



**Agenda for the
Meeting of the Imperial Estates
of the Adrian Empire
29-30 March, 2014**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time:

Fri, 28 March: TBA, BoD Meeting

Sat, 29 March: 7:45 – 9:15 Sign In

9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting

Sun, 30 March: 9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (CHA)

Alternately: Memphis International (MEM) or Nashville International (BNA)

Location:

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel

1400 Market Street, Chattanooga TN, 37402

Near the airport, convention center, University, regional history museum

Reservations:

Phone: (800)872-2529 you must mention the Adrian Empire when calling.

Rooms MUST be booked by March 7, 2014.

Room Rates:

\$99/day

Rollaway beds are available for \$10/night; refrigerators available for \$15/night; self parking \$6/night

Amenities and Other Hotel Information

2 outdoor pools, indoor pool, spa tub, fitness facility, free WiFi, business center, newspapers, coffee/tea, satellite tv

Check in: 3 pm, Check out: 11 am; credit card deposit required; self parking \$6/night

Additional information at www.choochoo.com

Local Transportation:

Transportation from the Airport to the Hotel is provided for free, but you need to contact the hotel prior to arrival.

Restaurant Information:

Coffee shop/cafe, bar,

Area Attractions:

<http://www.chattanoogafun.com/attractions/members>

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Authority:**As per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b, Membership Suspension (Special Panel):**

Upon notification of the above (a.), the Imperial Crown shall convene a special panel composed of the Crown(s) of the member's Chapter, and two Royal Crowns from a rotational list rotating each time the panel is used, and four members elected by the Imperial Estates to serve on the panel starting in March to serve for one year (at which time, new members would be elected). The Imperial Estates shall also elect two alternate panel members to serve in the stead of any elected panel members who be unavailable to serve. All members of the Panel must be at least 18 years of age, a member in good standing and a Knight.

Lex Adria Article VI.E.4 Meeting Date, March

The Imperial Estates shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:

- a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)

Lex Adria Article VI.E.6 Disqualification

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least two official events in any Chapter within the previous six months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. The vote of an Estate is held by the Estate not a person; it is the right of the Estate to determine who represents it. (*Chancery Note: see March 2004 Civil Court decision, ratified July 2004, clarified that an Estate entitled to a vote may change its representative at any time.*) It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- a. Resignation of a given member
- b. Judicial ban
- c. Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates to waive notice and seat the estate)
- d. Expiration of dues

Requirement for Written Proxies. (Lex Adria Article VI.H Ratified November, 2010)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by [the] Friday evening prior [to] the Imperial Estates Meeting, and/or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

Legend:

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

Chancery Notes, comments, and explanations

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies
- B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications
(Requires 2/3 to approve)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (Requires majority to approve)*
- Approval of the minutes of the Nov 2013 Imperial Estates Meeting

IV. REPORTS

A Executive

- 1 Crown(s)
- 2 President and Board of Directors

B Ministers

- 1 Archery
- 2 Arts and Sciences
- 3 Chancery
- 4 Hospitaler
- 5 Joust and War
- 6 Physiker
- 7 Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- 8 Rolls and Lists
- 9 Sovereign of Arms
- 10 Steward
- 11 Other Officers

V. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

Chancellor's Note: As per Lex Adria IV.F.1.d,iv, the Imperial Estates may "Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown ...". This approval raises the writ or Charter to the level of Imperial Estates Writ. The Estates also have the option to not address the writ/charter, thus leaving it at the level of a Crown Writ.

A Reduction in Status:

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

York

(Requires majority to approve)

Gloucester

B Elevate the following Chapter in status:

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. Wolfendorf to Duchy

C Approve the Charter of New Chapter

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. Mann Abhainn

D Other Amendments

1. Amend Albion Charter to reflect currently approved status

(Requires majority to approve)

The current Charter for the Kingdom of Albion does not reflect the dissolution of the former Kingdom of Aragon, nor the addition of Southern Utah, Washington and Iron Counties.

Commentary: *The Kingdoms of Aragon and Albion shared the mundane state of Nevada. Aragon has been dissolved, leaving Nevada to Albion. A treaty between Albion and Umbria shares Clark County, Nevada and Mohave County, Arizona with the exception of the lands of Auroch's Fyord. Later, the two counties in Utah were added to Albion.*

2. Amend Albion Charter to replace 1 Chapter with 2

(Requires majority of the Chapter and 2/3 of the Imperial Estates OR 2/3 of the Chapter and majority of the Imperial Estates to approve)

Commentary: *As Albion approaches 200 members, a majority desires a division into two chapters and equitable distribution of monies and chattel goods. We expect the Albion Estates to fully address these questions before the March IEM. Further, we expect both chapters to have sufficient numbers to qualify as Kingdoms and don't wish either to be unfairly penalized by losing their hard earned Kingdom status, as would occur if a new Chapter was created.*

3. Amend Esperance Charter to release the land of the mundane City of Needles, CA and immediate surroundings (10 mi) in California

(Requires majority of the Chapter and 2/3 of the Imperial Estates OR 2/3 of the Chapter and majority of the Imperial Estates to approve)

Commentary: *The Canton of Daione Caille has petitioned to leave the Kingdom of Esperance. At this time the 12 members are moving to the Kingdom of Albion. They are requesting the Kingdom of Esperance to release the mundane City of Needle, CA and immediate surroundings to enable them to form an Imperial Shire or Canton of Albion. If rejected, they ask the Kingdom of Esperance to permit the Kingdom of Albion to maintain a canton in their lands.*

CRB2. Review of Continuance of BoD Service by Scott Fitzgerald

(Requires 2/3 majority to approve)

Commentary: *The Codex Adjudicata has a section (G.I.iv.) about the BOD attempting to remove corporate authority from the Imperial Crown. It states the Board may do so by vote and Imperial Estates Ratification. It also states that if such a movement fails then any Board Member who voted for such must have their continued service reviewed and approved by a majority of the Imperial Estates. If this vote does not garner a majority vote then that Board Member is deemed to have resigned.*

During the coup attempt, membership of the BOD revealed that in addition to the petition that was circulated a prior petition attempt was tried in secret. The above BOD members engaged in this vote and the vote failed. However, when the Pro Tem President did not record or report the process this member acted as if the vote never happened. We believe this in itself activates the law for review.

Additional Commentary: *It is also our understanding that Cameron Fitzgerald had access to all the information concerning the chattel goods cases. Cameron Fitzgerald continues to promote that he did not and the reason for the Emergency meeting was to get the information "out there". All the chattel good files have been*

uploaded to the BOD groups which he is a member of and available for his consumption. Also the history of voting is available on the yahoo group, which he can view. Although, misrepresenting his position does not activate the automatic review we believe it is important for the Imperial Estates to know.

VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

(While no action is required, the Estates may review.)

A. Judicial Courts

(None received)

B. Civil Courts

(See Appendix A)

- i. Civil Court re Sir Klaus' points issue
- ii. Question: Does the attempt at petition activate the review process for the Board of Directors Membership or do they have to meet all the requirements and then fail at the Crown Suspension vote?

Chancellor's Note: *As this is a substantial question of law, an Imperial Civil Court shall be held 14 March, 2014, location and time tba.*

CH2. Election of the Article III Special Panel

(Requires majority to approve)

Election of 4 members and 2 alternates for the Special Panel as defined and required in Article III.A.4.B of the Bylaws (q.v. Justifications above).

Chancellor's Note: *Procedurally, the body may elect each by a majority or do so by a plurality (except nominations for 6 or more candidates, the four greatest votes received shall be the members, the next 2 greatest shall be the alternates). The procedure must be determined by the body.*

CH3. Consideration of the Success of the Reigns of TIMs Thomas Weimar and Etaine Llewelyn.

(Requires majority to approve)

CH4. Add Crown Justice to the Codex Adjudicata, Section A, IV.A

(Requires majority to approve)

Add a second item to the Codex Adjudicata Royal Court Section IV. COURTS OF JUSTICE A. ROYAL COURT:

Option A:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty and waive the right of a trial. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

Option B:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty, and waive the right of a trial. If the Crowns approve, a plea of "No Contest" may be entered in lieu of 'guilty', which does not require any admission of guilt from the defendant. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

Commentary: There have been complaints that the word "Crown Justice" is not clearly defined. The long time interpretation is that it is a plea of guilty to a Royal Court, waiving all rights to a trial. Option 2 officially adds a plea of "no contest".

CH5. Add Complaints and Charges to the Codex Adjudicata, Section A IV.A

(Requires majority to approve)

Option A:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit will be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing.

Commentary: This prevents people filing frivolous or harassing charges against members and then dropping out of the trial, such that the accusations are left hanging.

Option B:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit may be dismissed and the defendant may be found innocent of all wrongdoing.

Commentary: This could be an option for the Crown but not an inflexible rule. Complainant may have second thoughts or become intimidated, but the Crown may determine that the case should be pursued anyway (truth must be more important than technical issues).

Option C:

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit will be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing, and the complainants will be immediately charged by the Ministry of Justice for harassment of a member and the government.

Commentary: See the commentary for A, but this also adds a punishment.

Option D (Counterproposal):

3. If the complainants who filed a complaint that has been found with merit willfully choose not to participate in the trial, all merit may be dismissed and the defendant found innocent of all wrongdoing, and the complainants may be immediately charged by the Ministry of Justice for harassment of a member and the government.

CH6. Delete IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Article IV.G.1.a.iii Judicial Ban Process, Imperial Crown, 28 member option

(Requires majority to approve)

Delete

iii. ~~Deleted. [Petition by 28 members of the Imperial Estates whose membership was established at the most recent meeting of the Imperial Estates from at least 3 Chapters (or all Chapters if there be fewer than 3 in existence).]~~

Commentary: This removes the 28 member option but retains the option of 1/3 of the membership.

CH7. Amend IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Article IV.G.3.b. Judicial Ban, Removal

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend as follows:

- b. In the case of a Crown, if the Judicial Ban (including corporate suspension) originated from a body of Estates, that body may remove the Judicial Ban by majority vote at any convened meeting or by Petition supported by ~~2/3~~ a majority of that body.

Commentary: If half of the body is against the petition, the 2/3 majority required for conviction cannot be achieved.

CH8. Amend By Laws III.B to simplify the membership names

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

1. Participating [~~Single~~] Membership
The basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, and the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire, serves as the primary point of contact for the purposes of notification and publications.
2. Participating Family Membership
This includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family. The rights of participating [~~single~~] membership extend to family members.
(Chancery Note: This membership category shall be consistent with current IRS policy, which also includes a cohabitating couple.)
3. Participating [~~Single~~] Life Membership
A member, who pays 10 times the current participating [~~single~~] membership fee, holds a participating [~~single~~] membership for life.
4. Associate Membership
A member of any Imperially approved organization (or a Chapter or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership. The rights of participating [~~single~~] membership extend to associate members.

CH9. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. ~~[Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by Friday evening prior the Imperial Estates Meeting, or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.]~~

1. Written proxies are effective when presented to the Chancellor.
2. The proxy-holder may present a copy to the Chancellor when signing in for the meeting, or
3. The proxy-granter may mail or electronically submit a copy to the Chancellor, provided it is received at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Commentary: The current rule states that the proxy must be received by the end of roll call to be counted. This is not practiced. Late members and the proxies they carry are signed in and allowed to participate. As our rule and practice should concur, we ask the Estates to amend the rule or direct the Chancery to enforce it as written.

The rule indicates that proxies must come directly from the Estate-holder (either if a co-ruler). Not spouses, friends, Crowns, or Chapter Chancellors, all of whom have been sending them in on someone else's behalf. We must ask the Estates to amend the law to allow it, or direct us to follow the law as written. The current method permits enforcement because the one claiming or passing the proxy is on record and the estate-holder may take action against them if it is misrepresented.

CH10. Amend Lex Adria Article VI. Summoning Meetings

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Article VI.A.2.b:

- b By ~~[any three members]~~ a petition of one-third of the membership of the body ~~[who must reside in different Chapters (the meeting must be for a location in a Chapter in which none of the summoning members resides.) If a Banner War is announced by March 1 as per Article XV.A., and a Civil War challenge is issued, members who reside in the Estate of the announced War site may still summon an Imperial Estates Meeting to void a challenge.]~~ presented to the Chancellor.
- i. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
 - ii. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
 - iii. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
 - iv. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

And Article VI.D (CHAPTER GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS), paragraph 3:

A Meeting of the Estates may also be summoned by ~~[three members]~~ a petition of one-third of the membership of that body presented to the Chancellor. ~~[The meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a time and location within the Chapter.]~~

1. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
2. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
3. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
4. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

(Chancery Note: ~~[This meeting must meet all other requirements for an official event. See Article V.]~~ If the meeting is summoned, it must satisfy the notice requirements or the first item of business upon achieving quorum shall be to waive notice.)

CH11. Amend Lex Adria XV.A Pax Regium

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria XV.A. paragraph 2:

In any event, the Imperial Minister of War, ~~[shall advise the]~~ Imperial Chancellor, and the Imperial Crown ~~[, and the Imperial Chronicler]~~ shall confer and determine and announce ~~[of]~~ the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. ~~[The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.]~~

Chancellor's Note: The Imperial Crown is the agent of the Adrian Empire and must sanction and approve the contracts for any sites to be used.

