9. Amend the Codex Adjudicata IV.2**PASSED**

(Requires majority to approve)

Mediation must be attempted within [~~15~~] 20 days of the date that the Complaint was elevated to a Charge. Mediation may be conducted through electronic media, so long as all parties are involved and the Magistrate maintains a written record. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, the matter shall go to Trial.

COMMENTARY: It states in Article III.F that it is 20 days. This is to bring them in sync.

This is just a clarification, it does not change the law.

Author: *HG Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause, Imperial Minister of Justice*

Sponsor: *The Imperial Chancellor*

The motion **passed on a voice vote.**

CHB10. Reconsideration of the Reign of Sir Hawthorne and Dame Cocah **FAILED**

(Requires 2/3 to waive notice, majority to reconsider, majority to approve)

Comment: If notice is not waived, it will be in order to consider in November. If reconsideration fails or the motion is not approved, it cannot be considered again until next term (March).

COMMENTARY: As per request of TGs, "Yes, we would like the Retirement Titles to be reconsidered at the July IEM. If it's going to be done, it should be now and not later."

Author: HGs Dame Cocah, Sir Hawthorne

Sponsor: The Imperial Chancellor

The motion to reconsider **failed 81-90**.

OLD BUSINESS

- OB1. Amend Conversions** **FAILED**
(Requires majority to approve)
 As per Article VI. E.5.d. The Estates may review (at its discretion) any system of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown (Article IX.E)
 Conversion requests are to be submitted within 6 months of paying membership.
 Once processed, the results do not take effect until one year after the membership was first paid.
Author: Felicia "The Bold" das Schwarz Brause, KPr
Co-Sponsors: HIM Dame Etaine Llywelyn, KPr, Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause, KPr
 The motion to reconsider **failed 44-93**.
- OB2. Records Storage and Maintenance** **WITHDRAWN**
Rewrite not received.
- OB3. Amend Missile Weapons Manual, II.D. Arrows** **FAILED**
(Requires majority to approve)
 All arrows, measured from inner depth of nock, running length of shaft (before arrow head) to measure approximately 1" (one inch) longer than full length of archer's draw length, measured to the back of arrow rest, or back of shelf on grip of bow"
Explanation: to reduce the risk of overdrawing.
Author: Gabellotto Mizak Perado, KM, Imp Dep MoJ&W
Sponsors: Chevalier Gabriele Silverhand, KPr, Sir William Baine, CR
 The motion **failed on a voice vote**.
- OB4. Amend Lex Adria Article V.E. Sponsorship Requirements to limit the number of Additional point bearing Imperial Events** **TABLED**
(Requires 2/3rds to approve)
 Currently not limited, this amendment would limit the number of ~~Additional point bearing Imperial Events~~ additional Imperial points that can be earned in one ~~reign~~ year to:
 Option a: 4
 Option b: 6
 Option c: 8
 Option d: 12
COMMENTARY: It has come to my attention that there is no upper limit to the number of additional EPs a Imperial Crown can grant. Theoretically a Crown can grant as many additional points as they seem fit. Now while I would agree this is good for promotion of Adrian, I would also be concerned an abuse of pumping out 2nd and 3rd level knights to rapidly can arise. Therefore, I would ask that the Imperial Estates limit the total number an Imperial Crown can grant in a year's time.

Author: HIH Lord Wright

Co-Sponsors: Sir William Baine, CR

A motion was made to table this until November for clarification. Motion **passed**.

OB5. Corrections to the Combat Manual by Section, see Addendum A PASSED
(Requires majority to approve)

These are administrative corrections and typo fixes. There are no rule changes in this proposal. Those will be contained in a separate proposal.

Author: Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, KCh

Co-Sponsors: Sir Karl von Rothenburg, KCh, Sir Dietrich Von Holstein, KCh, Dep ImpMoW&J, HIM Thomas Weimar

The motion **passed on a voice vote**.

OB6. Corrections to the Marshals Manual by Section, see Addendum B PASSED
(Requires majority to approve)

These are administrative corrections and typo fixes. There are no rule changes in this proposal. Those will be contained in a separate proposal.

Author: Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, KCh

Co-Sponsors: Sir Karl von Rothenburg, KCh, Sir Dietrich Von Holstein, KCh, Dep Imp MoW&J, HIM Thomas Weimar

The motion **passed on a voice vote**.

