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Minutes**

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INTRODUCTION

Unto the Imperial Estates of the Adrian Empire, Greetings.

I wish to thank those that helped make the Imperial Estates Meeting happen, from the Chancery members who prepared the meeting agenda and voting placards (Sir William Baine, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Shongau, and Sir Robert LaCroix), the hosting chapter and site autocrats, the Rolls and Stewards office for helping determine qualified voters and running their part of sign ins, as well as those that helped count votes and of course my deputy, Sir Desmond Wallace, who helped me during the meeting. Thanks also go out to the Imperial Chancery and Imperial Crowns for their work in reviewing this document and assisting with its completion.

I received mostly positive feedback on the layout changes for the meeting minutes and so am continuing in this format. For those that missed the last minutes, these changes focus on what actually happened while still presenting a quick summary for those that just want to see the voting results. To that end, there is a section (above) entitled, "Results Summary in Agenda Order," that both shows the voting results and the page number on which the details of that item appear. The items themselves will be in the order addressed so as to be more the minutes of the meeting. Thus the Table of Contents is in the order addressed while the Results Summary in Agenda Order is in the same order as presented on the agenda. This meeting, the two are much closer in order than they were last meeting.

Also note that there may be vote counts shown like, "33-35/87-90". This indicates the actual counts of two counters varied, but not by enough to affect the outcome of the vote. Rather than choosing a method to sum up the two values, I am indicating the actual counts. In this example, the counts of ayes were 33 and 35 whereas the counts of nays were 87 and 90. In July, this was uncommon.

Please feel free to provide feedback at my e-mail address listed on the Imperial Website, <http://adrianempire.org/ministers/ministers.php>.

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Imperial Chancellor of Estates Meetings

MINUTES

Call to Order, **10:17 AM**

The call to Order took place at 10:17 AM, Saturday, July 18th.

Quorum was established with 37 votes present and 94 votes by proxy for a total of 131.

Reports

The Imperial Crowns, the Board of Directors, and various Imperial Ministers presented their reports. Those submitted in writing will be made available on the Imperial website.

Roll Call, **133 represented votes**

Two additional qualified estates were seated (passed by voice), Dame Anne (Umbria) and Dame Etoile (Auroch's Fjord). No petitions for an exception to Article VI.E.6 were made.

The total Estate Holders present was **38**

The total proxy count was **95**

For a total voting count of **133**

Approval of Minutes, **Passed**

The minutes of the November 2014 and March 2015 Imperial Estates Meetings were approved without objection.

Crown Business

CRB1. Charter Amendments, **Two added and passed**

Notice was waived to hear two cases. Alhambra is releasing lands consisting of eight counties (Okonagan, Chelan, Douglas, Lincoln, Adams, Ferry, Stevens, and Grant). Roanoke is sharing five counties (Boundry, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Latah) with Alhambra.

Alhambra charter amendment accepted by voice vote.

Roanoke charter amendment accepted by voice vote.

CRB2. Amend Membership Form/Waiver, **Left on Table**

Adria's lawyer has not yet provided recommended wording. The changing of the membership form and waivers was left as tabled.

CRB3. Amend IEW-3 to Clarify the Appeal Procedure, **Passed**

A vote was held and the nays were counted at 11 and conceded. Passed by 2/3rds.

A clarification was made that only a majority was required.

Board of Directors Business

BOD1. Recommendation to Purchase Go-To-Meeting, **Withdrawn**

This issue was withdrawn without objection at the request of the BoD. The BoD noted that they planned to make a request to the Imperial Crown within the existing budget.

Chancery Business

CH1. Changes to Bylaws and Writs, **No action**

(Notice only, no approval required)

A. Amend IEW-18 paragraph I.E as follows:

E. [~~Landed~~] 2nd and 3rd level Knights, and Royal and Imperial Peers have the further right of livery.

CH2. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

1. Request to extend the banishment of Sir Falconer from 3 years to life as per Lex Adria Article VI.F.1.b, **Failed**

(Requires unanimous to approve)

Motion to discuss. 36/66, failed.

Motion to waive VI.F.1.b and make an exception in this case to only require 2/3rds instead of unanimous. 62/52 (requires 2/3rds), failed.

Vote to approve as published, 72/44 with 15 counted abstentions including HIH Ashlinn (requires unanimous), failed.

2. Appeals, **All were disapproved**

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Motion to disapprove all appeals. 86/44 (requires majority), passed.

Motion for resolution to ask the Imperial Crown to reduce the ban on Dame Shahara. 44/69, failed.

Notice of reconsideration made and later withdrawn.

Motion to reconsider. 40/83, failed.

CH3. Election of the Article III Special Panel

(Requires majority to approve)

Nominations were taken from the floor. No further nominations were made after the six required had been received. Two volunteered to be the alternates.