CH12. Amend IEW 03, the Steward's Manual, and Create a new IEW to change the issuance of membership cards

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend IEW-3 Article III.C as follows:

... The only acceptable membership form is Imperially authorized. The Imperial Steward will issue membership numbers [~~and cards~~] for each member[; ~~the membership cards may be mailed~~] which will be provided to the Steward of the Chapter [~~or each member~~]. Members whose membership is up for renewal are given a 30 day grace period in which to pay their dues. ...

Create a new IEW (#45): Membership Cards:

A membership card form shall be authorized by the Steward. The card shall consist of 4 parts.

- I. The first part will provide space for
 - A. the member's name, persona and membership number to be completed by the Chapter Steward;
 - B. Archery authorization (Bowman, Huntsman, Rangemaster) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Archery; and
 - C. Arts authorization (Journeyman, Knights' list, Scribe, Judge) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Arts and Science.
- II. The second part shall be the liability waiver, which the member shall sign.
- III. The third part shall be the Combat qualification card, and the fourth part shall be the additional weapons qualifications; these sections shall be completed by the Chapter Ministry of War and Joust.
- IV. The cards will be bifold, the size of a business card when folded.

Commentary: We have received concerns and questions regarding why membership cards are called for but not being issued. As a practical matter, a one-size-fits-all card, issued by the Chapter, is the best solution in our opinion.

CH13. Amend the quorum definition in Lex Adria VI.B

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article VI.B

"The quorum requirements for the Imperial Estates shall be more than half of the members entitled to vote within the body (~~minus members who were entitled to a vote but were absent last meeting~~) and represented, by presence or proxy, at the last regularly scheduled meeting."

Commentary: The ongoing confusion created by the inexact use of the words "membership" and "members" requires clarification. This simpler language reflects our actual practice.

CH14. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.D for clarity

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend article VI.D as follows:

[~~Meetings of the~~] Estates of a Chapter may enact local codicils, which shall have force of law only within their own borders, so long as they do not conflict with the Imperial bylaws. All such local codicils and writs shall be submitted in writing to the Imperial Chancellor for conflict review within 30 days of enactment.

Commentary: This is a technical clarification as Estates enact codicils, not meetings.

CH15. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.F.3.b.iii for clarity

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria, article VI.F.3.b.iii as follows

- iii. Make new ~~[law]~~[Crown Writ](#) that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates. (These ~~[laws]~~ [writs](#) must be submitted to the Imperial Chancery within 30 days of enactment, as described in Article VI.D.) [A Crown Writ stands until voted on by the Chapter Estates, where it may be adopted as Estates Writ, rejected or left as Crown Writ. If it is not addressed by the Estates, it remains as Crown Writ until the end of the reign when it may be adopted by the incoming Crown.](#)

Commentary: This change clarifies the type of “law” that Crowns may make and specifies the life cycle of Crown Writs.

CH16. Amend Lex Adria Article VIII.D.3.b.ii for clarity

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Modify VIII.D.3.b.ii as follows:

- ii. ... A shire of 10 or more members may have two votes on the Imperial Estates, if they ~~[form]~~ [recognize](#) at least two Estates Minor.

Commentary: This corrects the language to clarify that Shires (Chapters) don't form the Estates, they recognize them. Estates are formed by their members.

CH17. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI for clarity and simplification

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Modify XVI.A.5.e as follows

- e. The members of the eliminated armies must, prior to ~~[closing]~~ [the close of interim court](#), bind to a new army in order to participate the next day.

Reword Lex Adria XVI.B.6.a.iii as follows for simplification and clarity:

- iii. Determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site.
As soon as possible after the conclusion of the War at each site, [but no later than 7:00 am Pacific Time on Labor Day \(or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War\)](#) the Imperial Chancellor's representative at that site shall communicate [the results](#) to the Imperial Chancellor, ~~[the results of the War. Results at each war site shall be communicated to the Imperial Chancellor or designated representative for tabulation no later than 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War). Upon receiving all the points, the Imperial Chancellor]~~ [who](#) shall tabulate the results and announce the winner of the Imperial Crown War.

Commentary: Closing Court is held at the end of the war, not in the middle. That Court is called the Interim Court. The wording of XVI.B.6.a.iii is redundant and unnecessarily complex and wordy. This simplifies it.

CH18. Correct the definition of Writs in the Lex Adria Glossary

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify the Glossary as follows

~~Crown Writs~~ - The ~~[written decisions]~~ [rules](#) made by the Crown.

~~Estates Writs~~ - The ~~[written decisions]~~ [rules](#) made by the Estates [~~General~~].

Commentary: *What to have for lunch, the outcome of a trial, a legal interpretation, a resolution, these are decisions. Writs are rules, they are to be followed, not just acknowledged. A simple majority is required as the Glossary is not law; it is guideline not rising to the level of law.*

CH19. Amendments to IEW 18 to correct the term “Geographic Chapter” and include missing order information

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Modify IEW 18, Armigerous Rights, as follows:

Article II.B.4 Kingdom

[~~Geographic~~] Chapters and Estate Royal, ruled by a King or Queen.

Article II.B.7 Archduchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess.

Article II.B.8 Duchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess.

Article II.B.7 13 Shire

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Minor, ruled by a Viceroy or Vicereine ...

Article II.B.22 Lord/Lady Protector

Temporary position, acting as the Crown of a [~~Geographic~~] Chapter for a period of less than 1 year.

1. Archduchy/Duchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess or a Duke or a Duchess depending on the membership of the Chapter. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Archduke <name>", "Duke <name>", "Archduchess <name>", or "Duchess <name>" according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation as "Duc".

2. Deleted[Duchy

~~Geographic Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Duke <name>" or "Duchess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation such as "Duc".]~~

(See Appendix B for additional Orders)

Commentary:

CH20. Modiy Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 to remove parentheses

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria XIV.F.3 as follows:

1. Failure to Follow Timetable

If the Heirs Apparent, Crown, or other officers, fail to follow the timetable;

[~~(~~without reasonable cause~~)~~], a Lord/Lady Protector shall be appointed by the Chancellor until the coronation takes place.

Commentary: *This is a requirement, not an explanation. Parentheses imply explanation or example rather than requirement.*

VII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Proposal to change the wording of the Articles of Incorporation

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

(See Appendix C)

Authors and Sponsors: .

Chancery Note: .

OB2. Set Minimum Ages for Knighthoods

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria IX.C.3

3. Any member may become a knight, [~~regardless of age (particularly in arts, archery, and ministry),~~] if that member has met the requirements. Members of all ages may participate.