OB7. Rule Changes for the Combat Manual by Section, see Addendum C
PASSED AS AMENDED WITH OPTION B FOR E.10
(Requires majority to approve)

Author: Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, KCh

Co-Sponsors: Sir Karl von Rothenburg, KCh, Sir Dietrich Von Holstein, KCh, Dep Imp MoW&J, HIM Thomas Weimar

An amendment was offered from the floor and accepted by the Author and Co-Sponsors: III.A.4. There shall be no ~~bare skin allowed~~ large areas of bare skin allowed as long as minimum armor standards are adhered to on any combatant in any combat form.

Motion to discuss: **Failed on a voice vote**.

A vote was called for the preference of Option A versus Option B in E.10. **By voice vote, Option B was preferred.**

Motion to approve option B for E.10. Motion **passed by a voice vote**.

OB8. Rule Changes for the Marshals Manual by Section, see Addendum D PASSED
(Requires majority to approve)

Author: Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, KCh

Co-Sponsors: Sir Karl von Rothenburg, KCh, Sir Dietrich Von Holstein, KCh, Dep Imp MoW&J, HIM Thomas Weimar

The motion **passed on a voice vote**.

OB9. Amend Lex Adria, Proposal: War Points for Ministry, see Addendum E
FAILED
(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Commentary by the Author: Ministry participation points are awarded for service to the Empire/Chapter that allows the Empire/Chapter to function, for events to “happen”, for members to be able to participate in their chosen disciplines, and for the members to be able to have a say in the operation and administration of the Empire/Chapter. Without the ministers,

the Empire/Chapter could not function and there would be no events or activities of any kind. Yet, when it comes to choosing who will be the next Crown, choosing the persons responsible to whom they must report and whose policies they will be enforcing and abiding by, as a minister, they are currently not permitted a voice. This proposal would allow the ministers at the war to have a voice in the outcome of the war without showing bias in their activities.

This was (unofficially) play-tested for functionality only during an uncontested war in Albion and during IBW-SW and it was determined that it “worked” (was understandable and do-able) and did not significantly increase the amount of work done or time required by anyone.

Author: Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR

Co-Sponsors: HIH Dame Shahara, HIH Sir Jehann, HG Sir Coda Drachensohn von Ramstein, CR, K3, HG Sir Robert LaCroix

The motion **failed on a voice vote.**

OB10. Amend Bylaws Article III to replace Imperial Crown with a 2/3rds vote of the panel to revoke, deny, or suspend membership **TABLED**
(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Article III A.2

Membership in the Adrian Empire may be revoked [~~by the Imperial Crown~~] by a 2/3 vote of the panel . . .(maintain a.b.c.d. as written)

Article III A 3 - Change “[~~Imperial Crown~~]” to “2/3rds vote of the panel”

Article III A 4 - Change “[~~Imperial Crown~~]” to “2/3rds vote of the panel”

Replace Article III A 4.b with:

“Upon notification of the above (a.), the President of the BoD shall create a Case Number and convene a special panel composed of the Vice President, the Crown(s) of the member's chartered subdivision, and two BoD representatives of the Region to review the issue at hand through conclusion. If the region is only represented by one BoD member, the President may select the second representative from the BoD. It is recommended that the membership of the panel stay intact through the review, decision, and possible appeal to the Imperial Estates.

Article III A 4 Delete: c, d, e, and f.

Article III A 4 g Change “[~~Imperial Crown~~]” to “2/3rds vote of panel” and replace “[~~shall~~]” with “must”

Article III 5 - Members Rights Add: Should the member choose to appeal to the Imperial Estates, only the Case Number is to be used for reference. When the item is brought forth to the Imperial Estates, all those who are not Imperial Estates Holders (all non-voters) will be asked to leave the meeting during the discussion and vote if called for.

COMMENTARY: November 2009 a member issue was brought forth to the Board of Directors. The issue has been a constant discussion in 6 Imperial Estates Agendas through two Imperial Reigns. The member's mundane name was not used in the BoD meeting but was mentioned in the following 6 Imperial Estates Agenda's. As such, the member's name is forever in the internet search and cloud storage. Adria should always attempt to avoid negative comments that could ultimately be found to be in error. Adria should always attempt to protect the privacy of all parties involved listed within the Case Number, both the charged member and the victims. It is imperative to remember, following the decision of the Imperial Estates March 2010, the Imperial Estates is liable for the actions of the Adrian Empire, Estates Holders and Imperial Crowns. The Imperial Crowns change yearly, many times member issues go beyond a single reign. Most of the time when issues are delegated to the sole discretion of the Imperial Estates, the issues are not resolved timely and go through more than one reign.