Panel members: Sir Thomas Weimar, Dame Lysle Anne Vogel Niquette of Argyl, Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen, and Sir Prize Amadeus Von Blackstaff.

Alternates: Sir William Baine, Sir Tailan Bran McNeil.

Passed without objection.

CH4. Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

HIH L'Bete' deAcmd and Chevalier Gabrielle Silverhand. A question and answer session was held and then contenders were found acceptable by voice.

CH5. Election of BoD Members

Region 3: A correction was made in that David Bradtmueller (Sir Wilhelmus Blizce) had submitted his name and a resumé to show his qualifications. He was accepted by voice.

Region 1: Motion to open nominations (requires 2/3rds), 8/x, failed. Accept Dan Olsen (Sir Klaus Van Isbjerg), 70/29, pass.

Region 2: Open for nominations (automatic as no names were submitted). Bill Lounds (Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane ye Cumin), Brandon Grider (Sir Desmond Wallace), Christina Cox (Aislyne De Chartier). Christina Cox selected.

Region 2, replacement position, 1 year: The estates approved by 2/3rds to nominate Leslie Burgess who does not reside within region 2. Other nominations were then withdrawn. Leslie Burgess was approved.

At Large: Open for nominations (automatic as no names remain after Dan Olsen was elected above). Two positions open. Bill Lounds (Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane ye Cumin), Bryan Keneally (Sir Tailan Bran McNeil) nominated. Both approved.

Region 1, 2 year term:	Dan Olsen
Region 2, 2 year term:	Christina Cox
Region 2, until November (replacement):	Leslie Burgess
Region 3, 2 year term:	David Bradtmueller
At Large, 2 positions, 1 year term:	Bill Lounds, Bryan Keneally

CH6. Review of the Current Conversion Policy, **No Action**

No action was required and none was taken.

CH7. Amend IEW-18, Article I.B, **Passed**

Modify IEW-18 Article I.B as follows:

B. Armigers are those who have either been granted the right to bear arms by the Crown or the Estates, such as by being granted the titles of Lord/Lady, Baron/Baroness, Viscount/Viscountess, Count/Countess, and Prince/Princess, or those who have earned the right to bear arms by virtue of being Knighted. Imperial[~~;~~] and Royal [~~and-Dual~~] Crowns may grant to their subjects the right to bear arms without granting titles or Knighthoods.

Vote 96/x, passed.

CH8. Re-instate Bylaws Article II.A.4 c through f, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Return the following to Bylaws Article III.A.4:

c. The rotational list of Royal Crowns shall be all of the Kingdoms in order of Kingdom recognition.

d. If a member of the panel is the member in question, that member shall be excused.

e. If less than eight (8) members are on the panel, additional Crowns from the rotational list shall be added.

f. The panel shall require a quorum of at least five (5) members and the decision to suspend shall require a 2/3rds vote (a minimum of at least four (4)).

Pass on voice

CH9. Replace the word “tort” in IEW-2 Article IV.J, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW-2, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.J as follows:

No member may be tried more than once for the same crime or [~~tort~~] offense arising out of the same alleged actions.

Pass on voice.

CH10. Change the definition of "Shire" in IEW-18, **Passed as amended**

(Requires majority to approve)

Amended to:

Modify IEW-18 Armigerous Rights, II.B.13 as follows:

Geographic Chapter and Estate Minor, ~~ruled~~ governed by a Viceroy or Vicereine on behalf of the Imperial Crown. ~~Ruler~~ Governor may wear a circlet~~-Ruler~~ and may be addressed as "*Your Excellency*". ~~Ruler~~ Governor may be styled "*Viceroy <name>*" or "*Vicereine <name>*" according to gender, or may use a non- English translation. ([A Shire and the responsibilities of the governor are defined in Lex Adria, Article VIII.D.3.](#))

Passed as amended.

CH11. Change the definition of "Canton" in IEW-18, **Passed as amended**

(Requires majority to approve)

Amended to:

Modify IEW-18, Armigerous Rights, II.B.23 as follows:

~~Geographic Estate~~ An administrative district of the Empire ~~[a Kingdom, Archduchy, or Duchy, ruled]~~ or a Chapter created by the Crown and governed by a Viceroy or Vicereine on behalf of the Crown. ... ~~Ruler~~ Governor may be styled "*Viceroy <name>*" or "*Vicereine <name>*" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation or other ministerial office such as governor, mayor, or burgemeister.

Passed as amended.

CH12. Amend the Lex Adria Glossary for Simplification and Clarification, **Passed as amended**

Amended to include:

[The Glossary is not Law, merely explanation; it should be treated no different than Chancery Notes which may be changed with notification.](#)

Motion to table, 46/83, failed.