Add the following to IX.D before D.1:

Option A:

The minimum age required to attain the Knightly Ranks are: 14 for First Level (Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer), 16 for Second Level (Bannerette, Master, Civil, Forrester), and 19 for Third Level (Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden).

Option B:

The minimum age required to attain the Knightly Ranks are: 14 for First Level (Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer), 16 for Second Level (Bannerette, Master, Civil, Forrester) but no voting rights will be granted until the age of 18, and 19 for Third Level (Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden).

Option C:

There is no minimum age for advancement but no voting rights will be granted until the age of 18.

Commentary: *Current rules limit a member to attaining Knighthood as well as advancing in Combat based age & participation. This would bring the other Rolls into those same standards*

Current age requirements for combat:

Shinai – age 12

Rapier – age 14

Armor – age 16

Current participation requirements for combat:

Knight Bachelor

Sergeants List- 8EP (for this example shinai only)

Knights List- 10EP (for this example rapier only)

First level attainable as early as age 14

Knight Bannerette

Knights list- 18EP (of which 8 must be armored)

Second level attainable as early as age 16

Knight Champion

Knights List – 36EP

Third level attainable as early as age 19

Following the numbers set above, if a member fights in his first shinai tournament on his 12th Birthday he can earn his final EP required for Knight Champion on his 19th Birthday (assuming that he wins regularly so no additional tournaments are needed).

Author: *Sir Dorn der Schwarzen Rose KPr*

Sponsors: HIM Etaine Llywelyn, Dietrich von Holstein KCh, Felicia der Schwarzen Rose KPr

OB3. Change the renewal date to 1 August

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend ByLaw III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [~~July 1 to June 30~~]August 1 to July 31. Annual memberships are due on [~~July~~]August 1 of each year. .

Commentary: July is the month the Steward has to give a complete report of the finances. It is also the month he has to do renewals. There are the rosters to do. As it is now we have to check and see if they have paid, also take in renewals at the IEM. If the renewal was in August we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because if they hadn't paid they wouldn't show up on the board.

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OB4. Transfer Inactive Lifetime Members to Member At Large

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Modify ByLaw III.E as follows:

E. MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHAPTER

1. Members may join or change their Chapter when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on July 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on July 1. Members can only form estates or be estate holders in the Chapter they have joined. If no choice is made, members will be subjects of the Chapter in which they reside (where the members physically live). Chapter re-assignment is also allowed for a change of physical residence. If members do not physically live within 200 miles of the requested Chapter, they must apply directly to that Chapter's Crown for approval. If the members' change of Chapter takes their former Chapter below numbers, the members must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.
2. In the case where members may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide which Chapter the members join.
3. Lifetime members who are inactive for 2 or more years shall be assigned as Imperial Members At Large.

Commentary: We have people who haven't played in years but because they paid a lifetime membership they must remain on the board. After two years they should be put on the Members at Large board. If they decide to come back they would need to fill out a new membership form with their current information. They should be put in members at large. They no longer play and should not be counted in the Chapters toward how many members they have. The members that count towards how many are in your Chapter should be playing members

Authors: HIM Etaine Llwelyn

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OB5. Modify Lex Adria to Require Announcement of Proposed Ministers By Crown Contenders Prior to the Acceptability Vote

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Add the following between the first and second sentences of Article XVI.A.2.b:

Option A:

The contenders shall submit a list of proposed ministers to the Chancellor prior to the opening of the meeting of the Estates General.

Option B:

The contenders shall publish a list of proposed ministers 30 days prior to the opening of the meeting of the Estates General.

Commentary: It is not a law so if someone doesn't want to tell us their choice of ministers they don't have to. Some of us feel that this should be a rule because who the ministers are going to be might make a difference in who we fight for.

Authors: HIM Etaine Llwelyn HRG William Baine (KPr), HRG Gregor Pent (CtR)

OB6. Adopt the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword for use in Shinai

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW-17 the Combat Manual to include the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword in Shinai as an alternative to using shinais. Shinais and the synthetic swords may be used together.

Commentary: Please review the playtest report (Appendix D) for full details and testing results.

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OB7. Modify IEW 7 to Exclude Recreational Drugs

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW 7 as follows:

Mundane law establishes an age at which a person may use tobacco or alcohol. Adria's policy is that no under-age person may use tobacco, ~~or~~ alcohol, or recreational drugs (or be under the influence thereof) at an Adrian event site. No person shall use non-prescribed controlled substances or recreational drugs or be under the influence thereof at an Adrian event site. ...

Commentary: At this time there are two States that allow recreational use of marijuana, affecting four Chapters on a monthly basis, and up to six at Imperial events. A third state will be voting on it soon, adding another Chapter being affected monthly.

Authors: Sir Dorn der Schwarzen Rose KPr

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OB8. Amend Lex Adria to Replace IEW 22 (Viable Army)

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Repeal Imperial Estates Writ 22 and add Article XVI.A.5.d: as follows:

Note: These are separate matches, and must be competed in separately.

d. All disciplines must be competed in separately, no contested war shall be determined based on the size of the army that signed in, but based on the actual participation in the discipline.

The nine combat points are to be determined based solely on participation
The eight arts points must reflect verified entries for each level, as well as
TW and MW. The four archery points must reflect verified scores for each
level.

Commentary: *Imperial Estates Writ 22 was initiated 2003 based on the refusal of one set of contenders to cede war based on the size of the army for combat. In 2003, Adria had two Imperial War Sites. Today, at the discretion of the Imperial Crowns we may have up to six Imperial War sites. In addition, we now have a very strong precedence in Archery, as well as the Arts and therefore these disciplines must be determined on their own scores. In some cases, our archers outnumber our combatants.*

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Sponsors: *HG Rosa Fiend CtR, HG Margarita Dubois CtR, Jarl Doom Solig, HG Dame Seraphine McLaren CtR; Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh*

Crown Commentary: *As author of the 2003 law it is important to note that the reason for this law was that members clinging to unrealistic hopes of victory made the war site contentious and ruined the fun for everyone else involved. When a contender is outnumbered by 5 to 1 clear intent of the majority of the populace's will is being shown. To attempt to use rules to alter that intent on the hopes that a small group of specialized members can change the outcome of the majority should be avoided..*

Proposed Amendment:

d. All disciplines must be competed in separately, no contested war point shall be determined based on the size of the army that signed in, but based on the actual participation in each [the] discipline and scenario for each war point.