Author: HG Dame Marion Leal Durius, CR

Co-Sponsors: HG Dame Margarita, CR, Ritter Dietrich Von Lubeck, KCh

The motion to table **passed** on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Independent Judicial Council (an alternative Judicial Procedure)

Adopt as Authorized Exception to Law, append to Codex Adjudicata

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

The Judicial Counsel shall consist of a pool of Justices. The Crown of each Kingdom, Archduchy and Duchy shall select a subject of that Chapter who shall serve as a member of that pool for one year or until the case assigned to them is concluded, whichever is longer. Each member must be a second level knight, 18+ years of age, Anyone may serve multiple terms, but not consecutive terms.

If requested by the accused, any case referred to the Imperial Minister of Justice may be heard by three Justices drawn randomly and assigned, instead of going through the normal process.

If a Justice declines or the accused has a reasonable objection the IMoJ shall draw another to serve. If needed the process may be repeated.

The Justices may meet less formally, and electronically, but shall make every effort to fully review all witnesses and evidence and shall record all proceedings.

The decision of this board may only be appealed to the Imperial Estates.

Authors and Co-sponsors: *TIMs Sir Thomas and Dame Etaine.*

Discussion:

Who decides on whether or not to use the alternative? The accused

Could the panel handle merit? Possible

How is the panel selected? Randomly, possibly by a random generator to select from the list in advance so that the accused can object to the Judge?

Could the old system be fixed? Would this be a play-test or a replacement?

If only the accused can opt, then it is not optional

Must follow the procedure of the court

(Strict: "the Justices may meet let formally ... shall record all proceedings.)

NB2. Alternative requirements for Advancement as an Archer

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

Modify Continuing Crown Writ #2 Missile Weapons Manual I.B to add:

There are two levels of competition in archery tournament. The Bowmans list is for those who are just beginning. The Huntsmans list is for those who are more advanced. Refer to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire to review the requirements for advancement to the Huntsmans list. There is no minimum number of archers required to receive a participation point for an archery tournament, however, there is a minimum of four (4) archers required per list for the winner of the list to receive a tournament win point unless the secondary method of list win determination, as specified below.

A list win will be awarded to the archer with the highest score in the list in that tournament or, if specified in advance, a list win point may be as follows:

- I. An end will consist of two (2) or more non-timed rounds of six (6) arrows fired at 20 yards.

- II. Tournament win points for advancement shall be awarded as follows:
1. A minimum score of 30 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 50% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Bowman's List win.
 2. A minimum score of 40 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 67% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to be counted towards Knight Archer.
 3. A minimum score of 45 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 75% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to be counted towards Knight Forester.
 4. A minimum score of 50 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 83% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to be counted towards Knight Warden.
- III. If alternative targets (other than 60cm FITA), the relative difficulty of scoring a list win shall be no less than if standard targets were used.
- IV. When qualifying for a list win point in this fashion, there is no minimum number of participants required and there is neither a minimum nor maximum number of win points possible, but all scores must be witnessed by at least 3 persons: the range master, the archer, and an observer.
- V. In any given month, either method may be used but not both in any one event. The method of list win determination must be announced before the tournament begins.

Requirements for advancement in rank as an archer are detailed in the Adrian Bylaws.

Commentary: Archery can be judged and scored objectively. Advancement should be based on the skill and ability of the individual, not the quality of the competition. Like the Arts and unlike Combat, improvement in archery comes from personal, individual training, not competition with others. This proposal will set objective standards that all archers must meet to advance, regardless of whom they might be competing against. It also allows small and new subdivisions to develop archery as they would not need 4 or more bowmen for one of them to advance to huntsman, or four or more huntsmen/knights for one of them to advance.

Because archery can be scored objectively, there is no reason to require an archer to be able to outshoot another to "prove their worthiness". The current system requires a Huntsman in some tournaments to best a Knight Warden or other highly qualified and experienced archer, whereas in other tournaments, a Huntsman need only best other "novice" Huntsmen to advance. Thus the first Huntsman may need to score 50 points with 6 arrows to get a list win to become a Knight Archer but the second may only need to score 27. This results in a system of advancement that is fluid, arbitrary, and capricious. If these scores (30, 40, 45 and 50) seem too low, the author has no objection to increasing them to the current average score at which list wins are currently being won.