Approve as amended: 99/19. Passed by 2/3rds.

CH13. Modify Parliamentary Procedure for Tabling an Item, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify Parliamentary procedure to require that a motion to table an item on the agenda must include a stated duration and a reason for tabling.

Vote 106/22, passed.

NB6. Amend the Charter of Tyr Lynn to Change the Name to Konigsberg, **Passed**

Motion to suspend the order of the day to address NB6 at this time starting with discussion. Requires 2/3rds. 87/16, passed.

Note: The Imperial Crown supports the name change, but suggests caution for putting personal desires above chivalry.

Pass by voice.

Old Business

OB1. Amend IEW-17 (the Combat Manual), Articles III.G and H.1.c, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Split into Part A, Article III.G and Part B, Article III.H.1.c.

Part A, Amend IEW-17 (the Combat Manual), Article III.G:

G. WEAPONS: RAPIER AND CUT-AND-THRUST COMBAT

All weapons must meet with the approval of the Imperial or Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and conform to the following guidelines **and may not be used in armored combat:**

Passed by voice.

Part B, Amend IEW-17 (the Combat Manual), Article III.H.1.c:

H. WEAPONS: ARMORED COMBAT

All weapons must meet with the approval of the Imperial or Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and conform to the following guidelines:

1. Swords and Daggers

a. Minimum 18 inches blade length for slashing weapons (measured from the ricasso).

b. Blades less than 18 inches in length are for thrusting only and require legal thrusting tips.

c. Minimum one inch blade width measured two inches from the tip *unless equipped with a thrusting tip.*

Passed by voice.

OB2. Amend Lex Adria, Article VI to delete the March IEM, **Failed**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Vote 55/67, failed.

OB3. Amend Lex Adria to redefine “Charter”, **Tabled**

Motion to table for the correction of errors made in the publication of this issue, passed without objection.

OB4. Amend Lex Adria for Automatic Chapter Reductions, **Failed**

A friendly amendment was accepted. Amended to:

Amend Lex Adria VIII.E by adding:

6. On July 1, all chapters are evaluated and rank is reduced automatically to reflect membership requirements.

Motion to table, 34/75, failed.

Vote counted and recounted. Vote 70-71/63. No object to accept vote even though total count too high. 2/3rds required, Failed.

OB5. Amend Lex Adria to define Imperial Lands, **Passed as amended**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Author accepted counterproposal as a friendly amendment.

Amend Lex Adria VIII.D by adding:

6. Imperial Lands

a. All lands not falling within the designated confines of a duly created charter are considered Imperial lands.

b. Such lands are free to all for recruitment, events, and the establishment of cantons and shires with the written consent of the Imperial Crown.

c. Contractual agreements within Imperial lands require the written consent of the Imperial Crown

90-96/18, passed.

OB6. Amend the Combat Manual to Include Leather Equivalents, **Passed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend IEW-17 (Combat Manual) by adding the following:

III.E.iv.b. Brigandine or Wisby Coat

iii. 10 oz boiled leather or 15 oz leather are equivalents for 16 gauge steel.

III.E.iv.c. Rigid Boiled Leather

iv. 10 oz boiled leather or 15 oz leather are equivalents.

Passed without objection.

OB7. Change All References to the Word “Points” to “Deeds”, **Failed**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Vote 42/88, failed.

OB8. Amend Lex Adria Change Land Grants for New Chapters, **Tabled**

Motion to discuss, requires 2/3rds, passed by voice. Some felt that the area was too small. The shape was discussed but the author pointed out other borders such as counties could be selected within that radius. The author is open for amendment.

Motion to table to November for rewrite, passed by voice.

OB9. Amend Our Period, **Passed as amended (793 A.D. to 1624 A.D.)**

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria I.A to change the two dates.

Motion to discuss, requires 2/3rds, 26/70, failed.

Motion to separate the issue (start date from end date), passed.

Start date: 793. Vote 79/27, passed by 2/3rds.

End date: 1624. Vote 73/33, passed by 2/3rds.

A note was made that 1624 was the Battle of Xaintrilles. Later in the meeting, this was announced as incorrect. As a new note, in August of 1624, Louis the XIII appointed Cardinal Richelieu as his principle minister.

OB10. Amend the Combat Missile Weapons Manual to Allow Non-wood Arrows for Target Archery, **Failed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Vote 16/106, failed.

OB11. Modify IEW-21 to Establish a New IEM Location Procedure, **Failed**

(Requires majority to approve)

Motion to disapprove all options, passed on visual. OB11 failed.

New Business

Motion (by author) accepted to postpone the discussion of NB1 to later or after the meeting, passed.

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Adjournment

The next meeting date was announced as November 7th and 8th, 2015.

Adjourned at 6:17 PM, Saturday, July 19th.