The nine combat points are to be determined based solely on participation in each scenario. To be awarded a war point, the contender's army must take the field. There must be at least one qualified member who can suit up and pass inspection, including weapons, to be a considered a viable fielded army for that contender. The eight arts points must reflect verified judged entries for each level per Article XVI, A.6.b. The judges' scores for each entry will be used to determine appropriate point totals, averages, wins and masterworks for each army. [as well as TW and MW]. The four archery points must reflect verified scores of each army's participants for each level.

Author: Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

Sponsor: Sir Fredrick KCh

OB9. Modify Lex Adria to prohibit mercenaries in contested Crown Wars **(Requires 2/3 to approve)**

Add the following to Lex Adria XVI.B.3:

d. Recruitment of mercenaries for contested Imperial Crown Wars shall not be allowed. No offer of money, Armour, goods, material content or promises of awards or rewards of any nature will be allowed.

Commentary: *Mercenaries are very period and in Fun wars most acceptable, mercenaries. Support in contested wars to chose those who rule the Empire, protect the Empire and insure the growth of the Empire should be based on integrity and leadership ability.*

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Alternative Makeup of Imperial Estates

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

Reestablish the Senate and Assembly with the Senate consisting of those voters who attended the IEM in person, and those who “stayed home” would constitute the Assembly. The Senate would debate the items on the agenda, make modifications as appropriate, and recommend for or against each item. The Assembly would then vote for, against or abstain on each item. The Assembly votes would be cast electronically or by mail no later than one month after the meeting of the Senate. Proxies are no longer valid.

Option A: The members of the Senate would cast all of their votes in the Senate and have no vote in the Assembly.

Option B: The members of the Senate must use one of their votes in the Senate. If they have 2 votes (one landed and one personal/non-landed), they may choose which vote they are casting in the Senate and may cast the other vote in the Assembly.

Option C: The members of the Senate may choose to either cast all of their votes in the Senate or to split their votes between the Senate and Assembly.

Commentary: There have been many discussions about the problems with the IEMs: the IE has too many voters which makes meetings long and difficult and voting hard to count; the IE is not representative of the members because there are too many non-landed voters and not enough landed estates votes; proxies come in late; changes to agenda items can't be made because the proxy holders don't know about them; proxy holders don't vote the will of the estate when the proxy is an open proxy; etc. This item seeks to correct all of the above problems by:

1. *eliminating all proxies (if you are there, you vote in the Senate, if not, you vote in the General Assembly, and if you have 2 votes, you vote up to 1 in the Senate and the rest in the General Assembly),*
2. *limiting the discussion and voting in the Senate to those who are present at the meeting,*
3. *allowing everyone a direct vote after all of the changes to the proposals have been made and discussed openly,*
4. *General Assembly votes would be counted electronically, so the count is “guaranteed” to be accurate.*

The time-table and operation would be as follows:

1. *60 days prior to the Imperial Senate Meeting (ISM), the call for agenda items is posted and the membership in the Imperial Estates General is set.*
2. *45 days prior to the ISM, the ISM agenda is published*
3. *30 days prior the ISM, the ISM agenda is finalized*
4. *The ISM is held:*
 - a. *All those in attendance sign in and specify which vote they are casting.*
 - b. *The Agenda is discussed and modified as appropriate.*

5. *The day after the ISM, the Chancellery and the Ministry of Information establish the make-up of the Assembly of the Imperial Estates (aka General Assembly or AIE) and the AIE discussion and voting group is established over the next 7 days.*
6. *7 days after the ISM:*
 - a. *The minutes of the ISM are published and the AIE Agenda is published with those items approved by the Imperial Senate (IS) only.*
 - b. *The members of the AIE sign in to the discussion and voting group and -*
 - c. *Online discussion now begins in a “closed” group of all of the Imperial Estate holders, both landed and non-landed (the general public is not allowed access to this group but all members of Adria could be given read-only access with only the members of the AIE being given posting privileges).*
7. *21 - 24 days after the ISM: The discussion is closed and the online voting begins*
8. *28 - 30 days after the ISM voting ends.*
9. *1-4 day after the AIE voting ends, the results are published.*

We realize that there are still some details to be worked out (how the AIE discussion board will be created, how the AIE will vote, how Estates with no viable internet access will participate, ...), but we believe those issues can be resolved (including testing) prior to or within 3 months of passage with implementation beginning after the IEM following the approval, e.g. if this item is approved at the March 2014 IEM, it can be implemented in time for the November 2014 meeting.

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NB2. Play test Authorization for NB1

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

Approve and authorize “unofficial” play testing implementation of the alternative makeup of the Imperial Estates proposed in NB1 until the November IEM.

This is to be done by each chapter at the local level. The Senate meeting is to be held at a local event no less than 1 month after the [March] IEM and at least 1 month prior to the next [July] IEM. The Assembly meeting would be held as per proposal in the time following the event. Passage of the items would be subject to ratification (prior to the IEM) at the next regularly scheduled chapter estates meeting. This may be repeated depending on time and the desire and willingness of the Chapter.

All chapters would use the same voting site/program/method. Local chancellors would be assisted by the Imperial Deputy Chancellors. The site to be used will be chosen by the Imperial Deputies and tested by Albion prior to general play testing, after Albion has proven the methods, tools, site, etc., the play test will be done by the other chapters (w possible exception of the Shires.

During the play testing, the results of the regular Estates meeting would be the official results, not the results of the electronic voting.

COMMENTARY: We feel that it is not practical or reasonable for the Estates to vote on this issue without experiencing the implementation. Play testing would allow the Estate holders to experience the implementation as well as allowing the system to be “debugged” and adjusted prior to official implementation.

By allowing the play test from now until November allows a minimum of two tests at the local level, one before the July meeting and one before the November meeting.

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NB3. Repeal IEW 2, Codex Ajudicata, IV.G.1.a.iii

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

Repeal:

~~[Petition by 28 members of the Imperial Estates whose membership was established at the most recent meeting of the Imperial Estates from at least 3 Chapters (or all Chapters if there be fewer than 3 in existence).]~~ [Repealed.](#)

COMMENTARY: 28 members is simply too few. The 1/3 requirement (IV.G.1.a.ii) is sufficient to protect the rights of the minority

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Sponsors: Sir Gregor Pent, CR

NB4. Amend Lex Adria and IEW 34 (Manual for the Office of Rolls & Lists) for monthly service outside of an event

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

Option A:

IEW #34, Article III.E

Per the Adrian Empire Lex Adria Article V.F. only one participation point (Event Participation (EP) or War Participation (WP)) and Tournament Win (TW) counts towards advancement to knighthood in each discipline (Archery, Arts, Combat, and Ministry). Demo Participations (DP's), Demo Initiations (DI's), and Arts Masterworks (MW's) are not subject to this limitation. The exceptions to this are Imperial [events that allow for advancement in all four disciplines](#) [~~Tournaments (EPs and TW's), Imperial Wars (WP's), and Imperial Estates Meetings (Ministry EPs)~~] which may be counted in addition to a local participation or win in the same month.