The "integrity of the list" is maintained by setting true standards that must be met and by acknowledging the Tournament Winner in addition to or instead of those who have merely gotten their respective list wins. This also allows for novelty tournaments to be held without affecting the quality of the list wins.

This proposal also allows a list win for chapters with insufficient archers to create large enough lists for traditional list wins.

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Co-Sponsor: HG Sir Robert LaCroix

Disussion:

Both may not be used for any one event.
What % would keep or raise the bar?
This is turning Archery into Arts.
This may be more restrictive to poorer shooters.
May put too many on the Huntsman's list.
This removes competition.
You must compete against yourself.
You can travel or have others come to your events to make a list.
Your chapter can choose separately for each event.
You can combine lists or use other methods of making a list.
It's like having a combatant with one arm tied.
Currently you must beat the best to be the best.
You are not guaranteed either to be a knight in a given timeframe or to get a win.

NB3. Review Rules Governing Board of Directors

This is a draft of three alternative proposals, we welcome the input of everyone to improve it:

OPTION A

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

Direct the Adrian Empire to properly amend our AZ corporate filings authorizing our current BoD structure.

COMMENTARY: Specific filings are required to operate outside normal corporate structure in AZ.

OPTION B

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Revise current rules to restore the Crown as President and Vice President and Steward as Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation and Board of Directors, and clarify that they hold the ordinary corporate authority.

Replace the name of the body currently referred to the BoD as Board of Advisors.

COMMENTARY: *Our current BoD is limited to advice, participation on Article III panels, and initiating suspension of Crowns. But not duties consistent with the ordinary definition of a Board of Directors which has mundane liability reflecting its authority.*

OPTION C

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Adopt a standard corporate Board of Directors under the advice of mundane counsel, that shall be charged with an detailed list of mundane duties and necessary authority (which shall be limited to corporate, IRS, and banking, accountability and filings). This body can be selected and removed by the:

Crown;

Estates; or

Membership; as approved by this body.

COMMENTARY: *a normal corporate Board of Directors is a reasonable and proper approach to satisfying our legal obligations--it does not have to usurp any role or duty not specifically assigned to it. Simple rules for replacing its membership should reassure everyone that it is under control without subjecting the entire Imperial Estates membership to liability as the de facto BoD.*

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NB4. Amend ARTICLE XVI.A.5.b: CROWN WAR

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Proposed: A change in law in how the war arts points are awarded.

Option 1.

Amend and repeal:

b. Six (6) [~~Eight (8)~~] Arts Points

~~[i. 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.]~~

And renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Option 2.

Amend:

i. Champion's battle [Highest total]

The army whose champion has the highest total score on each of the lists. The fourth judge will be the first tie breaker. If the champion's scores are still equal, the point shall be split between their armies.

Each army shall select a champion for each list prior to the first item being judged. The artisans' names and the selected entry from each artisan shall be recorded in a sealed envelope and provided to an agreed upon person. These envelopes will be opened upon the completion of the judging with witnesses from each army present and the champion determined for each list.

~~[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.]~~

COMMENTARY: Behavior that is rewarded will continue. There has been discussion that there are not enough judges or time necessary to judge the overwhelming number of entries at a war. I agree that the logical solution is to have more judges and more time set aside to judge, but even with those fixes in place the problem remains when there are still just too many entries. Our artisans should be encouraged to show their best work and support their army. By making the proposed changes, artisans will only submit their best work instead of all their possible work. The proposed law to be repealed or amended as it currently stands rewards armies that submit the most possible number of entries regardless of quality. This strategy has been used effectively to negate the other points that can be awarded in the arts that do rely on quality. We need to no longer reward the behavior that encourages our artisans and our armies to overwhelm the arts table with as many entries as possible.

Example of how the points are awarded today if one side entered their best work and the other side entered all their work no matter the quality or complexity.