ARTICLE V.F.

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [that allows for advancement in all four disciplines](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

Commentary: This proposal is to create equality between disciplines for EXTRA event participation points, tournament win points, and war points being awarded for Imperial events. It would still be possible to have an Imperial Archery only tournament, but it could not count as an additional "double dip" for that month.

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Sponsors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Fredrick KCh

Chancellor's note: The effect of adopting this rule shall prevent any Imperial Ministry point double-dips awarded outside of sanctioned events. It will not retroactively remove any points already awarded. We prohibit ipso facto laws.

Option B:

Lex Adria, Article V.F

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [or a ministry participation point for Imperial ministry service as recognized and approved by the Imperial Crown](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple

official Imperial events [or Imperial ministry service](#) in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

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***Commentary:** For many years, (10+), Adrian Imperial Crowns have awarded ministry points in addition to the monthly local participation. Our rules do not clearly authorize this, but it is an indisputable fact. When actual practice and black-letter law do not concur, the Estates should step in and clarify the Law. We are asking you to resolve the conflict. Shall our Law be changed to reflect our practice or should our practice be changed to better reflect our written law?*

***Authors:** Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

NB5. Amend the By-Laws Article IV to reinstate distribution of dues between the Empire and the local chapters

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

Rename B and add as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE-APPROVAL~~]

1. Distribution of dues paid shall be as follows: 70% to the Imperial and 30% to the Chapter.

2. The Imperial Crown may expend the ~~treasury~~ funds on items as approved by the Imperial Estates.

***COMMENTARY:** . When this was removed the Empire needed 100% of the dues to cover expenses and the Imperial Travel Fund was a separate account funded solely on donations and fund raising. This was to be a temporary measure with the intent to later redistribute back to the local chapters. This redistribution will allow for the local regions to once again be supported by membership dues to cover some of the operating expenses that they incur. The Imperial Travel fund can once again be a separate account funded by fundraisers and private donations just like the local subdivisions do today. This will create a more equitable status between the Imperial and Local chapters for budgeting. Based on historical figures, the cost for operating expenses of the Imperial government, including insurance and legal/financial assistance has been holding steady at about 70%. The Imperial government now has sufficient reserves to offset small fluctuations.*

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Counterproposal:

Increase all membership fees by \$5.00 with that \$5.00 going to the Chapter.

Amend ByLaws V. as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE-APPROVAL~~]

1. \$5.00 of each membership fee will go to the Chapter.

D. Schedule

1. Single
 - a. Annual: \$30.00
2. Family
 - a. Annual: +(\$20.00 * X)
3. Associate

(Chancery Note: currently \$~~15~~20.00 annually)

Commentary: Many chapters need start-up money or on-going help to send a representative to Imperial Estates meetings. These modest amounts should at least help Duchies, Archduchies and Kingdoms send their representative. Shires, of course, are represented by the Imperial Crown. In this economy, Chapters need the help. The Empire should maintain an adequate safety net and any dues increase must be modest to avoid a hardship for our members.

Authors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

NB6. Delete ByLaws Article IV.F Newsletter

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

F. NEWSLETTER

~~[The Ministry of Information shall determine the cost of production and mailing the Adrian Empire newsletter. Those wishing to receive the Adrian Empire newsletter shall pay this fee.]~~ [Removed](#)

Commentary: The Newsletter, when published, has only been published electronically for several years. As there is no expense associated with that, this paragraph should be deleted.

Author: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

NB7. Amend the Lex Adria Article XVI.A Conduct of Crown Wars

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

5. War
 - c. [In the case of more than 2 sets of contenders, at \[At\]](#) least four group battles, one champion's battle, and three arts points shall be decided on the first day.
6. War Points
 - b Eight 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.]~~

Commentary: The original law stated that certain points must be determined on the first day in the case of a multiple contender war so that the two strongest armies could continue to the next day. The scenarios refer to a time when there were only 6 arts points (3 Knights/3 Masters (one for each category) and 9 combat points and no archery points awarded. This section is outdated at best, but could be helpful in a multi-contender war perhaps. To be useful law, I have suggest the following changes:

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NB8. Amend Lex Adria XVI.B.6, Conduct of Imperial Crown War, for clarity

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

Reword Lex Adria XVI.B.6

Option A:

- Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and its autocrat, which shall be in ~~[conjunction with]~~ the same metropolitan area and on the same weekend as the November [meeting of the] Imperial Estates meeting.

Alternative 1: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 30 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 2: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 45 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 3: Add the following:

The bids for the November coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 90 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Option B:

- b. Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and autocrat(s) ~~[, which shall be]~~ in conjunction with the November [meeting of the] Imperial Estates meeting.

Alternative 1: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 30 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 2: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 45 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 3: Add the following:

The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than 90 days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Option C:

- b. Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The ~~[Heir(s) Apparent]~~ Crowns shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation, ~~[which shall be]~~ in conjunction with the November ~~[meeting of the]~~ Imperial Estates meeting.

Commentary: The current wording of XVI.B.6 is open to several interpretation: Does the coronation have to be in the same “city” as the IEM? Do the Heirs Apparent have any say in the location of the IEM? Do the IEM and the coronation have to have the same autocrat? These options spell out the interpretations specifically. The alternatives provide a time frame for the presentation of site information to the Heirs Apparent when they have a say in choosing the site location for the coronation and/or IEM.

Authors: Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

NB9. Combine and amend IEW 42 and 44 to require BoD meetings 1 month prior to the IEMs

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

Modify IEW 42 as follows:

~~[Publication of Minutes]~~ (Life, the Universe, and) Meetings of the Board of Directors

1. The BoD shall meet at least 4 times per year.
2. The first meeting of their term shall be held at the Budgetary Meeting of the Imperial Estates, where the newly elected members and President shall be sworn in, shall elect their Vice President, and their Secretary, and may consider such business as banking resolutions and schedule their meetings for the remainder of the term.
3. Three meetings shall be scheduled no less than 37 days prior to the three regular IEMs., These meetings may be in person, electronically, or a combination thereof.
4. Notice
 - a. In order to call a meeting of the Board of Directors, notice must be published minimally to both the Adrian Empire Imperial Estates notification board and the Board of Directors notification board at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.
 - b. In the event 14 days notification cannot be made, attempt notification of the meeting and details must be sent to all members of the Board via email, or the Board’s notification board. Additionally, each member not physically at the meeting shall be notified via telephone prior to the meeting. All decisions made at a meeting without proper notification must be ratified by the Board at their next properly noticed meeting.
5. Reporting
6. The minutes for all Board of Directors meetings will be published to all Crowns, the Adrian Empire Website, and Yahoo Groups within 30 days of the meeting.
7. An electronic report summarizing the business and recommendations of the board shall be posted no less than 30 days prior to the IEM.
8. The names of any minors will be redacted for their protection.

Author: Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

NB10. Exception to Law/Revised Charter for Carolingia

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

Make an Imperial Estates Decree that the chartered subdivision know as Carolingia be decreed a holy land and as such be forever logged in our chapters. As such, it will make no claims to solely hold back usage of it mundane physical area from anyone and allow the Imperial Crown to approve any events in its borders.

Commentary: *The people of Carolingia devised and fleshed out the structure we use today and this will honor the memory of their accomplishments while not preventing any membership from using the area their subdivision once held.*

Authors: *Lord Wright, HRM Bour*

Sponsors: *Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DI1. Create a policy for IT

Establish an IT policy for all Imperial activities

1. Asset Management: A system that monitors and maintains items of value.
 - a. Laptop: Who is responsible for maintaining? Where do we obtain?
 - i. Warranty
 - b. Software: What software is needed to perform duties of position maintaining the physical item? How often do we upgrade software we get to newer versions?
 - i. Editor: Word, Open Office?
 - ii. Virus: Kaspersky, Norton, MacAfee? Which offers the best protection?
 - c. Domain: Who controls, who has access? If we had to gain control of the domain how would we do that?
 - i. Do we have the option to set up emails through the domain for Imperial positions?
 1. This will maintain a central location for business emails to be located. And will maintain continuity of information coming into Imperial Positions across the years. This also removes personal emails from public sites.
 - d. Working Documents: What documents does the Empire maintain and who do they belong to?
2. Back up
 - a. Site: Who maintains a backup?
 - i. What's the policy of our hosting provider should things go bad with the hosting plan?
 - b. Working docs: Per our hosting providers Terms of Service files on the hosting plan have to be used for the site. We need to come up with a central location to store and make documents available for edits. Something like Google Docs or Online File Storage through Go Daddy. Not sure if Blue Host has something similar.
 - c. Update protocols: Who updates what? How are things 'checked out' for edits? Some services allow multiple people in the same document for edits: Google Docs, SharePoint

COMMENTARY: *Seeing a need for a policy for IT within the Adrian Empire, I have drafted this as a beginning.*

Author: *Dame Giselle Arndt, CR*

Sponsor: *Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR*

DI2. Establishing a South-Central War Site in Texas

The site is to be the current location of Bisqaiia's monthly events, Kaileen, TX. It includes a feast hall with full kitchen, an archery range, fighting field, a ship, and a bardic fire pit. Note: The outside facilities can be seen by going to the interactive map on the Imperial web site.

Commentary: A South-Central site would signal the desire to develop the middle of the Empire by making a war site much closer for groups currently too far away to participate in the current sites.

Author: Sir Deitrich, KCh, Sir Gilbert Ostwestley

**X. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES: 19-20 JULY, 2014
(Region 1 recommended)**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Appendix A. Civil Court Reports

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Appendix B. Additional Imperial Orders

Appendix C. Articles of Incorporation

Consolidated changes not received yet by the Chancellor.

Appendix D. Playtest of Rawlings type synthetic sword

Scope:

The intent is to determine the suitability, if possible, of the Rawlings brand synthetic sword as a possible replacement to the shinai that has been used for the past 20 years to simulate armored/unarmored medieval combat. The author refuses to provide an opinion for or against this weapon and leave it to those who read this document to form their own opinion.

Weapon details

Longsword:

Retail Price: \$73 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1837>):

Blade Length 96.5cm (38") - \$43 Guard 24cm (9 ½") - \$16 Handle/Grip 19.5cm (7 ¾") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") - \$16 Hilt Length 27cm (10 ½") Total Length 124cm (48 ½") Total Weight 785g (1.73lbs) POB 6"

All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon swords offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Shortsword: Retail Price: \$70 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1854>):

Blade Length 86.5cm (34") - \$43 Guard 20cm (8") – \$16 Handle/Grip 11.5cm (4 ½") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") \$16 Hilt Length 19cm (7 ½") Total Length 106cm (41 ½") Weight 698g (1.54lbs) POB 5.5" All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on

metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). The swords weigh about 2/3 of the weight of a real sword. This is designed to lower the impact when sparring. The weight is kept back towards the hilt further lessening this impact. They are very well balanced and are heavier than most wooden wasters on the market. Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Practical application analysis.

Joel has personally owned the longsword for 2 years and has been using it weekly for that time. The sword has proven very durable against both shinai and another Rawlings sword. No other types of swords have been used against this weapon. Stainless steel pommel and cross guards are available but were not purchased as they add about 10.5 oz of weight each and change the balance point of the weapon. They were also not available 2 years ago.

The manufacturer analysis is fairly accurate. The sword is not very whippy when wielded properly but did exhibit some floppiness when wielded improperly (such as on the flat), but these characteristics are actually no different than the metal feather swords on the market that are also used for unarmored combat.

The sword was taken to the National Steel Tournament (NST) in Nevada in October of 2012. The crowns of Albion allowed their field to be used to test the swords and demonstrate them to the Empress. The sword was handed to both knights and current shinai fighters to spar with and described their opinions about them. As these were intended to be true analogs to the metal originals, thrusting was allowed and was done frequently. The blades flexed reasonably, even when run upon and no one expressed a fear of the sword breaking or of being injured. Each fighter went to Empress Etaine, who was present, and gave their opinion of the weapon to her. Overpowered testing did occur in which a subject either struck or were struck intentionally with blows of significant power deemed in excess of the rules. This was done with permission and demonstrated the weapon's ability to withstand strikes that are considered too hard. Protective equipment, including the fencing mask was not damaged. It does need to be noted that a metal shield, normally used in steel, was used as part of the playtest and noticeable damage was incurred on the weapon. Shinais used against this shield also noted similar gouges, but not as deep as was done to the nylon. This particular shield had a metal rolled edge and not covered in leather or rubber.

Some combatants remarked that receiving strikes with the weapon did feel like it hit harder than when struck with a shinai but also noted that due to the lighter weight of the weapon it was easier to strike harder because they could swing faster. These same combatants also noted that when fighting someone who was more skilled at controlling the strikes, the hits were less painful. All of these combatants were wearing at least one piece of armor that was the bare minimum allowed by Adria rules and these were the areas they expressed pain when struck.

Cost and benefits vs detriments comparison.