Army A: 10 entries on the Knights' List

Avg. Score: 26.5

Total points: 265

Army B: 30 entries on the Knights' List

Avg. Score: 20.1

Total points: 603

Result:

The army that entered everything (Army B) decided that they would "give up" the point for quality (ii.) for the guarantee of the total (I.), therefore negating all of the work of the other army. Now it basically comes down to the other two points awarded for the Knights' List without having to have the total better army, just the best few artisans on

your side who can produce wins and masterworks. This strategy effectively negates the impact of having a strong overall army which rewards the better quality and instead rewards the overwhelming of the judges with whatever entry you can throw together the day of the war.

The reason that the second option is presented is many people felt when the rule was changed over 10 years ago that it was a good thing to have 8 war arts points. They felt that as a historical organization, having our leaders selected by those who research and recreate the arts during our time period should have a significant say in the selection of those leaders. Having champions to represent the armies seems appropriate and all champions battles are not forgone conclusions for everyone has "their day". The secret selection allows for the armies to choose their champion without fear of judging bias for or against their champion. It is best to avoid disputes before they can arise.

Author: *Dame Clarice, CR, KMa, KCv*

Co-sponsor: *Sir Fredrick von Burg, KCh, KCv, KR*

Discussion:

Current points on Maximum Total Points causes flooding of the Arts with poor quality entries.

?Send in possibilities. ????

Champions point like in Combat

NB5. Additions to IMPERIAL ESTATES WRIT #17: III. Armor and Weapon Standards

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

A.1. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to the Rigid material list.

E.2.c. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

3.d. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

5.a. Elbows and knees must be covered with steel cop of at least 16 gauge mild steel, 18 gauge stainless, or 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell. The Cops further are to have either a wing protecting the inside of the elbow or a combination of thick padding and maille performing the same function.

6. g. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

Commentary: This amendment allows people to approach a more period mode of armour construction (thinner but harder materials which do not have the obviously modern look of stainless) and would allow for a more diverse set of choices (these would now include XIII century armour construction, Eastern European armour, and so on) keeping the participant's outfits truer to historical analogs and would help in the direction of increased historical authenticity. It is further my opinion that wings on elbow and knee cops do not protect from the most dangerous mishaps (accidental thrusts by a sword, or being hit there with the guard). In fact it seems that the presence of the wing merely places a false sense of security on both combatants. I find that the combination of gambeson and chainmail on the inside of the elbow to be a better protection of bodily functions than the rigid wing (except for XV-XVI century wrap-around wings which pretty much enclose the entire elbow). It is of a further frustration that Adria is focused on 1066-1603 Europe and all countries of substantial influence, but armour that is Adria-legal starts out only in the XIV century and is localized only to certain sections of Western Europe, thus excluding the Islamic world and armours between XI and XIV. I have heard that there are no viable alternatives to the wing, and when I present such alternatives the usual objection is that "this is untested, this requires too many people to want the change, and things are fine as they are..."

This is also being added to New Business so that we can talk about this in addition to the other changes that will be getting voted on at the July IEM. Any amendments will be looked at and discussed.

Author: *Sir Jaroslav*

Sponsors: *Sir Cameron Kilshannig, CR, Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, KCh*

Discussion:

A Master armorer says would be as good as current standards.

Could you prove it is 18 gauge in Rockwell (40-50) hardness of steel?

Could we be liable if it is not 40-50?

Should we remove the Rockwell requirement?

Is it strong enough to take our weapons?

This is not a case hardening.

NB6. Modify Lex Adria, VIII.D CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS [Chapters]

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve)

Article VIII.D.1.b.vii.

~~*[A Kingdom must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and its charter or may have its charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates General.]*~~

Reword to:

A Kingdom must strive to meet the requirements of this article. If the Kingdom does not provide the Rolls, Crown, and Stewards report to the Imperial Government for over 6 months, and does not allow opportunities to earn monthly events, then a Kingdom may have its charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates General.

Article VIII.D.2.b.xi.

~~*[A Duchy must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and of its charter or may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Estates General.]*~~

Reword to:

A Duchy must strive to meet the requirements of this article. If the Duchy does not provide the Rolls, Crown, and Stewards report to the Imperial Government for over 6 months, and does not allow opportunities to earn monthly events, then a Duchy may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown with the approval of a majority vote of the Imperial Estates General.