The shinai offers a cheap means of participating in combat. On average a typical, non-tournament grade shinai runs \$30, and once broken you would replace the entire weapon for another \$30. The Rawlings sword costs \$70/\$73 for a complete sword. This is a one-time cost. After this, when the sword breaks you only need to replace the part that broke (\$16 or \$43). The blade itself is \$13 more than a whole shinai, but the characteristics of both are completely different and really cannot be compared with any kind of reasonable accuracy.

Before now the technology did not allow for an accurate analog to a medieval sword without it being made of metal and still conform to the necessary protection requirements currently in place. The swords provided by Rawlings are the analog we've been waiting for.

The benefits of this weapon are:

- 1). The increased level of accuracy to the real western medieval sword of the period.
- 2). The sword is safe for thrusting, which was a characteristic of a sword that was unavailable to us before.

3). It's customizable and parts interchangeable, you can choose different pommels and if something breaks you only need to purchase the broken part, not a whole new sword.

4). They hold up to a shinai, so shinai's can be used on the same field as the Rawlings synthetic sword, However, the detriment is to the shinai as you cannot thrust with a shinai like you can with the Rawlings synthetic sword.

The detriments of this weapon are:

1). Increased cost. The cost of buying a complete weapon is twice that of a shinai, the cost of a replacement blade if it breaks is still \$10 more than the average cost of a shinai as noted earlier in this document.

2). They are not indestructible. While nylon and bamboo are not the same material, both can still be damaged in the course of using the weapons and can eventually lead to the weapon breaking. The overall life of this weapon can be decreased at a faster rate if used improperly, possibly in less time than the shinai. However, this is only theory as no destructive testing was conducted here.

3). There is a learning curve. Shinai's, just like rattan do not require a specific manner in which to wield them, the Rawlings synthetic sword is much like a real sword and therefore requires more training/practice to use them effectively.

4). There are no pole weapons, axes or maces. Only swords currently exist from Rawlings. There is a rubber headed pollaxe on the market, however the size and density of the head make it unsuitable and unsafe for unarmored combat.

5). Have the potential to hit harder because of the thinner surface area and significantly lighter weight (blade edge as opposed to the shinai slat).

Incidents:

1. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was injured during a war scenario when he received a thrust that went under the bib of his mask and struck his gorget. While the strike did cause him to stop and get his breath, no damage to the throat area or bruising was present. Ritter Dietrich commented that the feeling was similar to taking a rapier thrust to the gorget. Physicker did not feel it necessary to pull him from the field and Ritter Dietrich chose to continue. His analysis detailed below.

2. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was again injured during a war scenario when he received a slash to the index finger to his right hand. Sir Geoffrey chose to sacrifice himself to the opposing arming in an attempt to take someone out of the battle with him. He came forward and dropped to his knees with the blade extended and struck Ritter Dietrich with the strong of the weapon, on top of the index finger near the back of the hand. Ritter Dietrich was wearing a leather work glove for protection. His finger did show some swelling and bruising and Ritter Dietrich chose to pull himself from the field. Ritter Dietrich later confirmed that he suffered a fractured finger as a result of this incident (see email below)

FAQ:

Q: Can these things hit too hard?

A: Absolutely. Just like any weapon currently used within the Empire, these have the potential to be "abused" or used with excessive force leading to potential injury. Also like any weapon currently used within the Empire a certain amount of training and practice is expected to the point where one can use the weapon in a safe manner. Of course accidents happen, if they didn't we wouldn't need a physicker. The challenge will be most apparent with veteran combatants as they have the greatest potential of overpower since they are accustomed to the speed and force necessary to be effective in shinai related scenarios and these will require a more skilled touch.

Q: Is this playtest intended to replace shinai altogether?

A: No. Maybe in the future someone will make that proposal, but this is simply meant to introduce a new type of light weapon analog that is more physically accurate for our corporate framework that was previously unavailable.

Q: Does this company make pole weapons?

A: No. Rawlings does not make pollaxes. Purpleheart Armory, where I purchased these swords does make a rubber headed pollaxe that are to be attached to wood hafts. My personal opinion is that these are more suited for armored combat. As a result, the shinai “pollaxe” is still the only suitable weapon for simulating the use of a pollaxe in unarmored combat.

Participant Commentary:

This last Saturday (10/13/12) i participated in the play test of the new shinai replacement swords. Thrusting: they seem to work very well to bring the thrusting aspect to the field without any problems. Flat hit: the hit hard and left a pretty good welt and bruise on my right arm. On edge hit: i believe it hits too hard i took quite a few hits from it most hurt i bit nothing too bad but one to the knuckles caused me to have switch hands because i lost feeling in my hand and it still throbs today. A shot that landed on my left arm left a pretty good welt and limited the use of the arm for a while and those with a body shot caused me to pretty much say i was done with the fight even though i had energy to fight on i just did not want to get hit again. Now its possible the person i was fighting Was a little too powered up but I can’t remember taking a shinai hit that ever hurt like those did. Now as far as using them in the future I can see with knights and people not so new being deal able but for new people or 13 year olds I can see this being a problem and people getting hurt or not letting their kids fight or just not doing shinai. If the armor requirements went up a little it may be possible but without softening the slashing blows landing force somehow (like the foam versions) i don't see these being safe especially for the youth. Equipment worn: Motorcycle gloves with reinforced leather and elbow pads gorget and helm with hood and fencing jacket (it should be noted that the fencing jacket has no sleeves and only protected the torso, the sleeves of his shirt was the only protection against strikes to the arms). Sir Logan

It was much better this time though a little overpowering and it has the potential to hurt a lot
 Sir Logan (after testing them a second time at a different event)

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Sir Connor,

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to test out your new weapon. I enjoyed it tremendously. One of the things I liked most about using this weapon was that it allowed me to feel more in control of the weapon, I was able to move easier and better than with a Shanai. As I mentioned I am very new to this sport, so I cannot make a lot of comparisson one vs the other. The one thing I didn't like about this weapon was that the hit was harder than with the Shanai. As it is light weight it will take some getting used to so as not to over power the hit. I apologize if that seems a bit contradictory I was able to handle the weapon better, able to block and go on the attack easier, but it was a bit more difficult to control the power behind some of the hits for me.

I look foward to trying this weapon again when I become a more experienced fighter.

Let me know if you require more input or information. I would be happy to answer questions about my experience using this weapon.

Sincerely,

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Brigid Guildeforge

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After fighting with the new shinai alternatives, I am impressed. They handle better, look better, and promote better technique. I did fracture my finger upon recieving a blow from them, but that was more the physics than anything unsafe. I also recieved a thrust to the throat, but this has happened to me in rapier and could very well be an armor issue on my part. Overall. I very much like these waepons and feel that Adria would benefit from their approval.

Ritter Dietrich Von Holstien

Imperial Minister of Joust & War

Knight Champion