COMMENTARY: The wording of these sections is open to interpretation or abuse. One of the key words is "all", but it refers to items in the articles that are not actions. The way these items are worded, if ONE minister fails to provide a report to their Imperial Counterpart, technically a Kingdom could be forced by ANY 2 Imperial Estates holders to go before the Imperial Estates to ask for the kingdom to be dissolved, whether they be a member of that Kingdom or not. For Duchies, this law is in conflict with the law that requires all changes to charters be approved by the Imperial Estates (ARTICLE VI:F.1.d.iv) and for local Estates to approve charter changes before bringing them to the Imperial Estates (Article VIII.F. 1). This also puts the wording in line with the Chancellors Manual, section VI.B.2.

Keeping in mind that an Archduchy could be as many as 99 people and any kingdom could easily fall to Archduchy numbers in this harsh economy. It is not good for the organization to have Chapters worried about one minister's mistake causing dissolution or charter revocation.

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Discussion:

This is a proposal. It's not a single failure, make it a repeated failure.

NB7. Modify Lex Adria, VIII.F.1 Chartered Subdivisions*(Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve)*

Current wording:

1. Chartered Subdivision

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.)

Reword and Renumber to match other sections of the document:

1, Chartered Subdivisions

- a. From time to time chartered subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement or to modify their charter. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:
 - i. Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
 - ii. 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.)
 - iii. 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.)

Add

- b. At times chapters will fall below the numbers required by law to maintain that status.
 - i. A chapter must be below the required numbers for a minimum of six months to be a candidate for reduction.
 - ii. Reduction in status of a chapter can be brought before the Imperial Estates General by the Imperial Crowns or any two voting members of the Imperial Estates General.
 - iii. Reduction in status for not meeting the required numbers for a Kingdom must be approved by 2/3rds of the Imperial Estates General.
 - iv. Reduction in status for not meeting the required numbers for Duchy, Archduchy, or Shire may be approved by a majority of the Imperial Estates General.

COMMENTARY: We should be more explicit that charter changes may not be advancement, but also border clarifications or modifications. We should also make it very clear how chapters can be reduced. We should maintain consistency in charter changes, reductions and revocation.

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Discussion:

Worry about paper members to make numbers

Do it (reduction) in March only

NB8. Modification to Lex Adria VIII.D CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS List of Responsibilities

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve)

Add the following:

VIII.D. 1.b.viii A Kingdom must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

VIII.D. 2.b. xiii A Duchy must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

VIII.D. 3.b. A Shire must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

COMMENTARY: One of the most important aspects of a subdivision is providing points opportunities for its members and it is not listed as a responsibility under the Article. We wanted to be sure that all subdivisions understand that it is a requirement to provide points opportunities, but left the wording flexible enough to account for areas that have difficulties getting sites every month, to allow make up events.

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Discussion:

This needs to be redrafted.

Can it be done in one place instead of 3, e.g. A chapter must ... ?

NB9. Proposal to amend IEW#1 Section IV. B 12

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

12. Group entries, in the case of a Bardic or other such type of entry, with two or more primary participants must notify the Royal MA&S of the entry at least thirty (30) days in advance to allow the minister to coordinate having ~~[at least]~~ one (1) judge per primary participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation. Persons with a secondary role, such as walk on part in a play may be eligible for an arts participation point, but should not require a separate judge.

Non-performance group entries with two or more participants must have one (1) judge per-participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation.

COMMENTARY: With the confusion that this rule has brought, Clarification is necessary, with the changes in Red this should make this easier to understand.

Author: *benJannoo Alistrina Bhallach Amragosso, KPr*

Co-Author: *HIM Dame Etaine Llywelyn*

NB10. Proposal to Amend IEW #1 C.3

(Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve)

~~3. A group entry with greater than three (3) primary participants must have at least one (1) judge per primary participant or role. Secondary participants (for example, a walk on part in a play) may be eligible for participation points based on documentation and performance.~~

3. Group entries, in the case of a Bardic or other such type of entry, with two or more primary participants must notify the Royal MA&S of the entry at least thirty (30) days in advance to allow the minister to coordinate having at least one (1) judge per primary participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation. Persons with a secondary role, such as walk on part in a play may be eligible for an arts participation point, but should not require a separate judge.

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Discussion: for 9 and 10

Turn in documentation on your part of a group work

For 10: This is to clarify group

DISCUSSION

D1. Improving Adria's Image

What can we do to improve our image and better market our organization?

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**NEXT MEETING: of the Imperial Estates General
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Nov 2-4, Florida;

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4:32 P.M.